

The Gardens Gazette

March 2026

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Love is truly in the air at Felician Village!

Valentine's Day was extra sweet when you're surrounded by beautiful couples who call Felician Village home. From sweet hand-holding in the hallways to sharing meals, laughs, and decades of memories, their love stories continue to inspire us every single day.



Glenn and Janet



Don and Joan



Jim and Jan



Howie and Bev



Dennis and Rochelle



James and Eileen



Don and Janet



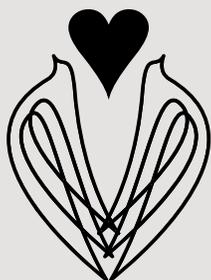
Germaine and Jerry



Diane and Wayne



Esther and Glenn



Felician Village

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NOMINATIONS

2026 Volunteer of the Year Award Excellence in Volunteer Service

It's time to celebrate some of the exceptional people who help to make Felician Village great. This award honors a volunteer who has made a positive impact at Felician Village and exceeds our mission, vision and values.

Please take a moment to think of a volunteer you know who has made a difference and fill out the simple nomination form.

The nomination forms can be found at the following locations:

- Front Desk
- Gardens – near the mail boxes
- Café
- The Court – in front of Jeremy's office

The deadline to submit a nomination form, to my mailbox, is Friday, March 27th.

The winner will be announced at the 2026 Volunteer Appreciation Event. *More details coming soon!*

Any questions, contact Lauren, Membership & Volunteer Supervisor, ext. 425 or ldaun@felicianvillage.org.



A special shout out to Gardens residents, Janet, who's been caring for the Christmas poinsettias donated by the Liban family in December. The plants are thriving and still beautiful!

95 Plus Club fun at FV

The 95+ Club gathered for a sweet afternoon full of stories about Valentine's Day, birthdays, their kids, when FV was built, and even shared their maiden names, which brought back some wonderful memories.

We've welcomed two new members already in 2026! They may have joked that they didn't exactly want to join the 95+ Club, but they sure enjoyed the fellowship and fun once they got here!



Shuffling Up a Good Time



The Gardens recently hosted a Friends & Family Sheephead Tournament, and the room was full of laughter, strategy, and great company. A special thank you to the St. Mary's–Clark Mills Men's Club and Marian Council for joining in the fun and helping make the day so memorable!



BUS TRIPS

Thursday, March 19

11:30 a.m. Konop Meats and CopperTop Restaurant/Saloon

Friday, March 20

12:30 p.m. Shopping at Aldi

Friday, March 27

12:30 p.m.. Shopping at Meijer

Monday, March 30

11:30 a.m. Shopping at Fleet Farm

***Sign up in the Gardens Activity Binder for all bus trips listed.**



St. John's Lutheran Church & School - Newtonburg 7th and 8th-grade students joined our Gardens residents for a friendly game of Trivia. Together, they tackled questions in Technology, Math, Household items, and Movies/TV. Both generations were pivotal in answering questions. It was great to witness the teamwork, connection, and laughter. We are thankful to St. John's for visiting with us!



Felician Village
Spring Craft & Vendor Fair
 Saturday, April 18th
 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Felician Village: Village Hall
 1635 S. 21st Street, Manitowoc

Delightful food & beverages available in Village Cafe
 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Kids' Activities & LIVE Music



Formerly Manitowoc County
 Domestic Violence Center

Empowering Hope
Tuesday, March 24
11:15 a.m.
Glab Lounge

Sara Meier, Executive Director of InCourage will provide an educational presentation of their supportive services in the Manitowoc County area. Sara will share the mission, the supportive services and the successes, challenges and how we can help. Lent gives us the opportunity to open our hearts and minds to others.



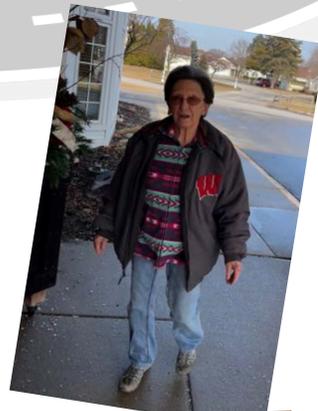
Route 66 Walking Challenge Accomplished!

One step at a time - Gardens residents made it from Chicago to Santa Monica!

