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Update: Construction on Campus



Rick Raderer, director of Campus Services, says construction is, so far, on schedule. Landscaping and irrigation have been installed around the new gym. In addition, work is progressing on the amphitheatre area on the Lexington Road side of the piazza. Construction crews are now working on the interior of the auditorium which is scheduled to be completed in December of this year.

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Sisters in Ministry: **Working Among the People**

*"Give good example – teaching more by what
you do than what you say."*

These are the words of St. Angela Merici in her 5th Counsel. She lived during the 16th century. St. Angela believed in helping others, spreading God's love, and being among those she served. It's that passion and love of the people that Ursuline Sisters Rose Ann Muller and Georgine Grabenstein share today, more than 460 years after St. Angela shared her wisdom with the world.

Both Sister Rose Ann and Sister Georgine give their time and hearts to the people by volunteering at local ministries which are each a service sponsored by a coalition of churches. Sister Georgine works with St. Mathews Area Ministries, also known as St. MAM, and Sister Rose Ann works with South East Associated Ministries, better known as SEAM.

"We see a wide variety of people. We see people who have lost their jobs, homeless people, people who don't speak [English], and a lot of the elderly," Sister Rose Ann said of



Sister Rose Ann Muller helps a local woman fill out paperwork to get aid.

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Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, September 20**
Ursuline Cluster
General Butler State Park
9am to 3pm
- **Thursday, September 24**
and
Saturday, September 26
A Day at "The Shack" Retreats
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- **Saturday, October 10**
Contemplative Prayer
Retreat
10am at Brescia Hall
Contact: Ginny Schaeffer

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See photos from recent alumnae events

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her work at SEAM. "It's a ministry that follows along as St. Angela believed, to be among the people, serving the people. I think with any type of volunteer work you get all kinds of people in need. They all are so grateful for the help."

SEAM services those in the zip codes 40218 and 40220, which last year translated to 6,000 people needing help. Those



"[She] is St. MAM. She is the spirit of volunteering," Dan said. "We rely on volunteers, like Sister Georgine, to keep these programs going. She is a benevolent and good volunteer to have around."

Twice a week area families in need line up for bread donated by Panera Bread, and Sister Georgine is there to help them.

"I get so much satisfaction to know that I'm helping people, giving of myself," she said. "It just warms my heart to think how good the Lord gives us this bread in our time of need and how grateful we should be."

St. MAM serves several thousand families every year. Thirteen churches work together to provide everything from basic food necessities to items for infants, to emergency and utility assistance. The list of programs offered by the churches is long, and Sister Georgine helps ease the burden.

"Let me make this clear, we need more volunteers. There's plenty of work that needs to be done," Dan said, then paused and added with a smile. "Please send more Ursuline Sisters on down."



Sister Georgine Grabenstein helps Tia Jozwiak choose bread for her family. Tia, a mother of two, told us "it is difficult to find affordable ways to provide good nutrition for your kids."

asking for assistance are helped as long as they meet certain criteria, and the money received from donations and grants holds out.

Mary Beth Helton, executive director of SEAM, says Sister Rose Ann's gentle way makes it easier for families at a time when things are most difficult for them.

"She brings a loving, kind spirit to the place," said Mary Beth. "She's a calming force, and I think a comforting one. She listens well and cares. She also is just a joy to the staff and everyone she meets."

At St. MAM, executive director Dan Lane has high praise also for the work done by Sister Georgine.

Jubilee 2009

Many Thanks

Sister Ellen and I want to thank all of you for making our Jubilee Day such a joyful occasion. It seems that nothing was missing, all were so prepared. The Mass, the singing, lunch, and reception were so very nice and the food was delicious. Thanks, too, for the many beautiful



cards and gifts.

We are so grateful to be united with all of you as Ursuline Sisters of Louisville and Associates. God bless each of you in a very special way. Saint Angela is sending blessings from heaven for all of us.



Sincerely,

Sister Ellen Friel and
Sister Odilia Gadlage



We, the Jubilarians of 2009, wish to thank you for the beautiful celebration of our Jubilee on July 30. Thank you for your presence, your prayers, your remembrance and especially for the masses that have been celebrated for our intentions. We hold many beautiful memories of our 2009 Jubilee celebration.



Sister Mary Vincent
Strittmatter
and Sister Macrina
Stermac

Heart2Heart



Hearts Off...

