



Heritage Happenings

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Lest We Forget...

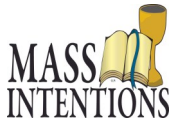


Like the popping up of May flowers, so have been Heritage Happenings during the month of May. Enjoy a few "busy moments".

Capture EVERY Moment

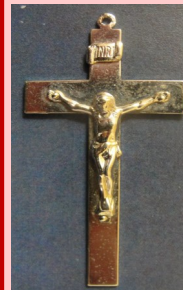


February 27: This is a very late entry. In January a Mass intention was read for Rosella Doyle. Curiosity led me to ask Sr. Elaine who had requested the Mass intention, wondering if the person was related to our Sr. Patricia Doyle. She directed me to Sr. Christine who relayed that the intention was requested by her son, John, who lives in California. Rosella's son stopped here at the Motherhouse and wanted Masses said for his mother...ten of them. He gave her his phone number and name. I found it unusual that someone from California would come here to have Masses said, especially with that last name. A letter was sent to him and the following information arrived on February 27: *The facts do not indicate any connection between Rosella Doyle, my mother, and Sister Patricia. I am the son of Rosella Reif who became Rosella Doyle when she married Victor Doyle and he adopted me. I asked for masses to be said at your convent because the Reif family has a history of having masses said there and, I think, my mother requested masses to be said there. Now I know who requested the Masses...but no relationship to Sr. Patricia Doyle.*



May 11, Lydia Shipp wrote: I am writing you in the hopes that you may have information that could be helpful as I'm researching my ancestors... Sister Stanislaus Kosmicki was a cousin of one of my direct ancestors, and I was wondering if you could perhaps help answer a question: Do you have any records that might suggest why Sister Stanislaus came to *your* convent specifically? **Response:** 1890 our Sisters began teaching in Ashton at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Antonia (Sister Stanislaus) boarded with the Sisters there while she went to school. Records state that she was determined to become a Sister like them. We left teaching there in 1913 Sister Stanislaus was received into out community on June 7, 1899 and was admitted here in 1896. She died 2/7/1981 at age 100, professed 79 Years.

May 17 Michael Hennes stopped by carrying a small silver cross. On the back was engraved Mary Snyder, 1952. Michael was related to Sisters Julitta and Ann Hennes. In cleaning out family "treasures", this cross was found. No one knows who it was from or if it had any significance to the Hennes Sisters. **Response:** Mary was never a member of our Community. The family wanted the cross returned here for its religious significance.



When Michael got home and read the eulogies on Sr. Anne and Sr. Julitta, he sent the following message: It is very touching to hear Sr. Ann was a strong part of the lives of her students. She was a strong person in my life too. When I think of Christ and our Lord, memories of Sr. Ann often slip into my mind. She was a gift to our family. What I did not know is she and my son share a birth date, many years apart but both share May 26th. older. Photos: Sister Julitta on the left and Sister Ann on the right. See Family Photo on the next page.





Here is the Hennes Family Photo from when Sr. Ann was a child. My Grandfather Leo is seated next to her. I'm told at that time Leo was only 4-5 years old, so I would guess Sr. Ann is a few years older. The picture shows: (all last names Hennes)

Back four: Margaret H. Catherine (Sister Julitta) H., John (Jack) H. and Gertrude H. (four oldest)
 Middle Row: Raymond H., Edward H., Norbert H. (in front of Catherine) , Joseph H. Jr. (the boys)
 Front Row: Joseph H. Sr., Mary H., Anna (Sister Mary Harold—Ann) H., Leo H., and Mary H. (Schomish) (the three girls and parents)

May 4: Five blood sisters, grand nieces of the Bollenbeck Sisters and Aunt Sr. Anne Christine Haack, traveled here from Cross Plains and Milwaukee to discover the history of these relatives. They had not visited here since the early 1960's and much had changed, many memories, especially about the rooms in Generose. They had a delightful time going thru records, looking at photos and discovering how the six Bollenbeck Sisters really were two different groups that were related to each other. Three

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were from Cross Plains (Sisters Cunigunda, Antolinda and Anthony) and three were from Ashton (Sisters Polycarp, Claudia, and Sylvia), their great Aunts. When they arrived around 11:0 AM, they were treated first to lunch and then put to work. Once they finished all they wanted to take photos of, they left, ready to visit the three cemeteries and each of the gravesites and then walk around the grounds a bit. What a delightful day.



Here they are sitting around the table in Room 108 passing folders to each other, making new discoveries about their families. Photo— Sister Ann Christine left corner. The photo on the right shows:



Back Row L to R: Sisters Antolinda (R-1901); Cunigunda (R-1900); Claudia (R-1898): and Polycarp (R-1900).
 Front Row: : L to R: Sisters Anthony (R-1910); Mother Euphrosine Ernst; and Sylvia (R-1910). Sister Anthony and Sylvia were cousins. (R=Reception)

May 18: At 10:30 in the morning 60 Junior students from Ronalli, along with their chaperones arrived on their annual Manitowoc County Heritage Day. They would be touring cemeteries throughout the county and stopping for lunch along the way. They come every year to tour our 152 year old heritage building and for information on how our Community has impacted Manitowoc County through teaching, health care, social services and other ventures. The photo upper left shows Sr. Caritas giving them the history and then, on the right, Sr. Julie Ann leading one of the four tour groups through the library areas. Sr. Mary Ann Spanjers, Sr. Carol Seidl and Sr. Elena Gonzales also helped with the tours.

