



Heritage Happenings

Archives Office
October 2018

Lest We Forget...

Mother Gabriel's History continued. Not much is recorded in Mothers annals during the month of October. We know that she finished teaching school at the Roemer house at the end of September. Mary Ann Graf finished school at St. Mary's in Milwaukee at the end of August and returned to Clarks Mills. Rosa Wahl is still in Milwaukee studying English, French, German, taking piano lessons (and most likely practicing a lot), doing art and wax work projects. All that Mother Gabriel writes is: *Mary Graff came several times (to St. Boniface?) until the time approached where his Grace the Bishop came for confirmation. For now, they are all back in Clarks Mills except for Rosa.* More in November regarding the Bishop.



100th Anniversary of Spanish-American Flu Epidemic

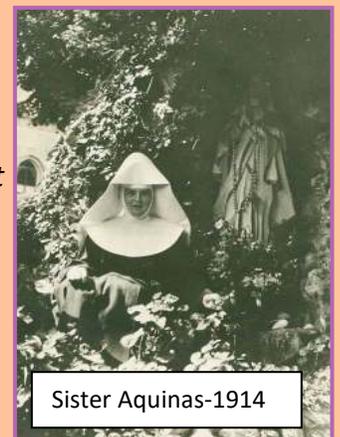
For a recent archives conference in Louisville, Kentucky, attendees were asked to submit posters highlighting archival history on community members involvement during the Spanish flu epidemic in 1918. Louisville was celebrating the 100th anniversary of the pandemic Spanish-America flu which was most virulent in October of 1918. 5,201 deaths were attributed to influenza and its resulting pneumonia. Archives revealed three things about the Spanish flu. (Remembering October 2005)

1: Sister Kathleen McGeough was the only Sister that died during the epidemic.

2. *Sister Matthew Hegy was one of the pillars of Good Samaritan Hospital. There must have been times when Sister Matthew did general nursing. It was the time of the flu of World War I, when the late Father Dooley had a flu/pneumonia so serious that the doctor was ready to give up. Sister Matthew obtained the doctor's permission to try something – anything. Sister alternated between hot and cold baths. That wasn't pleasant for the patient but he did recover and he knew he owed his life to her.*



3. Sister Aquinas Kinskey relates the following: *I was teaching in Ohio during those years 1918-1919. My parents in Zanesville, Ohio, got the flu. I was permitted to go home and care for them until they got well. After that I was sent to help at the County Children's Home. I was assigned to a dormitory of twenty-seven sick boys. Their matron was afraid to go into the room for fear she might get the flu. I could have written a book on what she experienced the day she arrived. For three days the boys had had nothing to eat or drink. I just went around the first day taking temperatures and giving them water. I would put a tag on the toes of all the boys I thought were so far gone that they were going to die. When the doctor arrived he just looked at the "tagged boys". The second day, I got around to providing some food for those youngsters. The doctor ordered that they be served gruel first because of the condition of their stomachs. I found someone who could cook gruel. I will never forget the reaction of the boys when the big pot of gruel, bowls and ladle were brought into the room. Sick as they were, they jumped from their beds and ran to the food. One of the boys in the dormitory did die, but I was able to help the rest return to normal health. I was only 25 years old when this happened.*



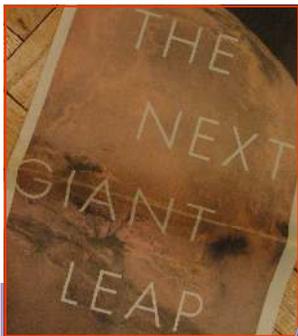
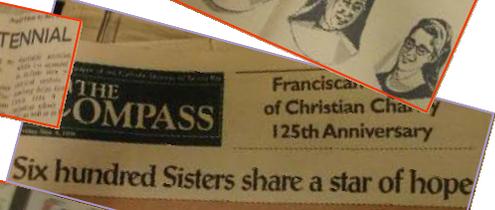
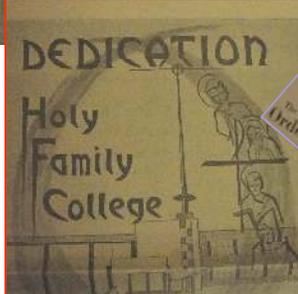
Sister Aquinas-1914

Photo: Sister Aquinas as a novice by the old Marion Grotto.

What can you find in a gray box?
 What might it be good for? Research?
 ...which is why archives are maintained!!



A collection of newspapers can be found that have special interest. Here's what the box holds...Come see!



1. Dedication Holy Family College—Dec. 2, 1960
2. The Times Recorder-Zanesville: Good Samaritan to Unveil New Wing - February 11, 1966
3. Church & State: The Catholic Church's Contribution to 150 years of Life in WI—August 1988: Mother Gabriella cited as one of "45 Who Made a Difference"!!!
4. The Next Giant Step—Mars Missions Hx—July, 2017
5. Visitor—Oct. 4, 1981 Francis of Assisi—A Celebration
6. Francis Fest and Octoberfest—2006-2009: Many ideas for celebrating St. Francis Day!! Transitus, Blessing of Animals, convent tours, wagon rides, games.

7. GB Catholic Compass: Nov. 14, 1987 "Women and the Church" Special Edition
8. Compass Nov. 4, 1994: 125th Anniversary: 600 Sisters Share a Star of Hope 12 pages of our History
9. Cornerstones: Published by our Community—19 pages of photos and history
10. Sisters Jubilees: Issues from 1984 to 2018 (Missing 1988, 1989, 1998 and **2017**)
11. 150th Birthday of Manitowoc County: July 29-30, 1986: Honoring beginnings of small towns, businesses, how towns got their names. Very historical!!!
12. Waukesha Freeman Saturday Review: Dec. 7, 1968 "Order Marks Centennial"

Here's Sister Catherine working diligently at cutting out newspaper articles, preparing them for Sister Paula to type into the Newspaper database before being scanned for filing. Any newspaper / magazine article that mentions our community is worth keeping!!

