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Greetings
From the Community Minister

Dear Friends of St. Francis Community,

Remember that Nat King Cole hit, “Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer… You’ll wish that summer could always be here”? I wonder if you experience summer like I do. For me, summer is surely a season to breathe in joy with family and friends and soak in the beauty of nature, the panorama of vibrant, colorful flowers and trees. During these summer months, St. Francis Community is animated with stimulating activities for all ages: children, teens, adults, and seniors. You’ll find that true as you dig deeper into this edition of our St. Francis Magazine.

One of the trademarks of St. Francis’s life is joy. He delighted in all the works of God, and from this vision of joy, his mind soared to the Life-Giving Source of all. There is little doubt that creation gave St. Francis great pleasure and joy. Even when facing his own challenges, Francis joyfully sang praises to God.

The joy of the Spirit is a hallmark of our lives, too. Joy anchors us when we experience the swell and ebb of the heartaches of the world and the sorrows found in our personal lives. We believe that joy is a gift of the Holy Spirit, a gift from God that fills us. Joy in everyday life is the joy that St. Francis embodied. It’s not simple frivolity; it’s more. It is a grace we all seek.

May God grace you these summer days to experience great joy in summer’s newness, fun, creativity, and inspiration.

Peace, joy, and all good things,

Sister Sara Aldridge
Community Minister

“God is our Refuge and our Strength.”
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150th Anniversary of the Founding of the Sisters of St. Francis of Tiffin, Ohio

Anniversary Mass - St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Tiffin
Friday, June 28, 2019 at 10am
~ Open to the Public ~

On the Cover: Sister Virginia Welsh, Executive Director of the Padua Center in Toledo, Ohio helps students with classroom lessons at the Padua Center. Read more about the Padua Center on page 6.
New Sisters of St. Francis Leadership Team

The New Leadership Team serves the community from June 24, 2018 – June 26, 2022.
Pictured: Sister Rozanne Swope, Sister Leanne Kerschner, Community Minister Sister Sara Aldridge, Sister Myra Arnone and Sister Mary Kuhlman.

Top 5 Ways to Give in 2018

Whether it is due to the new tax law or the current economic climate or a little bit of both, these gifts make the 2018 “top five ways to give” list:

- **Gifts of Appreciated Stock or Property.** With a strong stock and real estate market, a donor might consider gifts of appreciated property. Appreciated property can be given through a variety of vehicles, including outright gifts, charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts. Gifts of highly appreciated assets can benefit donors by both an income tax charitable deduction (when they itemize) and exclusion from capital gains tax.

- **Retirement Plan Assets.** Retirement plan assets such as 401(k), 403(b) and IRAs remain taxable when distributed to a beneficiary and are tax-free when given to a St. Francis Community.

- **IRA Charitable Rollover.** For those age 70½ and older, the IRA charitable rollover is a great gift to make in 2018. When made directly to St. Francis Community, gifts are excluded from gross income and count toward a donor’s required minimum distribution. This gift is beneficial regardless of whether the donor itemizes his or her taxes.

- **Donor Advised Funds.** Donors may wish to make larger contributions to a single fund (and exceed the standard deduction) in one year, then take the standard deduction the following year. This will allow donors to make distributions when they are ready.

(Adapted from Stelter Expert Insights)

What Hasn’t Changed Under the New 2018 Tax Law

- **Charitable Deductions.** Donors will still be able to deduct charitable contributions when they itemize their taxes.

- **Charitable Contributions of Appreciated Property.** The limitation on charitable gifts of long-term appreciated property to public charities will remain at 30 percent of the donor’s adjusted gross income. Donors can still carry over any excess for up to five additional years.

- **IRA Charitable Rollover.** The IRA charitable rollover remains in place for those donors 70½ and older.
Volunteers from North Central Ohio Educational Service Center have been busy preparing for the growing season by learning how to start and market plants. They enjoyed weekly visits to the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center (FELC) to plant seeds and water plants so they were ready to sell for summer gardens. Bedding plants have been available for purchase in the FELC greenhouse since May.

“We hope to continue adding to FELC’s programming next year, including STEM, based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — in an interdisciplinary and applied approach,” said Katie Clark, FELC Administrator.

