



**SISTER
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June 17, 1896 – July 29, 1980

Professed Vows June 23, 1921

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Sister Celeste was born Josephine Rosalia Nix on June 17, 1896, in Wendelin, Illinois, the daughter of Celestine Silas and Regina Cecilia (Desch) Nix. Sister Celeste was baptized June 21, 1896, at Holy Cross Church by Rev. Marcus Roth with godparents Gertrude (Nix) and William Schmitt, her Aunt and Uncle.



Sister Celeste grew up in the Holy Cross Parish along with her siblings Dorothy (Deimel), Frank, Francis (Amend), Adam, Cecelia (Sister Mary Marca), and Rev. Henry. Following her mother's death in 1898, her father remarried Louise (Deimel) and they had two children, Sister Celeste's half-siblings, Johanna (Hinterscher) and Colestine. Sister Celeste would make her First Communion at Holy Cross on June 6, 1909 and received the Sacrament of Confirmation in 1910 conferred by Bishop John Janssen.

Many members of the Nix family were called to a religious vocation. Sister Celeste's Uncle Rev. Heinrich (Henry) Nix was a Roman Catholic Priest in Germany, her sister Cecelia (Sr. M. Marca) a sister with the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ; her brother Henry and her first cousin Charles became priests, and another first cousin Josephine Hausner (Sr. Hermana) a sister with the Adorers of the Most Precious Blood.



Sister Celeste was a registered nurse who entered the Order of Sisters of St. Mary and professed her vows on June 23, 1921. She served as a nursing supervisor at St. Mary's Health Center from 1924 to 1933, leaving there to become administrator and the religious superior at the old St. Mary's Infirmary, positions she held until 1946. From 1946 until 1952, she was the administrator of St. Mary's Health Center and religious superior of the motherhouse community. She retired at age 74.

Sister Celeste passed away on July 29, 1980, at the Order of Sisters of St. Mary's motherhouse in Richmond Heights, Missouri. A funeral liturgy was held on July 31, 1980, with burial at the Resurrection Cemetery in Affton, Missouri.