



Heritage Happenings

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Lest We Forget...

Get on the bus!! Leaving for Door County!

Last month we traveled with our Sisters by ship and by plane to Fatima, Lourdes, Rome, Assisi and many more places. This issue We're going to Chambers Island in Door County! Why?? Because last April's Heritage Happening featured an Easter egg hunt "somewhere" but no history. With the death of Sister Alice Thome, the mystery was solved. So hop on the big yellow bus and enjoy the story!!



Newspaper article: Fish Creek: Out on an untroubled wilderness island in the middle of Green Bay, 200 nuns had a Memorial day to remember. Big school buses rumbled north to this tiny village carrying teachers from 16 Catholic schools. In garb and veil, their starched collars glistening white in the morning sun, the nuns boarded five private power boats in Fish creek. They were as excited as school girls, cheering and singing. Relays of boats ferried them out to Holy Name retreat house on Chambers Island, eight miles west of here.

EASTER EGG HUNT

In the house chapel, a brief Mass was held, followed by lunch and then the "Easter" egg hunt. Scattered throughout the woods, thirty dozen colored eggs (360) had been carefully hidden along a horseshoe shaped path. Ignoring their long robes, nuns set out on a dead run, scrambling through under brush and over fallen logs, plucking eggs out of branches and fallen leaves. When the hunt ended, 333 eggs had been recovered.



Fast Grounders a Snap as Nuns Have Holiday Outing on Island



But the day's high point was the softball game. The nuns threw with speed and poise. Flowing robes helped trap afst grounders but tended to slow up base running. Sister Alice Thome was one star. She pitched a fast, mean ball. The five hours on the island ended up all too soon with novelty gifts for each sister.



NOTE CORRECTION: February issue—photo should be Sr. Joan, not Sr. Leon.

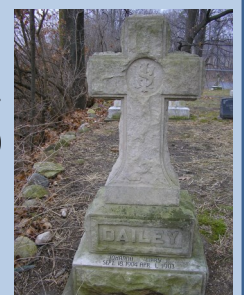


History: Chambers Island was named after Talbot Chambers a colonel who was sent to Green Bay with his crew to establish a military post in 1816. He was the first to sail these waters and discovered two islands: Washington island and Chambers Island, named after him.

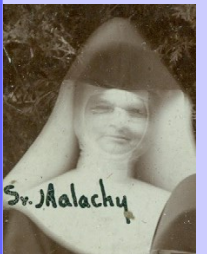
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Rest in peace

Why does Mary Dailey have a Mass said every year on April 1? Mary Dailey was a cousin of Mother Alexiia. August 12, 1903 She informed her assistants of the donations toward the chapel made by her cousin, Mary Dailey and also of her last will in which she had named Mother heiress of her property, leaving her nearly \$2000 in cash and 1 1/2 acres of her property in real estate in Milwaukee. In return for Ms Dailey's favor the community obliged itself to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered annually for the repose of her soul on the anniversary of her death, April 1, 1903.



So nice to meet You



Marietta Berner * Margaret Mary Burke * Malachy Donovan * Mary Dominic Finnerty * Mary Andrew Flatley * Marciana Kalscheuer * Mary Martha L.



Modesta Michalek * Magdalene Lowe * Maronius Garvey * Martina Hart * Matthew Hegy * Majella Heil * Mary Rita Hilmes *



This month meet the Norbertines who served our Community from 1929-1993. The Norbertines were founded by St. Norbert of Xanten in 1120 AD to bring about renewal in the clergy by bridging the gap between monastic life and clerical life.



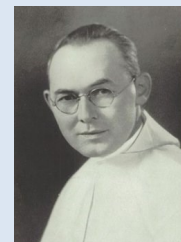
Reverend Lawrence Specht was born in 1891. He received the Norbertine habit August 28, 1909. He served here from 1929 until his death on February 26, 1939.

Reverend Maurice J. Windt was chaplain from 1939 until Dec. 18, 1969. He was born April 13, 1904 in Chicago. He joined the Norbertine Order August 28, 1926. He was ordained April 7, 1933. Six years later he became our chaplain and was here for four years until 1943. He died December 18, 1969



Rev. Hubert L. Traeger served next in 1943. He was born in Shawano November 13, 1889 and joined the Norbertines in 1911. He was chaplain from 1943 until his death on October 4, 1948 from cancer.

Rev. Daniel F. Hurley came in the fall of 1948 and served until September 25, 1963. He was born June 15, 1896 in Hilbert, WI. He joined the Norbertines in 1922. In 1948 he became our chaplain for the next 15 years until his death in 1963, at age 67.



Father Kirk was born February 16, 1915 in Ortonville, Minn. He joined the Norbertines in 1934 and was ordained June 20, 1940. He served as Chaplin from 1963 until 1971. He died May 25, 1987.

Rev. Julian Resch was born January 15, 1911 in Fond Du Lac, WI. He joined the Norbertine Order. He was chaplain for our community from June 1971 until September, 1993. He died January 31, 2004.



Next month: You'll Meet the Franciscans!!