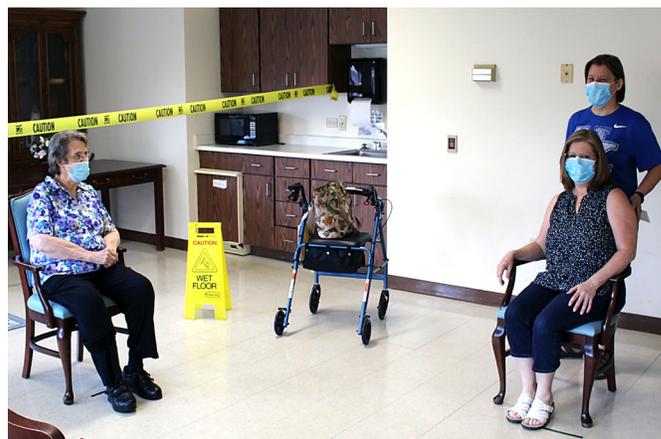




## We can't wait to say, "Welcome Back!"

What is the first thing you want to do when ALL of the restrictions have been lifted? What will life look like on the other side of the pandemic? Here at St. Joseph's we will be most excited to see our families and our volunteers. To give each other a big hug! But for now, we rejoice in the little victories, such as our Residents having social distance visits with their families. Residents and families are so happy to see each other; even at a distance. It has been six months — six months of only phone calls and window visits. So, when the Governor said that nursing homes could again receive visitors, the excitement was immeasurable. We need each other, it is important for both our mental and physical health. So, the Little Sisters and staff were excited to welcome the families back in the Home.

So, what does a social distanced visit look like? First, the Home must be "COVID-19 Free" for 28 days before any visits can be scheduled. The coronavirus is still a major concern for our vulnerable population, so strict guidelines must be followed. Families arrive between the double front doors and are screened and asked to remove the cloth mask and put on a surgical mask. "Have you had any of the following symptoms? Have you traveled outside of the state or country? Have you been around



anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?" If all of the questions are negative, their temperatures are taken and they are allowed a 30 minute "social distanced" visit in a predetermined pre-sanitized room. No hugging. No hand-holding. Six feet between the family and the Resident. This is our difficult reality today, but we have to remember "this too shall pass!"

One day the halls will once again be full of visitors, volunteers and laughter. With God's guidance we are stronger together and together we will get through this.



One of the decorated vehicles in the parade.



George's Daughter and Son-in-law being interviewed during the parade.



George makes his way around the Home before his birthday parade.

## Happy Birthday, George

Nestled in the heart of Germantown for the past 108 years was a handy little store in the true sense of the word. Whether you needed a loaf of bread, a thick slice of old fashion baloney or an ice-cold soda, you could find it and much more at Hauck's Handy Store. Your purchase came with friendly conversation and a genuine smile. The store is now closed and the proprietor is a cherished Resident of St. Joseph's Home.

George Hauck learned early on from his parents that being truly part of a community was not a passive position — you had to be willing to do the work. That meant

lending a hand wherever that hand was needed. Sometimes it was bringing together the entire neighborhood for a stick game; other times it was giving a neighbor some groceries to get them through a rough patch. For over 60 years it was helping out the Little Sisters of the Poor. George knows a thing or two about community, and for his 100th birthday the community remembered George. A stream of firetrucks, police cruisers, and decorated cars lined up and paraded around St. Joseph's Home to wave, honk their horns and let George know what a difference he had made in their lives and in their community.



## Boiler Update!

Thank you! It is with heartfelt appreciation for your generosity and a grant from the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, the Jeanne Jugan Apartments now has two new boilers installed! It will be warm and toasty this winter.



Mother Paul visiting with Residents.

## Pandemic Picnics

Our Activity staff, namely Maria & Gina, have been working diligently to help our Residents cope with the isolation of COVID-19. Keeping everyone safe has meant keeping them separate; this means they have been eating in their rooms instead of the dining room.

