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January Edition

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One of the Sisters shared a comment at our Sunday morning breakfast gathering that her friend made by asking "Aren't you bored, living at the Monastery?" We all looked at her and I thought "not this monastery." We have just recovered from all the work of Christmas at the Monastery, which we love.

It all starts out with a January 1st Community Party Day. We were delighted to have the internationally known Benedictine, Father William Skudlarek, a great celebrant of our Feast Day Liturgy. Followed by a lovely meal prepared and served by Sisters Mary White, Mary Lou Dummer and Virginia Matter. Don't underestimate that team of three. WOW was that a fantastic meal with lovely violin music in the background provided by a student from Hill-Murray School. And the dessert started a new tradition.

Then on to a brief business meeting of the Chapter, while the Benedictine Associates and our new affiliate Tricia Burns volunteered to do the dishes and clean the kitchen. Was that a treat. Sisters Agnes and Lucia provided an afternoon of relaxation, sharing of unique gifts and dozens of laughs. (Community life at its best.) The day closed at Evening Praise with deep gratitude for a new year.



On January 17th we were so proud to host Sam Rahberg's Book Signing Event with wonderful guests. It all began with Sam, his wife Beth and their extended family at dinner where he shared what motivated him to write and what he feels called to do next. Then lifelong friends including college professors and mentors all came to share our great gratitude for Sam's accomplishment. The dining room was filled with wonderful guests who stayed for wine, conversation and friendship building. It was a memorable night.



We had our monthly day of Silence and Reflection on 1-21-17. Everyone seemed to appreciate Sister Mary White's presentation on Mindfulness. A practice so important at a Benedictine Monastery.

We have truly started off the new year with renewed spirit and openness to how God is going to reveal God's love for our extended community in 2017. We remember you daily at prayer.



Quest on Social Media - Help Needed

Staff at Saint Paul's Monastery has begun to participate in a few social media platforms. What does this mean to you? Would you like to

be connected to what is happening at the Monastery? Would you like to share special reflections with your friends? Do you want to help build community thru social media with St. Paul's Monastery?

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The Yule Log in France

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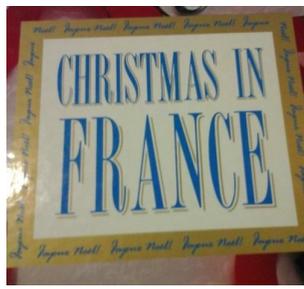
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On a Tuesday afternoon, a few of the Sisters of St. Paul's Monastery continued enjoying the gifts of the Christmas Season - French style. We explored a little history of the Yule Log in France and other cultures, and shared some memories of wood burning fireplaces in our homes growing up.



To give sweetness to our sharing, we tasted a beautiful *Buche de Noël*, a special dessert traditionally served for the *Reveillon* (French Christmas Eve supper) and lovingly prepared for the Sisters by Debbie, the owner of *La Patisserie* located on Snelling and Randolph in St. Paul. It was so good, we all wanted to "lick the platter clean"!



Prioress Dinner Planning

The Prioress Dinner is **May 4, 2017** and we are planning for a great event. If you are interested in joining the team, our first meeting is 3PM - 4:30PM on Wednesday, Feb. 1. Join us!

Stacey McCurnin, from Fladeboe Auctions, and Sister Linda Soler will be our auctioneers again this year. If you know of any "unique experiences" that are available for the Prioress Dinner LIVE auction, please **call Annette today (651-777-6850)**. Popular auction items include timeshare properties, get away places, spa experiences, memberships, concert or event tickets, art, celebrity encounters, and other such unique opportunities.

One of the auction items this year is a guided plane tour with professional pilot Don Shipp. Fellow passengers are Sister Linda Soler and Prioress Paula Hagen.

Prioress Dinner - Save the Date!



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The Christmas Spirit Continues

The Ackley family came bearing gifts like the Three Kings to our healthcare Sisters along with a visit. They brought cookies and a box of fun items for all to enjoy. This is the second family from Hill-Murray who has gifted each Sister. The other family were the Krize's. These students and parents have blessed us abundantly. It was a Merry Christmas to all involved. Thanks for being such a support to the monastery.



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