

Gardens Gazette

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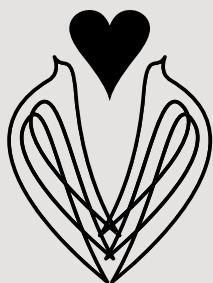
And much more!

On July 10th, a beautiful Farewell to the Felician Sisters Prayer Service was held in the Blessed Angela Chapel. It gave us time to shine the spotlight on our Sisters that they would know of our gratitude for all they have done in 138 years of ministry at Felician Village.

We thank Sister Bernadette, Sister Bernetta, and Sister Rosalie for their character, courage, and commitment; for their unselfish prayers to the residents and staff of Felician Village; and for their heartfelt prayers and caring presence.



Gardens Resident, Jerry, proved that golf greatness doesn't retire, landing his very first hole-in-one at Seven Lakes Golf and Dining in July. Congratulations Jerry! What a memorable day on the green!



Felician Village

Sponsored by the Felician Sisters

**THE END OF
ALZHEIMER'S
STARTS WITH YOU.**

**Walk to End ALZ
Saturday, September 27**

Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA, 205 Maritime Dr, Manitowoc

8:30 AM Event Opens | 9:40 AM Opening
Ceremony | 10:00 AM Walk Begins

Scan the QR code to learn more about joining
the Felician Village team and raising funds!



BUS TRIPS

Friday, August 29

11:30 a.m.

Cool City Brewing

Sign up in the Gardens

Activity Binder for all

bus trips listed.

From 'I Do' to Forever:

Celebrating 70 Years Together



Congratulations to Gardens Residents Don and Joan Schanke, who recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary!

A century of love, laughter, and memories



Harriet Peach celebrated her 100th birthday on August 3rd!

Harriet and her late husband, Lester, moved onto the campus in 1988, one of the first residents who lived at The Gardens. Her bright spirit and kind heart have touched so many.

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Congratulations to Chaplain Stephanie Bowman

Chaplain Stephanie Bowman received her official Board Certification from the Association of Professional Chaplains. This organization promotes quality chaplaincy care through advocacy, education, professional standards and service.

The certification program requires a Master's degree, endorsement by her faith tradition, Clinical Pastoral Education, a minimum of 2,000 hours of work experience as a chaplain, and professional competence demonstrated in written materials and the certification interview. The coursework and supervision is designed to elevate professional standards, enhance individual performance and designate professional chaplains who demonstrate the knowledge essential to the practice of chaplaincy care.

We are so very thrilled about Chaplain Stephanie's amazing accomplishment. Her abilities, commitment, and dedication to the spiritual care of all of our residents, their families, and our staff shine in all that she does.



Meet & Greet with Chaplain Stephanie
Monday, Sept. 29 ■ 2-3 p.m. ■ Glab Lounge



April

The seed bombs made in April are blooming in August!



August



From Caterpillar to Flight: A Magical Release

Gardens residents experienced the wonder of nature up close as they watched a caterpillar transform into a beautiful butterfly. After days of care and curiosity, they released it into the great outdoors. A gentle reminder that transformation takes time, and nature always has something beautiful to show us.





Cars, Classics & The King!

We ended our summer concert series with a rockin' good time! Residents, families and friends cruised through rows of classic cars before being all shook up by an unforgettable performance from Elvis tribute artist, John Hardginski.

Congratulations to Ron, owner of a 1936 Chevy, whose car was voted as the fan favorite! From chrome to "Can't Help Falling in Love," it was a night full of nostalgia, music, and

memories. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this summer one for the books!



CROSSFIRE RANCH

Crossfire Ranch welcomed our residents back for another visit. We enjoyed soaking up the sunshine and fresh air while residents learned about the organization's mission, and had the opportunity to experience some hands-on feeding and brushing the horses. A great reminder of how important connection to nature and new experiences are.



VOLUNTEER OUTING



Our incredible volunteers recently gathered for a fun evening at Time Out. It was more than just sharing a meal—it was a chance to connect, laugh, and strengthen the bonds that make our volunteer community so special.

If you're interested in volunteering at FV, reach out to Lauren at 920-684-7171 ext. 425 to learn about volunteer opportunities at Felician Village.



The Patio is the Place to be!



FISH BOIL



Gardens residents gathered on the patio for a classic fish boil—and the weather couldn't have been better. Mussels, snow crab, clams, shrimp, potatoes, corn, sausage—paired with a refreshing summer drink and a fruity dessert—it was a delicious feast from start to finish.

BREWS

Gina Krahn from Cool City Brewing Company for sharing your knowledge and passion for brewing! Your delicious samples and beer-making insights made the event truly enjoyable. Such a fun (and tasty) day on the patio!



Pigeons on the Patio



The Gardens enjoyed a fascinating visit from Mark Maurer, son-in-law of one of our residents. Mark's passion for homing pigeons began when he was a child, and he picked it back up over 25 years ago.

He shared his knowledge, stories, and even a handout filled with interesting facts about these remarkable birds. Residents had plenty of questions, and Mark was more than happy to answer each one with enthusiasm.



95 PLUS CLUB



The 95+ Club took over the patio. Between swapping stories about canning, county fairs, kids, and holidays, they enjoyed some sweet strawberry shortcake.

