

Gardens Gazette

November 2025

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Mission & Heritage Week

During October, we celebrated Mission and Heritage Week with the theme: "Widening the Tent for Charism and Mission."

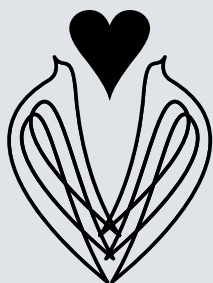


The image of a tent reminds us that our earthly life is part of a larger spiritual journey. As we travel this path together, rooted in faith, love, and mutual care, we find strength in the enduring truth that God is always present, both within us and among us.

Throughout the week, we embraced many opportunities to reflect on the heart of our ministry and to live more fully into the call to "widen our tent."

Some of the activities included:

- A special hand blessing .
- Residents and staff tested their knowledge during Felician Village Trivia and spinning the wheel for a prize.
- Staff, residents and the community gathered for a Pet Blessing led by a Franciscan Friar.
- Felician Village staff brought the fun and spirit to a Mission & Heritage Scavenger Hunt.
- A pup tent was set up outside the Blessed Angela Chapel for residents, staff and visitors to donate items to the Lakeshore Humane Society.



Felician Village

Sponsored by the Felician Sisters



Happy Thanksgiving

We're so grateful for our residents and their families—your presence fills our community with love and joy.

BUS TRIPS

Wednesday, November 19

3:00 p.m.

Luigi's Restaurant

Friday, November 21

12:30 p.m.

Shopping at Aldi

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

Check out our new video
- Felician Village:
Living Our Mission,
Enriching Every Life!



See how our mission comes to life each day through the people, purpose, and passion that make Felician Village so special.



SCAN ME
to watch video.

The Gardens Halloween Mingle was a Treat!

A huge thanks to our FV Culinary Department for a truly spooktacular spread!



BINGO & BLACKJACK WITH MIKE

Bingo and Blackjack are always a hit when Mike is leading the games for his fellow Gardens' residents!

He even donates to the winner's pot, keeping things exciting. The laughter and good company make time fly, and as Mike joked, "I don't know who has more fun, them or me?"

TRICK-OR-TREATERS GALORE!

Felician Village welcomed students from Bethany Lutheran School (WELS) - Manitowoc, WI, Jefferson Elementary School and St. John's Lutheran Church & School - Newtonburg to trick or treat throughout our campus. These sweet visits are part of our Intergenerational Program, spreading smiles across generations!



THANKSGIVING RIDDLES

1.

WHAT INSTRUMENT
DOES A TURKEY
PLAY?

2.

WHAT WAS THE TURKEY
THANKFUL FOR ON
THANKSGIVING?

Answers on page 6.



★ The Gardens

Ken Braun, Army
Douglas Bretl, Navy
Michael Dilley, Army
Susan Dilley, Army
David Feile, Navy
Ken Fessler, Army
Rev. Gerald Foley, Army- Chaplain
Keith Frasch, Army
Wayne Huebner, Army
Daniel Kleckner, National Guard
Jim Krcma, Navy
John Larson, Army
Walter Pautz, Army
Ken Rieckmann, Coast Guard
Scott Schreiber, Army
Glenn Schulz,
Army National Guard
Glenn Schwalbe, National Guard
Ken Schwanke, Army
Arnold (Mitch) Silver, Navy
Leonard Slager, Army
James Steber, Army
Edgar "Pete" Stuntz,
Army Medical Corp
Edward Yohanek, Army



Thank you to all who
have served and
sacrificed for our
freedom.
Your courage and
dedication inspire us
every day.



A Festive Favorite Returns

Felician Village hosted its 3rd Annual Holiday Vendor Fair on November 8. We welcomed over 600 guests through our doors and they had a chance to shop from 30 vendors, visit with santa, get their face painted, listen to live Christmas music and check out the goodies in the Village Café. It was a great way to kick off the holiday festivities.





A Fresh Shine Thanks to Club Car Wash & St. Francis Youth!

Gardens residents were treated to a FREE Elite Car Wash compliments of Club Car Wash!

A big shoutout to St. Francis of Assisi Parish Youth Group for lending a hand with interior vacuuming, mat cleaning, and sparkling windows. What a perfect way to kick off fall with a fresh, clean ride! Thank you to both groups for your kindness and community spirit.



Mission Message



In November we celebrate all that makes us thankful. Maybe we are thankful for the 46 million turkeys consumed during this holiday. Or the 50

million pumpkin pies! (Thanks for Reader's Digest for that trivia) In my family, we are thankful for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the dog show that follows it. We have a parade bingo game that continues throughout morning. We celebrate all the fun dogs that we see in the dog show, especially the ridiculously fluffy ones. But most importantly, we celebrate spending time with family.

According to the Pew Research Center, spending time with family far outranks other personal priorities for most Americans. A large majority of U.S. adults (73%) say family time is one of the most important aspects of their life. Catholic Social Teaching has a principle entitled Call to Family, Community, and Participation. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops tells us that "the person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society -- in economics and politics, in law and policy -- directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable."

We are called to care for each other, to make those who are without family at this time feel welcomed and loved. Our care extends from our own family out to the community where we participate in non-perishable food drives for those in need. Our faith asks us to be especially aware of those who are without the basic requirements for health and life. The Felician Sisters came to this continent 150 years ago to offer their services to poor Polish immigrants. They continue to live in solidarity with all those in need. They offer us a foundation and a model for celebrating our thankfulness for all of God's creation.

Written by Barb Spies, OFS

Director of Mission Services and Pastoral Care

A Thanksgiving Reflection

"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings."

-William Arthur Ward

In Loving Remembrance

Gaile Kelty, *St. Mary's*

October 2025

Marilyn Kollross, *St. Mary's*

Elizabeth "Betsy" Kretsch, *St. Mary's*

Henry Dittmann, *The Villa & The Court*

Margaret Kumbalek, *The Court*

Joan M. Krey, *The Gardens & St. Mary's*

Duane Thews, *The Villa, Court, & Gardens*



Only 800 tickets will be sold!

Eight chances to win!

FELICIAN VILLAGE

CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE

Each ticket \$5 or 5 for \$20

1st Prize	\$500
2nd	\$300
3rd & 4th	\$100
5th-8th	\$50

Winners will be drawn Thursday, December 18, 2025.

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 fvmarketing@felicianvillage.org



RIDDLE ANSWERS

1. A drumstick
2. Vegetarians

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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

Marketing Specialist
Kim Christoffel, *Editor*