

Gardens Gazette

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TEAM FELICIAN VILLAGE RAISES OVER \$3,000

Team Felician Village participated in the Manitowoc County Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, September 27th. Together the team surpassed their goal and raised more than \$3,000 to support the efforts of one day living in a world without Alzheimer's Disease. It was a beautiful morning on the lakeshore to come together for this cause!



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!

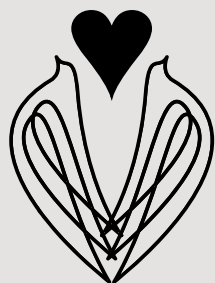


**PLEASE
HAVE
DONATIONS
IN BY
OCTOBER 22.**

Sweet treats, sweeter impact!



The Gardens torte sale was a great success. Every slice helped raised funds for the Walk to End ALZ.



Felician Village

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BUS TRIPS

Thursday, October 16

8:30 a.m.

Whispering Orchards

Friday, October 17

12:30 p.m.

Shopping at Aldi

Friday, October 24

12:30 p.m.

Shopping at Meijer

Tuesday, October 28

11:00 a.m.

Altona Supper Club

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

*Chime Time! Crafting with
Sunshine and Smiles*

Gardens residents designed beautiful solar key wind chimes that will glisten during the day and softly chime as the wind blows.



A Visit to One of Manitowoc's Gems

The FV at Home members enjoyed learning about its rich history, what it offers to our community, and the exciting things ahead.

Another highlight was a beautiful piano performance by our very own resident, Barb Cook, paired with a delicious catered lunch prepared by the Felician Village Culinary team.

It was a day full of music, history and fellowship!



HALLOWEEN RIDDLES

1.

HOW DO YOU FIX A
JACK-O-LANTERN?

Answer: Riddles.com/3181

2.

HOW DO YOU KNOW
THAT A VAMPIRE
LOVES BASE BALL?

Answer: Riddles.com/3182

Special Guest Shares Incredible Life Among Alaska's St. Paul Island Tribe

We had the pleasure of welcoming Mary, daughter of Gardens residents, who shared her amazing experiences living with the tribe on St. Paul Island, Alaska. What was planned as a one-hour presentation quickly stretched into two, filled with stories, questions, and incredible insights. From daily life like meals and education to the island's rich history and seal harvesting traditions, Mary gave us such a meaningful glimpse into life on St. Paul Island. We're so grateful for the time she spent with us!



Meet with Maino

John Maino visited the FV Campus and shared his captivating stories from his conversations with World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans, along with his own firsthand experiences from the field.

He also reminisced with resident, Pearl, about his time at WFRV TV. Residents loved his talk! Many said they could have listened to him much longer. John generously donated a copy of his four books to FV. They will be a popular read!



Boo-tiful and Eco-Friendly!

Garden residents recycled lighting globes by turning them into lighted ghosts for Halloween Boo!



POKER RUN AT THE GARDENS!

Residents strolled from stop to stop picking cards, snacking on yummy treats, and chasing that winning hand. The adventure ended on the patio with games, prizes, and a jackpot of laughs and smiles!



Balancing Risk & Independence in Dementia Care

Tuesday, Nov. 18

10:30 a.m.

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



When should they stop driving? How do I keep them from leaving home unexpectedly? When do I need to look for a facility? These questions and more are explored as we talk about maintaining independence and evaluating risk in the day to day for people living with dementia.



Presented by Sheri Fairman,
MSW, CMD CP



**FREE! Open
to the public**

RSVPs appreciated, but not required: (920)684-7171,
ext. 329 or fvmmarketing@felicianvillage.org



LUNCH BUNCH

Another Lunch Bunch with Felician Village at Home Members. This month they visited Blooms and Brunch. Such a delicious meal. The crepes are highly recommended!



President's Column

Franciscan roots during Mission & Heritage week, October 4 – 10. The theme this year is “Widening the Tent for Charism and Mission.”

With the departure of the Felician Sisters from our campus earlier this year, it's more important than ever to reflect on the dedicated work of the caring and hard-working pioneer Felician Sisters who founded St. Mary's Home in 1887. The life of these early Felician Sisters was not easy but they persevered and with the grace of God were able to care for those in need. As lay people, our commitment during this transformation is to provide a safe and loving senior living environment for our residents and staff. As always, we look to our Felician values - Respect for Human Dignity, Compassion, Transformation, Solidarity with People in Need, and Justice and Peace – to help keep us grounded and focused.

I encourage you all to take part in the festivities of Mission & Heritage Week while remembering those who walked before us. Let's strive together to see and respond to the needs of those in our community as those early Franciscans did.

With gratitude and warm regards,

Luke J. Schubert
Luke Schubert,
President/CEO



Day of Service

The Felician Village Leadership Team recently honored the 150th anniversary of the Felician Sisters of North America through a day of service. One group spent time at Peter's Pantry sorting multiple pallets of donations and helping their team prepare for the pantry's opening later that day. The other group continued the job started in August, by cleaning additional headstones in St. Mary's Cemetery. Our team continues to be guided in their work every day by Blessed Mary Angela's call to “serve where you are needed.”



Mission Message



At Felician Village, we start October with our Mission and Heritage Week. As a non-profit organization that has a specific connection

to the Catholic tradition, it's important for us to remind our staff and residents of who we are. But we also remember where we came from. That's the Heritage part of the week. So, we will tie to the story of the Felician Sisters who began this ministry 138 years ago.

This year that theme is “Widening the Tent for Charism and Mission.” A charism is a special gift of the Holy Spirit given to an individual who then lives out that inspiration. For us, it is Blessed Mary Angela Truskowska, a Polish Sister, who emphasized serving where you are needed. For her, that meant helping orphans and widows. Her congregation has continued to find needs and meet them since the mid-1850s. This theme of “Widening the Tent for Charism and Mission” guides us to consider how we can connect the ideas to our staff and residents. During the week we will be collecting items for the Lakeshore Humane Society. Connecting with theme of “Widening the Tent for Charism and Mission,” we will collect those items for the humane society in a pup tent outside our chapel. It's a great visual reminder of the theme and our service to God's creation.

We also celebrate our Franciscan heritage of the Felician Sisters by having a pet blessing. St. Francis was known to love all of creation: animals, plants, and people. There will be a Franciscan Friar who comes to our campus to offer blessings of people's pets. Our pets become cherished members of our families, and many people, no matter their faith tradition, love the idea of having someone pray for the health and well-being of their pets. We also will have some pets visiting our residents during the week. Pet therapy is a wonderful way for our residents to feel the love of God and to share that love with another being. We all find so much joy in the visits with the animals. Overall, Mission and Heritage Week is a week of celebrating those who started this ministry, those who serve here, and those we serve.

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

In Loving Remembrance

September 2025

Paul J. Neuser, *The Court & St. Mary's*

Donald Klein, *St. Mary's*

Germaine Suchomel, *St. Mary's, The Villa,
The Court & The Gardens*



Save the Date!



Felician Village
**Holiday Craft &
 Vendor Fair**

Saturday, November 8
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Felician Village: Village Hall
 1635 S. 21st Street, Manitowoc

Santa ★ Face Painting ★ LIVE Christmas Music
 ★ Holiday Inspired Food & Beverages

Open to the Public
FREE Admission

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information
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RIDDLE ANSWERS:

1. With a
Pumpkin Patch
2. Because he turns
into a bat every night.

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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

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 Megan Bruckschen

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