

The Gardens Gazette



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Set Sail For Wheels



Stay tuned as we get closer to purchasing our donor funded ADA van!

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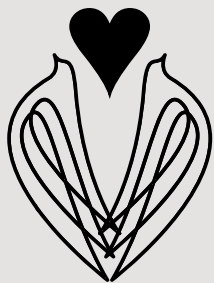
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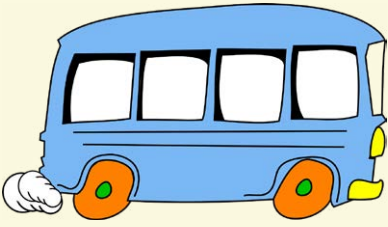


Thank you to everyone who joined us, supported us, donated, volunteered, and helped make the evening such a success. Because of you, we're one step closer to enhancing the FV transportation opportunities for those we serve. We couldn't have done it without this amazing community. Thank you for helping us set sail toward something meaningful!



Felician Village

Sponsored by the Felician Sisters



BUS TRIPS

Thursday, May 21
12:30 p.m.
Sunrise Gardens

Friday, May 22
12:30 p.m.
Shopping at Meijer

Tuesday, May 26
11:00 a.m.
Oneida Casino

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

Spring Craft & Vendor Fair



Our 2nd Annual Spring Vendor Fair was a wonderful day filled with smiles, shopping, and community spirit! A heartfelt thank you to our amazing vendors, dedicated volunteers, and everyone who joined us, we truly appreciate your support.

Stay Informed. Stay Safe. Stay Connected.

Did you know you have a direct line to local law enforcement right here in our community?

The Manitowoc TRIAD program is a unique partnership between the police department, sheriff's department, and older adults in our community, all working together with one goal: to reduce crime against seniors and improve overall safety. But just as important, TRIAD gives you a voice. By attending TRIAD meetings, residents have the opportunity to speak directly with a police officer, ask questions, share concerns, and learn practical ways to stay safe. Whether it's understanding current scams, strengthening neighborhood awareness, or simply getting peace of mind, these conversations are valuable and empowering.



**This month's meeting is Thursday, May 21st at 1:30pm in the St. Francis Room.
All residents are invited to attend!**

Crowning Mary with Love and Tradition



A beautiful tradition filled with grace and meaning. Our residents came together on Friday, May 1st to celebrate May Crowning, honoring Mary with flowers and heartfelt reflection.

A special thank you to resident, Joe for carrying the crown during the processional, and to FV team member, Kim for the honor of crowning Mary.

HAIR-RAISING FUN WITH GRASS HEADS

Gardens residents got their hands a little messy and their spirits a little brighter while planting adorable grass heads. With a little sunshine, water, and care, these tiny creations have started sprouting some fun "hairdos!"



SUMMER Events

Wednesday, June 10
6-7 p.m.
Clipper City Chordsmen
 The Gardens Patio

Bistro & Wisconsin Room will be open for normal dinner service.

Pub will be open 4 - 7 p.m. (cash bar)

This event is reserved for Felician Village residents, families, friends and staff. It will not be advertised to the general public.

Sounds of Summer Concerts

FREE! Outdoor Concerts at The Gardens

1700 S. 18th St., Manitowoc, WI

Wednesday, July 15

6 - 7 p.m.

Del Rays

(Music from the 50s, 60s & 70s)

Wednesday, September 2

6 - 7 p.m.

Bobby Darren & Sheila Marie
 Country Show

Food & beverages available for purchase from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



8TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

4:30 - 7 P.M.

The Gardens at Felician Village
 1700 S. 18th Street

FREE admission for cars and spectators!
 Live music, food, beverages & more!

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We'd be honored if you
Vote Felician Village!

Services

- Assisted/Senior Living
- Memory Care
- Nursing Home
- Retirement/55+ Community
- Senior Adult Services
 (Felician Village at Home)

Place to Work

- Top Employer

Beauty & Health

- Rehabilitation Facility



Thank you for voting us #1 the past 16 years!



Scan the QR Code & Vote Until May 18!