The conversation (and the sunshine) brought smiles all around

Happy Hour

Happy Hour with entertainment by Bill Bernico.



President's Column

After months of planning, evaluation, and deliberation, the Felician Village 2026 Fiscal Year Budget (July 1 – June 30) was approved by the Board of Directors and Felician Services, Inc. While we are still in the process of closing fiscal year 2025, all signs point to a very strong year. This achievement allowed us to meet and exceed our loan covenant obligations to Felician Services, Inc., improve cashflow, and invest into capital improvements and upgrades. This year's budget lessened rent increases compared to 2025 while continuing to maintain and grow our services and capital spending advancements to our community. I am honored to once again tell you that Felician Village was named the "Best of the Lakeshore" for the 16th year in a row! Felician Village was voted best Assisted/Senior Living, Memory Care, Nursing Home, and Retirement/55+ Community. This recognition is a direct result to the hard work and dedication of all involved in our Felician Village Community.

Last year, a Felician Village Experience Committee was formed with representatives from several departments and areas of our campus. They have organized and led a number of intergenerational, meaningful, and fun events for residents, staff, and the community. I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual Family Fest event that will take place on Thursday, September 4th. For the first time since 2019, we will reconvene as a Felician Village Family and host a one-day event celebrating all areas of our campus in the 21st Street Parking lot and Village Square. We are blessed to have the opportunity to host Bishop David L. Ricken, who will preside over Mass that morning to honor the 150th anniversary of the Felician Sisters of North America. I look forward to seeing our residents, their families, and staff as we celebrate all those who help us carry out the mission and core values of Felician Village.

This year's strategic plan and budget are rooted in effective change management and our core value of transformation. While change can be challenging, Felician Village has a long and successful history—138 years and counting—of adapting with purpose. As we move forward, we're committed to identifying new opportunities, streamlining how we work, and finding more effective and efficient ways to accomplish our goals. With the dedication of our team and the support of our community, we're well-positioned to continue growing and evolving in the year ahead.

With gratitude and warm regards,

Luke J. Schubert

Luke Schubert, President/CEO



Mission Message

One of the Core Values of Felician Village is Solidarity with People in Need. Being sensitive to need means providing resources and services for the underserved,

especially the financially disadvantaged. It is a value aligned with Catholic Social Teaching, which you can read more about on the USCCB site of the Bishops. The Option for the Poor and Vulnerable is one of the seven principles. This principle asks us to respond to how our most vulnerable members of society are faring and to put them first. This value stands out to me this month for a few reasons.

First, we conducted a drive for school supplies last month. As students prepare for the fall, the expenses for families can be overwhelming. For those in need, the lists of required items to start the school year are a burden. This drive lessens that burden for families, providing children with the basic necessities for their education. Thank you so much to all who contributed to the boxes outside the chapel.

The second reason this core value stands out to me this month is because of our Remembrance of Pioneer Sisters and All Sisters prayer service & cemetery clean up that we will hold on August 27 at 10:30 am. Sister Carlotta Myszk, CSSF, told me a story about William Jensen, who is buried in the cemetery across the street from The Villa. He had been released from prison and could not find work anywhere. Someone called Sister Claude, who was the administrator at Felician Village during that time, asking if she could provide him work and shelter. She did. He served here faithfully for many years. When he passed away, she continued that solidarity by providing him a burial space.

The third reason this core value is on my mind this month is because it is Felician Village's 138th birthday on August 27. We will celebrate with the prayer service mentioned above. In addition, we recall all the ways in which the Felician Sisters have served those in need here in Manitowoc, as the first North American ministry of the Sisters. In the early days, not only did the ministry provide housing and care for older community members in need, but also space and schooling for boys who were orphaned. We continue to utilize The Cornerstone Endowment Fund for the Poor for those in need. Many contributed to this cause in honor of the Felician Sisters as they departed the ministry last month. We continue to be a Felician ministry, carrying out those Core Values of the Sisters. We participate in solidarity with people in need in a special way this month. May we continue to serve God's people long into the future.

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



In Loving Remembrance

July 2025

Barbara Green, *St. Mary's*

William Shimek, *The Gardens,
The Court & The Villa*

Joan Barnard, *The Gardens, The Villa
& St. Mary's*



Come One

Come All

FELICIAN VILLAGE FAMILY FEST THURSDAY, SEPT. 4

10 a.m. - until all
items sold

Bake Sale - Outside Chapel in hallway
Items accepted Wednesday, Sept. 3 until 3 p.m.

Proceeds benefit Felician Village Walk to End ALZ

9:30 - 10 a.m.

Mass with Bishop David Ricken
Outside under the tent in the main parking lot

10:30 - 12 p.m.

Bingo Outside under tent

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Yard Games & TriShaw Bike Rides
Outside

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Picnic Lunch Outside

12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.

II Cool Band Outside under tent

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Petting Zoo Outside

All events held at 1635 S. 21st Street, Manitowoc, WI



Felician Village

RSVP BY AUGUST 28, 2025.

By calling (920) 684-7171, ext. 0 or email,
fvmarketing@felicianvillage.org. Please indicate how
many will be attending, if you plan to attend Mass



August is the border between
summer and autumn; it is the
most beautiful month I know

Tove Jansson

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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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