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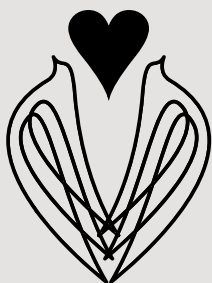
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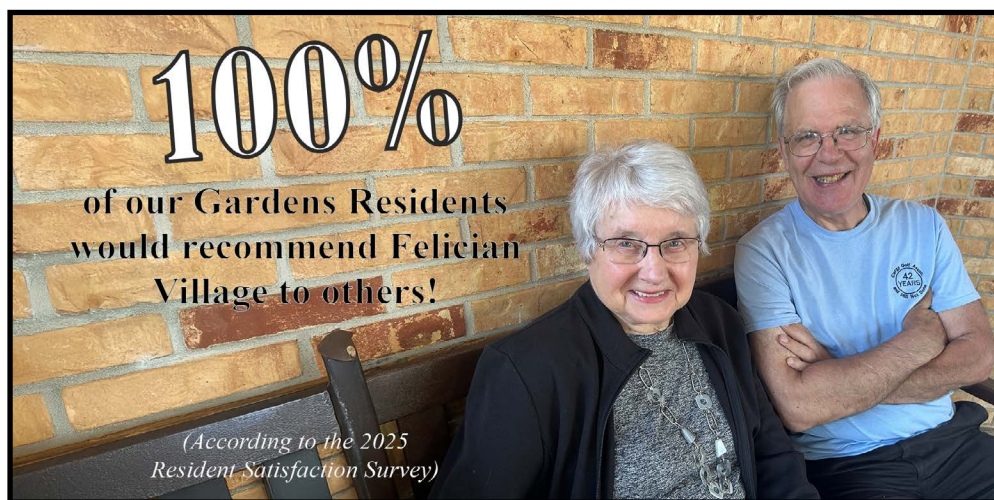
Felician Village

Sponsored by the Felician Sisters

Dollar Blooms for Every Occasion

It's amazing what you can create when you mix creativity, and some cash!

Gardens residents made money bouquets, a practical gift that could be used for birthdays, weddings, recitals, and even to thank party hosts. Ranging from \$5 to \$100, they're such a fun and unique way to celebrate life's big moments. Who knew cash could look so good?



**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

Thursday, September 18
11:30 a.m.
Log Cabin Restaurant

Friday, September 19
12:30 p.m.
Shopping at Aldi

Tuesday, September 23
10:30 a.m.
Capitol Civic Centre Tour

Wednesday, September 24
11:00 a.m.
*Henning Cheese & Meats
Opera House*

Friday, September 26
12:30 p.m.
Shopping at Meijer

Saturday, September 27
9:15 a.m.
Alzheimer's Walk

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

*Even as the summer days start to
slip away, our residents are still
making the most of the sunshine
with TriShaw bike rides around
the neighborhood!*



I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream!

Thanks to the generosity of a thoughtful donor, our staff and residents were treated to a cool surprise—ice cream for everyone!

From classic cones to sweet sundaes, the treats brought plenty of smiles and a refreshing break on a summer day.

What a delightful way to share joy and show appreciation for our amazing community!



**"THERE'S NO SUCH
THING AS TOO MUCH
ICE CREAM."**

UNKNOWN
littigers.net



Gardens residents enjoyed another perfect, warm day on the patio at the end of August. Thank you to the sponsor HomeCare Health Services & Hospice! Residents greatly enjoyed the Blue Hawaiian drink. Plus, the entertainer, Norm Bertschy was celebrating his birthday!!



Remembrance and Prayer Service for the Pioneer Sisters

In 1874, Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska sent five Felician Sisters across the Atlantic to North America. On November 21, 1874 they arrived in Polonia, WI, where the pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Fr. Joseph Dabrowski had requested their help educating the children of Polish immigrants. We have been celebrating these pioneer sisters all year, remembering their work, their hardships, and their gifts of sharing the Gospel.

On August 27th, the 138th anniversary of Felician Village's ministry, a group gathered in the St. Mary's Cemetery – Sisters Section to hold a Remembrance and Prayer Service for the Pioneer Sisters and all Sisters. After the service, the group cleaned headstones of those who had served at St. Mary's/Felician Village. As of this year, over 320 Felician Sisters have served at this, their first ministry in North America, Felician Village. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



*"Willingly perform the
humblest of chores."*

- Blessed Angela

Lunch on the Patio

Taking advantage of a beautiful August day with a salad lunch on the patio and great conversation which included sharing tips on gardening.



