



November, 2025

ST. AGNES HOME

Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus

A Message from Sr. Anna Maria Provincial Superior

JMJT

As we enter this month of November, we remind ourselves of how many Saints went through their life with many plumes and realizing that they must lean on God's mercy, love and providential care. I would like to share a little humorous story that came from Sr. M. Andrea, who loved to bring the tangible aspect of God to people. Please enjoy this story and I hope you laugh as much as I did when reading it.

Whoever said God doesn't have a sense of humor? A man recently told a true story about the pastor of his church. He had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc. The kitty would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied one end of a rope to his car and the other end to the tree and drove away so the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten. He did all this, checking his progress in the car frequently, then figured if he went just a little further forward, the rope broke. The tree went "boing!" and the kitten instantly sailed through the air---out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten. So he prayed, "Lord, I just commit this kitten to Your keeping," and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. Now this woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, "Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?" She replied, "You won't believe this," and told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the mom finally told the little girl, "Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it." She told the pastor, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And REALLY, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her."

TASTE OF CARMEL

Gala

Our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended and contributed to our Gala! Proceeds from the event will go toward much-needed renovations to our convent and chapel. In addition, funds will also help create a side

chapel where Sr. M. Theresia's body will be interred as her cause of sanctity continues to progress in Rome. Your continued prayers and additional donations are sincerely appreciated.



Janey Full, Rosemary Shea, Archbishop Carlson and Rod Full enjoyed the delicious meal and spirit of the evening.



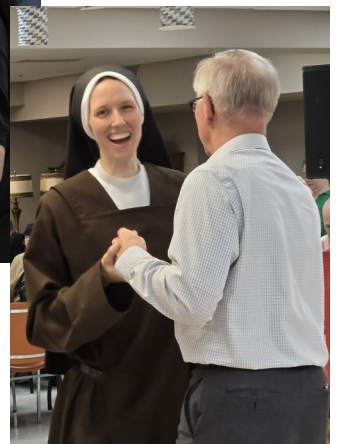
Notes from Administrator



Greetings from the Administrator!

As the holiday season approaches, many residents and families look for ways to express appreciation to our dedicated staff. Per our policy, personal gifts to individual employees aren't allowed—donating to the Employee Appreciation Fund is the best way to show appreciation. If you'd like to contribute, we're collecting voluntary donations for the Fund, which supports staff gifts and our annual Christmas Party. Donations can be mailed or dropped off to Kati Schaefer, our Business Office Generalist labeled "Employee Appreciation" by December 8th. You're also welcome to bring perishable or food items for staff during the week of December 15th.

Thank you for your kindness and support!
Angela Ruppel



**Faces in the crowd
at Oktoberfest,
2025 at St. Agnes
Home**

***We pray for our beloved residents who went
to their eternal rest this past year:***

*Ethel Becker | Marty Buchheit | Liz Cook |
Pat Cooseman | Bishop Gaydos | Joan Hennessey
| Cathy Hewett | Anita Hoeflinger |
Jeanette Kallmeyer | Mabel Lackland | Rose Laux
| Sr. Angela Therese DCJ | Jane May |
Madelyn Merkel | Helen Neely | Jerry O'Neil |
Barbara Ponder | Paul Ring | Peggy Roffino |
John Romito | Verle Schrodtt | George Timson |
Adele Uding | Kathleen Valenta | Anne Weiss |
Rita White-Kraushaar | Rosemary and Gene Zilch*



***The relic of St. Therese of Lisieux is coming to
St. Agnes Home on Monday, November 10, 2025***

"Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love." Therese of Lisieux

St. Therese's relic will be available to the public for veneration from 8am until 6pm.

You are invited for the following as well:

9:00am Holy Mass (Votive Mass of St. Therese)

10:30am Daycare Children bringing roses to St. Therese

12:00pm Office of Reading and Daytime Prayer with the Carmelite Sisters D.C.J.

3:00pm Rosary and Litany of St. Therese with our Residents

4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

5:00pm Solemn Vespers of St. Therese with the Carmelite Sisters D.C.J.

5:30pm Benediction

5:30-8:00pm Veneration of the relic



St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, known as "The Little Flower," was born Marie-Françoise Thérèse Martin on January 2, 1873, in Alençon, France. Raised by her devout parents, Louis and Zélie Martin, she showed deep faith from an early age. After her mother's death when she was four, Thérèse suffered greatly but later experienced a miraculous cure through the Blessed Mother.

