

# Gardens Gazette

April 2025

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## Celebrating Catholic Sisters Week

Catholic Sisters Week was celebrated March 8-14, 2025. A week that shines a light on the spirituality, mission and community building of women religious.

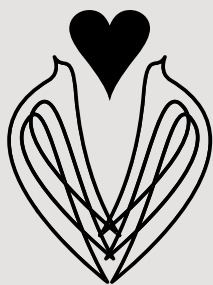
Catholic Sisters play a vital role in shaping communities, not only through their religious vocation but through their actions and leadership in fields like education, healthcare, and social justice. Their commitment to service has left an enduring mark on countless lives.

During the week we recognized Sister Rosalie, Sister Bernetta, and Sister Bernadette during a Catholic Sisters Week prayer service and with baskets of thank you cards from residents, families, and staff were given to each of them.

If you have had any encounters with the Sisters at Felician Village, you know that they are always ready to meet the next need, whether it's:

- Transporting someone from the far end of St. Mary's to the Chapel OR
- Helping residents with their Valentine's Day craft OR Giving assistance with Bingo OR
- Creating a beautifully decorated chapel OR
- Sitting with someone who needs a friend with them to pray OR
- Holding someone's hand gently as they move from this life to the next

We are so blessed to have these Sisters here. Let us remember that everywhere and always, whether at prayer before God, or at work among the people, the hearts of the Sisters radiate charity and ignite the hearts of others with God's love.



**Felician Village**

*Sponsored by the Felician Sisters*

## Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to Gardens residents, Glenn and Esther Schulz, who recently celebrated their wedding anniversary. Esther loves crafting and made this beautiful poster to hang outside their door.





## BUS TRIPS

**Thursday, April 17**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
**Pine River Dairy\***

**Friday, April 18**  
**12:30 p.m.**  
**Shopping at Aldi\***

**Friday, April 25**  
**12:30 p.m.**  
**Shopping at Meijer\***

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

## Spring Craft & Vendor Fair a Success!

Felician Village was thrilled to welcome so many familiar faces and new guests to our campus on Saturday, March 29 for the first annual Spring Vendor Fair. With over 30 vendors, plenty of sweet treats, face painting, an Easter egg hunt, a visit from the Easter bunny and two very sweet one week old goats, there's fun for everyone!  
Special thanks to all of our vendors and volunteers who made this event so fun!



*to Pete Stuntz  
for all these years  
of volunteering  
your time to the  
Saturday movies.*

*Gardens resident, Sis, thanked Pete  
with a nice poem during one of his  
last Saturday movie showings.*



JOIN US THIS FRIDAY!



# Mrs. Roper's Romp

Open to the public!

Fundraiser to support the patio  
and pub at The Gardens.

Friday, April 11, 2025

5 - 9 p.m.

Inn on Maritime Bay - 101 Maritime Dr., Manitowoc

*We are going back in time to 1977-1979 to party with the Ropers!*

**TICKETS: \$20 in advance or \$25 night of event**

Tickets available to purchase at Felician Village reception desk.

OR online at [felicianvillage.org/mrs-roper-s-romp.html](http://felicianvillage.org/mrs-roper-s-romp.html)

*Dress in your best Mrs. Roper's gear*

*Wine Pull*

*Raffles*

*Music*

*Bingo*



## Easter Riddles

What kind of jewelry does the Easter Bunny wear?



Why shouldn't you tickle an Easter egg?



Where does the Easter Bunny live?

## Seed Bombs at The Gardens

Residents are preparing with the hopes that spring is coming soon and they will be able to spread the seed bombs on certain areas of the campus.

It is a mixture of water, dirt, seeds, shredded newspaper. A little messy, but everyone got their hands dirty!





# A glimpse of *Life at The Gardens* in March

## Spring Crafting

Garden residents made these beautiful craft projects while they patiently await spring!



## Girl Scout Troop Visit

A local Girl Scout Daisy Troop made a special visit, bringing delicious cookies! Former Girl Scout leaders, now residents of The Gardens, joined in for a heartwarming afternoon of reminiscing, singing, and reciting pledges together.



## Bus trip

The sap is flowing! Gardens residents took a bus trip to Zander Maple Acres, family operated since 1918, to learn about their maple syrup business.



St. Patrick's Day at Felician Village was a shamrockin' good time with festive games, drink, attire, and entertainment! Thanks to the Silver Memories Choir for the great performance!





# President's Column

As we welcome April, we are reminded of the great joy and hope that Easter brings. Later this month, we will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, a powerful reminder of God's boundless love and the promise of new life. In this sacred season, let us reflect on the many blessings we share as a community, and remember those who work to carry on the tradition of the Felician Sisters and the Felician core values.