Patio & Pub Grand Opening



After nearly two years of dreaming, planning, fundraising, and hard work, we were thrilled to officially celebrate the Grand Opening of the Pub & Patio at Felician Village! What was once a grass lot and an unused space in the dining room has been transformed into a modern gathering space for residents, families, and friends to enjoy for years to come.

This project would not have been possible without the incredible support of our community, from the unforgettable Mrs. Roper's Romp fundraiser, to generous grants, individual donors, passionate supporters, and countless hours of dedication behind the scenes.

Thank you to everyone who helped bring this vision to life. We can't wait to make memories together in this amazing new space!



Staying Active Together

At Felician Village, there are a variety of exercise opportunities designed to meet Gardens residents wherever they are in their wellness journey.

Let's work together to maintain independence, build confidence, and enjoy daily life to the fullest! Mark your calendars to join us!

Weekly Exercise Schedule

Monday - Functional Movement

Led by Debbie Klingeisen
3 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.



Tuesday & Thursdays - Seated Chair Exercise

Led by Felician Village Volunteers
10:30 a.m.

Fridays - Chair Yoga (YMCA Members)

Led by Stacie Lewin, YMCA instructor
10:15 a.m.



Did you know that many insurance companies will pay for older adults to become a YMCA member?

Pick up your paperwork in Tanya's office. This allows you to take chair yoga classes at no charge and have access to other YMCA classes and their services!

First & Third Wednesdays of the Month - Tap Class



Led by Lauren Daun
11:15 a.m.

No tap shoes necessary. Please wear tennis shoes – we have tap shoes that fit over your regular shoes.

All classes in the Village Hall
Check your monthly calendar of events
and the resident information board for
any changes to the schedule

Exercise Room available
24/7 to all
Gardens residents.
Located near Apt. # 110



I have been thinking a lot about “caregiving” recently. I attended a presentation by a woman who serves as a hospice volunteer, and her perspective on caregiving made me aware of how much we do fits under that umbrella term. We know there are professional caregivers. Of course, when we think of a skilled nursing facility, caregiving is focused on nursing care, but also, importantly, the spiritual and mental care of residents. So, certified nursing assistants, resident assistants, nurses, chaplains, and life enrichment professionals are all caregivers. The Franciscan tradition is filled with models of caregiving, from St. Francis who cared for the lepers and the poor to the Felician Sisters of today who have created so many ministries of care across North America. I think often of the three women who came from Detroit in 1887 to serve the community in Manitowoc, and how their care became a model for so many other women to serve as sisters in this ministry. And I think of the sisters I know who served here and in so many other ministries with such dedication. I am sure you can name many such sisters.

Would you describe yourself as a caregiver? Those who are raising children and those who are giving assistance to an older relative or neighbor are clearly in this category. And those who volunteer to offer their services for those in need are giving care. The people who make certain that a worship service runs smoothly are giving spiritual care. The teacher who guides students is also offering service to others. The member of the facilities team who ensures that a resident's plumbing works, their furniture is functioning, their space is bright and so many other fixes they offer brings them care.

Jesus offers us the model of caregiving in washing the feet of His followers, in healing the sick, in curing the ills of those around Him, and in assuring us the eternal care by being the way, the truth, and the life for us. May we continue to follow in His footsteps.

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In Loving Remembrance
April 2026

Carol Koeppl, *St. Mary's*





There was an incredible turnout for the Kentucky Derby celebration at The Gardens!

After the races, residents gathered in the WI Room for a lively mingle and enjoyed a special meal of delicious broasted chicken. To top it off, mint juleps were served during the meal, bringing a true taste of Derby tradition to the day.



Rooted in Family, Rich in Memories

Last week, the Krcma siblings enjoyed a special time together reminiscing and catching up with one another. Coming from a family of 12 children, five of the siblings were able to gather and celebrate the lifelong bond they share.

Among those together were Jim, age 89, and his twin sister, along with twin sisters Eleanor and Agnes, both age 99. Their sister, Beatrice, age 97, also joined the gathering after recently relocating back to the Milwaukee area following more than 40 years living in Arizona. The family is especially looking forward to celebrating several July birthdays together, as Beatrice, Eleanor, and Agnes will all mark another wonderful year surrounded by family and memories.




"All things seem possible in May."

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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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