Lindsay Parkins, MD Intervention Specialist at North Central Ohio Educational Center in Tiffin, was happy to have the opportunity to bring students to FELC to incorporate her classroom curriculum as it relates to the Seeds of Hope Farm. “It was nice because all of the areas of learning are differentiated to accommodate the needs of each individual,” said Lindsay.

Students completed many botanical lessons, such as learning and witnessing the plant cycle from seed to harvest. “Every week we introduced a new fruit or vegetable during our Food-of-the-Week lesson. The students learned about the history of the vegetables, got to sample them, and then had to describe the texture and taste,” explained Lindsay. “We discussed the value of composting as we composted our food waste daily, and students also determined what can be composted or recycled. We studied the Food Pyramid, healthy eating choices, and daily requirements of fruits and vegetables. Students also learned about food sources and laughed about French fries not growing on a plant. Students also practiced Occupational Therapy, such as manual dexterity skills.”

Throughout the program, students learned how to use a scale, weigh produce and count money while totaling produce sales. Depending on individual student abilities, some were able to enhance calculator skills. “We also kept a group journal about our time on the farm,” explained Lindsay. “Some individuals kept journals on iPads, tablets, or paper. Students also had to recall morning events at the farm, putting them in sequential order. Students learned to read seed packets, labels and planting directions, which covered several requirements for our English lessons.”

Classroom cooking projects provided many life skills opportunities: reading recipes, following directions, handling food properly, and always keeping hands clean. Students used teamwork as they practiced proper lifting techniques.

Sixteen-year-old Michael liked being outdoors. “I enjoyed going out to the hoop house, using the rakes and planting seeds,” said Michael. “Some of us had to do transplanting, filling 4-pack containers with dirt, then watering the plants with the big hoses. I didn’t mind because I like getting my hands dirty. I learned a lot from Sister Shirley. She taught us to always wear gloves if we are working in the hoop house so we don’t get poked.”

“It was awesome watching the kids’ enthusiasm as they planted the seeds and then watched them grow,” added classroom aide, Denise Wonderly. “Selling plants in the greenhouse was an added bonus.”

“Hopefully, selling the plants in the spring and produce in the fall will help make this program self-sustainable so we can continue it in the future,” said Lindsay. This year, funding from the Sisters of St. Francis and the Betty Jane Memorial Fund of the Tiffin Community Foundation covered some of the costs of transportation, materials and plants. “It would be great if we did not always have to rely on grants to make programs like this possible,” Lindsay added.

According to Sister Shirley Shafranek, educator at FELC, children attending the Grow It, Bake It, Eat It summer camp in mid-June planted the vegetable plants in the center’s garden and the produce will be sold throughout the summer.
Katie Clark joined the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center team as administrator in February of this year. Katie is a native of Northern Ohio and is a Tiffin resident. She has great interest in natural resources and a background in habitat conservation. She brings a multitude of professional relationships with a variety of organizations within Seneca County. Katie joins FELC with a sincere desire to serve not only the community, but our environment as well. Katie has a Master’s degree in Human Services/Non-Profit Management and looks forward to engaging those around her in the growth of the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center. After several months serving as administrator, Katie is very excited about the facility updates in process. “We are currently putting together a classroom corner to better serve our school groups, plus adding new furniture inside the center,” says Clark. This upgrade should be in place in time for fall classes visiting FELC. In her spare time, she enjoys reading educational books, taking her 2-year-old daughter to the park, and playing board games with her husband and friends. Please feel free to contact Katie with any ideas you may have for the future of the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center.

The Franciscan Earth Literacy Center Welcomes Katie Clark

The Franciscan Earth Literacy Center’s 11th Annual Summer Harvest Gourmet Gala takes place on Friday, August 10, from 6:00 - 9:30 pm. This annual fundraiser, held on the beautiful grounds of the St. Francis Campus, will be an event you won’t want to miss. Attendees will again enjoy this year’s event as they are wined, dined and entertained outdoors under the large tent. The evening will begin with gourmet hors d’oeuvres made by the Canticle Café along with local wines and micro-brew beers. While soothed by live music of Straight from the Harp, guests will enjoy a gourmet meal prepared by Carolyn’s Personalized Catering of Millbury, Ohio, followed by an array of delicious desserts. Guests may participate in a wine grab, raffle, silent auction, and live auction. What a delightful way to spend an evening as the summer sun fades away, surrounded by friends, family, delicious foods and music. Funds raised at the Summer Harvest Gourmet Gala directly support the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center’s environmental programs for children.