This month, we will celebrate the incredible Felician Village Volunteers. Our volunteers contributed over 7,500 hours to Felician Village in 2024! This also includes Tom Veaser, Ashley Sheeter, Candice Giesen, Denise Kitzerow, Fr. Gerald Foley, Frank Soltys, Joseph Pozorski III, Marcia Donlon, Mary Maurer, and Pastor Matt Sauer who represent the Felician Village Board of Directors who are volunteers. I want to thank them and all the Felician Village Volunteers for their time, dedication, and leadership to the Felician Village Values of Compassion, Respect for Human Dignity, Justice and Peace, Transformation, and Solidarity with People in Need which are shown in the many hours of service they provide our campus each year.

I want to encourage all residents or responsible parties to participate in our Resident Satisfaction Surveys, which will be distributed this month. Your feedback is invaluable to helping us shape our strategic efforts and ensure we continue providing the highest quality care and services. I appreciate you taking the time to share your feedback, which will help Felician Village continue to grow and improve.

May this Easter season bring you renewed faith, peace, and joy. Thank you all for being part of Felician Village, and may God continue to bless you and your loved ones.

*Luke J. Schubert*

Luke Schubert, *President/CEO*



## FV at Home

FV at Home Members have been out and about recently. They visited The Nook and enjoyed some tasty beverages. Plus, made a stop at Izumi Sushi and Asian Fusion for lunch.



## Mission Message

"Love and relationship will always produce better outcomes than fear and shame." I read these words from *The Mystics Would*

Like a Word by Shannon K.

Evans last week. They struck me as so important in these times of stress and division. She was speaking about Hildegard of Bingen, a mystic who was born in 1098 in Germany. She lived until 1179, and in her lifetime was a theologian, a poet, and was declared a saint and a doctor of the church. She saw the dignity and sacredness of our relationships with each other.

Our relationships with each other define who we are. For Felician Village, relationships define our ministry. Our connection to God and to God's people calls us to continue the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve.

The General Curia of the Order of Friars Minor, the Franciscans, published a book on dialogue in 2005. They tell us that living in dialogue is living in a relationship. We are fulfilled in dialogue with God and with each other. In contrast, monologue is a one-way street. There is only one source – no interaction. But we are told that "in the beginning was the Word." Jesus is dialogue and relationship. Dialogue implies listening and accompanies our development as humans. Beauty and goodness are the fruits of our exchanges with each other and with God. Our spirituality includes all of God's creation, all of God's people. Dialogue is not just exchanging words. It is an attitude of faith and a culture of meeting with others. It is conversion, discipleship, and service. We do this all in relationship to creation and to each other. As we continue our progress through Lent, prepare for Holy Week, and celebrate the Resurrection, let us keep in mind how we can continue to be in relationship with each other. Sharing our ideas and experiences, discovering the totality of the other person, and discovering our common core all join to the sacredness of our connections with all of God's people.

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

## In Loving Remembrance March 2025

Marlene "Jean" Zeddies, *St. Mary's*

Lorna Skubal, *The Gardens & The Court*

Jacqueline "Jackie" Loberger, *St. Mary's*

Mary "Snooky" Fansler, *St. Mary's*

Marilyn Christel, *St. Mary's*  
Norbert Pritzel, *The Gardens & The Court*





**Thursday,  
May 29  
1 PM**

**Radio legend,  
John Maino, will  
be visiting  
Felician Village.**



John, is a native to Negaunee, MI and proud Yooper. He has over 35 years experience in the radio and TV business, is the author of four books featuring stories of military veterans, was embedded as a reporter in Kuwait, Baghdad, Iraq and Kandahar, Afghanistan and is the son-in-law to Gardens resident, Ken Braun.

John will share fascinating conversations with World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans as well as firsthand of what it was like. Maino is fun to meet and you will enjoy his visit to Felician Village.

## Furry Friends Pet Adoption



We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Furry Friends Project at Felician Village! Backed by evidence-based practices, these assistive robotic pets can improve mental, emotional,

and physical well-being.

Research has shown that robotic pet therapy can:

- ✓ Provide engaging and meaningful activities for residents
- ✓ Improve overall well-being by reducing anxiety and symptoms of depression
- ✓ Foster a sense of purpose and joy
- ✓ Encourage engagement with fellow residents, staff, and family members

The project is fully funded through a Wisconsin CMP Reinvestment Program grant, meaning there is no cost to residents or Felician Village.

To celebrate this wonderful opportunity, we hosted a Furry Friends Adoption Fair on March 26, 2025. During the event, residents who were identified as part of the program had the chance to choose their pet, give them a name, pick out a collar or bandana and receive an official adoption certificate. Some of the cute names chosen were Lassie, Guess, Georgie, Cuddles and Nona. Thank you to Kendra from Kendra Ann Crafts & Accessories for making and donating pet bandanas for each Furry Friend!

The robotic pets have realistic fur, interactive sensors, and the ability to respond to touch and voice. The cats purr and roll over for belly rubs and the pups, lap dog-sized, nuzzle and nip after a pat on the head. We are so excited to embrace this innovative program.

The reactions from residents at the adoption fair were inspiring and heartwarming.



## Easter Riddle Answers

1. 14 Carrot Gold
2. It might crack up.
3. Nobunny knows.

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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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