



## An Advent Prayer by Sister Karen Marie Lanigan

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## Mass Schedule & Holy Hour

**Mass:** Tuesday-Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

**Sun., Dec. 1:** First Sunday of Advent at 9:30 a.m.

**Mon, Dec. 9:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 9:30 a.m. (This feast is normally celebrated on Dec. 8 as a Holy Day of Obligation. However, because it falls on a Sunday this year, it will be celebrated on Dec. 9 and in the Diocese of Joliet there is no obligation to attend Mass.)

**Tues., Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m. with carols at 3:40 p.m. (no 9:30 a.m. Mass)

**Wed., Dec. 25:** Christmas Day Mass at 9:30 a.m.

**Wed., Jan.1:** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God at 9:30 a.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration: 4:00-5:00 PM on Wednesdays and on the First Friday of the month.** If using the wheelchair accessible front entrance, please arrive no later than 3:55 PM as the Front Desk will close promptly at that time. Otherwise, enter through the chapel parking lot doors.



## Finding Strength in Life's Knots by Sr. Judith Davies

Boy scouts can rattle off the types and manner of tying all sorts of knots. Even though we may not have their knowledge and expertise, we do have experience with knots. Think about the tangles in your hair, about thread knotting just as it is being pulled through a stitch, or the twisted mess resulting from the washing machine weaving clothes together. However, there is an altogether different category of knots in life. Consider...

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## Prayer Requests

Our Sisters and Associates pray each day for the intentions we receive. How may we pray for you?

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## Scripture Reflections Schedule in December

We are meeting on Thursdays, Dec. 5, 12, and 19, at 10:30 a.m. as usual. No meeting the last two weeks of December!

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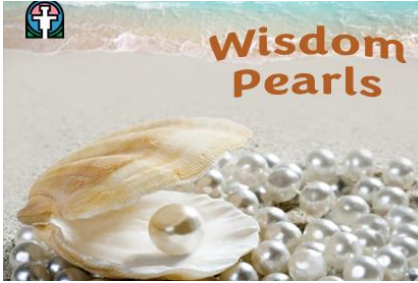


## Jubilee Year Prayer Service January 5, 2025, 2:00 p.m.



Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Holy Year, so we will gather at the beginning of this Jubilee Year as pilgrims of hope, eager to fan the flame of hope within us. We come as God's people, bringing the dreams and hopes of our

hearts. We ask the God of Jubilee for healing, for renewal, and for the grace to live Jubilee intently as a community of love.



Mark 10: 37

“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.”

Jesus wants all of me, not part of me. He wants all my love and all my attention. He doesn't want my leftovers.

Sr. Dominic Dybel



## Franciscan Spirituality Discussion Group

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Join us the **second Wednesday of the month**, Sept.-Dec. 2024 and Feb.-May 2025, **10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** for a discussion on Franciscan spirituality. This year will focus on the life of St. Clare of Assisi. Bring a copy with you of *Light of Assisi: The Story of Saint Clare* by Margaret Carney, OSF and register on our website, [fssh.net](http://fssh.net).



## Associates Participate in Their First Virtual Community Meet-up

On November 23, Associates and Associate Director Sr. Christina Fuller came together for a special virtual gathering. Associates joined from across the globe, representing Circles as far-reaching as California and Nigeria in Africa. The gathering offered a unique opportunity for Associates to introduce themselves and share their intent on renewing their Associate Commitment. Many expressed a deep bond with the Sisters and spoke of how their spirituality has grown through the Associate relationship. There is a heartfelt desire among Associates to internalize and live the FSSH Charism in their daily lives.

A highlight of the meeting was hearing from Waren, who joined from Gboko, Nigeria. She shared her inspiring work living out the FSSH Charism through Children's Paradise, a refuge for abused and abandoned children. The children actively participate in catechetical instruction and other meaningful activities, supported by several local women who assist Waren in this vital ministry. We also explored ways that we can provide financial and other support for Waren.

All were in agreement to meet virtually, Saturday, December 21 for an Advent Reflection. Moreover, this global exchange underscored the richness of our Associate Relationship and reaffirmed our shared commitment of living the FSSH Charism and Mandatum.

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## A Gift that Soothes the Soul

Give a gift to help your loved one tend the spirit and nourish the soul. Gift certificates are available for hermitage stays, Portiuncula-sponsored programs and more! Call 815.464.3880 or stop by the Portiuncula Center for Prayer, 9263 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, Illinois 60423 on the campus of St. Francis Woods. The Portiuncula will mail your gift certificates to you if you do not have time to come in. [The retreat center's contact information is here.](#)

## Spiritual Direction Offered

Share ordinary life experience and be guided to listen for how the Divine is speaking through the twists and turns of your faith journey. Spiritual Direction is an hour-long session, usually scheduled monthly and offered either in-person or over Zoom. The fee is \$55.00 per session or \$40.00 per session for anyone on retreat at The Portiuncula Center for Prayer on campus.

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**PRIVATE RETREAT DAY – A WEARY WORLD  
REJOICES** - 12/09/2024 - 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

**THE WOMAN AT THE WELL** - 12/10/2024 - 9:30 am - 12:00 pm