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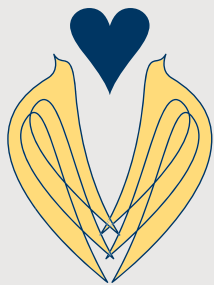
And much more!

Celebrating Seniors Week

Felician Village celebrated seniors week May 13-17, 2024. During the weeklong celebration many activities for residents and staff took place that incorporated the theme of "Powered by Connection."

Some of the week's events included a special pancake breakfast in the Bistro, a campus sing-a-long, a surprise chicken dance, themed dress up days, special treats for residents and staff, and much more.

There was also a team from the Carron Net Company who came in during the week and worked so hard to create a clean and organized work room for our residents to enjoy! Plus, a group of employees from Lakeshore Technical College (LTC) who called BINGO. Our residents enjoyed their time connecting with the Carron Net and LTC employees. It was a wonderful week celebrating our residents.



Felician Village

Sponsored by the Felician Sisters

BUS TRIPS

Friday, June 21
12:30 p.m.
Shopping at Aldi

Tuesday, June 25
11:30 a.m.
Trip to Two Rivers

Friday, June 28
12:30 p.m.
Shopping at Meijer

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

June Movies

All movies begin at 1 PM in the Glab Lounge.

Saturday, June 15
Nine to Five

Saturday, June 22
A Far Off Place

Saturday, June 29
A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

Happy 65th Ordination Anniversary to Father Gerald Foley!

In May Father Foley celebrated his 65th Anniversary Ordination. We thank you for your faithful service and for responding to God's call to the priesthood. May God continue to bless you!



Birthday Celebration

Felician Village Resident, Norb Pritzl turned 99 years old on Saturday, June 1. Norb is one of 16 children, ten of whom are still living and thriving. Family, friends and residents helped Norb celebrate with a party held at Felician Village.



Memorial Day Parade

Felician Village residents and veterans, Ken S., Mitch S., and John S. along with FV on the Go volunteer and veteran, Warren, took part in the Memorial Day Parade in Manitowoc.



Firecracker Craft

Gardens residents had fun making a firecracker craft. Thanks to resident, Tom, for making the wood pieces.



Thank you Kaleidoscope Dance Studio for donating your extra recital flowers to our residents. What a cheerful surprise on a gloomy day!



Beads, Beads & More Beads!

FV @ Home members attended a craft event where they could make beaded pens, bracelets, keychains, or all the above. Although the FV @ Home program offers many benefits such as transportation, tech tutoring, grocery assistance, light volunteer services for household or maintenance chores, we still like to make sure there are opportunities to have some fun and socialize with other members.



LUNCH BUNCH

An FV @ Home Member favorite activity is Lunch Bunch! Members visited Cool City Brewing Company in May. For many of them it was their first time. Everyone raved about the great food!



Let's play "secret resident"

- My grandparents met while working in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford. Grandma, the governess to Mrs. Ford and her children, and my grandfather, the family driver. They kept their "romance" a secret because dating was forbidden on the property. They would lose their jobs if anyone found out.
- As a child I lived in Detroit, MI where my father was a police officer. Rioting forced my father to retire from the police department and gain employment at the Ford Motor Co, moving our family north to Traverse City, MI.
- I married my high school sweet heart at age 17. One year later, our daughter attended our high school graduation. My husband Howard enlisted in the Navy, serving eight years. We lived on military bases and welcomed a son 2.5 years after his sister.
- After serving the Navy, while raising our children, my husband took a job at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant, relocating us to Two Rivers for 28 years. Family life, school activities, Neshotah park/beach, book keeping at Suettinger Hardware, and activities at Good Shephard Church kept me busy.
- Moving to St Louis, MO was necessary for Howard to pursue four years of study becoming an ordained Lutheran Pastor. His calling brought us to Indiana for six years, followed by the Chicago area, near our daughter for 13 years. At the parishes I was organist, and active in multiple committees, events, and church life. Fun fact: As Pastor, my husband married our son, our daughter and baptized all four grandchildren!
- I've lived in 10 states and multiple cities within the states.
- Upon my husband's passing I returned to Two Rivers to be near my son, daughter in law and two granddaughters. Now I enjoy life at the Gardens

WHO AM I?

Answer on page 6.



It's that time
of year for
Garden Club
at The
Gardens!



