

Sisters at Our Lady of the Angels Celebrate Jubilee

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June 9 was a special day at Our Lady of the Angels. With joy and thanksgiving we celebrated nine sisters – six from our community and three School Sisters of Notre Dame – as they remembered their combined 630 years of dedicated service to God through their communities.

75 years

Sisters Irene Daniels, SSSF
Joan Koehler, SSSF
Niva Langreck, SSND
Theresa Lesnak, SSSF

70 years

Sisters Eleanor Blake, SSSF
Gloria Fews, SSSF
Catherine Kelter, SSSF

60 years

Sisters Josephe Flynn, SSND
Joan Gmeinder, SSND



We also remembered our two recently deceased Jubilarians, Sisters Josie Seier and Lucille Wies.

There was a lot of excitement as we got ready for Mass. The chapel was decorated with many floral arrangements. The Jubilarians looked lovely – they had had their hair done, were wearing their best clothing, and each had a beautiful corsage.

The liturgy was celebrated by Father David Filut, who in his homily spoke about the lamplighter of former times. Even after the lamplighter was gone, the light continued to shine. And this is true of our sisters. Even when they are no longer seen, their light continues to shine for others.

After the homily, the sisters renewed their vows and sang their respective blessings. Two of our sisters contributed to the beauty of the liturgy with their music, Sister Irene Zimmermann, SSSF (piano) and Sister Marcia Zofkie, SSND (violin).

Following the liturgy there was a festive meal replete with tablecloths, fine china, and wine. Later, each of the Jubilarians received a gift bag with all their cards and gifts. Though the special day has ended, the faithfulness, dedication, and witness of our sisters continue in their daily lives.