

# Serving the Dear Neighbor

NEWS FROM THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH



## Sister Update

During the challenging days we find ourselves in, sisters from our founding community of Tipton and all around our congregation are sheltering in place and staying active. They are also finding creative ways to stay connected and help their communities while also safely social distancing. Here are just a few photos of sisters you may recognize and some of what they have been up to these past few months! ●

< Sisters Kit Kaiser, Peg Parks and Marty McEntee enjoy Easter week amid an array of beautiful flowers outside the Chapel at our Nazareth Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

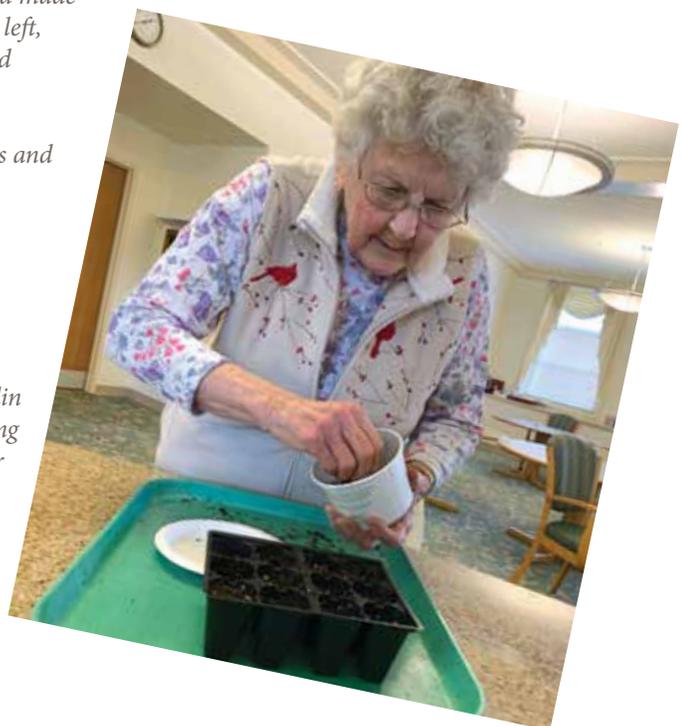


< Sisters at our center in Wichita made masks to use and to donate. At left, Sister Connie Beiriger folds and pleats the masks.

Below, Sister Agnes Lero cuts and sews each mask by hand.



> Sister Rosie Coughlin looks forward to spring by planting sunflower seeds at our center in Wheeling, W. Va., where she currently resides.



# Jubilee 2020

The following sisters from the founding community of Tipton are celebrating Jubilee this year. Jubilee is the anniversary of a sister's entrance into religious life.



Sister Helen Travis, CSJ  
(formerly Sister Leon)

70 Years



Sister Jane Frances  
Mannion, CSJ

60 Years



Sister Danielle  
Garst, CSJ

60 Years

## *Congratulations*

to all our sisters who are celebrating Jubilee from around the congregation this year!  
To view biographies, visit us at [CSJoseph.org](http://CSJoseph.org) and click on "Connect With Us"

## *In Memoriam...*



Sister Maureen Martin, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on January 20, 2020, after 71 years of religious life.  
We commend Sister Maureen to your prayers.

## *We Remember and Celebrate*

the lives of all our sisters who passed away this year.

Many centuries ago, our sisters took a leap of faith to work in their city to serve the needs of their neighbors. With your help we continue in this spirit today, loving and serving the needs of the *dear neighbor* in many cities and areas of the world.

Sometimes love calls each of us to trust and respond to those around us without knowing exactly how it will work out. This is especially true now, in these days of pandemic and the challenges that go along with it, and in the continuing crises of humanity and climate that exist. Our sisters and associates are taking risks and giving voice to systemic injustice, leading with compassion and networking with others to bring about life-giving change in our communities and world. Together,

with you, we stand with and for the oppressed and marginalized, and encourage each other to act with great kindness and love. We do this with faith in God and trust in the goodwill of friends like you. Your donations and prayer-filled support help us bring help and hope to each and every one of our *dear neighbors* who seek our compassion, our love and our service.

We extend our love and gratitude to you and wish you good health and hearts filled with hope. •

*Legacy of Caring*

## Ways You Can Help

- Use the enclosed envelope or make a gift online at [CSJoseph.org/make-a-gift](https://CSJoseph.org/make-a-gift)
  - Make monthly gifts and become a member of our Circle of Friends
  - Make a legacy gift through your will or estate and join our Heritage Society

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## Caregiver Companion Gifts Dear Neighbors Sheltering in Place

Caregiver Companion in Lafayette, one of the ministries that makes up the Congregation of St. Joseph's Mission Network, recently put smiles on the faces of many of their neighbors who are sheltering in place these days. After being gifted a large amount of leftover Easter candy by a local CVS store, Caregiver Companion staff decided to create special gift bags full of the treats, a beautiful handmade face mask and a card. The bags were then placed on the doorstep of their elderly neighbors as a sign of solidarity and to show their care and concern.

Founded in 1995 by Sister Veronica Baumgartner, CSJ, Caregiver Companion provides non-medical volunteer support for elderly and disabled individuals who desire to remain at home, as well as their caregivers. Her vision of showing God's compassion and love to caregivers, the aged and disabled was realized in this local outreach ministry. We hope this special gift and visit lifted the spirits and encouraged all of our *dear neighbors*. •

To learn more, visit [CaregiverCompanion.org](https://CaregiverCompanion.org)





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The annual **St. Joseph Academy Alumnae Reunion** in Tipton has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19. We are sorry this special event will not be held this year, but in the interest of safety, we feel this is the best decision.

Please know we are praying for you and your families during this time.