



Racine Dominicans' Friday Night Check-In January 19, 2023

TOP 5:

- 21 Jan 2024, 10:30 AM CT, **Associate Carol Wesley preaches** at Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis. Live stream www.christchurchcathedral.us. Support women preaching!
- 23 Jan 2024, **Conversation Circle #4** Responses **DUE DATE**
- 24 Jan 2024, 9-10 AM CT **Crew**, every Wednesday morning. See NOTE below
- 24 Jan 2024, 5-6 PM CT **Weekly Intercommunity Book Study** via Zoom, The Atlas of the Heart.
- 26 Jan 2024, 9:30 – 11 AM CT, **Niamh Brennan presentation** via Zoom.

Save These Dates:

- 01 Feb 2024, 6:30-7:30 PM, **Virtual Craft Circle** for all arts-and-crafters! See NOTE.
- 04 Feb 2024, 2:30-4:30 CT, **Monthly Meeting with OP Peace (Niskayuna) Associates**, Program - Joy Galarneau "The Word of God is a Symphony," via Zoom.
- 10 Feb 2024, 8:30-10:30 AM, **Monthly Meeting**, Zoom & Large Conf. Room. "Right in Front of Our Faces," Lea Koesterer's ministry for justice in the Middle East. See NOTE.
- 10 Feb 2024, 10:30-11:30 AM, **Valentines/Leap Year BINGO Social for Sisters & Associates**, Green Dining Room. See NOTE.
- 13 Feb 2024, 6-7:30 PM CT, **Shared Formation Enrichment** "The Call to Preach- DCI," Zoom.
- 14 Feb 2024. **Food/Clothing Drive** starts for Church of the Great Spirit, Milwaukee.
- 3-6 Apr 2024, **Racine Dominican Spring Gathering**, Siena Center. *In-person only*.
- 13 Apr 2024, **Midwest Kindred Spirits Zoom Retreat with S. Nancy Schreck, OSF** on possible future expressions of Associate life. \$25 (Liberal scholarship possibilities available).
- 17-19 May 2024, **Spring Associate Retreat – Save the Date.**

NOTE: Our meetings (CREW, Monthly Meeting, Virtual Craft Circle, Book Study, Shared Formation, Journaling Sessions, Socials, Drives & other meetings) are for **ALL Associates, Sisters & Candidates** as you are available, unless noted.

Happy Birthday this week to: Catherine Gundlach (1/21), Lisa-Marie Duffield (1/21), Christine Pasinski-Thomas (1/22), S. Clarice Sevegney (1/25), Judy O'Connor (1/26).

Care for Creation This Week:

- Use daylight (when possible!), rather than turning on light bulbs
- Refuse to buy items made from ivory or other wild animal elements
- Rediscover your grandmother's remedies

Our Racine Dominican Direction Statements for 2022-2026 from our Chapter:

As a community of Racine Dominican Sisters and Associates led by the Spirit:

We commit to being a contemplative presence as we collaborate with Earth and all peoples, responding to social injustices with voice, action, and resources, especially as expressed in Laudato Si'.

We commit to discerning a vision of our emerging future through prayer, courageous conversation, collaboration, and action.

Our Racine Dominican Associate Goals:

- ~ Grow as a holy, ever-evolving, flourishing community.
- ~ Support our Mission Partners & other ministries.
- ~ Live out our Dominican Charism & Mission together.



10 Affirmations for a Difficult Day

1. *I am stronger than I think.*
2. *I am more capable than I realize.*
3. *I recognize how far I have come.*
4. *I call on my strengths of creativity & determination whenever I need.*
5. *I give myself permission to ask for help, and lean on my support system.*
6. *I can do really hard things.*
7. *No storm lasts forever.*
8. *I trust good is on its way.*
9. *I trust in myself, and I trust life.*
10. *I've got this!*