

St. Louis Spirit



Spring 2021

St. Louis Center serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in an intentional, faith-based community.

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Anya, the pet therapy dog, has resumed visits with the residents.

Village Welcomes Residents

It was cold on February 19th, but there was plenty of warmth and happiness to go around inside the "D'Adamo House," a new six person cottage home for adult residents in St. Louis Guanella Village at St. Louis Center.

This new home, named for late benefactors Jerry and Alice D'Adamo, was formally blessed by the Servants of Charity priests to prepare for its occupancy during the second week of March. The young men who are now residents of these homes participated in the event.

During the opening prayer, Fr. Satheesh Alphonse, the Community Superior, prayed that the Lord would "enter this home and bless it with His presence," and then advised the residents present to "Seek to make your new home before all else, a dwelling place of love, diffusing far and wide the goodness of Christ."

The Servants of Charity priests who were present with the new residents included Fr. Satheesh, Fr. Enzo Addari, Fr. Joseph Rinaldo, Fr. David Stawasz, Fr. Franklin Arokiadoss, Fr. Amalornathan and Fr. Leo Joseph Xavier.

Following the opening prayer, Fr. Satheesh blessed the new home throughout with holy water, and the residents and staff walked through the house to check out their new rooms and other great amenities

they observed for the first time. Watching the residents, Fr. Enzo Addari, CEO of St. Louis Center, remarked that, "They too were created in the image and likeness of God, and deserve to live in a great place like this."



Fr. Satheesh sprinkles Holy water throughout the new home.

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May the joy of the Easter season be upon all of you!

I am very grateful to all of you for showing your love to St. Louis Center and its residents.

There are many reasons for this.

The Knights of Columbus State Council has been very generous with us giving SLC a matching fund for \$100,000 and all of you, combined, have met the challenge by March 31, 2021.

An anonymous donor is challenging us with a \$250K match, which will go until July 31, 2021. All the money is needed to cover the additional costs due to the COVID-19 hazard pay. We know that it will take a long time before we will be out of the pandemic.

All the residents, 16 years old and up, have been vaccinated. In the middle of January, we experienced adults testing positive to the virus, but we got everything on time and with the due precautions everyone is doing well. We still continue the weekly COVID-19 testing and daily temperature checks for residents, staff and occasional visitors.

All the adults went back to their job assignments. One of them was moved from a PT job to a full time job at the local Big Boy Restaurant. He catches the bus daily to and from the job site.

In the middle of March, the residents from KofC Hall were moved to the new houses (Neuman Home and D'Adamo Home). Thanks to all the benefactors who believed in our vision and supported it. The St. Louis Guanella Village has become a reality. This too is a monument to God's love for his precious people.

We are working on remodeling the original kitchen. The food preparation has many needs. The remodeling will allow us to meet those needs.

At the beginning of February, the Social Services department was relocated into the new suite in the main building. For this, too, I thank all of you for helping SLC to move to a new level of care.

Then, even with the challenges the pandemic is bringing, we still have many good things happening to be grateful for and giving thanks to God for them.

Fr. Enzo Ashlari



Night to Shine - At Home

The global Night to Shine event, hosted by the Tim Tebow Foundation on February 12th, was a virtual event this year. The adult residents excitedly participated from their own living rooms through the hard work and planning of Laura Rayer, Activities Coordinator, and Rick Visel, Program Director. Each participant received a "swag bag" containing a Night to Shine drink cup for the evening's beverages, a bracelet and a crown or tiara for all the kings and queens of the prom who participated. They watched the live main event featuring Tim Tebow and even took photos wearing their royal regalia.



Shane and the men at St. Joe Hall joined in the fun.

Social Services gets a New Home

As St. Louis Center grew over the past 10 years, so did the need for additional Social Services for this unique population. Office space was at a premium, so once the first Village Homes were completed in June 2018, Martin Hall, (in the original part of the building), was emptied of the young residents who moved into St. Louis Guanella Village.

Working with Fr. Enzo and staff, architects created a design to



locate all social work offices together for the first time. According to Social Work Supervisor, Sheryl Mohr, this was a great improvement for her team, which works closely

together to coordinate care and support for residents.

