

Gardens Gazette

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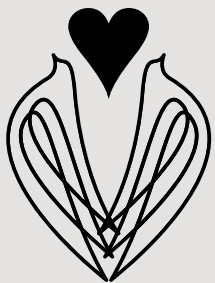
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And much more!

Holiday Gala

The Gala was spectacular once again! The afternoon started with a wine reception, then a lovely reading of the Christmas Story followed by a delicious meal prepared and served by the FV Culinary Department.



Felician Village

Sponsored by the Felician Sisters

BUS TRIPS

Friday, January 17
12:30 p.m.
Shopping at Aldi*

Friday, January 24
12:30 p.m.
Shopping at Meijer*

**Please sign up in the activity binder outside the Gardens offices.*

LIVE Nativity Play

In preparation of Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Jesus, a LIVE Nativity Play was held in the Blessed Angela Chapel.

Mary, Joseph, the Three Wise Men, shepherds, angels were brought to life by residents and staff, along with many narrators, to re-tell the beautiful story.



What has keys but
 can't open locks?

Answer on page 5



Happiness is Puppy Cuddles

Winston brought so many smiles to our residents & staff during his visit to Felician Village. Thank you to our CFO, Shannon, for sharing your adorable, new four-legged friend with all of us.



Saturdays at 1 p.m.
in the
St. Francis Room

Saturday, January 11
The Adventures of Milo and Otis

Saturday, January 18
Courageous

Saturday, January 25
Dancing at Lughnasa

Thank You!

to our community, employees, volunteers, friends and families for making Christmas magic happen! Your generosity to our Holiday Wish List provided gifts to each and every resident

this holiday season. Plus a very special shout out to Santa's helpers - this amazing group of ladies assembled all the holiday gift bags for Santa to deliver at the resident parties.



Making Spirits Bright

Our residents were blessed this Advent season with poinsettias from Carla and Geof Liban. They personally, along with their granddaughter, Emma, distributed to residents on St. Nick's Day.

Sheryl, a long-time former employee of Geof's, received a special surprise. When she arrived to pick up her flower, she was greeted with a big hug and hello from Geof. She remarked,

"It was one of the most special gifts I could've gotten—seeing him after we worked side by side for so many years." Carla reiterated that she and Geof love bringing some holiday cheer to our residents. More than 225 flowers have been received by Felician Village residents. Thank you for blessing us!



Building sweet memories one wall at a time.

FV employees had so much fun taking part in a gingerbread house contest. Almost 20 houses were submitted then voted on by staff, residents and FV visitors. We have some VERY creative and talented employees. Each one was unique and so well done! It was a great activity to add to the Christmas season.



Tis The Season

From twinkling lights to cozy wreaths, every corner was filled with festive joy at Felician Village. A big thank you to our residents, volunteers and staff for all the hard work that went into making our campus so beautiful and full of Christmas spirit.



"CHRISTMAS MAGIC IS SILENT. YOU DON'T HEAR IT — YOU FEEL IT. YOU KNOW IT. YOU BELIEVE IT."



CHIME CHOIR CONCERT

In early December The Gardens Chime Choir put on a wonderful concert in the Village Hall for residents last Friday. It was a full house!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Gardens residents rang in 2025 with a derby, refreshments and singing the famous New Year's song, Auld Lang Syne.



Sometimes music is the only medicine the heart and soul need.

ADVENT CELEBRATION



Residents and members of Felician Village at Home met for fellowship and dessert which was followed by an advent service filled with many Christmas hymns and readings from the Bible. The Advent celebration was a beautiful opportunity to come together center our hearts and minds on Jesus, the true reason for Christmas.



Scan the QR code to listen & watch residents, staff & visitors sing, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."



Save the Date!

2nd Annual

Mrs. Roper's Romp

Friday, April 11, 2025
5 - 9 p.m.
Inn on Maritime Bay

Fundraiser to benefit Felician Village New Patio & Pub



Mission Message

I was thumbing through a book by Jan Karon entitled, *Bathed in Prayer*. She offers tidbits from her beloved

Mitford Series of books. I've seen some of these books on the shelves in various locations at Felician Village. The stories are faith filled, touching, humorous, and enlightening. What would it mean to start our 2025 bathed in prayer? Could we worry about nothing and pray about everything? Usually I quote St. Francis of Assisi, but for this message, I would like to take a look at some words of St. Francis de Sales. He said, "Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me ... but in me And I in Him."

We move into this year starting, as always, with the continued celebration of Christmas. On January 6, we remember the Epiphany, when the wise men visited the Christ child. Then we enter into what the Church terms "Ordinary Time." Our day to day existence starts. Can we fill that time with prayer, just as we do on the most holy days? Can we examine our consciences, meditate on the word of God, and allow prayer to wash over us, even if only for a moment each day?

Oswald Chambers says, "Prayer does not fit us for the greater work. Prayer is the greater work." Let's begin this year bathed in prayer, which is the greater work.

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In Loving Remembrance
December 2024

Robert Braun, *Court & Villa*
Janet "Jane" Mahlik, *Villa*
Francis Fictum, *Court & St. Mary's*



Riddle Answer:
A piano

Stay Active and Thrive in 2025!

Exercise Classes for Gardens Residents

All classes take place in the Village Hall

Mondays:

3:00 p.m. – Functional Movement (slower) with Debbie K.

3:30 p.m. – Functional Movement with Debbie K.

Tuesdays: 10:30 a.m. – Exercise with SueEllen R.

Thursdays: 10:30 a.m. – Exercise with Ginny S.

Fridays: 10:30 am. – Chair Yoga with Stacie L. (YMCA) *

**Must be YMCA member to attend but many insurance companies will cover your memberships at \$0! See Tanya for more information.*

Try Chair Yoga with no commitment on Friday, February 7th!

The Fitness Center between apartments #105 & #107 is available to residents 24/7.



Anyone that comes to the Friday Chair Yoga class in February (trial newcomers and YMCA members alike) will be entered into a raffle to win YMCA merchandise (t-shirt, water bottle, etc)!

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Our Mission

To continue the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve.

Our Vision

Our vision is to lead the community in offering seniors personalized services that are life-enriching and wellness focused.

Our Values

Respect for Human Dignity
Compassion
Transformation
Solidarity with People in Need
Justice and Peace

President & CEO

Luke Schubert

Director of Marketing

Megan Bruckschen

Marketing Specialist

Kim Christoffel, *Editor*

Join us for a



Open to the public!



January 15

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Gardens

Wisconsin Room

1700 S. 18th St.,

Manitowoc

\$6 for soup, dessert & coffee/water

Event is co-sponsored by:

Felician Village • Re/Max-Peggy Kadow

Greenfield Therapy • HomeCare Health Services and Hospice



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Call or email Tanya by Monday, January 13th to reserve your spot!

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