

## Catching Up With Council #10 In Cloverdale

CLC Council #10 in Cloverdale helped to fill two food pantries! Council #10 chose to use their charitable donation to help the Immaculate Conception Food Shelf (pictured above left) and the Continental Circle of Friends Food Pantry (pictured above right). Along with the food pantries, donations were also given to the Continental School post

prom. If you would like to join them for some fun, the Cloverdale council is planning a bus trip to Shipshewana for the flea market, buffet and musical. This trip will be on Wednesday, July 12, 2023. For more information please call 419-488-2381.



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# Landeck Council presents Sister Mary Edwards "Proud to be Catholic"



The Landeck CLC enjoyed a spiritual talk on the first "C" in the CLC titled "Proud to be Catholic" The beauty of our Catholic faith, including our seal depicting a cross, anchor, heart and clasped hands, was the content of the talk given by Sister Mary Edwards Spohrer, SCC.

We explored several wonderful things about being Catholic: The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist (the sanctuary light is always burning), the commitment to human life in every stage, the gift of the sacraments, the universality and unity that exists in our doctrine and liturgy throughout the entire world, the fact that we reach out in love and service to the needy, and the abundance of grace, mercy and forgiveness that is ours through the sacraments.

We also reflected on the seal of the CLC and the power of faith, hope, and charity, the gifts of grace, which draw us ever closer to God and strengthen us to accomplish His Will for us throughout all of our lives.

Sister was also asked to share something about her own life with us. She has been a member of the Sisters of Christian Charity, a religious community founded by Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt, for over 60 years. During that time she has had the joy of serving God's people in secondary school and college education, religious formation and diocesan and congregational leadership – mostly in N.J., where their motherhouse is located. At present, Sister serves as music director at St. Patrick's Spencerville, OH and resides at the parish house of St. John the Baptist here in Landeck. Sister attributes her musical ability as a "Heavenly gift" from her dear mother, who died at the age of 24 in childbirth with her. Sister ended with these powerful words, "We are the image of God, so act accordingly".

### The Mother's Day Rule: Gardening Folklore

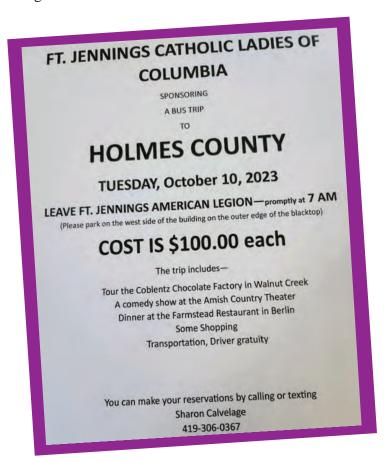
According to folklore, there are a lot of rules gardeners need to follow. Whether it's planting on Good Friday or waiting until after Three Ice Men have passed to get your seedlings in the ground, lore and tradition have a lot of advice to impart, and many swear by these tidbits passed down from our ancestors for a successful, prolific garden.

One popular bit of planting wisdom suggests that you hold off doing any planting until Mother's Day, known appropriately as "The Mother's Day Rule." What is it, and is there any truth to it?

The premise is simple—Mother's Day falls on the second Sunday in May which, for many, the threat of frost has passed and it's considered safe to get your garden started. It's a good rule of thumb because as we all know, while the calendar may say spring, it doesn't mean we'll have spring temperatures in March and April (especially for those of us in the Northeast).

If your tender plants go in the ground too early, when temperatures are still in the 20s and 30s at night, you're setting yourself up for disaster.

Of course, those who live in warmer, arid climates have their own set of rules for when to plant, and much depends on the plant itself and its hardiness. Good Luck and Happy Planting!





Welcome to May and warmer weather. It has been a Spring of temperature ups and downs.

The CLC Board met in April. Parkway Advisors, CLC's Investment Management team, attended the meeting along with Board members. After discussing CLC products the Board decided to keep interest rates and the guaranteed rate at their current level. We are monitoring the rates closely as the economy and interest rates continue to change.

I attended the Spring Fling and Quarter Auction sponsored by the Glandorf and Ottawa Councils. Thank you to Ottawa and Glandorf for the invitation to the area councils and the Board. It was great to see everyone and enjoy the meal and friendship. Thank you for all the work that goes into this event. I look forward to attending every year. Join Hands Day is May 6. The theme for 2023 is to "Shower People with Blessings." Recently the news media reported only 25% of Americans volunteer. Apparently, they haven't heard of CLC members and their families. Please let us know how you participated in Join Hands Day with pictures and details sent to society@theclc.org.

May 14th is Mother's Day. Please honor, celebrate and pray for all the women in your lives.

As we honor those we have lost serving in the military on Memorial Day, May 29th, please keep them and their families in your prayers. Also remember the Ukrainian people and pray that peace comes to their country soon.

As we prepare for graduations, remember a perfect gift to anyone is a CLC life Insurance policy. It is a great way to prepare for their future.

## Join Hands Day!

There is a small "war" between the young and the old. Every society deals with it, some better than others. To provide a neutral ground for resolving this conflict, National Join Hands Day connects older folks and younger folks through community service to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. The generation gap, unfortunately, shortchanges people from every generation. Are older people antiquated and obsolete? Are the young impetuous and distracted? These questions distract from the real gifts each generation has to offer, like the seemingly unbounded imagination of today's twenty-somethings, or the hard-won and practical life lessons of their parents and grandparents.

Taking time to work alongside one another bridges the generational divide. It allows people to learn from folks they otherwise might not befriend. America's Fraternal Benefit Societies created National Join Hands Day in 2000 to bring adults and youths together for the sake of their communities. CLC is asking everyone to contribute how you feel comfortable on May 7th. Tell us what you did and show us your pictures! Report your volunteer hours and send your pictures to society@theclc.org and we will share them in the Index!

## **Welcome CLC's Newest Member!**



Josephine is welcoming the newest CLC member, Penelope!

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#### The Mint Julep!

The Mint Julep has been the traditional beverage of Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby for nearly a century.

Each year, almost 120,000 Mint Juleps are served over the two-day period of Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby weekend at Churchill Downs Racetrack. That's a feat that requires more than 10,000 bottles of Old Forester Mint Julep Ready-to-Serve Cocktail, 1,000 pounds of freshly harvested mint and 60,000 pounds of ice.



Pack mint julep cup with crushed ice. In a mixing glass, combine bourbon, syrup, and mint leaves. Lightly bruise mint leaves with a muddler, strain contents into julep cup. Garnish with 3 generous sprigs of mint. \*Make sure to slap mint and insert straw into ice near mint. Enjoy!.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Members share in the spiritual benefits of being enrolled in a perpetual membership with the Sisters of Notre Dame. If you need a special prayer, individual requests can be sent directly to Sister Deb by sending an email to clcprayerrequests@gmail.com. Local councils have annual Masses for their living and deceased members. If requested, CLC council members will offer prayers at a member's funeral services. Even in death, CLC supports and honors our members.