The new space includes visitation rooms, which provide a comfortable space for parents to interact with their children. The conference room, which is wired with the latest video conferencing technology, also provides a much-needed resource for social work staff. They are now able to hold video calls and remotely connect with families, as well as care teams who are involved in managing the care of residents. After a year of work, the new Social Services Suite was opened during the first week of February with a special blessing conducted by the Servants of Charity.

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According to Chief Operations Officer Deana Fisher, these upgrades are extremely important in meeting professional standards. "Our new conference room also has advanced technology to allow us to have zoom meetings with others as a group. We've definitely improved our way of doing business."

SLC Says Goodbye

One of St. Louis Center's long time employees, Social Services Specialist Linda Callendar, retired on March 12, 2021. Fellow employees attended a reception to wish Linda well that day. She reminisced with everyone about the 13 years she spent at the Center and all of the wonderful residents that she had the pleasure of working with. Linda was primarily responsible for working with the residents at St. Joseph Hall, and according to coworker Karin Brandt, "we miss her already." We thank Linda for her many years of service to St. Louis Center.



Residents Move to the Village

Residents were able to move into the two new Cottage Homes in St. Louis Guanella Village during the week of March 15th. The residents who had been living in Knights of Columbus Hall were prepared for the move, and according to Fr. Enzo. "They were delighted with their new homes. The new bedrooms and the homelike space seemed to be much more relaxing for them, and there were huge smiles on their faces."

Deana Fisher, COO of St. Louis Center added, "The residents were really excited to have their own bathrooms and loved their new furniture and bedding. The new atmosphere was very inviting for them and they seem to love it. The next step for us will be to renovate the former K of C Hall for future use. We will be meeting with our architect soon to begin drawing up plans so that most SLC residents will be able to have their own rooms."



Keavan is happy in the Neuman Family Home even if he still has to "Zoom" to school.

Generous donors contributed much of the bedding, linens, kitchen supplies and artwork adorning the walls, helping make these new houses a comfortable and welcoming home for the young men who live there.

Independent Living Options

Three new homes are available for lease in the growing St. Louis Guanella Village. Each has an open floor plan, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, daylight interiors, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops and many design features, including a main level laundry, for those wanting to age in place. Two different floor plans offer 1,015 and 1,590 sq. ft. options, each with a one car garage.

Enjoy living at St. Louis Center in this intentional, faith-based community and relaxing on your own covered front porch or cooking out on your back patio. One convenient monthly payment includes all utilities, maintenance, internet access and even weekly housekeeping. Access to campus amenities include walking trails, a special needs playground, gymnasium and chapel.



Single family homes are among the living options.

Whether you have disabilities--or not--you can be a part of this thriving and integrated community!

Please contact Amy Fielder at afielder@stlouiscenter.org or 734-475-8430 for more information or to schedule a tour.

All homes feature modern, spacious kitchens.



Another important step forward for SLGV in March, was that families were showing interest in leasing the family home and the duplex. One side of the duplex may be leased by this summer.

To read more about these events and see more photos, visit our website: www.stlouiscenter.org

Community Supports St. Louis Center

KofC Matching Challenge

The Knights of Columbus once again have stepped up in a significant way to help support St. Louis Center. From January through March, the Michigan State Council provided a matching challenge of \$100,000 to help encourage people to donate to ensure that the Center would have much-needed operational funds through the first quarter of this year. The drive was a big success, helping raise more than \$300,000 in total, and the local councils were a big part of it. We would like to thank the following councils who donated a total of \$20,759.66 toward this effort:



Lansing Region	Brighton
Richmond Assembly #480	Saint Clair
Adrian Council #1665	Adrian
Alfred E. Walters #3230	Ypsilanti
Anchor Bay Council #5981	New Baltimore
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Christ the King Council #13360	Ann Arbor
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St. Isidore Council #12044	Laingsburg
St. Isidore Council #7200	Chesterfield
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Council #7365	Indian River



100 Women Who Care Check presentation (l-r) Christina Ferris, Tammy Bridges, Fr. Enzo, Tonya Gietzen, Stephanie Doll.

100 Women Who Care

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to 100 Women Who Care-Chelsea Area who selected St. Louis Center as the recipient of an Impact Award totaling \$9,342.70. SLC's Development Director, Christina Ferris, gave a seven-minute presentation at the group's February 2nd Zoom meeting, along with representatives from two other charities. Members voted and St. Louis Center was selected as the award recipient. 100 Women is a generous group of women who gather three times a year to hear presentations from local charities, with each member donating \$100 at each meeting to the chosen organization. Their generous contributions were used for resident care.