*"God Almighty first planted a garden. And indeed,
it is the purest of human pleasures."*

- Francis Bacon

Birdhouse Craft

Gardens resident, Tom, made beautiful birdhouses and residents decorated them!



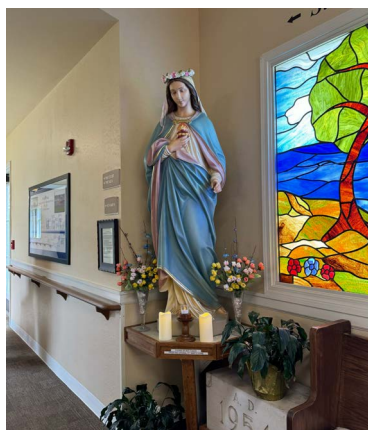
Waddle, Waddle



Mama duck and her ducklings waddling around The Gardens courtyard.

May Crowning

On Friday, May 10, Felician Village held its May Crowning. Father Klingeisen led the procession down Heritage Hall to the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary where a resident of St. Mary's along with a FV staff member, Holly, crowned the statue of Mary with a wreath of flowers.



Summer Bistro Concerts Underway

We kicked off our Summer Bistro Concert series on Wednesday, June 5 with Mission Karaoke. Great music, food and company!



In Loving Remembrance May 2024

Juliana "Julie" Schultz, *St. Mary's* Michael Skelton, *St. Mary's*
 Bonita Zipperer, *The Villa* Christine DeBauche, *The Court*
 Steven VanBoven, *The Villa*
 Donna Mrozinski, *The Villa*



Mission Message

Summer is a beautiful time for us to appreciate creation. The birds, the green grass, the rabbits, the water in the lake all call to us. The creation story in Genesis

reminds us to care for God's creation. It is one of the tenets of Catholic Social Teaching as well. This teaching is intertwined with our respect for the dignity of all people. The worst water conditions, the poorest air quality, the most damage to the soil from pollutants tend to be found most prominently in places where the poorest people live. Those who have the most, live up high in clean spaces with water filters and undamaged surroundings. But, those without the means find their conditions to be less pristine. Our care for creation impacts our solidarity with those in need.

Things haven't changed much since the time of St. Francis in terms of where the well-to-do live. In the late 1100s and early 1200s in Assisi, Italy, the rich lived in the high places, with the feudal lord perched in a castle on top of Mt. Subasio. Those with little or nothing were further down the hill, in the spaces where the waste from those above was carried down to the bottom of the hill by rain, to collect in their surroundings. Those with leprosy were sent outside the city walls, in even worse circumstances. Francis sought to care for all of creation, especially those in need. He spent time at the basest parts of the community caring for those with no protection. Pope Benedict XVI said in *Charity in Truth*, "On this earth there is room for everyone: here the entire human family must find the resources to live with dignity, through the help of nature itself—God's gift to his children—and through hard work and creativity. At the same time we must recognize our grave duty to hand the earth on to future generations in such a condition that they too can worthily inhabit it and continue to cultivate it." Pope Francis tells us in *On Care for Our Common Home*, "A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. . . . Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society."

Go out and enjoy creation this summer, but also consider the ways in which we might be responsible stewards of the beauty of what God has provided for us. Let's care for our common home and for those around us with gentleness and joy.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER 2024

JUNE

18

THE LANGUAGE OF
DEMENTIA &
FINDING SUCCESS
WORKSHOP
@ 11 A.M.
VILLAGE HALL

JUNE

27

CAR SHOW AT
THE GARDENS
@ 4:30 - 7 P.M.

JULY

10

BISTRO CONCERT
(MYSTIC MOODS
POLKA BAND)
@
4:30 - 7:00 P.M.

AUGUST

5

BISTRO CONCERT
(ELVIS)
@
4:30 - 7:00 P.M.

SECRET RESIDENT



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Thank You For Your Dedication to FV



Thank you to our outgoing Felician Village Board of Directors, Michael Etheridge (Board Chair), Dr. Cameron Goetz and Dennis Swetlik. We greatly appreciate your years of dedication, expertise, and ongoing support to our Felician ministry.

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

Reminder...

Group exercise classes at Felician Village

(Exclusive to YMCA members)

Weekly Classes Begins week of May 20th

Tai Chi - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

(Jerry Galas)

Chair Yoga - Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

(Stacie Lerwin)



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