Special thanks and appreciation to Sr. Lorna [Weiler] for treating Marian Home to fresh corn on the cob. We all enjoyed gathering together to shuck it as well as eating it. ~ Jill Parson, Marian Home Activities Director

A Sabbatical

Centering Prayer will not be offered at Brescia Hall this month. Please watch the OURS for future announcements regarding Centering Prayer.

Retreat Opportunities

If you are still looking for retreat opportunities in 2009-2010, there are several retreat brochures available in Brescia Hall room 206.

SHARING STORIES

By Sister Marilyn Mueller

"I like cleaning and I'm good at it," says Marva Finley, who in October, will have been in domestic service at the Ursuline Motherhouse for ten years. She continues, "I learned from my mother, and she was very good. When I clean, my mind is on the Lord, so I naturally try to do my best."

Marva is the middle child of seven. Because her mother always had to work outside the home, she made the oldest boy responsible for the others. Marva calls him "the key of the family." He made sure his sisters knew how to fight because the housing project where they lived could be rough sometimes. Marva is still grateful she learned how to fist fight.

Marva's mother kept a neat and clean house, and she expected her children to help keep it that way. The boys learned how to wash walls and floors. Marva gave the bathroom a quick going over every morning before school. "That's probably why I'm good at it," she says. The little ones had chores appropriate to their age. Their mother made sure that all of them would be able to take care of themselves when they moved away from home.

Remembering their mother's words, "You have no one but each other," all her siblings have remained close despite the miles separating them. Sadly the oldest brother, who lived in Oklahoma, died of cancer several years ago at the age of 60.

Although she does not look old enough, Marva went to school before busing. Because they walked, the children had time to play in the morning if they hurried with their chores. Marbles, jacks, monkey sticks, and



Marva Finley

skating were favorites.

Marva attended Southwick, Park DuValle and Central High schools. She remembers her 6th grade teacher at Southwick as inspiring her to love American history. She credits Sister Angela Killmeier, however, with teaching her about Rosa Parks and sparking her intense interest in African American history.

Marva has three sons, Kenny, James and Anthony (Tony) Hughes. Kenny drives a handicap bus for TARC. He and his wife, Stephanie, have eight children, four boys and four girls. James sells Cricket telephones. He has

five children, one boy and four girls. Tony is a chef in the public kitchen at Churchill Downs. He and his wife, Sheritha, have no children yet. There are two great-grandchildren, a boy and a girl.

Marva and her husband, Darrell, relax by going to the gym, swimming and engaging in outdoor activities. They grow red, yellow, and cherry tomatoes, squash, greens, cukes and okra in their garden. Marva smiles with delight, bringing out her dimples, when she describes the variety and color of the flowers in the containers on her porch.

One of the best events recently was the family reunion. Relatives came to Louisville from across the country. Goody bags for everyone had blue pencils, pens, erasers and T-shirts, all marked "Finley Family." The weather was perfect for bowling, swimming and basketball games. Cousin Jerry Smith of the UofL team made the games more exciting.

Marva likes her job at the Motherhouse. She says, "I really get a kick out of hearing the sisters say, 'I can tell you were in here.'"

Ursuline Sister Honored as “Distinguished Graduate”



Bellarmino University's Alumni Association will induct **Sister Jean Anne Zappa** into the 2009 Gallery of Distinguished Graduates on Saturday, September 12. Sister Jean Anne graduated from Bellarmine in 1972. (Ursuline College merged with Bellarmine just a few years earlier, in 1968.)

The Gallery recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in one or more of the following ways: professional accomplishment, community service and demonstration of attitudes

consistent with Christian doctrines. Sister Jean Anne is among the six alumni who will be inducted into the gallery during the ceremony.

Sister Jean Anne completed 12 years of leadership with the Ursuline Sisters in July 2008, six years as president. She continues her mission to teach Christian Living by serving others through her work at Shively Area Ministries as the Mission Advancement/ Development Coordinator. She has been active in many social, education and civic issues which included working with Eldershelter, United Crescent Hill Ministries, NETWORK, Trustee of Bellarmine University and Scared Heart Schools. Sister Jean Anne recently accepted a position on the school's Board of Trustees of St. Catharine College.

