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**On the Cover:** Rivers of Peace (See page 3)

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# from the PRIORRESS

Alleluia! Christ has risen, let us rejoice! And, at his rising, everything changed! What difference has the resurrection of Jesus made in our individual lives?

Jesus' example was one of pure love that demonstrated the emptying of self. His love is about abundant living and is to be given freely to all. The change needed is for each of us to grow into Christ. These statements don't fit a "me first" attitude and lifestyle but rather an attitude of oneness in gracious living in the body of Christ. People of every age experience major challenges in which the goodness of humanity is questionable. Our age is no exception. The lack of regard for our sisters and brothers is visible throughout the world. Paul's statement is a challenge to every Christian: "I no longer live but Christ lives in me." Galatians 2:20. To fully grasp the meaning, let alone live it, is truly a lifelong task. Once we accept this call our lives are on a road of transformation.

What difference has the resurrection of Jesus made in our individual lives? There is a startling statement by St. Athanasius: "Christ became human so that we might become like God." This invitation is as true today as it was in the time of St. Athanasius. Our response to this call is to live in such a way that our words and actions reveal God's merciful and compassionate love.

I have grown in appreciation of the Church's wisdom that each year we are provided an opportunity to grow deeper into our faith. Through scripture, prayer, and liturgy, we are privileged to gain a deeper knowledge of the person of Jesus. It seems true that each of us needs a personal and social experience to recognize that God becoming fully human teaches us how to bond ourselves with Christ's life, death and resurrection. Thus, we become full participants in God's love.

May Christ's actions of total surrendering love continue to transform us into the body of Christ.

Wishing everyone a joyous Easter Season!

Sister Aileen Bankemper, OSB  
Prioress





## Conference of Benedictine Prioresses

by: Sr. Aileen Bankemper

For five days in early February, there was a wonderful gathering of prioresses at the Benedict Inn, Beech Grove, IN. At one of our sessions, a panel of prioresses presented the major changes that have occurred, and/or are in the process of taking place in their monasteries. The information shared was quite helpful as most, if not all, communities are in discernment related to visioning their future. Not surprising, dealing with necessary changes of monastery buildings was, and is, a top issue.

For two sessions, Emily Cash, Psy.D. facilitated a workshop in which she presented helpful input related to leadership skills needed now. She also provided us opportunities to ask her questions and to discuss the information in our table groups.

For those present the experience offered ample time outside of the scheduled meetings to collaborate, connect and enjoy each other's company. There was only one regret. Not everyone was able to participate in person, though thankfully they could participate through Zoom.

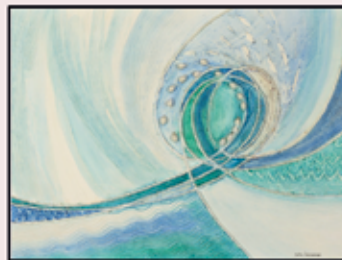
## St. Walburg Art Gallery

Recently, we started offering note cards and signed prints of Sr. Emmanuel's art with our supporters. The response has been overwhelming.

Two new sets of note cards are now available.



5 x 7 | blank inside  
\$10 for a set of 6  
(2 of each design per set)



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On the cover: **Rivers of Peace**

The stained glass window over the front entrance takes up the "SEEK PEACE" theme that has been part of Benedictine striving for centuries. It has become even more meaningful today both for our monastic community and for the wide world that touches us from all sides. The familiar peace symbols of white doves and olive branches form the central design from which radiate the Kentucky hills, the flowing streams which suggest the Ohio River and the brilliant sun and sky which enliven our hilltop season by season. We wish to share with all who enter this portal the blessings of Benedictine peace.

Sr. Emmanuel Pieper, OSB



### *Hospitality at St. Walburg*

by: Sr. Barbara Woeste

In the Rule of Benedict, chapter 53, St. Benedict relates how guests are to be received. He says: "All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say "I was a stranger and you welcomed me. (Mt. 25:35) St. Benedict urges the superior and members to meet the guest with all the courtesy of love and to be united in prayer together. All humility should be shown in addressing a guest on arrival or departure. (RB Ch. 53)

What is hospitality like in our present-day monastery, here at St. Walburg? Certainly we need not lose track of the spirituality of receiving guests as Christ and showing respect and care in all humility. Unlike in Benedict's time, we have the convenience of the phone or internet for guests to reserve special times and most of our guests are scheduled. Some guests join us for Mass, for Liturgy of the Hours or to visit with the sisters. Some are invited to join the community for meals or a holiday brunch. Other times guests present themselves unexpectedly "along the way".

