



SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
SACRED HEART COMMUNITY (SHC)
NEWS BRIEF – APRIL 4, 2024

HAPPY EASTER!

2024 JUBILEE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Sisters of St. Francis are proud to announce the jubilees of the following women, who are living their lives as Instruments of Peace and are following Christ in the ways of Francis, Clare, and Magdalen.

- Sr. Joan Linenbrink, 75 years
- Sr. Francesca Delgado, 70 years
- Sr. Karen Crouse, 60 years
- Sr. Patty Podhaisky, 40 years

This year's celebration will be in May 2024, in Alliance, NE.
Contact Donna Kroll (DonnaK@Denverosf.org) for more information.

REST IN PEACE ...

Ethel Hershiser (Sr. Jeannine Hershiser's mom and O'Neill Associate) who died on March 28, 2024, age 94. Ethel was born on September 24, 1929. She was a devoted mom and associate. A prayer service for her will be held on Friday, April 12, 2024, 7:00 pm at Biglin's Mortuary, 111 N. 3rd St, O'Neill, Nebraska. Her Mass of Resurrection will be on Saturday, April 13, 2024, 10:30 am at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 330 E. Brenton St., O'Neill, Nebraska. More information about Ethel's life can be found at <https://www.biglinsmortuary.com/obituary/ethel-hershiser>

Sr. Teófila Olívia Dupont, who died on March 30, 2024. She was born on October 2, 1933. She was professed on February 3, 1962. Sr. Teófila was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus in São Leopoldo, RS, Brazil.

Sr. Aleidis Berendina Maria Welling, who died on March 30, 2024. She was born on February 1, 1935 and professed on August 5, 1961. Sr. Aleidis was a member of Province of Divine Providence in Heythuysen, The Netherlands.

Sr. Mirjam Anna Maria Elisa Hendrix, who died on April 2, 2024. She was born on March 8, 1926 and professed on February 2, 1951. Sr. Marjam was a member of Province of Divine Providence in Heythuysen, The Netherlands.

John Courtney, who passed February 23, 2024. "He thought a lot of the sisters and devotion."

Ken Klein (Jean Klein, Denver Associate's brother). Ken died on April 4, 2024, after 17.5 years as a quadriplegic after being thrown from a horse. Please pray also. for his wife, Sue, and his family.

PRAYER REQUEST:

- St. Clare Mission's Chapter. Please send prayers of guidance and discernment for St. Clare Mission's II Chapter, in Tanzania, East Africa. Attached is their invitation to prayer.
- Dave Schneider (Sr. Jane Schneider's brother, Dave Schneider who has a large brain tumor. The doctor feels Dave is a candidate for surgery in about two weeks in Denver, CO. Sr. Jane will let us know when a date is set for surgery, but right now, Dave and his family need prayers. The family has been waiting a long time to get to this place knowing surgery can be done. Dave lives in Montrose, CO. Sr. Jane also has a brother, Jim Schneider, who lives in Durango, CO, and a sister, Mary De Franco in Paonia ,CO.
- Ken Grosse (Rita Grosse's, O'Neill Associate, husband) and 24 other men will be presenting a KAIROS Prison Retreat to 24 inmates at the Nebraska State Prison. Rita is asking for your prayers in support of this mission from April 11th – 14th. The KAIROS retreat is based on the Catholic Cursillo. Ken has been working these weekends for over 30 years, starting in Colorado. Please remember them all any time during the weekend. God Bless you for all you do for others. *Rita Grosse*
- **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**, you are invited to pray for all children, as well as other vulnerable people such as the elderly or disabled so that they are protected in their vulnerability and for the healing of those who have been mistreated. Let us also pray for parents, social workers, and all institutions dedicated to working in the care and education of children and the most vulnerable adults so that God may grant them the grace and virtue to care for each child with respect and dignity, being aware of the excellent care and responsibility they have before God and human authorities.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, models of virtue and respect in the Holy Family of Nazareth, intercede for all the world's children so that they are treated, protected, and loved like Jesus himself. By Archbishop Aquila. More at <https://denvercatholic.org/archbishop-aquilas-april-prayer-intention-for-the-protection-and-healing-of-the-most-vulnerable/>

THE 150TH CELEBRATION OF COMING TO THE USA:

Please remember to write a short story for the 150th Celebration in June that was transformative for either you or the province. (For instance, teaching at the reservation, O'Neill, nursing, working with flood victims 1965 w Muriel here in Denver...) The stories are due to the committee **by April 10**. Contact Sr. Gloria Shuffer at GloriaShuffer@gmail.com if you have questions.

UPCOMING SISTER BIRTHDAYS:

- April 22nd Sr. Vera Lucia Konzen
- May 2nd Sr. Joan Linenbrink
- May 3rd Sr. Gloria Shuffer
- May 28th Sr. Sarah Manchester

2024 CALENDAR OF SACRED HEART COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Please contact Donna Kroll if you have any questions.

Date, Time	Event	Location
May 4, 10:00	Sisters' Jubilee	Alliance, NE
May 9, 4:30	Foundation Day Prayer via Zoom	For North American sisters & associates, hosted by HNP
June 6-June 8	Annual Community Meetings	Xavier Retreat Center, Denver
June 28-30	Celebrating 150 th Years of Franciscan Presence in North America	HNP, Stella Niagara, NY