Tickets: $75.00 per ticket or $520.00 for a reserved table of eight. Deadline for all reservations: Friday, August 3. Reservations are required. To reserve tickets, call Linda Bell in the Mission Advancement Office at 419-447-0435 or by emailing lbell@tiffinfranciscans.org. Tickets can also be purchased online at Purchase Online Tickets
The Padua Center, established by the Toledo Diocese in 2006 in inner city Toledo, is celebrating a new beginning with its own independent nonprofit status and Board of Directors. Sister Virginia Welsh, who answers to “Sister Ginny”, was named Executive Director and today continues leading staff and volunteers in empowering people at all stages of life through education, counseling, support, and community involvement.

“We hope to someday make an area into a contemplative space or park where visitors could enjoy decorative trees, bushes and flowers, offering a place to pause, rest, and perhaps pray,” said Sister Ginny. “The children would also welcome an expansion of the existing playground. We will use this as an opportunity to enhance current programs and create new ones, as we can obtain financial support,” she added.

Hundreds of children come through the doors of The Padua Center to grow educationally, emotionally and socially. With support from St. Martin de Porres Parish, where Sr. Ginny also serves as pastoral leader, The Padua Center provides a safe environment for children to learn, to have fun, and to develop into happy, healthy and productive citizens. All children are welcome and, thanks to benefactors, there are no fees that would keep a child or a family from participating.

One of the many programs that Sr. Ginny describes is Padua Possibilities. “An African Proverb says, ‘It takes a whole village to raise a child.’ At Padua Center, we believe that parents (guardians) need support when dealing with difficult issues with their children.”

When a student receives a suspension from school, that student loses important days of academic learning and negative behaviors remain unchecked. In order to reduce the number of suspensions, Padua Center has created an alternative placement program. “Key to the success of this program is the integration of parent, community and school to help the student develop alternative ways of dealing with conflict and simultaneously assisting the student with schoolwork so they can return to school and be successful,” said Sr. Ginny.

To learn more about other Padua programs such as Padua Potters, Restoring Possibilities, enrichment programs, Kwanzaa Park Neighbors, and their Urban Agriculture, contact Sr. Virginia Welsh at 419.241.6465, check their website: www.paduacenter.org, or email: virginiawelshosf@gmail.com.

**New Beginnings and New Opportunities**

The Padua Center’s 2018 Summer Camps

This summer The Padua Center offers five week-long summer camps that need financial support. These camps are completely free to the children and are lots of fun. Working with “Connecting Kids to Meals” they are able to provide free hot lunches every day to the children. They also have a breakfast program. All children who attend the summer camps have the opportunity for one hour of academic activities each day.

- June 18-23: Follow the Leader (Vacation Bible School)
- June 25-29: Keep It Movin’ (Sports Camp)
- July 9-13: Moving to Stay Healthy (Health & Garden)
- July 16-20: Shades and Rhythm (Art and Music)
- July 23-27: Metro Parks (Connection Camp)
In early May, Sister Barbara Jean Miller visited Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School & Academy in Oregon, Ohio to speak to high school girls about her vocation. Several of the girls had met Sister Barbara Jean, Director of Vocation Ministry, at the Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) #439 retreat in March held in Carey, Ohio.

“My experience with Sr. Barbara was like no other. When I was on TEC she made me feel like the people I was with were my family,” said Morgan Russell. “She is very welcoming when you first meet her, she makes you feel loved. When she came to visit our school she talked about her day to day life, and I just love being around her. She showed me it is okay to show the real me.”

Students enjoyed having the opportunity to get to speak to Sister Barbara Jean. They also had the opportunity to write down questions for her to answer about everyday religious life and what led Sister Barbara Jean down the path becoming a Sister of St. Francis.

“It is great having people in the vocation who are willing to spend time to teach our young people about the spiritual life,” said Shane Goetz, Campus Minister at Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School & Academy. “It allows the students to get a different perspective about vocations and usually a better one than the one played out in society today. Having Sr. Barbara Jean come speak to students, allows them to explore God’s calling and be open to whatever that may be. There’s a new sense of joy when they realize it’s so much more than what we think religious life is like from the outside,” added Shane.