Former Ursuline Honored



Frances Lebangood Ford, who was an Ursuline Sister from 1964 to 1965, was recently honored by Spalding University with the “Outstanding Faculty Award.”

Frances began teaching at Spalding in 1996 and has served many roles at the university within the School of Business and Communication. Some of these include serving as director of the Adult Accelerated Program, advisor to business and accounting students, and developing an internship program for accounting students.

Frances also takes part in community service projects such as Every 1 Reads, and she has worked on a task force to revise high school accounting education. During commencement exercises this year, Frances received the award which is given by the university's Board of Trustees. The recognition was attributed to her community service, her flexibility at the university and “her love of teaching [which] sets her apart from other instructors.”

Hidden Treasure!

It's there if you look closely. You may have missed it the last time you were on the Ursuline Campus, but just to the right hand side of the Ursuline Motherhouse you'll find one of the best spots for shopping in town, the Ursuline Craft Shop. The shop features handmade crafts at great prices. It's run by Sister Margaret Mary Schwartz



who will make you feel welcome the moment you walk inside the shop.

Come by and see what you can find. The craft shop is located at 3115

Lexington Road and is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. until Noon and 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. If you'd like to come during another time, just call Sister Margaret Mary at (502) 896-3958. All proceeds benefit the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville.

News from Sacred Heart Schools

Revive the Ties

This year's Revive the Ties event took place on Monday, August 10, at the Sacred Heart Academy Gym. The annual event is sponsored by the Sacred Heart Academy Alumnae Board. It is a casual dinner held each August to kick off the school year. The Ursuline Sisters along with alumnae moms and grandmothers of SHA, Angela Merici High School and Ursuline Academy who have daughters or granddaughters attending SHA are invited. It's a way for students to welcome the new year and for alumnae to reconnect with classmates and Ursuline Sisters.



Sister Mary Vincent Strittmatter (left) and Sister Anthony Wargel were among those who attended the Revive the Ties event.

Below: The SHA senior class posed for a photo with the mothers and grandmothers who attended the event. In total, 64 alumnae of SHA, UA, and AM have daughters/granddaughters in the senior class.



Congratulations to Saint Angela Award Winners!

The Saint Angela Award is given once a year by the Office of Mission Effectiveness of Sacred Heart Schools to a faculty/staff member of each school who lives the Ursuline Core Values: Community, Reverence, Leadership and Service.



This year's award winners are (from left to right):

Lauren Hitron, Sacred Heart Academy

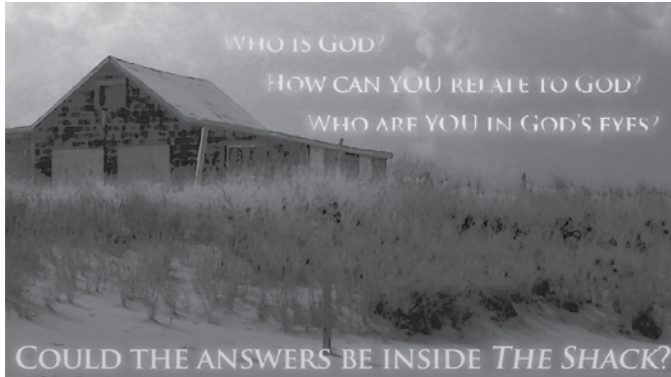
Michele Walker, Office of Administrative Services

Linda Greenwell, Sacred Heart Model School

Dr. Laura Chipe, Sacred Heart Preschool

Robert Greene, Sacred Heart School for the Arts

Offered This Month:



A Day at "The Shack"



Perhaps you have read, or have heard your friends talk about the New York Times bestseller, "The Shack." This story of one man's encounter with the Trinity, following a horrific tragedy, has created quite a buzz. Join us for a day of prayerful reflection as we ponder some of the book's major themes:

- Who is God? What are our images of God?
- How are we to relate to God?
- Who are we in God's eyes?

o **Dates:** This program will be offered twice

- Thursday, September 24, 2009, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.
- Saturday, September 26, 2009, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m.

o **Registration Deadline for either date:** September 21, 2009

o **Place:** Brescia Hall

o **Facilitator:** Ginny Schaeffer

o **Suggested Donation:** \$35.00
(includes lunch and handouts)

Please go to our website at

www.ursulinesisterslouisville.org/schedule.php for the list of Fall 2009 spirituality programs offered by the Angela Merici Center.