In 1979 after our boarding school closed, St. Walburg Monastery began welcoming individuals and groups who wanted to "retreat" or to rest and relax. A group of sisters lived in the Guest House and shared part of the house with visitors. Later the Guest House was used entirely for guests. Over these 45 years we have welcomed Cursillo groups, college students, parish groups, relatives of the sisters and individuals for a stay at the Guest House or dorms. For a number of years, we welcomed a group of women who met monthly and shared stories about a child whom they lost.

We have been blessed by our many guests. For several years, Fr. Ronald Margherio, OSB and group of high school students from St. Bede's Academy in Illinois came for a week and stayed at the Guest House. They spent time with the sisters and volunteered at the monastery for service and also served in the Greater Cincinnati area. We also welcome guests to Cottage 7 for longer periods for a retreat or sabbatical. The small house is best suited for individuals.

Three years ago we welcomed refugees to stay at St. Joseph House. On different occasions we had families from Afghanistan and the Congo. They were aided by a resettlement group based in Covington who worked closely with them to resettle. The Afghani families moved out of state and the family from the Congo resettled in Covington.

Many of our guests have mentioned the peace they felt while staying here on the monastery grounds. It is a time for them to join with the community by worshiping with us at Eucharist or Liturgy of the Hours and to rest, recreate and enjoy the outdoors. If you are interested in staying at our guest house, contact Sr. Cathy Bauer at [bauerosb@yahoo.com](mailto:bauerosb@yahoo.com) or call 859-331-6324.

*All guests who  
arrive are to be  
received as Christ*

-Rule of St. Benedict 53:1

"I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you and all of the sisters of the Benedictine Sisters of the Saint Walburg Monastery. I am very obliged to you for accepting me as a guest and supporting me in my journey. I will forever be indebted to you for letting me have lunch and attend prayer session. The bond that I formed with all of you will forever be cherished."

Ayushi, 2024



## Thanksgiving Pie Sale

by: Sr. Nancy Kordenbrock

In what might become a tradition we had a pie sale on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. One hundred pies (pumpkin and pecan) were made, thanks to the help of many on the assembly line. Luckily we could bake 15 pies at a time, but the ovens were still going for 12 hours! Thanks to our kitchen manager and chef, Maureen Smain, the pumpkin filling was made using the recipe saved from Sr. Joseph Ruschmann.

The pies were picked up on Tuesday. (According to many who received they were delicious.)

The proceeds from the sale provided \$1,200 to donate to the Emergency Cold Shelter. As one of the buyers said, "they do really good work." She added an extra donation to support the cause.

We are very grateful for the response to our project and happy that it allowed us to support the Cold Shelter.



Srs. Ann John, Rita, Mary Catherine and Nancy making pecan pies.



Srs. Nancy and Ann John distributing homemade pies.

## Sweatshirts and Pants

by: Sr. Nancy Kordenbrock

In early December we partnered with Villa Madonna Elementary to purchase sweatshirts and sweatpants for the Emergency Shelter. The Elementary Student Council took the lead and had a generous response from all the families in grades K-6. This was the second year for this worthwhile project.

With our combined funds we were able to send 75 sets of sweatshirts and pants to the Shelter. When we asked them if they could use them, they enthusiastically assured us they would be so helpful to their clients this winter.



VMA Elementary students collected money for sweatshirts and pants.



## HOSPITALITY FROM THE ARCHIVES



### *The Summer Barn Program* 1968-84

by: Sr. Deborah Harmeling

In 1967 the Benedictine Sisters closed the farm on the monastery property and found themselves with an empty cow barn. Mother Benedict Bunning and Sr. Alice Jansen thought that the barn building and surrounding property would be a good fit for a six-week summer program for children of low-income families in Covington and Newport.

But the barn building needed renovation. During the fall of 1967 the Neighborhood Youth Corps worked to clear away the dairy installations, paneled the interior walls, enclosed rafters, replaced doors and windows, painted and refurbished the barn. They also built two play houses and installed bathrooms and a kitchen. Other local organizations donated playground equipment and even a caboose for the playground.

The sisters had access to Villa Madonna Academy bus which would be used to pick up the children in Covington and Newport around

9 am every day. The plan was that when the children arrived at the barn, they would be given breakfast, then lunch at noon and a snack at the end of the day before leaving at 3 pm. Food, especially milk, was provided by state food programs. The sisters also recruited volunteer camp counselors from local high schools.

