



# FOUNDATION NEWS

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*If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Do ordinary good with extraordinary care.

Sisters of St. Joseph  
~ Maxim 89 ~

(MLK graphic above from <https://unitedwaynefl.org>)

As I began to visualize the first Foundation Newsletter of 2024, it seemed right to join others in honoring the life, faith, and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who we remember each year on a January Monday.

While reading a small part of his life’s work, I couldn’t help but think of the Sisters of St. Joseph who, like Dr. King, dedicate their life and love of God to promoting equality and tolerance in peace for everyone, no matter their race, identity, economic status, or religion.

The memory of Dr. King and the work of the Sisters embody love, compassion, and kindness. Both encourage us to ask ourselves, “What are you doing for others?”

Dr. King eloquently shared, “If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.” The Sisters remind us in their Maxims to “Do ordinary good with extraordinary care.” Together, they encourage us to be a catalyst of kindness in every action, deed, and word.

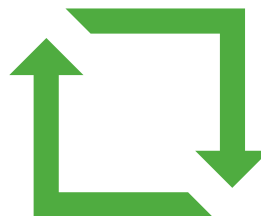
May Dr. King’s and the Sisters’ unwavering faith and kindness be an inspiration to us all.

We hold you in our prayers and count you in our blessings -

Almitra Clerkin  
SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation



Martin Luther King, Jr.  
by Jack Lewis Hiller,  
gelatin silver print, 1960.  
National Portrait Gallery,  
Smithsonian Institution;  
gift of Jack Lewis Hiller  
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Sr. Mary Drexler,  
SSJ - President of  
the Sisters of  
St. Joseph, and  
her dear friend and  
neighbor Vivaan,  
Spring, 2023

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# 2023 December Donors

Thank you to our December donors for being a catalyst of kindness to our neighbors through the SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation. Please see the attached donor listing.

## Lunching with the SSJs



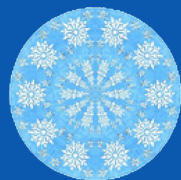
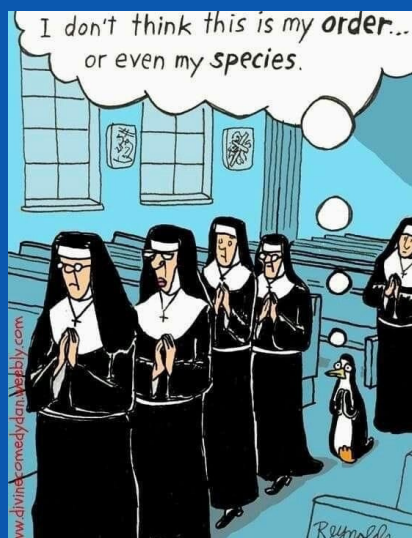
The SSJs enjoy visits from family and friends, especially former students. Michael Weiss, left, visited with Sr. Lucille DeStefano, his second cousin, and Sr. Catherine Manning, his 8th grade teacher, 1966-67, at St. Peter's School. Michael also visited with his 3rd grade teacher, Sr. Stephanie Wagner, sharing stories and laughter.

## VISITORS WELCOME!

If you would like to visit with an SSJ Sister who has been an instrumental part of your life, please email or call Almi to set up a day and time.  
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## Winter Fun!



## Car Magnets

The SSJ "BE KIND" car magnets are a huge hit and are seen on cars across the country.

Recently, the Foundation sent 50 to Texas!

Magnets are only \$5. and, as a special treat for 2024, we are offering 5 magnets for \$20. so you can share kindness with others!

Stop by the SSJ Community Living Center Reception area, 5031 West Ridge Road, for easy pickup - cash and checks accepted.

Consider ordering online at [ssjerie.org](http://ssjerie.org) using the DONATE NOW button.

Please add *BE KIND Magnet* in the Comment Box. Magnets can be mailed for a \$1/magnet.



## Liturgy and Check Presentation

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Liturgy 9 a.m.

Community Living Center

5031 West Ridge Road

Sisters, volunteers & donors are WELCOME!

RSVP to [carol.hermann@ssjerie.org](mailto:carol.hermann@ssjerie.org)



## SSJ EMPLOYEES!

Each January, the SSJs share their gratitude to their exemplary staff with a catered luncheon. This year, friends provided entertainment as the employees relaxed and enjoyed lunch and the show.

Pictured above are Erie Playhouse performers Michael Malthaner, Bob Martin, and Joe Greulich.

The Sisters and staff enjoyed the Broadway solos, duets, and trios, including pictured SSJ Sisters André Feulner, Margaret Ann Hardner, and Millicent Zimmer.

