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Gifts
By Sue Craanen
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Since that first day, I have had the opportunity to meet visitees, volunteers, board members, co-workers and have connected further with the sisters here at Siena Center. I know each will be a gift in my life and I am looking forward to meeting everyone, as each of you is a gift of God to all of us. Thank you for your many gifts. I want you to know they are all truly appreciated.
With Gratitude to S. Joyce Ballweg

S. Joyce has dedicated many years to the Senior Companion Program, last serving as Executive Director. She has shared many gifts and talents which have enriched our program. Because of her leadership and guidance, our ministry has continued to grow and flourish. We appreciate all the love and dedication she selflessly shared with the seniors in our community. She has touched so many lives. She will be missed! We wish S. Joyce many blessings as she moves on to another ministry.

**Dates to Remember**

- **Monday, September 2**  Labor Day
- **Sunday, September 8**  Grandparents Day
- **Thursday, October 31**  Halloween
- **Sunday, November 3**  Daylight Savings Time
- **Tuesday, November 5**  Election Day
- **Monday, November 11**  Veterans Day
- **Thursday, November 28**  Thanksgiving Day

**Reminder:** Change your smoke detector battery when you move your clocks back for Daylight Savings Time.

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**Quotes**

“Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale.”
- Lauren DeStefano in *Wither*

“I love autumn, the one season of the year that God seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it.”
- Lee Maynard

“Two sounds of autumn are unmistakable...the hurrying rustle of crisp leaves blown along the street...by a gusty wind, and the gabble of a flock of migrating geese.”
- Hal Borland

“Give me juicy autumnal fruit, ripe and red from the orchard.”
- Walt Whitman

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**Apple Crisp Recipe**

**Ingredients:**
- 4 medium tart apples, sliced (4 cups)
- ¾ cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup all purpose flour
- ½ cup oats
- ¼ cup butter or margarine, softened
- ¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¾ teaspoon ground nutmeg

**Directions:**
1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Grease bottom and sides of 8” square pan.
2. Spread apples in pan. In a medium bowl, stir remaining ingredients until well mixed.
3. Sprinkle mixture over apples.
4. Bake approximately 30 minutes or until apples are tender when pierced with a fork.

Serve warm with ice cream, if desired.
Serves 6

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**Energy Assistance**

If you think you may need help paying your heating or electric bill this coming season, please call Energy Services, Inc. at 262-633-6000. This is a one-time payment program each heating season (October – May). Its purpose is to help pay a portion of heating costs, but does not pay all heating costs.

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**Websites of Interest**

- [www.medadvocates.com](http://www.medadvocates.com)
- [www.brightstarcare.com](http://www.brightstarcare.com)

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**We are Thankful**

**Donations Received**

May 16 through August 14, 2013

In Memory of S. Audrey Affholder
David & Kathleen Zablotney

In Honor of the Racine Dominicans
150th Anniversary
Sisters of St. Dominic

**Individual Donations:**
- Barb Tylenda
- Steven & Faye Endres
- Dave & Mary Hietpas
- Richard & Josephine Goldmann
- Sharon Buckson
- Arnie Foode
- Willard Widmar
- S. Audrey Affholder
- LaVerne Poplawski
- Helen DeGroot

**Gift-in-Kind**
- Sacred Heart Mission Circle
- St. Rita Parishioners

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**REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS**

Veterans Day is an official United States federal holiday to honor people who have served in the armed services. Like Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world, Veterans Day marks the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, with the German signing of the Armistice, and so it is observed on November 11.

More than 20 million veterans currently live in the United States. Although their military experiences cross decades and continents, one thing remains constant: Their service deserves our honor, recognition and gratitude. God bless our veterans.
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