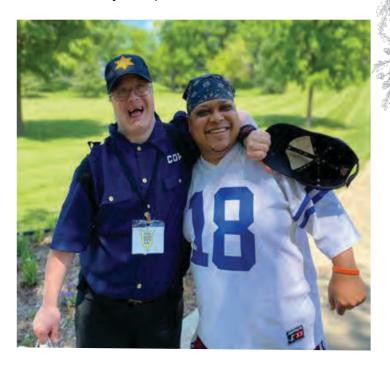
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"Be a Guardian Angel for the Young Men and Women" Sunday, September 26, 2021



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# Administrator's Welcome

## Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 25th Annual Guardian Angel Fall Harvest Fest, held at the Italian American Banquet Hall of Livonia.

On behalf of the adults with intellectual and Developmental Disabilities living at St. Louis Center, we thank you for your participation in this wonderful event, benefitting the transportation programs of the Center.



The last ten years the Center has grown tremendously, thanks to the generosity of community members who have embraced the mission and the vision of the Center.

Now the St. Louis Center is totally geared to serve people with I/DD who are aging, thus offering families the security and hope that their loved ones are well taken care of, fulfilling the AFTER US program that His Holiness, St. John Paull II, asked the government to do in the year 2000 during the Jubilee Day for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

The Center moved ahead in the realization of this program with the creation of the St. Louis Guanella Village and increasing its services and care for those who are aging, giving them a dignified place to live. Your presence here today greatly impacts the lives of the residents.

Through your generosity, today's event supports the transportation needs of the residents during the year and gives them the independence and community involvement to grow and become productive members of society, even if their contributions cannot be quantified.

Thank you once again for your love and support. We wish all of you and your families all the best with God's blessings.

A very heartfelt thank you goes to the organizers of this event who went the extra mile for its success.

Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC Administrator



Program of Events

12:00 pm	Mass in Lower Club Level - Fr. Enzo
1:00 pm	Welcoming Remarks
	Georgia Scappaticci, Chair
	Joe Yekulis, SLC Ambassador
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1:10 pm	Opening Prayer - Fr. Enzo Addari
	Georgia Scappaticci –Recognize Harvest
	Fest Committee
	Joe Yekulis – Introductions
	Silent Auction (1-3 p.m.)
	Mini-Bar Raffle (\$20 each)
	Wine Pull Event (\$20 each)
	Patron Ad book
2:00 pm	What's happening at St. Louis Center?
	Fr. Enzo Addari
2:10 pm	Mini-Bar Raffle
2:30 pm	Table Service & Dessert
•	Silent Auction Closed: Winners Announced
2:45 pm	
3:00 pm	Live Auction for Security Cameras at SLC
3:10 pm	Entertainment: Chris Ayotte WMUZ
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4:30 pm	Concluding Remarks: Georgia and Joe
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	Afterglow Entertainment by Pasquale Rea





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Mission and History

History St. Louis Center is a residential care facility for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities located in Chelsea, MI. Founded by the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1960 as "St. Louis School for Exceptional Boys," it has been operated by the Servants of Charity Congregation of priests and brothers since its opening.



St. Louis Center has adapted well to the needs of society since its founding; including "mainstreaming" into the public schools during the mid 70's, providing personalized residential care, adding programs for young adults over 18 years of age, and caring for the more physically challenged. A women's program began in 2001, and SLC achieved national accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Rehabilitation Services, (CARF), in 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015, and in 2018. In 2014, Fr. Guanella Hall was remodeled to provide assisted living services for older adult men and women with I/DD, and we now have a waiting list for services.

Today, there are 52 residents from fourteen Michigan counties and the State of Indiana who call St. Louis Center their home. Phase One of the "Legacy Campaign" raised over \$10 million for facility improvements from 2011-17, and the first phase of St. Louis Guanella Village was dedicated in June 2018. Phase Two of the development was completed in 2020 with the creation of Cottage Homes and Family Homes.

May Divine Providence continue to bless our Guanellian dream for St. Louis Guanella Village.



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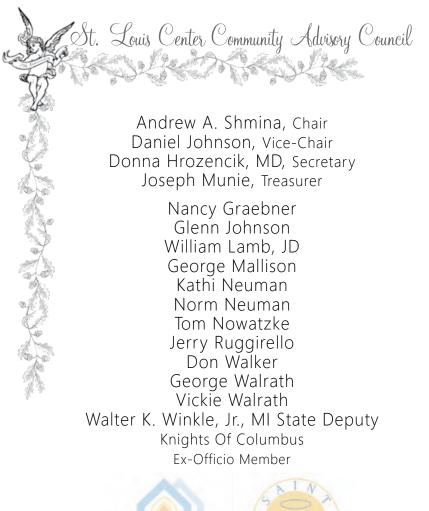
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Meet the Residents