At 14, she underwent a "conversion," freeing her from self-consciousness and drawing her closer to God. A year later, she entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux, where she perfected her "Little Way" of offering all things, even the smallest acts, to God.

At her superior's request, she wrote *Story of a Soul*, one of the most beloved spiritual classics. Thérèse died of tuberculosis at age 24 on September 30, 1897, and was canonized in 1925. Known as the "greatest saint of modern times," she is patroness of the Missions. Her feast day is October 1.



2025 #iGiveCatholic Campaign

Creating More Outdoor Spaces for Our Residents to Enjoy

Our goal for this year's #iGiveCatholic campaign is to **expand and enhance the outdoor gathering areas** at St. Agnes Home—spaces where our residents love spending time with friends, family, and one another.

We plan to add two beautiful gazebos along the front path leading toward Manchester Road, where two open benches currently sit. New patios will be poured, and the gazebos and new furniture will provide welcoming, shaded spots for conversation and relaxation.

For our Care Center residents, we will install a 16' x 20' Sun Shade Sail to cover the seating area on the courtyard patio. At present, there's no shade during the heat of the day—this new addition will create a comfortable space with just the right amount of sunshine filtering through.

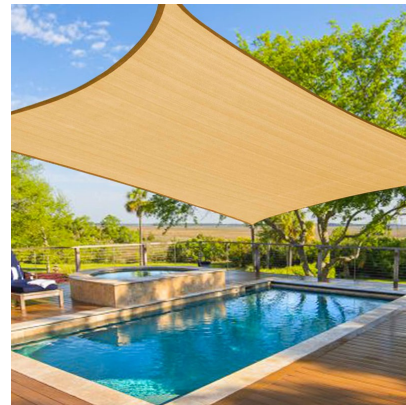
Our fundraising goal is \$20,000, which will fully fund this outdoor improvement project.

Please consider joining our campaign and sharing it with your friends and family. Together, we can make a

meaningful difference in the daily lives of our residents.

Advanced Giving starts on November 17 and ends on Giving Tuesday, December 2 at 11:59 p.m. Donations can be made through www.stagneshome.com or www.igivecatholic.org. We are listed under 'Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus, Kirkwood MO.' If you prefer to make your gift by check or cash, no problem! We'll be happy to accept it by mail or in person. We will add it to our #iGiveCatholic totals manually so your gift still counts towards our goal. *If you want to get a jump start today*, you can make an online donation through the St. Agnes Home website, or mail checks to St. Agnes Home; 10341 Manchester Road; Kirkwood, MO 63122; Attn: #iGiveCatholic/Community Outreach. As mentioned, **all payments can be received anytime from now through December 2, 2025.**

In years past, we have funded through #igiveCatholic the entire refresh of the entry solarium, the gazebo and outdoor furniture immediately in front of St. Agnes Home, a NuStep bicycle in our Therapy Gym and all new hospital beds for the Care Center. If you have any questions about this 'outdoor expansion and upgrade fund-a-need campaign, please reach out to Joanne Giljum at jgiljum@carmelitedcj.org. Thank you for your consideration and even sharing this with others in your family.



Nursing Notes

By Sr. Mary Faustina, RN, D.O.N.

Greetings from the Nursing Department! How quickly the year is going! Soon we'll be celebrating the beautiful holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas — such a special time to spend with family and friends.

Some residents will be visiting and staying with family for a few days. If you plan to be away for most of the day or longer, please let your charge nurse know the day before if possible. If you'll be away for several days, letting us know early allows time to prepare the medications you'll need to take with you.

As a gentle reminder, please let your nurse know when you're leaving and be sure to sign out at the front desk. This isn't meant to restrict you — it simply helps us know where everyone is (and prevents a few moments of panic if we can't find you!). If you'd rather stay in, you're always welcome to invite family and friends to visit here at St. Agnes Home. Please contact Andrea in Activities to check for available spaces and times.

This season often brings lovely new clothes as gifts. After your presents are opened, please bring any new clothing to the front desk so laundry can pick it up and label it.

If you have big decorating plans for your room, please let us know so we can check for safety.