Here's what they achieved:

- ✓ 5,235,821 total steps
- ✓ Journey began January 5
- ✓ Goal reached February 12 — *more than 300,000 steps over!*
- ✓ 38 days... WOW!
- ✓ 54 residents participated
- ✓ Daily average of 2,551 steps (*some walking 500 a day & others up to 11,000!*)

Along the way, they reminisced about road trips on Route 66, tracked our progress on the map in the Madonna Lounge, and kept moving indoors, around the garage, and in exercise classes during those subzero temperatures! What an incredible investment in heart and brain health.



*Who says happiness
can't be sipped?*

*Gardens residents enjoyed a cozy afternoon
of hot chocolate and great company!*



somebunny had a creative day!

Our artists had so much fun making their adorable bunny crafts today. Spring creativity is in full hop!



Mission Message

During Lent we are called to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Each of these practices increases our holiness and guides us to prepare for the celebration of Easter.

We are strengthened through this work of Lent. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran and anti-Nazi dissident, who was killed at Flossenburg Concentration Camp, wrote much about how we can be effective disciples of Christ. In *Life Together*, he wrote about the practice of prayer:

“Prayer offered in early morning is decisive for the day. The wasted time we are ashamed of, the temptations we succumb to, the weakness and discouragement in our work, the disorder and lack of discipline in our thinking and in our dealings with other people—all these very frequently have their cause in our neglect of morning prayer. The ordering and scheduling of our time will become more secure when it comes from prayer. The temptations of the working day will be overcome by this breakthrough to God. The decisions that are demanded by our work will become simpler and easier when they are made not in fear of other people, but solely before the face of God. ‘Whatever you do, do it from your hearts, as done for the Lord and not done for human beings’ (Col. 3:23). Even routine mechanical work will be performed more patiently when it comes from the knowledge of God and God’s command. Our strength and energy for work increase when we have asked God to give us the strength we need for our daily work.”

Take a moment each day to turn off the noise around you. We need to listen to the silence where God’s voice is heard. Be present with God. Offer thanksgiving. Seek guidance. Allow God to challenge you and to calm you. May your continued practices of Lent fill you with peace. Lord, You are here with us. We are yours.

Written by Barb Spies, OFS,
Director of Mission Services and Pastoral Care

We’d be honored if you

Nominate Felician Village

Beauty & Health

- Memory Care
- Rehab Facility

Top Employer

- Felician Village

Services

- Assisted/ Senior Living Facility
- Nursing Home
- Retirement/55+ Community



Felician Village



Vote once a day NOW until 3/23/26.



Scan me to nominate Felician Village!

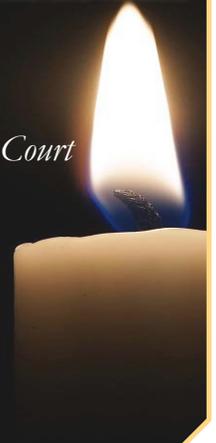


In Loving Remembrance February 2026

Rosanne Carroll,
St. Mary's & The Court

Carol Primm,
The Court & The Gardens

Rosalie Kutz,
The Court



Set Sail For WHEELS

Fundraiser to Support
Felician Village Transportation



 DJ MUSIC & DANCING

 FOOD & DRINKS

 GAMES & RAFFLES

 DRESS AS YOUR
FAVORITE GILLIGAN'S
ISLAND CHARACTER OR
IN TROPICAL WEAR

Tickets: \$20 *in advance* \$25 *at the door*

Purchase tickets at Felician Village reception desk, 1635 S. 21st Street, Manitowoc
Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

ONLINE tickets available at:
felicianvillage.org/set-sail-for-wheels.html

Each ticket includes entry to the event, appetizers & one drink ticket.



felicianvillage.org

Grab your crew, drop an anchor with us, and dive into a shipload of fun! Enjoy island-inspired décor, creative cocktails, live entertainment, games, and delightful raffles. Dress as your favorite island character or in your best beachy attire, and get ready to make waves for a cause that truly matters.



Interested in donating a raffle basket, gift card or bottle of wine?

We appreciate the support! Contact Renee, (920) 684-7171, ext. 381 or rthompson@felicianvillage.org

Irish Blessing

May your troubles be less.
And your blessings be more.
And nothing but
happiness come through
your door.

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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

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