Louisville Community Environmental Health and Justice Tour



Tuesday, September 15

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**The Earth and Spirit Center
1924 Newburg Road**

A tour meant to spread awareness about environmental concerns in the Louisville community will be hosted by the Earth and Spirit Center. The tour features a visit to Louisville-area contaminated sites and information about the threats they pose to the community, as well as an introduction to a range of environmental health concerns.

It includes a continental breakfast and orientation followed by the bus tour, which begins and ends at the center, and lunch. It's free to anyone who would like to attend, however, donations are appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE:

North American Ursuline Convocation July 1-4, 2010

The theme for the 2010 Convocation, which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, is "Angela Merici: 475 Years of Spirit, Vision and Presence." Querciolo Mazzonis, author of *Spirituality, Gender and the Self in Renaissance Italy*, will speak during the four day event. He will share his thoughts on Angela as he has come to know her. Querciolo has presented for several different Ursuline Groups with positive reviews. Time has also been set aside to address the issue of human trafficking.

Location: Cleveland Marriott East

Fees: \$185 for Convocation

\$99 per night for hotel

Registration information coming in January, 2010

Marian Home Stays Active!

Tea Party for the Feast of the Assumption



Ms. Angela Preis and Sister Assumpta Devine join the festivities.



Sister Angela Killmeier and others enjoy tea.



Sisters Cleaning Corn

The sisters came together for a day of corn shucking thanks to Sister Lorna Weiler (see page 4)



Sacred Heart Alumnae hosted a state fair party



Sister Josita Kippes plays games at the state fair party.



Sisters line up to play games.



Volunteers pose for a photo following the party.



Louisville was hit hard by storms on Tuesday, August 4. Parts of the city were flooded including portions of the Ursuline Campus. There was some minor flooding at the Motherhouse and on some of the grounds, but the campus services' staff quickly went to work fixing any problems that arose.

Campus Flooding





THE PERUVIAN JOURNAL

A year later

It has been a year this month since we moved to Muquiyauyo. Many have asked what we have accomplished, if we are making progress, what are the changes we have made.

Even the questions are uncomfortable, not to mention the answers. How do you explain being in a place a year with missionary zeal and spirit, and still accomplish nothing? How do you explain, "We are still learning. We need more time to get to know the people"?

But this is true. We have built no schools, we have organized no youth programs, and we don't even have a year's plan, much less a five year one.

We are still learning. We are still getting to know the culture and life of the people. We are still walking the streets saying "hello."

We are also still trying to find ways to patch the leaks in the roof and keep little critters from entering the open space between the ceiling and the tin roof just above.

(Honestly, and sometimes embarrassingly maintenance consumes a good deal of our time.)

Being connected

And among the "still doing" is our effort to be connected to the organizations and groups that are a part of our area. Our connection with the Ursulines of the Roman Union in the diocese remains a true support for us. And Yuli, who was elected vice-president of the diocesan Conference of Religious, is very involved in planning programs for the religious and lay leaders in the diocese and in the regional Conference as well.

Kathy has been working with a group of women whose prior task was to raise money to build the

church, and who now are trying to equip our parish hall with tables, bookcases and benches so that the children and youth have an adequate space for gatherings.

Sue has been doing some facilitation for other religious communities in Lima, in the States, and for the Central American-South American- Caribbean regional unit of another religious community.

We know that our efforts are slim if we are not connected with other groups and organizations from whom we learn and with whom we share.

Another feast

Who is Saint James? That is the question that the celebrant addressed to the small group gathered for liturgy on the vigil of that feast. There was a noticeable hesitancy as the answers were spoken in barely a whisper. Some thought he was a farmer and would bless the new crops. Others believed he was an evangelist. No one was completely sure. Yet the feast of Saint James is one of the biggest in the town. There are days of processions and celebrations, with various groups dancing through the streets to the music of a small orchestra. The ritual is clear to everyone but us!

A dance competition follows a little later and people come from neighboring villages and even from Lima to watch. And each day when you think this is the last of the activities, another group appears and the celebrating begins again.