The first barn program began summer 1968 and the program continued with variations until 1984. We have statistics from the 1974 program. 369 children attended and each child had the opportunity for 5 days of camp, and there were 95 counselors

from 30 local high schools. There were three family picnic nights.

We remember the summer barn programs fondly even though they were a challenge to organize and execute. They were an extraordinary example of Benedictine hospitality.



At the fall meeting of the Oblate Coordinating Committee, our agenda for 2024 was formulated with enthusiasm. In place of the usual monthly book study to help us reflect on Benedictine Life as lay persons in the world, the members decided to invite various sisters to speak of their lives, ministries and special moments of God's grace in making decisions. So far Srs. Mary Peter Youtsey, Emmanuel Pieper and Colleen Winston have shared their stories with us. Several other sisters will be added to this list as the year unfolds. Oblates participated in person and via zoom asking questions, coming to understand the vulnerability, joys and challenges of community living through the experiences of the sisters.

Our March 9 oblate gathering happened to fall on the feastday of St. Frances of Rome, 15th century Benedictine oblate who was a wife and mother. Sr. Mary brought the photo of an icon of St. Frances and shared her life's story.



At this Gathering we reflected on input from the 5th World Congress of Benedictine Oblates held in Rome Sept. 9-16, 2023. Around 150 oblates gathered for this Congress from 80 Monasteries and 25 countries. The theme was "Moving Forward: Living the Wisdom of the Rule." Before they left Rome Abbot Primate Gregory Polan commissioned the oblates to be "Ambassadors of Peace and Sharers of the Benedictine charism with all they meet."

At the end of the Congress the oblates were treated to an audience with Pope Francis: He invited them to have a "heart expanded by the unspeakable sweetness of love" (Prologue n.49). Then he expanded on three



L-R: Joan McAlonan and Louise Jewett.

characteristics of this expanded heart: the search for God, enthusiasm for the Gospel, and hospitality. We had a lively sharing around his message and living it out in the days to come.

All this brought to mind the fact that two of our oblates, Jim and Gerry Lockhart attended the first World Congress in 2005. They still speak highly of that experience.

The monastic community was glad to share feastday celebrations of St. Scholastica (Feb. 10) and St. Walburg (Feb. 25) with the oblates and looks forward to their presence for the Mass of St. Benedict (Mar. 21) and their assistance with the Center of Spirituality Day later this month. Oblates who regularly offer hospitality are: Jessie Lamantia, Joan McAlonan, Louise Jewett, Gail Mickalack, Mary Jo Rechten and Judy TenEyck. Other volunteer opportunities for oblates will be budding soon with the warmer, garden-friendly weather.

As always, our monastery prayer is open to the public as well as our oblates and we are blessed by the presence of all. St. Walburg Monastery welcomes anyone who would like to know more about being an oblate. Contact Sr. Mary Tewes at 859-331-6324.

Pictured L-R: Judy TenEyck, Tom Scally, Dick and Gail Michalack, Vickie Cimprich, Louise Jewett, Sr. Dorothy Schuette, Jessie Lamantia, Kathleen Rosing, with Laura Tenzel and Karen Bowe on zoom screen.



## CHRONICLES

by: Sr. Mary Tewes

Nov. 9: **Sr. Cathy Bauer** gave a vocation presentation for the Jr. High at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Cincinnati.

Nov. 10-12: Oblate Renewal Retreat led by **Sr. Dorothy Schuette** and team. Several stayed at the Guest House while others joined in the reflection times. On Sunday, twenty gathered for Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharist and Renewal of Oblation. **Sr. Aileen Bankemper** gave the reflections prior to the First Oblation of two new oblates, **Carol Leonhart** and **Karen Bowe**. All celebrated with lunch.



Nov. 14: Selected art work of **Sr. Emmanuel** went on sale today via Facebook & email. Development Director **Becky Motley** organized the production and sales of Christmas cards, note cards and frameable prints.

Nov. 16: Villa students invited the sisters to the preview performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."



Sr. Cathy and students at St. Patrick's Schools in Maysville

Nov. 21: One hundred pumpkin pies were baked and sold for the benefit of the Emergency Cold Shelter in Covington.

Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Day: We celebrated our gratitude to God with community, family and friends.

Dec. 1: VMA Jr. High students came with their first grade and kindergarten partners to sing Christmas carols for us, filling up the dining room twice over.