Challenging Conversations

**FREE! Open
to the public**

**Tuesday, Sept. 23
10:30 a.m.**

Village Hall @ Felician Village
1635 S. 21st St., Manitowoc



Presented by Sheri Fairman,
MSW, CMD CP



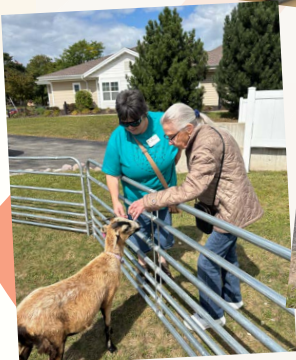
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FAMILY FEST



What an amazing day at our annual Family Fest! We were honored to begin the celebration with Mass, presided over by Bishop David L. Ricken, in recognition of the Felician Sisters' 150th Anniversary of their arrival in North America. We were blessed to have a group of Felician Sisters with us, along with leadership from Felician Services Inc. The day continued with BINGO, a delicious picnic lunch, live music by II Cool Band, fun games, and even a petting zoo, with a wallaby! It was truly a beautiful celebration of Felician Village's ministry and the incredible community we share. Thank you to all who joined us!



Ice Cream & Gardening

Nothing beats a Klondike bar on a hot, muggy day! Gardens residents cooled off together in the beautiful south garden — the very space many of them help maintain with care and pride.



Our Atrium is Blooming with Beauty

The Gardens atrium is looking absolutely stunning thanks to the hard work of volunteer, Carol. Thank you for sharing your "green thumb" with us!



Mission Message



School has started, which calls to mind the memories of those days of learning. I just recently came across a perfect attendance award I

earned in 3rd grade. Being present all the days of the school year brought a celebration. That emphasis on being present was important to learning. Today, as adults, being present has a variety of meanings. For example, we can be present in our workplace, be present to our families, be present to our friends, and be present to God.

Being present to God can bring about change in our lives. St. Francis of Assisi changed so much through his contemplation of who God is and what God wanted from him. He was present in prayer. He was present in contemplation. He paid attention to God's word and the beauty of God's creation. Blessed Mary Angela Truskowska was also present to God's desire for her life. She focused her prayer life. She focused her activities on service to God's people. She was present to those in need as she learned from being attentive to God.

We can live intentionally, working to pay attention and be present to those around us and to what God asks of us. If we slow down our pace, we can start to notice the needs around us and what causes stirrings in our hearts. Autumn brings us a chance to note the changes around us and to pay attention. We are coming to the end of our celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Felician Sisters arriving in North America. August saw a prayer service for the Pioneer Sisters and All Sisters in the Felician Sisters' cemetery across the street from The Villa. Those present remembered the women who dedicated their lives to being present for others and being present to God. We prayed for the over 320 Felician Sisters who were here in Manitowoc over the last 138 years at this ministry. We also cleaned the tombstones of more than 50 Sisters, honoring their lives through these memorials. September started with the Mass with Bishop David Ricken to honor the Felician Sisters. We keep celebrating in October with our Mission and Heritage Week. Let us recall with thanksgiving these Sisters who gave their all to be present to God and God's people.

*Written by Barb Spies, OFS
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* ✨ Felician Village ✨ * Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair

**Saturday,
November 8
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

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In Loving Remembrance

August 2025

Henry "Hank" Behnke, *The Villa*

Mary Zimmer, *The Villa & St. Mary's*

Allen Kopetsky, *The Villa, The Court & The Gardens*

William Narten, *St. Mary's*



Family GAME NIGHT



Thursday
OCTOBER 9

4:30 - 8 PM

Prizes

GAMES

50/50 Raffles

Bingo Black Jack Roulette
Horse Races Irish Poker Cardo

Musical Entertainment by "Just One More" | 4:30-5:30 pm

RESIDENTS, FAMILY & FRIENDS WELCOME

**Everyone in attendance receives
\$1,000 play money**

**FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
(Resident food account or cash)**

CASH BAR \$3.00 BEVERAGES

Donations Appreciated.

*Event proceeds will benefit
future Garden resident activities*

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**TRICK
OR
TREAT**

**Halloween Candy &
Trinket Donations**

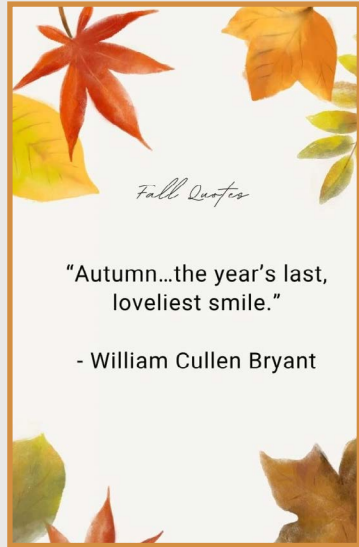


TRICK OR TREAT TIME IS NEAR!

We are accepting candy or trinket donations for residents to hand out to trick or treaters. We have invited local school aged children to trick or treat throughout our campus.

Donations can be given to Lauren, Membership & Volunteer Supervisor or the front desk receptionist. Questions? Call ext. 425 or fvathome@felicianvillage.org. **THANK YOU!**

PLEASE HAVE DONATIONS IN BY OCTOBER 22.



Fall Quotes

"Autumn...the year's last,
loveliest smile."

- William Cullen Bryant

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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

President & CEO
Luke Schubert

Director of Marketing
Megan Bruckschen

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