

e-designs

**Sisters of St. Joseph of
Carondelet
March 2, 2018**

Next issue March 9th

SAVE THE DATE



Penance Reconciliation Service

Tomorrow

10:00 a.m.

Carondelet Center

The social is cancelled.



The CLG Congregational Leadership Group

meeting in Los Angeles

Carondelet Center,

from March 1 – 5

As is our custom, the CLG invites Sisters and Associates to meet with them. We will gather in the chapel on March 3rd from 11:15 a.m. to noon for simple sharing.

This follows the Penance Service.



Third Sunday of Lent

MARCH 4TH

The readings for the Third Sunday of Lent are difficult and hard to hear. In Exodus, the Ten Commandments stare us in the face. In John's Gospel, we see Jesus with a whip of cords driving out the money changers and animals, and overturning tables. It is all pretty scary. We would rather not reflect on this. Lent CALLS us to reflect, respond and live the gospel.

The Ten commandments make us realize how easy it is to fail. Some might say that our failures deserve punishment. Yet, we also find couched in Exodus these words: *"I am the Lord your God bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments."* Here is a God whose knowledge of numbers is endless and a God whose mercy is endless. Our God loves us even in mid-stumble. Paul's letter to the Corinthians puts it well. *"The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength."* God is Mercy to the thousandth time we fail; God calls us to be merciful to the thousandth time someone fails us.

We see Jesus in the gospel experiencing anger just as we do. There is an interesting conversation going on in the middle of all the human muddle of upset tables and anger. Jesus says, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." What is the temple in this gospel? What needs rebuilding and refurbishing? Is it the heart, the soul, our deep down self that God wishes to de-clutter and chase the ego out of... so that... there is room ONLY for God, ONLY for love, ONLY for graciousness? Perhaps, our egos do get in the way; they clutter up, muddy up and mess us up. By this time in our lives we may be needing cleansing, opening and emptying of ego. So let us pray, O God wash me of ego and build in me a beautiful clean HEART! ❖

~ Submitted by Carol L Smith, CSJ

Remembering



Jan Lauterjung, CSJA

Click on word Remembering above to read a reflection by Sister Eileen Mitchell, CSJ

Please remember our Sisters and Associates who have recently died:

- 2/26 Sister Regina McLaughlan, CSJ
- 2/25 Sister Toni Ann Murphy, CSJ (A)
- 2/25 Sister Michael Helene Purfield, CSJ (SL)

Please remember our friends and relatives who have recently died:

- 2/25 Alan Scott Loree, brother-in-law of Sister Vincentia Myung, CSJ

HEALTH AND WELLNESS



Are You Up for the Challenge?

Here is something many of us say over and over again, "I want to clean out my stuff. I just never have the time or energy to do anything about it." Maybe if we divided the task up into small pieces, it would not seem so overwhelming!

When the Health and Wellness Congregational Personnel met in October, we talked about this as a common concern. The St. Louis Province has started a year-long cleaning out/paring down process. This might be a project that we could do with them in our effort to move toward oneness.

I will provide a topic each month for us to focus on if you wish to join this challenge and suggest some way/s to tackle the task. Lent might be a perfect time to evaluate our involvement with "stuff" and to remember that we are not defined by our possessions, but by our actions, choices and relationships. We may wish to ponder what causes us to lose focus on our personal relationship with God. We may ask ourselves, "What can I let go of in order to keep God at the center of my life?" (*Ideas taken from "Living Faith-Daily Devotions," written by Karla Manternach*) Watch for the first segment of this challenge in next week's e-designs. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Maureen Petrone, CSJ

Holy Family Retreat 2018

JUNE 3 - 9, 2018



"Harvest The Blessings"

Facilitated by Sister Carol Quinlivan, CSJ

If you would like to participate in this retreat please make a reservation by March 26th with sharon@csjla.org. First priority will be to those who have attended before or who will benefit from the handicap accessibility of Carondelet Center. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Sharon Margaret Ninteman, CSJ

Consider Our Missions

Please consider a donation for our Missions in Peru when honoring our Jubilarians. Our Sisters in Peru can certainly use your donations to reach out, where they minister, to the *dear neighbor*. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Eleanor Ortega, CSJ



Reminders for all Sisters

You are invited to sign up for the **Animation Committee's Animating Easter video dialogues**. [Sign up](#)

Responses to the **Innovation Committee's survey** regarding their initial models are due by March 8. [Take the survey](#)

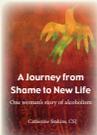
You are invited to join the Facebook group

"Sisters Forum - Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet." [Join now](#) ❖

~ Submitted by Kim Westerman, Congregational Communications Director

A Journey from Shame to New Life

Religious life and alcoholism. One nun's story.



"One woman's story of alcoholism" is the subtitle for Sister Catherine Jenkins' book, "A Journey from Shame to New Life." Sister Catherine, who began her religious life in a cloister, describes the impact her growing alcohol addiction took on her life and the life of her community. What began as a seemingly innocuous delight took her to depths she could never have imagined. But there

is redemption. Overcoming her addiction led her to a new life, work, community and spiritual insights. "I think my story will help women and men, regardless of their life commitments, know that they can face their addiction and move into a sober, fulfilling life." Sister Catherine, now 94, is a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in St. Paul.

Books are \$7.00 (including shipping). To order, call Good Ground Press at 800-232-5533.



NEWS

Find the following by clicking on the NEWS button above.

❖ On February 20th, Congregational Communications Coordinator, Kim Westerman, was featured on various news programs regarding the recent school shooting in Florida.

❖ L.A. has a long history of failure on homelessness. It needs leaders who will take responsibility

For Sisters & Associates

Click on button above for:

- ❖ A thank you note from Laura Impastato, CSJA
- ❖ Directory updates



Province Jubilee Celebration Feast of St. Joseph Honoring Year 2018 Jubilarians

Volunteers Needed

We will celebrate the Carondelet Center Jubilarians on Saturday, March 24th at 5:00 p.m.

If you are available to serve dinner we would be most grateful. Please be available by 4:15 p.m. for last minute tasks.

If you would like to help please contact Holy Family at sharon@csjla.org by March 12th

Shuttle Drivers Needed

If you are available to help please contact:

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