

the Angels Inquirer

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Our Lady of Angels Resident Newsletter

Respecting the dignity of the total person and dedicated to Franciscan values, the community of Our Lady of Angels provides residents with compassionate, person-centered care.

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LIBRARY

Get ready to get lost in a new or “gently used” book. The OLA Library is back in action and can be located in the B1 Solarium. At this time, the library contains seven shelves with over 1000 books with endless possibilities. Due to popular demand we decided to reinstate the OLA Library.

The library is open 24/7 and has a self check-out—which means that we do not require that an employee is present when you check out books. Currently the books are in alphabetical order by author’s last name. There is also no time limit as to how long you can check out books. We just ask that you respect the library and when you are finished with a book to put it on the “Return” shelf which is located right next to the door.

We are very excited that library is up and running at Our Lady of Angels. There are plans to upgrade the library in certain ways and make it more accessible for all parts of the building. So stay tuned!



September



*“By all these lovely tokens,
September days are here,
With summer’s best of weather
And autumn’s best of cheer.”*

~ Helen Hunt Jackson



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sister Bernard Marie Campbell.....September 7
Margaret Fenili.....September 7
Sister Maurice White.....September 12
Loretta Pavlik.....September 17
Marilyn Primrose.....September 21
Sister Therese Tusek.....September 23
Mildred Riley.....September 28

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Victoria Kinsella.....September 1
Brett Bowers.....September 4
Millie Campbell.....September 5
Larry Mathis.....September 5
Jerry Patao.....September 5
Catherine Diaz.....September 8
Leonard Lee.....September 8
Kiana Stanford.....September 9
Sharon Voss.....September 12
Kia Green-Simpri.....September 15
Gary Ellingwood.....September 16
Raquel Guzman.....September 16
Georgiana Krock.....September 22
Char Murray.....September 24
Terrance Snapp.....September 24
Sue Iverson.....September 30
Denise Moton.....September 30

What’s Lucky This September?

Lucky Color: Gold
Lucky Day: Monday
Lucky Number: 15
Lucky Plant: Apple Tree

September Zodiacs

Virgo (The Virgin): September 23-30
Libra (The Scales) September 23-30



Hannah, Kelly and Patty enjoying the weather.

RESIDENTS' NEWS

Celebrating September

Fun in the Sun
September 7th

Grandparents Day
September 9th

Bingo w/ St. Francis
Softball
September 12th

Big Buck Bingo
September 14th

Town Hall Meeting
September 18th

Wine & Cheese
September 19th

Ice Cream Social
September 20th

Happy Hour w/
Dallas Stamberg
September 21st

New Resident Welcome
September 27th

Monthly Birthday
September 28th

Resident Council Highlights

Residents Acknowledged that the following are positives:

- **Monthly Nominations**
 - Resident of the Month Nominations
 - Resident Voted Employee of the Month Nominations
- **Positives**
 - Residents helping clean up after activities.
 - Staff is participating and engaging residents more often and have been respectful and thoughtful.
 - “These are our other Grandparents. We love them as much as our own”—Staff Member in talking to her children & referring to our residents in front of a resident.
 - Residents were happy about the new Library.

Our Resident Council is starting a new format. In hopes to keep these meetings effective and efficient, we still stick to a tight agenda. We are encouraging all residents to attend. Resident council is an excellent platform to voice what you like, any concerns you may have or suggestions. This is also a great way to meet residents throughout the building that you may not always have the opportunity to see.

For any questions, please feel free to contact
Jake Ancel or Becca Reiter.



Pictured on the left: Duke and John Ancel on the Guy's Night Out

*“Movement is the
universal language
of personal
freedom.”*

-Louis Chevrolet



Staff Highlight

This September we have chosen to highlight Sister Odelia and her music therapy. Sister Odelia has worked at Our Lady of Angels for over twenty years. Sister Odelia runs Music Therapy which is a therapeutic activity that allows residents at all cognitive levels to engage themselves. Music therapy is an evidenced-based use of music that addresses emotional, cognitive and social issues.

Thank you Sister Odelia for bringing life and music to OLA.



Resident Voted Resident of the Month

This September we recognize John Konopek as resident voted resident of the month. John was nominated for always having a kind word and making friends with everyone he encounters. John was also noticed for helping around the building, offering opinions and always having a positive attitude.

The residents have stated that John has quickly become a valued member of the Our Lady of Angels community.

Employee and Resident of the Month will be nominated from Resident Council every month.

Mission & Spirituality

SOMETHING TO PONDER

“Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier.”

A WISE PROVERB

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do. After 2 years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. “I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.”

The old woman smiled, “Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot’s side? That’s because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds

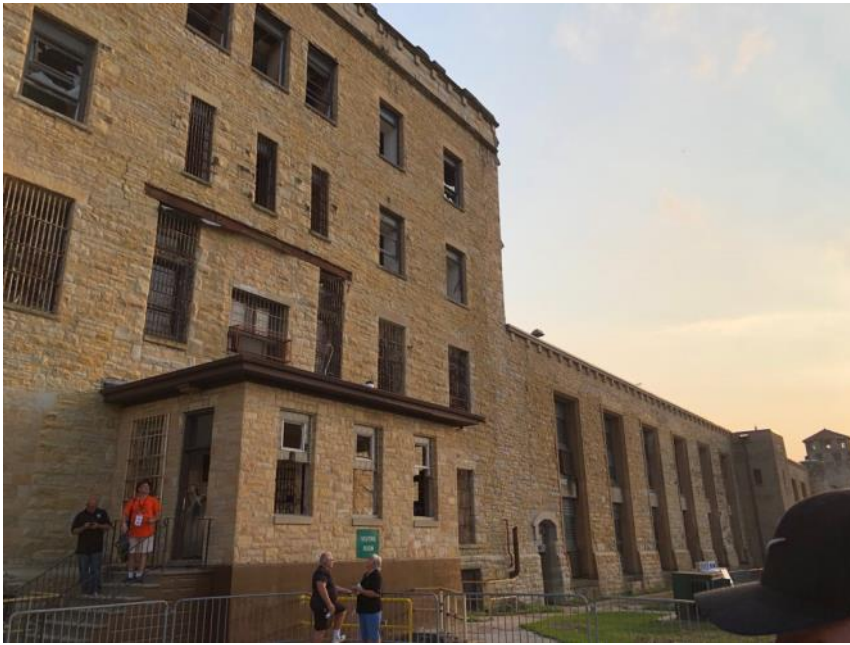
on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back you water them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.”

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it’s the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding.

SO, to all of my crackpot friends, have a great day and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path.

*Peace and all good~
Le Anne Tjelle*





PRISON

On August 25th, 2018 the doors to the Will County Correctional Facility were opened once again. The prison lock-in was a promotional gathering for the Joliet Historical Museum. It gave the residents of Joliet and surround area the opportunity to go into the prison and experience what it was like to be **locked in**.

The words listed below can be found vertically, horizontally, diagonally, forward and backward.
Ignore spaces between words.

SEARCHING FOR

- Apple
- Back to School
- Book
- Constitution
- Fall
- Football
- Labor Day
- Leaf
- Novel
- Pie
- Read
- Remembrance
- September
- Teacher
- VJ Day

B	N	C	H	P	E	L	P	P	A	N	P
A	R	O	R	E	B	M	E	T	P	E	S
C	E	N	Y	R	E	H	C	A	E	T	F
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