Dec. 1-3: The Marianist Novitiate Community of Men made a retreat at the Guest House and joined the community for LOH and Eucharist.

Dec. 2: First Vespers of Advent: **Sr. Rita Brink** led off the season by reflecting on the Gospel during the liturgy.

Dec. 5, 12 & 19: Lectio Divina of the Sunday Gospels was offered in the monastery chapel.

Dec. 14: The four Passionist Nuns came for Evening Prayer and dinner with the community.

Dec. 16: Tree trimming party at the monastery.

Dec. 18: Eight members of the Marianist Novitiate Program spent a retreat day at the Guest House and joined the community for LOH.

Dec. 20: LED winter beanies lit up each employee at the annual Christmas party.



St. Walburg employee Christmas party.





## CHRONICLES

Jan. 8: **Sr. Cathy** traveled to St. Patrick School in Maysville for an all-school vocation presentation.

Jan. 10-12: Meeting of subprioresses of St. Walburg Monastery, Our Lady of Grace, Beech Grove IN & Monastery Immaculate Conception, Ferdinand IN Benedictines.

Jan. 10-14: **Sr. Kimberly** flew to Torreon, Mexico for the Monastic Congregation of St. Scholastica Council Meeting.

Jan. 19-20: Regnum Christi Youth Retreat was held at the Guest House.

Jan. 31; VMA Elementary Student Council came to entertain the sisters with bingo and prizes.

Jan. 31-Feb. 7: **Sr. Aileen Bankemper** traveled to Our Lady of Grace, Beech Grove IN for the Conference of Benedictine Prioresses.

Feb. 10: Solemnity of St. Scholastica: **Bishop John Iffert** joined the community for the 70th jubilee of **Sr. Ann Middendorf, Sr. Martha Walther, Sr. Denise Gough** and **Sr. Rosemary McCormack**.

Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday: **Sr. Aileen Bankemper** reflected on Chapter 49, the Observance of Lent, from the Rule of Benedict at Evening Prayer.

Feb. 20 and the Tuesdays of Lent, the Oblates offered a lectio session in chapel.

Feb. 22-23: Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio and a large contingent of volunteers loaded up furniture from St. Joseph House for use in refugee housing.



Srs. Barbara, Christa, Kimberly, Rita, Aileen and Nancy enjoyed a fun evening at VillaRama.



Painting by Johann Schmidt

Feb. 24: Villa Madonna Academy held their largest fundraiser, VillaRama, at Receptions in Erlanger.

Feb. 26: The community celebrated the Solemnity of St. Walburg. The large painting by Johann Schmidt, hanging in the dining room, shows the original Covington monastery at 12th and Scott Streets.

Feb. 29: The community recognized employees who have served the community for the past 40, 30, 20 and 10+ years at dinner.

March 2-6: **Sr. Aileen** presented a workshop for the sisters of St. Placid Priory in Lacey, Washington.



## Sr. Ann Middendorf

by: Sr. Emmanuel Pieper

Seventy-some years ago Ann Middendorf chose to offer her life and service to God as a member of the Benedictine community at St. Walburg Monastery.

At about the same time, Sr. Wendeline Burkhard discovered a gap in Catholic education in the diocese: there was no educational facility for children with special needs. Sr. Wendeline immediately set about the task of remedying the situation. It would take a school building and a least a small faculty adequately trained for the work.

Sr. Ann was chosen to acquire the needed skills. When her studies were complete she partnered with Sr. Wendeline from 1960-1975.

In 1975 a position as pastoral assistant was open at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Fort Mitchell. Sr. Ann was accepted and remained in that work for more than 20 years, during which time her endeavors included everything from visits to those homebound, to work with the parish RCIA program and so much more in between.

Sister Ann's devotion to the task at hand and her achievements in each of these endeavors are testified to by her long years of faithful service to the Church and her community.



## Sr. Rosemary McCormack

by: Sr. Rita Brink

"The hills are alive with the sound of music." Familiar words. Words that dance with delight as one listens to Sr. Rosemary McCormack talk about her 25 years of ministry in Eastern KY.

Rosemary entered St. Walburg Monastery in 1952, dedicating her life to a deeper search of God and service to God's people. Rosemary taught in the Diocese of Covington and Pueblo, Colorado, for thirty-four years. Eight of those years she served as principal while being full-time teacher.