With the warmer weather, social distancing picnics are a welcome change. Each week there is a lottery drawing to select the 10 Residents who get to have a cookout in one of the enclosed patios. The Residents really enjoy eating outside and getting to see their friends while social distancing.



Nicholas & Anthony



Mini's From Heaven – miniature horses



Performers from Turner Circus

## “Our State Fair is a Great State Fair!”

One of our summer traditions at St. Joseph's Home is to hold our own State Fair. This event is a dozen or so years old and originated because attending the Kentucky State Fair in mid-August was frankly just too hot. Each year the auditorium would be transformed into the Midway with fair food, games, contests, entertainment and farm animals. Bingo was added to the week-long event because Bingo is just always a good idea! The event is a summer favorite for Residents, volunteers, families, staff and of course the Little Sisters.

So, fast-forward to summer 2020. What do you do in the middle of a pandemic? Volunteers, families and of course

livestock are not allowed in the building...

Our State Fair 2020 was a bit different, but thanks to the hard work of our staff it was a great State Fair. Turner Circus performers, Mini's from Heaven, (miniature horses) and the Harmonics performed for the Residents outside the building. Our own Activity Director, Maria, asked her sons to share their little lamb, who they affectionately named Jesus, with the Residents. The action was just a window away, as the performers made their way around the building using the fire lane.

Everyone enjoyed the Fair and is looking forward to next year when we can all be together again!

## It's quiet inside.



The Covid Unit at LSP

Often the question is asked, “What is it like at St. Joseph's Home during the pandemic?”

It's quiet.

The halls are void of the rhythm of life.

The craft room, which was filled with activity and laughter just months ago, sits idle; the blinds are twisted shut and there is a cloth covering the door's window. What was once a joyous space, stands ready to be the COVID-19 Unit. Every day we pray we don't have to turn the lights on.

Footsteps echo in the hollow dining room as you make your

way across to the staging area used for filling carts with trays of food that will be delivered to the Residents waiting alone in their rooms.

Tuesday morning is just like Wednesday or any other day of the week, without our volunteers zipping in and out of the Residents' rooms providing comfort, and bringing a smile to their sweet faces.

The heart of the Home beats quietly and alone as the chapel remains empty.

What is it like at St. Joseph's? It's quiet.

## MOTHER'S MUSINGS

Dear Friends,

As time goes by, so does the COVID-19 era. Only our good God knows when it will all end! We continue to work very closely with the Department of Health, with the CDC (Center for Disease Control) and with our state regulations, all in the hope of keeping our residents, Staff and our Sisters safe and content. To try to describe our world during this time would be a challenge! We continue to be in the "Lock Down Phase", with its many variances yet what never varies is our deeply felt gratitude to all of you, families, friends, benefactors. On every side we are surrounded with helping hands and caring hearts; all this makes any burden light.



Our Residents are admirable in showing us all how to meet and live with this new idea of "Lock Down." They show us every day how to live the old saying "one day at a time!" They are easy to please and enjoy the simplest things. Their "vision" is wide, and their life experiences have taught them how to accept what life brings. We love them all.

We would be at a loss were it not for our devoted staff. Their love and good care of our Residents is a blessing. Often putting aside their own concerns while at work, they are a major part in the family of St. Jeanne Jugan. Please join with us in thought and prayer as we celebrate the annual feast of St. Jeanne Jugan on August 30th.

Together with each Little Sister in our Home, I thank you for your support and your concern. Due to the quarantine, we have not been able to go out collecting; please know your financial help and material help is greatly appreciated.

Each Little Sister has given her life to serve God in caring for his elderly poor. Each day our prayers are offered for you, our benefactors and friends, because you make it possible for us to provide for our residents, thus living our beautiful vocation of Little Sister of the Poor, Daughters of St Jeanne Jugan!

God bless you,  
*Mother Paul, lsp*

*"Father of the poor, you have never refused the prayer of the lowly."* J.J. Prayer

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