## Rabecca "Rebbie" Shaw

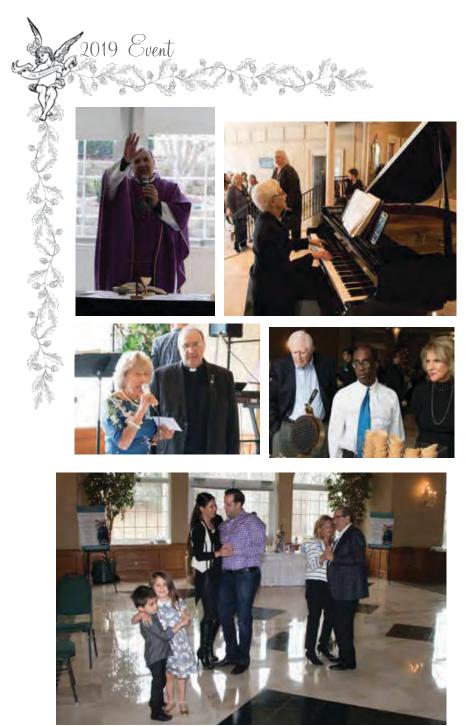


Rebbie has only lived at St. Louis Center for a little more than a year, but it's been a time of big transformation for her and her family.

Rebbie's grandmother, Sally, and father, Mike, were trying to give her the round-the-clock care she needed and manage their own health challenges at the same time. Things became especially challenging when Rebbie aged out of the program she had been in and ended up spending most of her time in her room listening to music. Because she wasn't moving much, Rebbie had begun to gain weight. But worst of all, her family could see that she had stopped making progress.

After reaching the heart-wrenching conclusion that they could no longer provide the care she needed, Sally and Mike came to St. Louis Center for a visit. Fortunately, a spot was available. "It was an answer to prayer," Sally said. "Rebbie's in a place where people look upon her with love and understanding and strive to help her communicate. We can see that she is making progress and being well taken care of. It is a huge blessing that she is at the Center-her lifetime home."







2021 Fall Harvest Dinner Committee Members Co-Chairs: Georgia Scappaticci & Fr. Enzo Addari

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Live Auction

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## Keavan Foss

Meet the Residents



The holidays are a time to celebrate life's blessings, and for Keavan and his dad, Charles, they are still celebrating Keavan's new life at St. Louis Center. Being the parent to a child with special needs brings many challenges. For some time, Charles had been looking for a place that could provide the special care and support Keavan needed. One day while searching online, Charles discovered what turned out to be a perfect fit– St. Louis Center. So, he began the admission process.

When his move to St. Louis Center took place in October of 2018, just like starting anything new, it took a little time for Keavan to get used to his new home. But the staff welcomed him and made him feel comfortable.

"St. Louis Center is an extremely special place," said Charles. "There is pure love at the Center. I often worried about Keavan in the past, but not at St. Louis Center. The staff is so loving and I know he is getting good care."

Keavan loves the Center too. St. Louis Center has also ensured that Keavan has uninterrupted access to Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) programming. Before the pandemic, he was transported to Red Oak School in Ann Arbor. Now, he participates in virtual classes. Charles appreciates the amazing care from his teacher, Terri.





Chris Ayotte is a native metro Detroiter, who grew up in Shelby Township. He has enjoyed performing since an early age. In school, Chris was active in theater, choir and sports. He graduated from the University of Michigan and sung in its renowned Men's Glee Club. He also broadcasted for the UM student radio station, WJJX, for the men's basketball and hockey teams.

Although spending over 25 years in the automotive industry, Chris is now living his childhood dream as a drive-time radio talk show host for WMUZ 103.5FM The Light, the largest Christian radio station in Detroit. His show airs Monday through Friday, 4pm-7pm. In addition, he continues to perform variety shows across Michigan.

Known as the "Man of Many Voices," Chris showcases spot-on celebrity impressions and song tributes. In addition to Elvis Presley, Chris was influenced by the legendary greats such as Johnny Carson, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Nat King Cole, Bobby Darin, Neil Diamond, Harry Connick, Jr., and more. He brings them all to life in his fun-loving show. Chris has also performed at the annual Michigan Elvisfest since 2004 and is the perennial host of their Saturday Gospel Hour. In 2010, Chris was a finalist for the Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest in Memphis, TN.

Chris loves to make people smile and to bring joy and laughter to those who appreciate nostalgic entertainment. As a Christian, Chris believes Jesus Himself had a sense of humor and wants us to spread good cheer in an over-anxious world.

For booking or more info, please visit www.ChrisAyotte.com.



Afterglow stylings by Pasquale Rea.

In Loving Memory

## Gerry D'Adamo



"I met Jerry D'Adamo when I joined the Italian American Club of Livonia in 1992. Jerry became a friend immediately. For St Louis Center, he was family, for he had espoused the Center's mission and made it his own. He discovered St. Louis Center after retiring, and it was love at first sight! Every stone at the Center talks of Jerry. He would say, 'You have no idea how I feel about SLC. I see the residents and I see myself.' Jerry was awarded the St. Louis Guanella

Humanitarian award in 2011, and we were proud to give Jerry this award for the many hours he had spent in soliciting funds to help the residents. He was a hero for St. Louis Center."