“Sr. Barbara Jean is such an amazing woman, who is very welcoming and loving,” said Katie Steck. “There is something about Sr. Barbara Jean that is very inviting, when you are around her there is a feeling of love and acceptance. I have only known her since March, but I feel like I have known her my whole life.”

For 8 years, Sister Barbara Jean has shared her vocation story with high school, college students and young adults throughout the area. “I appreciate having the opportunity to share my vocation story in how I discerned God’s call to me. Through the thoughtful questions of students, it allows me to put into words the blessings and challenges of my call. God is the one who calls. I am there to help someone to discern a possible call,” explained Sister Barbara Jean.

For more information on religious life, contact Sister Barbara Jean at 419.447.0435, ext. 133 or email bjmiller@tiffinfraniscans.org.
Bellevue native Bob Forney, who currently resides in Elizabeth Schaefer Apartments on St. Francis Campus, experienced his “Dream Trip” in August of 2017 at the age of 86 while touring Amsterdam, Holland, Belgium and Germany. “There were eight of us from the Stark County Bicycle Club in Akron who participated in a seven-day, self-guided bike tour,” Forney explained. “There were three tandems and two of us single riders.”

According to Bob, there are many more cyclists in those countries between the ages of 6-80 than in the U.S. “I did not see any overweight people during my entire trip. Because there are so many bikers, they have special bike lanes everywhere you go. However, the roads were more challenging since they are too narrow for cars to pass and many roads are cobblestone,” he added.

Throughout the years, Bob has taken many adventures and met many new friends from all over the United States and Canada. He continues contact with a cyclist friend from Ontario. And for the last 15 years, Bob has visited Venice, Florida to bike with good friends. Although there are no biking trails in Tiffin, Bob regularly visits Fremont where he rides the trail east to Bellevue or west to Elmore. He also belongs to a couple of bike clubs in Toledo. Bob bikes regularly 2-3 times a week. He also goes to the gym five days a week, unless he is able to get outside and ride. In mid-May, he was happy that warmer spring weather finally permitted him to get out and bicycle from Fremont to Elmore. At least 15 times over the years, Bob has participated in the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA), conducted by Columbus Outdoor Pursuits. The GOBA tours have enabled Bob to ride and enjoy unique sites around the state. “The tour came through Tiffin several times and I spent the night at the YMCA. On some trips I have also shared night lodging in a barn with animals!”

One of Bob’s proudest moments happened in 1985, when he participated in the Dick Schafrath’s Heritage Days Triathlon in Loudonville and placed 1st in the Iron Man 50-59 Division. He had to canoe alone down the Mohican River. His canoe tipped twice enroute, so he had to flip it upright, get to the next stop where he changed shoes to run 8.5 miles, and finally biked an additional 25 miles. Over the years Bob has also participated in other triathlons. Never has Bob had the desire to ride a motorcycle or even ride on a tandem. He prefers upright bikes. Over the years, Bob has owned about 4 bicycles. “I started with cheap ones. One had the best frame I could buy at the time and over the years I would do upgrades and use the best of the best parts available,” explained Bob. “I have always had a TREK bike because of the good quality and because they are made in the U.S.A. The one that I currently use cost $10,000. It’s lightweight and weighs only 14 lbs. He has to replace the tires every 5,000 miles. “You never want to ride on a soft tire; that only leads to trouble.” Bob uses a small electronic speedometer that monitors the temperature, speed, and mileage of each trip plus total miles per year. Like most regular cyclists, Bob uses a clipless pedal with a piece of metal that’s attached to the bottom of the shoe, allowing the shoe to engage the pedal for the foot-to-pedal connection. It provides for optimum efficiency, comfort and power. “I have fallen many times and landed on my hip, but I have never broken it,” said Bob. “The benefit is that the foot is on the pedal all of the time, and you control the power while pulling up and pushing down.”

All bikers have accidents and some have more than others. “I have had more than average, including 5 serious ones,” said Bob. A few years ago, a parked truck pulled out in front of Bob, which resulted in back surgery. Another time while in Florida, Bob hit a pole that left him black and blue, but luckily he did not break any bones. In September 2017, while riding with some friends near Kuny's Fruit Farm in Clyde, dogs came out of nowhere and attacked Bob. “I’m not sure why they picked me!” laughed Bob. Before he was able to grab some spray, Bob ran over the dog with his front tire and flew over the handlebars, ending up on one side of the road while his bicycle ended up on the other side. Bob was
left with 6 broken ribs and an injured shoulder. Despite the accident and his age, Bob returned to cycling as soon as his ribs were healed.

