



## **Racine Dominicans' Friday Night Check-In** **December 22, 2023**

### **TOP 5:**

22-26 Dec 2023, **Associate Office is "Away in a Manger"** (no office hours). Call Catherine or Mare on their cell phones for any urgent needs.

27 Dec 2023, **CREW meets** (wonderful, crazy, dedicated!).

03 Jan 2024, 9-10 AM, **CREW** is back for another great year for ALL!

03 Jan 2024, 5-6 PM CT **Weekly Intercommunity Book Study** starts on **The Atlas of the Heart** by Brene' Brown. All Dominicans & seekers welcome! *See flyer for NEW Zoom.*

04 Jan 2024, 6:30-7:30 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 **Virtual Craft Circle resumes.**

### **Save These Dates:**

13 Jan 2024, 8:30-10:30 AM CT, **Monthly Meeting** HYBRID. **What is important to us as Associates?** Come review & discuss the results of our four Conversation Circles!

21 Jan 2024, 10:30 AM CT, **Associate Carol Wesley preaches** at Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis. Live stream [www.christchurchcathedral.us](http://www.christchurchcathedral.us). Support women preaching!

3-6 Apr 2024, **Racine Dominican Spring Gathering**, Siena Center & Zoom.

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).

**Survey Says!** See attached results of our informal Survey from our 12/9 Associate meeting.

Sing/Send **Birthday Greetings** this week to: **S. Rita Lui** (12/22), **S. Carol Runde** (12/23), **S. Bea Schellinger** (12/25), **S. Pat Chaffee** (12/26), **S. Stephanie Seversin** feast day (12/26), **S. Carla Mae Streeter** (12/28).

**Associate I.D. Badges are here!** Thanks to Kathie Solie's creative & monetary gifts, we have some personalized Associate badges. If you come to Siena for ministry, Mass or meeting at least once a month, check at the front desk for your own Associate Badge. These are valuable and irreplaceable! If you lose or leave your badge somewhere, you will be consigned to wear a big paper badge. Thank Kathie when you see her!

### **Care for Creation This Week:**

- Celebrate Christmas sustainably. Less plastic – more creativity!
- When traveling, respect the environment as you do at home.
- Use recyclable packaging. Wrap presents in brown bag paper or newsprint.

**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.