SLC Special Needs Seminar:

Montessori Techniques for Persons with Dementia

March was Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, and a perfect time for St. Louis Center to host a Special Needs Seminar entitled "Helpful Tools for those Caring for Someone with Dementia."

This virtual seminar was held March 24th and was provided to the general public to help those caring for a loved one with dementia. A total of 48 people registered to participate.

COO, Deana Fisher discussed the Montessori

Inspired Lifestyles© techniques the Center developed in conjunction with Dr. Cameron Camp and the Center for Applied Research in Dementia in Cleveland, OH. This method harnesses the Montessori concepts typically used with preschool children that include hands-on interaction, self-guided discovery and independence. The program has also shown to reduce the frustration and anxiety those with dementia frequently experience. If you would like to learn more, contact us at slcdev@stlouiscenter.org.



New Matching Donation Program

Another generous donor has stepped forward to help SLC continue to raise the much-needed operations funding to provide for daily care of the residents.

This anonymous donor will match up to \$250,000 for all donations of \$1,000 or more made from now until July 31, 2021. We hope that you will help us reach this goal with a generous, tax-deductible contribution. You can spread out your donation with a recurring payment of \$84/month for one year and your gift will be matched! In addition to cash, stocks, IRA distributions (which may have additional tax benefits) or donor advised fund gifts are great ways to participate in this challenge.

All Gifts \$1,000 and over will be Matched until July 31st

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MATCHING GIFT DONATIONS OF \$1,000 OR MORE MADE BY JULY 31, 2021 WILL BE MATCHED BY A GENEROUS DONOR!

Gift amount \$ _____

(Please complete the rest of the contribution form below.)



Recurring Donation Make a monthly gift and automatically become a member of the **BOSATTA SOCIETY!**

My monthly gift amount \$ _____

Would you like to receive a copy of Blessed Clare's biography and a prayer card? Yes No

Would you like to be recognized on the St. Louis Center website? Yes No

I prefer to make a One Time Gift

\$30 \$60 \$100 Other Amount \$ _____

St. Louis Center Launches

The Bosatta Society

New Sustaining Gift Program

Blessed Clare Bosatta was known and loved by St. Louis Guanella for her ceaseless good works, generosity and tireless devotion to caring for the less fortunate. Because of her beautiful example of charity and giving, we have named St. Louis Center's Sustaining Gift Program *The Bosatta Society*. **Those who make a recurring monthly gift of any size to the Center will become a member of the Bosatta Society.**

For their generosity, participants have the option to:

- Be recognized on the St. Louis Center website
- Receive a copy of Blessed Clare's biography, *Blessed Clare Bosatta: A Gift of Youth*
- Receive a Blessed Clare Bosatta prayer card
- Be included in a monthly mass offered by the Servants of Charity
- Receive a year-end tax statement

Please consider becoming a member of the Bosatta Society today.

Email us at slcdev@stlouiscenter.org or call Christina Ferris at 734-475-8430.



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Mail this page to: Development Dept., St. Louis Center, 16195 W. Old U.S. Hwy 12, Chelsea, MI 48118 or **Donate Online** at: <http://bit.ly/slcSpiritDonate>

Payment Information

Payment Type: Credit Card Cash Check (Payable to St. Louis Center)

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Upcoming Events

Paesano Dinner



This year, SLC is honoring Ron Hingst, longtime Golf & Glory volunteer and co-chair, in a dinner at Paesano Restaurant in Ann Arbor, MI, on Sunday, June 13th at 6:00pm. Reservations for this event are \$125. A traditional Italian dinner will be served.

REGISTER TODAY!

Limited to 50 guests - spaces fill fast!

ONLINE at stlouiscenter.org

VIA EMAIL at slcdev@stlouiscenter.org

BY CALLING 734.475.8430 ext. 261



Planning for the Golf & Glory event, held by St. Louis Center for more than 25 years, is underway. Tee up Monday, June 21st at University of Michigan Golf Course in Ann Arbor for a day of golf on one of the country's best university courses. By participating, you'll help provide a loving home for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities at SLC.