How does Bob stay so healthy? Since the early age of 21, Bob has been consistently eating three healthy meals a day and exercising faithfully. His daily lunch consists of fruits and vegetables. “I am a great believer in blueberries,” advised Bob, “as there are so many health benefits associated with eating blueberries.” Bob, who will be 87 this June, added that he takes only a few vitamins. “I am a firm believer in exercise. Years ago, farmers took out a piece of farm machinery and had to grease it up before using it. Exercising is similar. You need to grease the joints in the body. I believe that if you do not move joints, they freeze up,” said Bob.

Bob continues to inspire both the young and old as he stays fit riding his bike. But he claims, “my biggest reason is that I enjoy riding and because it is great exercise.”

Renovations Continue to Enhance the Lives of Residents

Congratulations to the staff at Friedman Village at St. Francis Assisted Living for the excellent care they provide for our campus residents!

St. Francis Senior Ministries recently received results for the statewide resident satisfaction survey conducted by the Ohio Department of Aging. Friedman Village at St. Francis Assisted Living received an overall score of 94.25 for resident satisfaction for residential care (assisted living) facilities. That score is higher than any other residential care facility in Tiffin, Seneca, Sandusky, and Wyandot counties. They were a very close second when including Hancock County as well. Overall, Friedman Village at St. Francis Assisted Living ranked 30 out of 678 surveyed assisted living facilities in the state of Ohio. St. Francis Home Assisted Living came in 2nd in Tiffin, receiving a score of 93.05 and ranked 56 in the state. All of the residents surveyed at Friedman Village and St. Francis said they would highly recommend the assisted living to a family member or friend.

“Resident satisfaction survey scores reflect the perceptions of residential care (assisted living) facility residents gathered through face to face surveys,” according to the long-term care Ohio website. Representatives were on hand in late 2017 asking questions of residents such as their overall satisfaction with where they live as well as if they would recommend the assisted living to others. The results also are posted online at the web site of the Long Term Care Consumer Guide, www.ltcohio.org.

SAVE THE DATE
Wellness Extravaganza ~ Wednesday, October 11, 2018
This spring, seventeen Confirmation candidates and catechists from St. Gaspar del Bufalo Church, near Bellevue, Ohio experienced an awesome retreat at St. Francis Spirituality. The chosen theme was From Apple (Adam and Eve) to Apple (Apple electronic devices), Tablet (the Ten Commandments) to Tablet (the computer tablet devices). We wanted to share with the youth how times have changed, and that sometimes we need to sit back and “listen to the still voice of God.” This is exactly what this retreat was for all of us, taking time away from our busy schedules and letting God take over. St. Francis Spirituality Center was the “perfect peace environment” for this Confirmation preparation. And it was a good chance for our youth to get to know the Sisters better.

The retreat began with prayer in The Cloud, the chapel in the Spirituality Center. Icebreakers in The Chat Room provided many laughs where social media apps were explained to the technologically challenged.

Chuck Miller, one of the catechists, performed a script on Biblical People in communication with GOD. Catechist Dick Bernard shared a script on our phone apps today and the three Apps that we have been born with which operate all the time: the GOD app, the JESUS app, and the HOLY SPIRIT app.

Catechists Chris Dick and Sarah Reed led their group at Twitter. They took an outdoor walk to explore the grounds and capture group photos amid God’s beauty, followed by a Bible verse of praise.

The second group gathered with Catechists Jamie Martin and Dawn Reichert in the MegaBites dining room for a discussion on “How is sin like slime?” Like the grime and gunk that clogs our drains and keeps water from flowing, sin and the junk in our lives hinder God’s Spirit and block God’s healing for our pain and troubles. After shared reflections on sin and reconciliation, the group made their own slime. Oh, what a cool experience!

After sharing meals at the MegaBites, we were off to fun and games at The Surf Turf. Mark Bordner, Andrew Morfier, and Jerry Dick led a Treasure Hunt race where the goal was to find and unlock their “treasure” chest.

Later during a Reconciliation service in a dimly lit convent chapel, some high schoolers and catechists enacted a powerful portrayal of “You Are More” by Tenth Avenue North. Afterwards, Fr. Ron Schock reflected on this wonderful sacrament of healing.