In 1989 Rosemary accepted a position as pastoral associate for Our Savior Parish in Morehead, a ministry she fulfilled for twenty-five years. This is when the hills of Eastern KY came alive. Rosemary's ministry brought life to her and the people of the area. Rosemary's work brought her in contact with Morehead University, Rowan County schools and the men and women across the area. She was instrumental in organizing prayer groups, developing programs, and organizing the Directors of Religious Education programs. Rosemary's love for people and dedication to her search for a deeper relationship with her God proved beneficial for herself and God's people.

Rosemary's love of animals and cards offers relaxation and joy to her leisure time. "Lucy," a beloved dog ranked tops, a lovable ball of fur offering hours of enjoyment. Exploring took Rosemary and friends to state parks in the surrounding area.

Rosemary, a faith-filled and dedicated community member, with multiple interests, abounding with energy, "CONGRATULATIONS" as you celebrate seventy years of dedicated service to God and God's people.



### Golden Jubilee in 2004

**Years of Monastic Life!**



Seated (L-R): Srs. Ann Middendorf, Rosemary McCormack, Denise Gough and Martha Walther. Standing (L-R): Sr. Aileen Bankemper, Prioress and Bishop John C. Iffert.

**Sr. Denise Gough**

by: Sr. Stella Gough

Denise has many stories to tell. I remember Sr. Denise telling her experience of teaching in an elementary classroom made her realize that teaching was not what she wanted to do. She did not go into details but she did know what she wanted to do.

When there was a need for someone to go into training to become a nurse she volunteered. These were the early years of being assigned to your ministry. Sr. Denise had a cousin who was a nurse serving during the war. They were known as the WACS – Women’s Army Corps.

Sr. Denise began her training at St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing. After graduating she was sent to serve in the Benedictine community’s hospital in Hazard, KY. In 1965 she was sent to St. Cloud, MN, for training to become an anesthetist. The school was run by the Benedictine Sisters of St. Joseph. It was perfect for her to be living with the Benedictine Sisters. Sr. Denise served in the community’s hospital in Colorado as well as in St. Claire Medical Center in Morehead. Living in Morehead gave her the opportunity to come home to the monastery on weekends. Family and community both benefited from her presence. Playing cards was a favorite when she was home. She looks forward to our Friday night Hand and Foot card game.

For a soon-to-be 95-years old, Sr. Denise has a great memory and wonderful recall of the people and places she has ministered as a nurse and nurse anesthetist. But she is like an encyclopedia when it comes to sports, especially the Cincinnati Reds and the Kentucky Wildcats.

**Sr. Martha Walther**

by: Sr. Mary Rabe

Martha, the youngest of the Jubilarians, grew up in Covington. She speaks proudly of her family and her parish of St. Benedict. She recalls her father smothered the front yard in flowers so there was no need for a lawn mower.

Martha entered the monastery and received the name Sr. Janine and taught at Holy Cross, St. Paul and St. Henry. Martha finished her BA at Villa Madonna College. She was called do catechetics in Pomata, Peru. Upon her return she again taught at St. Paul and at VMA High School.

In 1980 she became executive director for the Northern Kentucky

Interfaith Commission. Martha reflects on this as a very fulfilling time, graced by the many ministers with whom she was able to work. Martha was also codirector of the Exodus Program which worked with the incarcerated. In the meantime, she earned an MA from the University of Dayton.

In 2001 Martha became the Secretary and Notary for the Diocese of Covington Tribunal office. Martha is gentle, calm, organized, loyal, and helpful. She is a good listener, holds confidences and helps out as needed. With a big smile Martha claims that this is “a great place to learn.”



**Silver Jubilee in 1979**



## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

On February 29 we honored our loyal employees with a special dinner to express our gratitude for their many years of service. We want each of our employees to know that we appreciate them and all that they do for us. As Sr. Aileen said, they make St. Walburg Monastery a great place to work, and for the sisters, a great place to live.

by: Sr. Nancy Kordenbrock

### *Celebrating 40+ Years of Service*

**Mary Lou Aldridge** and **Nancy Haskamp** have been nurses in our infirmary for over 40 years. They take care of medications, appointments, laundry and many other needs of the sisters who live in the infirmary. They also provide support to any other sister who asks for advice or help. Their kindness and generosity are unsurpassed.

**Tony Jarman** has been a mainstay in our maintenance department for over 40 years. Tony's talents are many and we have all called on him to use those talents. He knows so much about the steam pipes, the boilers, the plumbing, the AC, the dishwasher and especially the cars. No one takes better care of their cars than Tony. To say that we are grateful is a true understatement.



