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Greetings from the Administrator

Celebrating a Wonderful Summer Together

It is hard to believe that another Nebraska summer is already drawing to a close. As county fairs have wrapped up and children are back to school, we want to thank our residents, families, volunteers, and staff for making these past few months so memorable. From enjoying warm afternoons outdoors to celebrating holidays and spending time with loved ones, our community has been filled with laughter, friendship, and meaningful moments.

As we look ahead to fall, we are excited to share updates on several important improvement projects taking place at St. Joseph's Retirement Community.

• HVAC Modernization Project

Our HVAC modernization project continues to make excellent progress. Over the summer, much of the new equipment—including boilers, air handlers, and chillers—has been installed. Our team is currently fine-tuning the building control systems, and we look forward to transitioning to the new chillers this fall.

Once complete, this significant investment will provide a more comfortable and energy-efficient environment for our residents, staff, and visitors while helping ensure reliable heating and cooling for years to come.

• Elevator Modernization Project

After a few unexpected delays, another highly anticipated project is finally underway. The Elevator Modernization Project began during the first week of August and represents a major upgrade to one of the most frequently used features of our campus.

The project involves taking one elevator out of service at a time while crews replace the elevator cab, doors, lighting, flooring, and other key components. Once the first elevator is completed and returned to service, work will begin on the second elevator. By renovating one elevator at a time, we can continue providing elevator access throughout construction.

The entire project is expected to take approximately two months. While we recognize there may be some temporary inconvenience during construction, these improvements will enhance safety, reliability, and the overall experience for everyone who visits and calls St. Joseph's Retirement Community home.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we invest in our community. These projects reflect our ongoing commitment to providing a safe, comfortable, and welcoming environment for our residents today and well into the future.

Blessings,

Sam Prokopec

Executive Director



Late-summer flowers outside the Retirement Community.



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West Point, NE

Meet Our Clergy

FOCUS ON FATHER JOSEPH BROUDOU



Fr. Joseph Broudou

Master of Arts in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University and has completed the IPF Formation for Priests program as well as the Good Leaders/Good Shepherds initiative.

Fr. Joseph has a special connection to West Point, having spent two summers there: first as a seminarian in 1995 and later as a priest in 2009.

Although ordained for the Archdiocese of Omaha in 1996, Fr. Joseph considers himself very much a missionary at heart. Throughout his priesthood, he has lived in three religious communities: the Society of the Sons of the Father (Patrists) in Oakdale, Nebraska; the Beatitudes Community in Denver, Colorado; and the Augustinians in Illinois. His ministry has taken him across four countries, five states, and ten dioceses, serving as a priest in six of those dioceses.

While with the Augustinians, Fr. Joseph met Fr. Robert Prevost, OSA, who later became a bishop in Peru and is now known to the world as Pope Leo XIV.

As Fr. Joseph begins this new chapter of ministry, he asks for your prayers. In return, he encourages all to remain steadfast in faith through daily prayer, evangelization, and service to others.

“Please pray for me as I move to my new assignment. May we continue to grow together in faith through prayer, sharing the Gospel, and loving service to others.”

Fr. Joseph Broudou (pronounced Brewdew) was born on August 9, 1963, in Mauritius, an island nation in the Indian Ocean located east of Madagascar. He is the third of six siblings, and today his family members live in five different countries.

Before coming to the United States, Fr. Joseph lived in both Australia and Singapore. He completed his philosophical studies at St. Francis Major Seminary in Singapore and later earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. He also holds a

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Name & Years of Service

Amy Troyer	7
Rhonda Lindsay	6
Jonathon Brune	5
Stacy Long	5
Teresa Powley	5
Jessica Kreikemeier.....	4
Macy Munderloh.....	4
Mary Dickson.....	3
Charles Johnson	3
Juanita O’Quinn.....	3
Jana Beyer	2
Tanya Echols	2
Kim Renter	2
Paige Steinman.....	2
Piper Steinman.....	2
Martha Aguilar	1
Chris Brandt	1
Alondra Figueroa Lorenzo ...	1
Vernie Pearson	1
Dacoata Smith.....	1
Valeria Tamayo	1

Thank You!



UPCOMING EVENTS

On **September 17th** we celebrate the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis. It marks the miraculous day in 1224 when St. Francis received the wounds of Christ (the stigmata) on his hands, feet, and side while praying at Mount La Verna in Italy.

October 4th is the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis. We will be celebrating on **October 12th** with a 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church. Archbishop Michael McGovern will be the main celebrant.

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE HONOR
ST. FRANCIS WITH THE ARCHBISHOP!**



Saint Francis Receiving the Stigmata by Giotto di Bondone.

Education

SISTER LOUISE HEMBRECHT

The Sacrament of the Anointing It's Meaning and Purpose

Some Catholics associate the Sacrament of the Anointing with the "last rites" or "Extreme Unction," a Sacrament to be received only when one was dying. Since Vatican II, our understanding of the Sacrament of the Anointing has expanded.

The anointing of the sick is a Catholic sacrament of healing that confers spiritual strength, peace, and the forgiveness of sins for those facing serious illness, advanced age, or major surgery. Though the Sacrament is an appropriate preparation for death, it is also a means of grace in preparation for living the challenges of the aging process, and preparation for surgery. Through the Sacrament God provides the strength, peace, and the forgiveness of sins to live life to the fullest.



Sr. Louise Hembrecht





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MerryMakers: **ALWAYS A HIT!**



Ben Tomasello



Wonderful music was enjoyed by all!

August brought Ben Tomasello of the MerryMakers to both the Retirement Community and the Hillside Villa.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER...

BILLY TROY
MONDAY
SEPT 28th

1:30 | Hillside Villa
3:00 | Retirement Community



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