



Sisters of St. Francis
**SACRED HEART COMMUNITY (SHC)
NEWS BRIEF**

April 28, 2023

MASS AT MARYCREST ON MOTHER'S DAY:

Sisters and Associates: The Casa Chiara Community invites you to Marycrest for Mass on Mother's Day, May 14th, at 4:30 pm followed by supper. Kindly RSVP to SueAF@FranciscanWay.org if you will come so we can plan accordingly, thank you.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER TO ADDRESS GUN VIOLENCE:

(initially posted from Holy Name Province, Stella Niagara, NY)

Sign-on letter from Franciscan Action Network (FAN)
urging Mother's Day Prayer to address violence:

"From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says, 'Disarm, disarm!'"

Abolitionist and Christian social activist Julia Ward Howe included this language as part of the original Mother's Day Proclamation (see attachment) for peace in 1870. More than 150 years later, the sentiment could just as easily be coming from the mouths of mothers in the United States today. The gun violence epidemic continues to be a scourge on our communities. Add your name to a faith leaders' sign-on letter organized by Fellowship of Reconciliation-USA to President Biden asking to declare Mother's Day a national day of



prayer and contemplation to address gun violence. **To sign on:** if you are a parishioner or member of a congregation, add your name by going to [PETITION FROM PARISHIONERS/CONGREGATION MEMBERS CALLING FOR A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND CONTEMPLATION, THIS MOTHER'S DAY, TO STOP GUN VIOLENCE! - FOR-USA \(forusa.org\)](https://www.forusa.org/petition-from-parishioners-congregation-members-calling-for-a-national-day-of-prayer-and-contemplation-this-mothers-day-to-stop-gun-violence-for-usa)

FOUNDATION DAY PRAYER SERVICE VIA ZOOM ON MAY 9TH :

Sisters and Associates: Save the date for Foundation Day prayer service with our North American sisters and associates on **May 9th at 4:30 MT (mountain time)**. Next week a Zoom link will be sent to you with the prayer service attached. Sacred Heart Community is hosting this gathering and we look forward to seeing you!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Ethel Hershiser (Sr. Jeannine's mom), who is in hospice suffering with sharp internal pain. Pray for wisdom, courage, and resources for Jeannine and Ethel.

- Mary Miller (Sr. Jeannine's cousin and best friend), who is in hospice from the progression of her multiple sclerosis. She has children, grandchildren, and a husband who journeys with her.
- Sr. Jeannine Hershiser's heart is heavy with the impending loss of her mother and best friend, even as she cares for her mother nearly 24/7. Jeannine is exhausted and is doing the best she can to manage it all at this time. She deeply appreciates our prayers, care, love, and presence with her as she depends on God's grace to get her and her dear ones through this time.
- Ellen Alires-Trujillo (Donna Kroll's friend), who is in her late stage of ALS.
- For the sisters in our congregation who are ill or need special requests. (see attached)

THIS IS US! SACRED HEART COMMUNITY DAYS:

Sisters, please save the dates, **June 1-3, 2023**, for our annual gathering at the DoubleTree, Westminster, CO. Starting on June 1st with a toast to celebrate Sr. Joan's birthday at 5:30 pm and concluding on Saturday, June 3rd after dinner at 5:30 pm. More details are coming. Registration forms are **due May 1st**!



CELEBRATION OF SR. JOAN LINENBRINK'S 90TH BIRTHDAY!

Sr. Joan Linenbrink's family is hosting a celebration of her 90th birthday at the Holy Rosary Church lyceum in Alliance, NE, on April 29th, 1:00-3:00 pm. No need to RSVP, just stop by if you would like.



ALL THINGS FRANCISCAN:

Simply Franciscan is a resource started by a group of Franciscans including some of our sisters and associates formed from St. Francis Province, in the West. This year they are including prayers and stories related to early lesser-known 3rd Order Secular Franciscans leaders. The

next presentation is Luchesio & Buonadonna - Prayer Service on Saturday, April 29th, 10:00 am PST. To register or get more information on other presentations, go to [Luchesio & Buonadonna prayer service - Apr 29, register now! \(mailchi.mp\)](#). *from Sr. Liz Fuhr*