Nancy Haskamp, Tony Jarman and Mary Lou Aldridge

### *Celebrating 30+ Years of Service*



Cindy Lewis

**Cindy Lewis** began working here at the time of our renovation. She has been a blessing to us as she has taken on more and more areas to be cleaned. We can proudly bring guests to the infirmary, the chapel and dining room because of her wonderful work.

## Celebrating 20+ Years of Service



Rick Glendening and Kim Messer

**Kim Messer** came on board in the kitchen in 2001. Lots of things have changed since then, in personnel and work assignments. Kim is our steady weekday breakfast cook. She has also been a soup maker, salad maker and baker.

**Rick Glendening** began work in maintenance in 2004. He can be found on the mower in the warmer months, keeping the grounds well cared for. In the colder months Rick can be found manning the carpet scrubber, painting rooms and doing inside jobs as needed.

## Celebrating 10+ Years of Service

**Maureen Smain** has been here since 2006. She is two years shy of 20 years! We are so blessed to have her as a creative chef, willing to try new things. She is always on the lookout for bargains, and delicious bargains at that. We all have our special favorites and it would be impossible to choose just one.

**Jo Franklin** has been a steady PRN nurse for us since 2011. We now see her on two Sundays a month. We know we can count on her to do whatever she is asked to keep the sisters safe and healthy. She is always smiling which isn't easy.

**Becky Selm** has shown her many talents, starting out as a kitchen employee and then last year switching over to be a nurse aide in the infirmary. Her high energy and willingness to see what needs to be done is a blessing. Not only does she see the need but meets that need right away.

**Rita Kohl** is our nurse aide who loves the night shift (thank goodness someone does). She gets a lot done in preparation for the next day while answering the calls of those who need her. We know we can count on her every night. It is a real comfort to know that we can rely on her judgment during the critical night hours.

**Susan Rodriguez** brings her youth and enthusiasm to the second shift as a nurse aide. She is a critical part of the dinner crew, helping the sisters who need her to get their food and drinks. Helping sisters get ready for bed and being sure that everyone has what they need is another of her special jobs.



Becky Selm, Jo Franklin, Maureen Smain, Susan Rodriguez and Rita Kohl



## Kentucky United Nations Assemblies

by: Nancy Kordenbrock

Our students have been very busy with statewide activities. They earned Premier Delegation status at the high school Kentucky United Nations Assembly. Several individuals received special awards as outstanding delegates and international court judges.

The junior high Kentucky United Nations Assembly students represented Italy and Australia in the model UN program. The team earned the Conference Life Award for creating a positive conference environment! Several students received special recognition including being named secretary general for next year's assembly.



Our elementary students represented Australia at the Kentucky United Nations Assembly. They and the junior high members of the team earned the Conference Life Award for creating a positive environment at KUNA.



## Beauty and the Beast

by: Nancy Kordenbrock

Spring is traditionally the time for the musical. This year is was a wonderful production of Beauty and the Beast. This musical is based on the classic Disney animated feature, Beauty and the Beast. The show was full of recognizable tunes, "Gaston", "Be Our Guest", and "Beauty and the Beast", among them.

Besides the excellent singing, dancing and acting it was an opportunity to showcase student designs throughout the show: rose window, set art, prop construction, and lighting and sound design.

## Benedictine Exchange Program

by: Eileen O'Connell

As the third quarter ended this year, some students had an elevated sense of excitement as they traveled to St. Bede Academy in Peru, IL as participants in our Benedictine Exchange Program.

St. Bede's students and Fr. Ronald Margherio, OSB, visited here last fall. From March 6-10, the hospitality shown here was reciprocated. The group of six seniors and one junior shadowed classes, toured the very large campus, and got a taste of what living in a very rural area is like. Other activities included a visit to beautiful Starved Rock State Park, a trampoline park, paintball for the guys, and shopping in a small town for the girls (they even happened upon a local St. Patrick's Day parade while shopping). Fr. Ronald treated us to meals at various local establishments along the way. And, as the students said, "Fr. Ronald is a king!" Everyone in town knows the monks, especially Fr. Ronald.

Fr. Ronald has brought students to visit St. Walburg's and to stay in the guest house several times throughout the years to work with Sr. Cathy in her Living Out Loud program. Sadly for us, he is retiring from active ministry after this school year. But, there is no doubt he will still be very active!



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