Our holiday calendar is full of fun and festive activities — we hope you enjoy everything this wonderful season has to offer. God bless you all! You All, Sr. Mary Faustina

Our First Ride: St. Agnes Home Classic Car Show Taking a drive down Memory Lane!



November 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
26	27	28	29
2	3	4	5
All Souls Day 9:00 Mass 10:00 Coffee & Doughnuts 1:00 Adoration 4:15 Vespers & Benediction	7:00 Mass 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Needlework Club 1:15 Rosary 2:00 Bowling	7:00 Mass 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Daycare Kids Visit 1:15 Rosary & Perpetual Help 2:00 Movie	7:00 Mass 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Wheel of Fortune 1:15 Rosary 2:15 Bingo
9	10	11	12
9:00 Mass 10:00 Coffee & Doughnuts	Relics of St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Full Event Schedule will be posted elsewhere) 9:00 Mass 3:00 Rosary & Litany	Veterans Day 7:00 Mass 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Patriotic Sing-Along 1:15 Rosary for the Military Branches & Perpetual Help 2:15 Veteran's Day Presentation	7:00 Mass 9:30 Exercise 10:00 You Be the Judge 1:15 Rosary 2:15 Bingo
16	17	18	19
9:00 Mass 10:00 Coffee & Doughnuts 1:00 Adoration 4:15 Vespers & Benediction	7:00 Mass 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Needlework Club 1:15 Rosary 2:00 Ax Throwing	7:00 Mass 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Daycare Kids Visit 1:15 Rosary & Perpetual Help 2:00 Movie	7:00 Mass 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Landmarks 1:15 Rosary 2:15 Bingo
23	24	25	26
9:00 Mass 10:00 Coffee & Doughnuts 1:00 Adoration 4:15 Vespers & Benediction	7:00 Mass 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Needlework Club 1:15 Rosary 2:15 Bingo	7:00 Mass 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Do You Remember? 1:15 Rosary & Perpetual Help 2:15 Resident Council 3:00 Food Council	7:00 Mass 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Gratitude Circle 1:15 Rosary 2:15 Movie
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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			All Saints Day 8:30 Chaplet of Divine Mercy 9:00 First Saturday Mass 10:30 Confessions 2:00 Footprints of God
	6	7	8
Fortune w/ Angela	7:00 Mass 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Scenic Bus Outing 1:15 Rosary 2:00 Ice Cream Social	9:00 First Friday Mass Followed by Adoration 11:00 Rosary 3:00 Happy Hour - Tom T. 4:45 Vespers & Benediction	8:30 Rosary 9:00 Mass 10:30 Bingo with the Order of Malta 2:00 Name That Saint - ML
	13	14	15
Judge	7:00 Mass 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Craft: Fall Door Hanger 1:15 Rosary 2:00 Horserace Game	7:00 Mass 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Eating w/ the Saints 1:15 Rosary 3:00 Happy Hour - Cherry & Jerry Ragtime Band	8:30 Rosary 9:00 Mass 10:30 Confessions 2:00 Footprints of God
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Quiz	7:00 Mass 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Lives of the Saints 1:15 Rosary 2:00 Cooking Demo w/ Kati	7:00 Mass 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Dominoes 1:15 Rosary 3:00 Happy Hour - Gene T.	8:30 Rosary 9:00 Mass 10:00 Duo Dogs 2:00 Virtual Vacation: New England Fall
	27	28	29
Gobbler	Thanksgiving 9:00 Mass 	9:00 Mass	9:00 Mass
	PLEASE USE THIS AS A GUIDE. SEE WEEKLY ACTIVITIES SHEET FOR CHANGES AND ADDITIONS.		

