

The Benedictine Community of St. Paul's Monastery

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Dear Reader,

A prayer for your Lenten journey:

O, God of second chances, thankfully you give us this time during Lent to be filled, directed, and empowered by your Spirit. As we enter fully into our Lent, show us what we need to see to more fully follow your Gospel.

- *What in my life needs the anointing of your Spirit?*
- *What in my life needs clarity on the direction I am being invited to?*
- *What in my life do I need strength to feel empowered to go out and do in God's name?*



We seek to be filled, directed, and empowered by your Spirit...

as we continue our Lenten journey in preparation for a glorious Easter

(Adapted from Prayer by Becky Eldredge)



Sister Paula Hagen, OSB attended Benedictine Prioress' Conference February 1- 7, 2016.

Over 40 US Monasteries were represented with guests from Mexico, Australia, and Canada. The theme was "How Benedictines live the Paschal Mystery". The event was hosted by the

Sisters of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, Indiana. Guest Speakers were Abbot Gregory from Conception Abbey, Sr. Karen Joseph, OSB, from Ferdinand, Indiana and Bishop Tobin, Archbishop of Indianapolis.

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Rule of St. Benedict

"This (Lent) we can do in a fitting manner by refusing to indulge evil habits and by devoting ourselves to prayer with tears, to reading, to compunction of heart and self-denial." RB Chapter 49.

St. Benedict saw spiritual reading as a prayerful activity (Lectio Divina), especially to be practiced

during Lent. He required each of his monks to spend time reflecting on the Scriptures. Today, the Sisters select a special book during Lent that deal with Sacred Scripture, biographies of saintly people, books on prayer or sacraments or ones that deal with developing a deeper spiritual life.

During Ash Wednesday Morning Praise at St. Paul's Monastery, each Community member came forward to receive ashes and a blessing on the book each choose to read during the Lenten journey.

We invite others to join us in the practice of holy reading during the Season of Lent. We also welcome all to come for private prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and Mass. [Click For the Prayer Schedule](#)



Sister Richardine Schackmann, OSB

Sister Richardine (Hildegard) Schackmann, age 97, died peacefully at St. Paul's Monastery on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

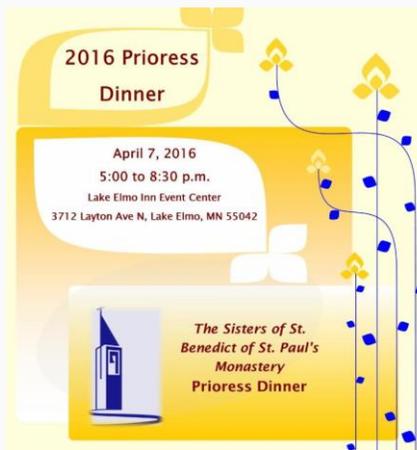
Born to Peter and Catherine (Loesch) Schackmann on April 10, 1919, in St. Nicholas, MN, Sister Richardine was the sixth child in a farming family of seven, four boys and three girls. She made first vows in 1938 and began her ministry in domestic service. Sister became a charter member of St. Paul's Priory when she together with 177 other Benedictines from St. Benedict's Monastery moved to St. Paul in 1948.

The Community, family members, and friends gathered to celebrate her life at a Funeral Mass on Friday, February 19th.



Save The Date
Hill-Murray art students
will exhibit their work
in
"A Celebration of God Given Talents"
at St. Paul's Monastery
2675 Benet Road
Maplewood, MN 55109
March 7th - 28th,
Opening reception Wednesday March 9th at 7pm

**New
Exhibit
opens
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Prioress Dinner Coming Thursday, April 7th

Please join the Benedictine Sisters for the 5th Annual Celebration of Benedictine Spirituality and Ministries at the Lake Elmo Inn Event Center on April 7, 2016. We will honor Karl Lambert and Mike Dickson for their outstanding service in helping the Sisters to maintain good stewardship of monastery investments. Tickets are \$65 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, drinks, dinner, and desserts.

Come and enjoy a fun evening of excellent food, entertainment, and participant in our silent and live auctions. For more information and registration [click here](#).



End-of-Life Planning Seminars

Faith-based Family Conversations on Values, Health, and Finances

Bring yourself, your spouse and adult family members to start important conversations about values, faithful health care directives, faith-based financial and estate planning and more. Conversations will be guided by wisdom from the New Testament and the Rules of St. Benedict.

Part 1- Wednesday, April 27

Part 2- Wednesday, May 4.

Both days run from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm. Fee includes lunch and additional resources. For more information and registration call Thekla on 651-777-6850 by April 19 or [register online](#).



National Catholic Sisters Week

NCSW is an annual celebration that takes place from March 8-14. Created to honor women religious, it is a series of events that instruct, enlighten, and bring greater focus to the lives of these incredible women. It's our chance to recognize all they have done for us. It's also our hope that as more young women learn about women religious, more will choose to follow their example. Go to [NCSW Events](#) and find events in your area.

Upcoming Monastery Events

1. **March 8-14 - National Catholic Sisters Week** (See article above.)
2. (BC) **Tuesday, March 8th -Life! - What's Death Got to Do With It? – Mary Martin- 7- 9 pm**
3. (BC) **Thursday, March 10th - Psyche & Spirit: The Monastic Archetype & C.G. Jung – Sr. Donald Corcoran, OSB- 9 am - 1 pm**
4. (BC) **Friday, March 11th -Bio- Spiritual Focusing Basics - S. Virginia Matter OSB and S. Joanne Dehmer SSND- 8:15 am- 5:30 pm**
5. (BC) **Friday, March 11th - Thomas Merton: Solitude, True Self, & Compassion - Sr. Donald Corcoran, OSB- 7 - 9 pm**
6. (BC) **Saturday, March 12th - The Benedictine Way: A Wise, Generous & Compassionate Tradition - Sr. Donald Corcoran, OSB- 9 am - 3 pm**
7. (BC) **Thursday, March 24 (3 pm)- Saturday, March 26th (9 pm) - A Guided Journey through the Triduum – Sr. Carol Rennie, OSB**
8. **Celebrating Triduum with the Monastic Community - March 24- 26 (Schedule)**
9. **Easter Sunday Mass - March 27th - 11 am**
10. **Prioress Dinner - Thurs, Apr 7 - 5:30 - 8:30 pm** (See article above.)

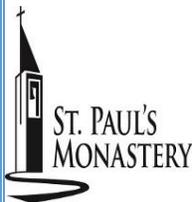
(BC - Benedictine Center Events - go to [Monastery website](#) or call 651-777-7251)

The Season of Lent offers us opportunities for reflection, repentance, and renewal. Let us pray this prayer together as we prepare ourselves to sing & praise Our Lord with "Alleluia!" on Resurrection Sunday (Easter) and celebrate this Year of Mercy!



*O God,
Come and journey with us this Lent. Be our guide as we travel. Help us to follow in your ways and to stay on your path. May you always be our companion, especially throughout these 40 days of Lent.*

*Spirit of God,
May your breath be the wind behind us and your presence before us as we journey. Amen*



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