

# Serving the Dear Neighbor

NEWS FROM THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

## St. Joseph Academy alumnae gather for annual reunion

St. Joseph Academy in Tipton was always more than a school to those who attended. More than bricks and mortar. More than books and tests. The Academy was a place where girls became women. A place where young women learned about faith and compassion. A place where light was found, and where that light was fanned into flame.

On June 4, 2022, more than 125 alums joined together to remember, reminisce and celebrate their alma mater. The reunion took place at St. Joseph Retreat & Conference Center (the former home of the Sisters of St. Joseph) in Tipton.

St. Joseph Academy was open from 1892 to 1972 and with the exception of a few years, sisters, staff, and friends have gathered for annual reunions for more than 100 years. For many years, Sister Jane Frances Mannion, Associate Carolyn Perry, Mike Kirkmeyer, and Associate Bridget Brewster (see photo right) have dedicated themselves to planning the reunions and maintaining contact with alums.

Father David Huemmer, Director of St. Joseph Retreat and Conference Center, appreciates and honors the legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Tipton and St. Joseph Academy. "This was your home when you were students and will continue to be your home," he said. "We welcome you home anytime you want to come for a visit."

Another highlight of the afternoon was the singing of the Alma Mater. The line, "You have trained us for time and eternity..." rang true in the hearts and voices of all those present!

If you are an alum or have a connection to St. Joseph Academy in Tipton and would like to connect, you can request to join their Facebook page at St. Joseph Academy - Tipton, Indiana.



# Jubilee

## 2022

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

Congratulations to all our sisters who are celebrating Jubilee this year!



Sister Ruth Harbor, CSJ  
(*Sister Generosa*)

80 Years



Sister Jane Ann  
Commerford, CSJ

75 Years



Sister Rosie Coughlin, CSJ  
(*Sister Marie Josine*)

75 Years



Sister Damien  
Fitzsimmons, CSJ  
(*Sister Mary Damien*)

70 Years



Photo by Chuck Janson

## Lending a **Helping Hand** St. Vincent de Paul Society, Kokomo

In April, several associates from the Tipton area presented a check on behalf of the Congregation of St. Joseph to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Kokomo. The grant was part of the Congregation's Covid-19 emergency-related funding.

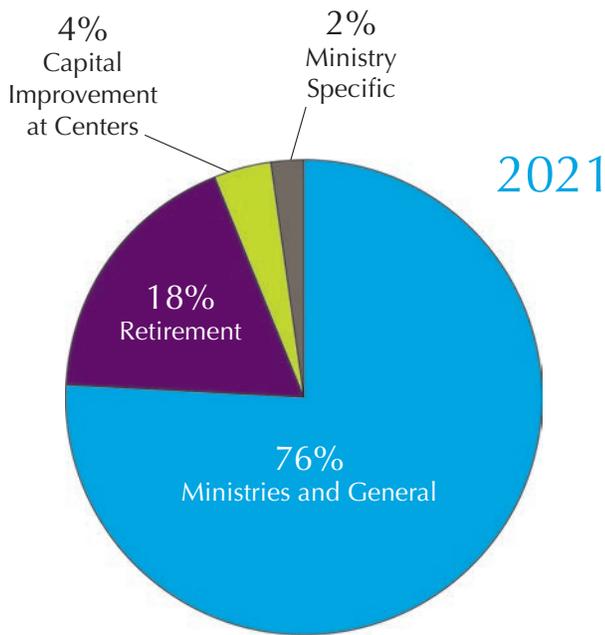
The St. Vincent de Paul Society provides food and clothing and help with rent, utilities, prescriptions and doctor bills to the under-resourced in Kokomo and Howard County. Donations are used to purchase milk, bread, meat, and other perishable items. Three of our Associates are regular volunteers of this ministry - Germaine Tackett, who is also President of the Board, Sara Bliss and Barbara Taylor.

Gathered above at the St. Vincent de Paul Society are from left, Associates Fay Wagner, Jo Anna Powell, and Carolyn Perry, Marcia Eckstein, Director of St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Associates Sara Bliss and Andi Pumphrey.

To learn more, visit [StPatrick-Kokomo.org/St-Vincent-de-Paul-Society](http://StPatrick-Kokomo.org/St-Vincent-de-Paul-Society)

# We Are **Blessed** by Your Support!

Here is how we used your charitable contributions this past year:



*This reflects designated uses of the charitable donations we received in 2021. We openly share how gifts received on behalf of the Sisters of St. Joseph are used.*



## A Tribute to **Service** and **Dedication**

Last fall, Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Kokomo dedicated their new boardroom to Sister Clarise Winter, who served as a nurse at the hospital for over 40 years. The former St. Joseph Hospital was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph in Tipton in 1913, and served those in need regardless of their ability to pay. The dedication was attended by Sisters Pam Owens, Marty McEntee and Jane Frances Mannion, and Associate Carolyn Perry (seated from left).

The hospital's St. Joseph Chapel is another beautiful tribute to the sisters and their long legacy of service in healthcare to the people of Kokomo, Tipton and surrounding areas. Thank you to all at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital for continuing the good work of our sisters and caring for those in need!



*Sisters Marty McEntee and Jane Frances Mannion.*

## Ways You Can Help

### Make a Gift

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### Become a Sustaining Donor

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Support the sisters even after your lifetime.

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### Matching Gifts

Ask your employer about a matching gift program.

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We offer annuities that provide you with immediate tax benefits and income for life.

## Questions?

Contact Melissa O'Leary at [moleary@csjoseph.org](mailto:moleary@csjoseph.org) or 216-688-3474



## In Memoriam †

Sister Clarise Winter, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on September 18, 2021, after 82 years of religious life.

WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE

## Spotlight Photo



*Sister Rosie Coughlin visits with Picasso, a Pomeranian who belongs to Anna Marie Troini, Director of St. Joseph Retreat Center in Wheeling, WV. Sister Rosie currently resides at our center there.*

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## Ministry of the Arts

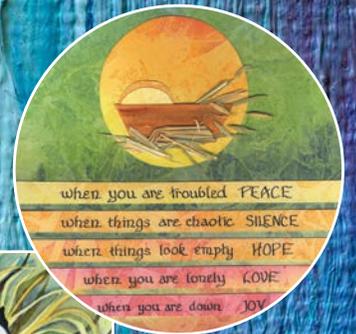
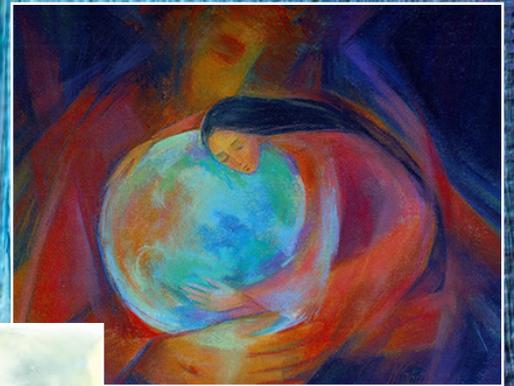
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