Mass Intentions for November 2025
St. Agnes Home Chapel

1. **All Saints Day:** For the Sisters of St. Agnes (Requested by Jayne)
2. **All Souls' Day:** For all the deceased residents, family members, benefactors, employees, and Sisters of St. Agnes Home and Carmelite Child Development Center
3. For the intentions of Mother Karla Marija and the General Council and Sr. Anna Maria and the Provincial Council
4. 7:00 AM Mass: For Deacon Chuck Ryder – RIP
5. 7:00 AM Mass: *For Archbishop Carlson's Intentions*
6. 7:00 AM Mass: For Dan Croghan – RIP (Requested by Mary Ann)
7. **First Friday:** For our living and deceased benefactors, and for our deceased residents
8. **First Saturday:** For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life
9. **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica:** For children and residents with birthdays this month: Robert, Joseph, Olga, Dorothy, Rosemary, Carol, Dottie, Peggy, Richard
10. For Sr. M. Angela Therese of the Holy Family – RIP
11. For Mary Fitzgerald – RIP (Requested by Seana)
12. *For Archbishop Carlson's Intentions*
13. For Paul Ring – RIP and Barbara Ring (Requested by Paul and Kathy)
14. **All Saints of Carmel:** For the Sisters at St. Agnes (Requested by Peter)
15. **All Souls of Carmel:** For all deceased Carmelites
16. **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:** For employees with birthdays this month: Katie, Jenny, Caridad, Desmine, Betty, Aster, Tracy, Jamyra, Michelle, Winnie, Charlene
17. For Elizabeth Moehring – RIP
18. For Paul J. Unnerstall – RIP (Requested by Mary)
19. For our living and deceased benefactors
20. For the canonization of Bl. Maria Teresa of St. Joseph
21. For Sr. Mariana Joy (Nameday)
22. For William and Alberta Franklin – RIP (Requested by Mary)
23. **Christ the King:** For the intentions of residents, children, families, and staff of St. Agnes Home and Carmelite Child Development Center
24. For Margaret "Peggy" Roffino – RIP (Requested by Renee)
25. For Bernice Probst – RIP (Requested by Renee)
26. For Raymond Kreienkamp – RIP (Requested by Olga)
27. **Thanksgiving Day:** *For Archbishop Carlson's Intentions*
28. For Don and Nancy Ross (Requested by Peter)
29. For the Sucher/Leonard Family (Requested by Mike and Jackie)
30. **1st Sunday of Advent:** For Clare Genovese (Requested by Peter)

Mass Intentions for November 2025
Fr. Juan Diego, CFR

4. 9:00 AM Mass: For the Sisters on retreat
5. 9:00 AM Mass: For Sr. Mary Joseph – RIP (Requested by Rick and Lisa)
6. 9:00 AM Mass: For Mother Karla Marija (Requested by Peter)

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a special intention, please contact the front desk.
The suggested stipend is \$10.

Requests for specific dates should be submitted by the 15th of the previous month. We will do our best to honor your preferred date, but please note that some dates may not be available and it may take a few months to schedule your Mass.



Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who helped make our Oktoberfest a great success! We are deeply grateful for the generous spirit of volunteers of all ages—each one an extension of the Sisters and staff in bringing joy to our residents. Every day, your time, care, and kindness help make St. Agnes Home a truly warm and loving place to live!

What's next for volunteers?

- ♦ **Oversee the Relic of *St. Therese of Lisieux*** at St. Agnes on November 10 between 12:30-3pm and 5:30-8:30 pm.
- ♦ **Thanksgiving and Christmas Card writing with and for Residents**

If a family member or resident would like a volunteer to spend time writing holiday cards, please provide the recipient name, relationship and full address to Joanne Giljum as soon as possible. Christmas cards will be available at St. Agnes Home for no charge, except the postage. This service is available throughout the year as well.

- ♦ **Weihnachtsmarkt 2025 on December 6**

Please see the sign-up link in this newsletter to get involved or contact Joanne Giljum at jgiljum@carmelitedcj.org.

All volunteer efforts are coordinated through Joanne.

St. Agnes Home **Liturgical Schedule**

Mass Times

Monday - Friday ~ 7:00 AM
Saturday/Sunday/First Friday ~ 9:00 AM
Special Feast Days & Holidays ~ see Activity Calendar

Rosary

Monday - Friday ~ 1:15 PM
Saturday ~ 8:30 AM before mass

Fatima Devotions

1st Saturday of the Month ~ 4:30 PM

Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesdays ~ 6:30 PM

Adoration

First Friday ~ After 9:00 AM Mass until 4:45 PM Benediction
Sundays ~ 1:00 PM until 4:15 Vespers & Benediction
(No Adoration on the Sunday following First Friday)

Liturgical Schedule subject to change. See Weekly Activities Sheet.

Tune in to Channel 6 to watch Mass and devotions live.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT?