This year, we will again have scheduled tee times, which are on a first come, first served basis. Sign up today!

Golf Registration

To register or purchase sponsorships online, scan here →



Individual Golfer \$250

Foursome \$1000

Golfer(s) Name(s):

Event Sponsorships

Event ---- \$50,000 (1 available) Gold -----\$5,000

Diamond --- \$25,000 Silver ----- \$3,000

Platinum -- \$10,000 Bronze -----\$1,500

Lunch ----- \$2,500

Player Gifts ----- \$2,000

Beverage ----- \$1,500

Breakfast ----- \$1,000

Golf Ball ----- \$1,000

Putting Green ----- \$1,000

Warm-up Range ---- \$1,000

Golf Cart ----- \$1,000

Trophy ----- \$500

Tee (Hole Sign) ---- \$250

Benevolent Care --- \$267

*One Day of Direct Care for one Resident

Total Amount

Registration \$ _____

Sponsorship \$ _____

Total \$ _____

I wish to Sponsor: _____

Company/Sponsor Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Check Enclosed

Charge My Card

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Send form and checks made payable to: **St. Louis Center** | 16195 Old US Hwy. 12 | Chelsea MI 48118

Memorial Golf Outing

SLC is blessed to have so many supporters. In honor of those who have passed, since 1987, the Memorial Golf



In Remembrance of
Jerry D'Adamo

Outing has served as a great way to step back from the day-to-day to remember these individuals and their generosity. This event is an easy golf scramble that all players can enjoy. Lunch will be served.



When: Saturday, July 17th

Where: Pierce Lake Golf Course, Chelsea MI

Cost: \$100/golfer or \$400/foursome
Sponsorships are also available. Scan code to learn more. ↑



Rediscover the Joy of Travel

Join us on SLC's **New England Fall Color Tour** featuring Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire.



October 16 – 23, 2021

Join with your friends to explore charming coastal towns, experience the power of the Atlantic, and



enjoy stunning vistas with leaves turning from green to shades of red, yellow and orange.



Then turn inland, spending the night in the White Mountains, go on a moose safari and see the Castle in the Clouds, an off-the-beaten-path mansion.

Round trip flights from Detroit Metro Airport to Portland, ME.

Learn more by visiting stlouiscenter.org and clicking on the brochure on the home page, email Cathy at cbilinski@mysmartdepart.com or call 734-674-9458 for more information. Space is limited, so register now!



The best fundraiser you'll ever attend!
Invite family, friends, and colleagues



\$150/ Ticket
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Where

Randazzo Fresh Market
Macomb Township (in the back)

When

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5:30pm until 11:30pm

Outdoor Kitchen • Gourmet Food • Craft Beer • Cigars • Wine • Valet
Liquor • Music • Bonfire • NFL Thursday Night Football Game

All proceeds benefit St. Louis Center

Upcoming Events

Paesano Dinner

June 13, 2021
Paesano - Ann Arbor MI

Golf & Glory Outing

June 21, 2021
University of Michigan Golf Course - Ann Arbor MI

Memorial Golf Outing

July 17, 2021
Pierce Lake Golf Course - Chelsea MI

Randazzo Men's Social

September 23, 2021
Randazzo Market - Shelby Twp. MI

Guardian Angel Fall Harvest Fest

September 26, 2021
IACL Banquet Center - Livonia MI

Fall Colors Dream Tour

October 16-23, 2021
Maine - New Hampshire - Vermont

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In Memory of Our Friends

Tom Burch passed away peacefully and returned to God on Saturday, February 20, 2021. He was a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus, including Fr. Edwin A. Fisher Council #4354 of Manchester and Cardinal O'Hara Fourth Degree Assembly #0489 of Ann Arbor. Tom was a "doer" and loved giving back to the community. He was a friend to St. Louis Center and the Pious Union of St. Joseph, and was fond of transporting extra food to the Center; including leftovers from the Manchester Chicken Broil and thousands of eggs from a hatchery in Lenawee County. Tom is survived by his loving wife Ruth, along with his son Dan (Deb), daughter Colleen (Gary) Sweetland, son Jim (Sheila), daughter Cathy (Jim) McMonagle, 11 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.



The Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Manchester on February 24, 2021.

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