#### Mary Palmer

Mary was a devoted IACL club member and active volunteer with the St. Louis Center, Cultural and Membership committees.

She was also active with Plymouth Christian Academy of Fine Arts and a published author of "Papa Tom's Toast".



" . . . though she Be But little, she is Fierce"

-Shakespeare



# **Stanley Butler**

Meet the Residents



A St. Louis Center resident for over 25 years, Stanley is a social butterfly who prides himself in working with the community.

Stanley is a familiar face to many in the Chelsea and Dexter communities. He worked for many years at Classic Pizza in Dexter, where he learned many important job skills. Armed with that experience, Stanley started a new job on June 16th at Family Farm and Home in Chelsea. Some of his duties are similar, like sweeping, mopping and stocking products. But he has also acquired some new skills–like taking care of the chickens.

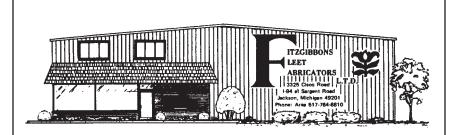
Three job coaches were on hand the first day to help make sure everything went smoothly. Stanley said, "My job coaches watch and make sure I do my job well." He clearly takes pride in his work and enjoys his job. Outgoing and gregarious, Stanley's passion for his community is evident to everyone. He has grown into a leadership role at the Center, as well, eagerly helping at fundraisers and community events.

The next time you are at Family Farm and Home in Chelsea, MI, keep an eye out for Stanley. He will be ready to greet you with a smile and a story!









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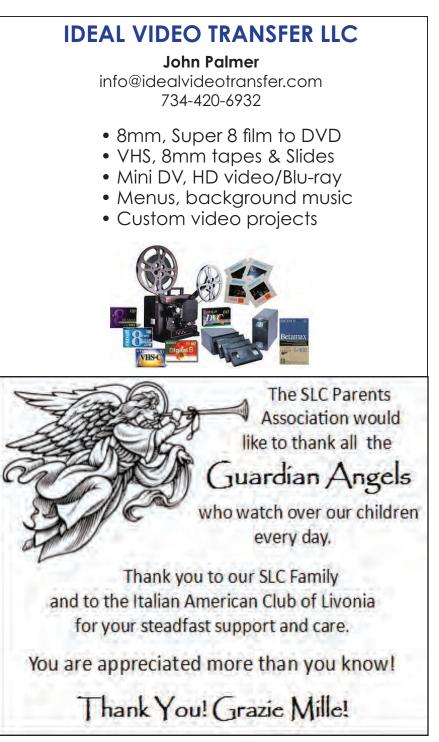
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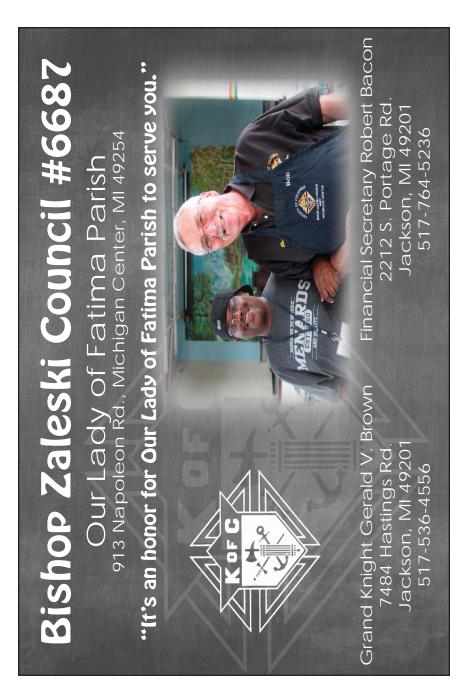
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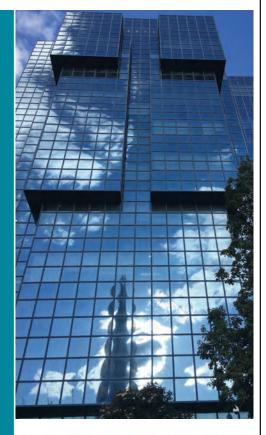


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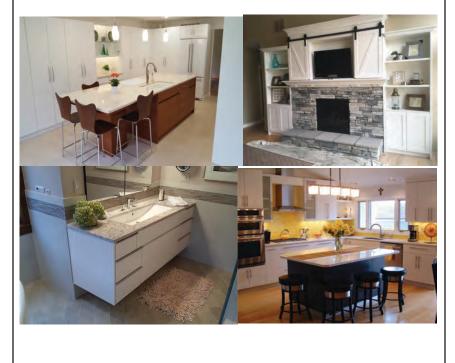
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