In The Cloud, catechists shared their heart-felt commitment to Christ and the faith journey they have traveled. Many wonderful adults also shared their journey and delivered Care Letters from loving family and friends.

After Sunday Mass, students traveled to The Chat Room and all made a selfie and described themselves. They discovered that everyone has a story, and when we share that story, we all grow in God’s love.

Parents and families attended a closing ritual in the Sisters’ Chapel where all were blessed by the laying on of hands.

All of us from St. Gaspar encourage everyone to take the time to experience all the beauty that’s at the St. Francis Spirituality Center…especially God Himself, who wants to encounter you!

Janie Miller
Coordinator of Parish Life
Siblings and Friends Reunite for Retreat

Visitors come to St. Francis Spirituality Center for a variety of programs and retreats throughout the year. The time can be spent alone or include family members and friends. Sister Bonnie Smith, the oldest of 11 children, invited two of her sisters to retreat together this spring, and her sisters also invited friends from Indiana and Kentucky. Each person had her personal goals for this spiritual renewal, so their meeting times were optional, letting each one do as much or as little as she wanted. In their spare time, some enjoyed working on jigsaw puzzles, getting a massage or participating in yoga class.

“All of us took part in stimulating discussions about relationships and family dynamics,” explained Sister Bonnie. Carolyn Nickel, a family friend of Fort Wayne, Indiana, commented, “We were given the opportunity to attend daily mass and Franciscan evening prayer and participate in the sacrament of reconciliation. Schedules were flexible to allow chapel visits whenever we wanted. I felt at ease during our open and non-threatening discussions.

“The Sisters of St. Francis opened up their home and chapel to us,” said Barbara Jamison, one of Sister Bonnie’s sisters from Indiana. “They were so gracious to allow us to be a part of their welcoming community. There were no pressures.” Barbara’s favorite part was Sister Edna’s presentation on family dynamics and forgiveness.

Cathy McKenzie, another of Sr. Bonnie’s sisters from Louisville, Kentucky, added, “Sr. Edna Michel is so skilled. She really knows how to make it work. She knows how to facilitate discussions, especially with a mixed group of family members and outsiders.” Cathy described the experience as a little scary at first, not knowing how thoughts and comments would be received. However, fears quickly faded as she experienced group sharing that was respectful, non-judgmental, and supportive.

“I really appreciated this opportunity to have time at the Spirituality Center, continued Carolyn Nickel, a family friend of Fort Wayne, Indiana. I gave myself permission just to be quiet and soak in the peace. We all appreciated the diverse optional activities. Coming together in a spirit of acceptance and respect really makes a positive difference in one’s daily outlook.”

“I think I am going away with a better understanding of forgiveness --- and another way to practice it. I think it will help me forgive myself. I want to be more conscious of the contribution I make to the world with my thoughts, words and feelings. And, I think I may have a better handle on the healing I need to have God do.”

Carolyn F., of Owensboro, Kentucky

“The sister/friend retreat was healing. Sharing how God works in our lives was very powerful--- truly a blessing from God.”

Cathy McKenzie of Louisville, Kentucky

SAVE THE DATE

“The Journey of a Resilient Warrior” ~ October 26-28, 2018
For All Veterans and Active Duty Service Members
The Annual Earth Day Celebration was held on Sunday, April 22nd at the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center. This event is a collaborative effort between the following agencies and organizations: Columbian H.S. Green Sunday/Bio Club, Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, OSS Solid Waste District, Seneca County Park District, Seneca County Conservation District, Seneca County Master Gardeners Association, Tiffin Parks and Recreation Department, Tiffin Water Pollution Control Center and Tiffin Community YMCA.

Hurst Auto Body sponsored the St. Francis Senior Ministries Car Show on May 20th. Campus residents, family members, employees and the general public enjoyed viewing all of the makes and models. St. Francis Home resident Sally Harvan poses with “Bee and Little Bee” owned by Darrell McDannell, who received a 1st place trophy and “Residents Choice” award.

Clean Comedians Leslie Norris Townsend and Father Joshua Wagner entertained approximately 500 people for an evening of clean comedy at the historical Ritz Theatre in Tiffin on April 20th. The proceeds from the fundraiser support programming at St. Francis Spirituality Center.

“Start by doing what’s necessary, then do what’s impossible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”

– St. Francis of Assisi