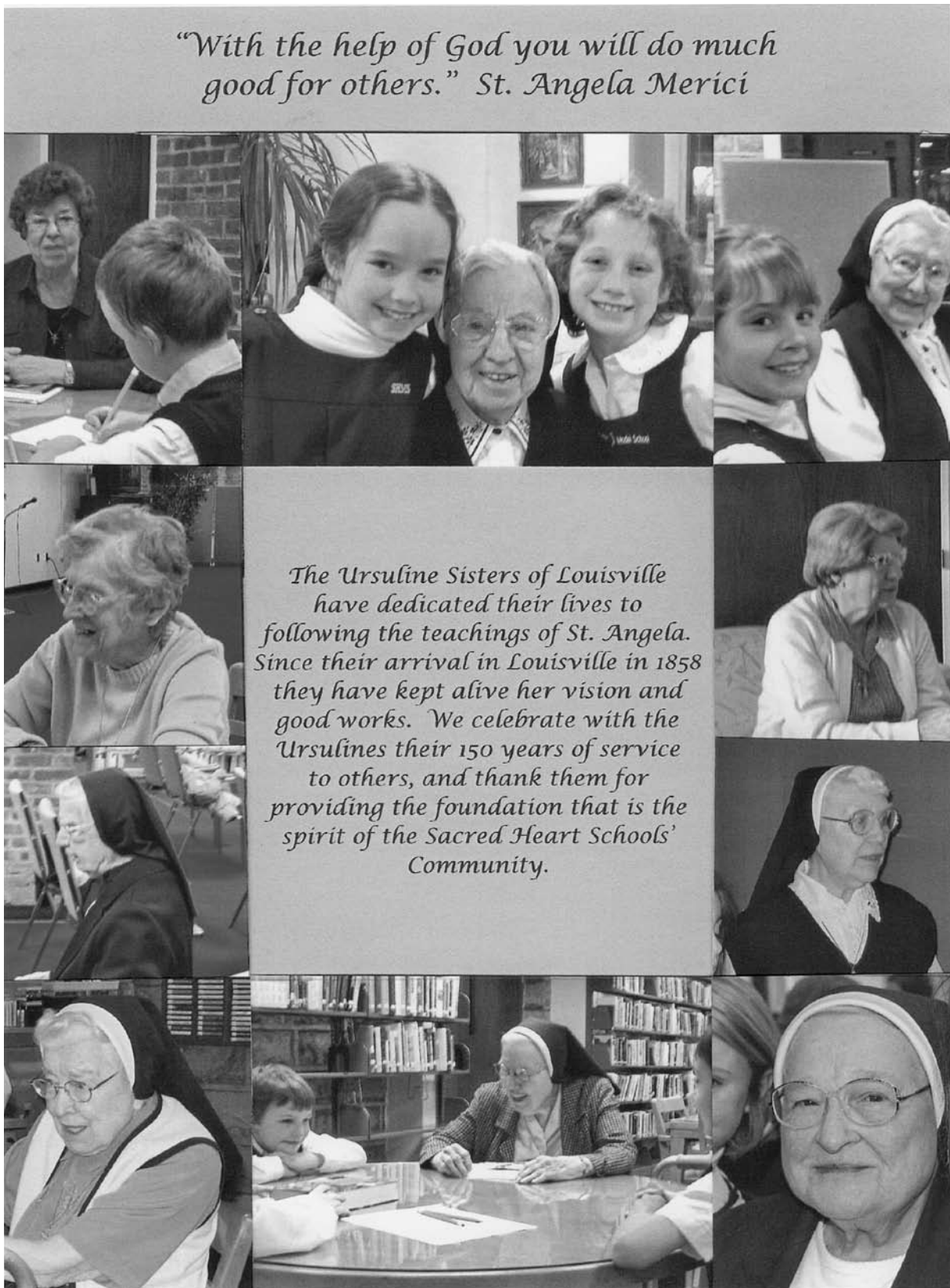
We have still to learn the why of the big celebration and how it came to be so important to our people.



We have still to learn the why of many things, even after a year. But certainly learning is a big part of our lives in Muquiyauyo.

Sister Sue

The photo spread below is a part of the 2008-2009 Sacred Heart Model School yearbook. Sister Judith Rice thought the sisters would like to see it.



OURS Articles Due Date

For the **October issue**, the deadline is **Friday, September 18**. You can e-mail a submission to jreid@ursulineslou.org or to the communications/pr office via campus mail. Please put "OURS submission" in the subject line. All OURS deadlines will be noted in community messages and in the OURS.