Please save the date to join us for our
**Weihnachtsmarkt (Christmas Market) on
Saturday, December 6, 2025.**

This year's market will feature 10 wonderful vendors, many returning from last year by popular demand! They loved the warm St. Agnes Home spirit and the kindness shown by our shoppers.

Enjoy hourly entertainment, a visit from St. Nick celebrating his feast day from 12–12:30 p.m., a German lunch, Kid's Corner, raffles, and guided tours throughout the day. The Carmelite Sisters look forward to welcoming old friends and new as we celebrate the beauty of the Christmas season together.

Our talented St. Agnes Home volunteers have also crafted over 20 stunning holiday wreaths, available for purchase, including a Taylor Swift wreath.

If you're able to volunteer—either to help with set-up or on the day of the event—we would be most grateful. Please sign up using the link below or contact Joanne Giljum at jgiljum@carmelitedcj.org or 314-477-2872.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D48A8A62EA2FC1-59767777-weihnachtsmarkt>

YOU'RE INVITED TO ST. AGNES HOME
ASSISTED LIVING'S...

**Open House &
Weihnachtsmarkt**
(A Christmas Market... German-style!)

Saturday **6** DEC | **11** am TILL 3

10341 Manchester Rd. in Kirkwood

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ST. AGNES HOME
ASSISTED LIVING *Warmed BY HIS LOVE*



Two raffle items have been lovingly created by St. Agnes Home volunteers. The completed stained glass is being fashioned after the picture to the left. The work-in progress will be 12"x17" and is pictured below the original. The beautiful, queen-sized quilt is on display in the St. Agnes Home lobby.



**CHRISTMAS
RAFFLE**
AT ST. AGNES HOME!

WIN ONE OF TWO HANDCRAFTED
TREASURES MADE BY OUR
VOLUNTEERS:
QUEEN-SIZED QUILT
STAINED GLASS NATIVITY SCENE

TICKETS \$5 EACH • 5 FOR \$20
AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT DESK

**DRAWING: SUNDAY, DEC. 14 DURING
THE RESIDENT CHRISTMAS PAGEANT-**



ST. AGNES HOME RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Recognizes employees who exemplify what it means to be “warmed by HIS love” and provide exceptional care and service to the Home, the residents and each other. Their daily efforts show that they remember to “See God in all; Serve God in all; and, Love God in all.”



Sandra's name will be added to the Employee of the Month plaque. She will have a special parking spot on our premises and will receive a gift card prize. Congratulations, Sandra!

SANDRA GLIGORIC NURSING



Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork is an on-the-spot recognition for staff who are exemplifying our Core Values of being **HUMBLE, RESPONSIBLE AND WARM.**
Ask about submission forms at the front desk.

Receiver's Name: _____

Giver's Name: _____

Receiver's Department: _____

Using any of our **Core Values**, how did this employee show that "Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork?"

Humble: _____

Responsible: _____

Warm: _____

The employee receiving the form should place it in the recognition box near the front desk or the employee breakroom by the timeclock. Three winners will receive \$25 gift cards.

Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork Spot Recognition

TEAMWORK

November winners: *Congratulations to the following employees who won \$25 gift cards for showing that **Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork:***

Marnisha Moore Nursing

Always helpful, smiling, hardworker

Stephenie Kelley Nursing

Assistance with flu shot clinic

Allison Smith Nursing

Helping last minute to cover a shift

RESIDENTS:

Rosemary D.	12
Carol B.	17
Dottie W.	18
Dorothy H.	18
Olga K.	22
Rich K.	25
Peggy A.	28



EMPLOYEES:

Jenny P.	1
Caridad R.F.	5
Desmine G.	11
Betty K.	16
Aster G.	17
Tracy S.	18
Jamyra B.	21
Michelle D.	21
Winnie O.	25
Charlene E.	28



We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of our residents who have passed away.

Anita Hoeflinger

Rose Laux

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, especially our Veterans, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



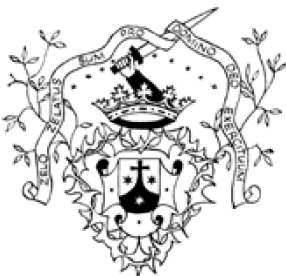
Sunday, November 2



welcome home

To our newest Residents:

**Elizabeth B.
Barb M.
Adeline H.**



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