

Gardens Gazette

November 2026

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Felician Village

Sponsored by the Felician Sisters

Mission & Heritage Week





October 4th through October 10th we celebrated Mission & Heritage Week, a time to honor the vision of Blessed Mary Angela and the enduring legacy of the Felician Sisters around the world.

The week kicked off with a collection drive benefiting Lakeshore Foster Families & Friends, along with hand blessings and donuts shared by Felician Associates. Throughout the week, meaningful moments and special events brought our community together, including a pet blessing led by a Franciscan friar, Curious Conversations with Chaplain Stephanie, Chili for Change, popcorn treats for staff, and a beautiful Felician Associates Renewal of Commitment Mass in the Blessed Angela Chapel. It was a week filled with compassion, connection, and opportunities to celebrate the mission and spirit of Felician Village.



Business Office *Services*

For your convenience, the following services are now available through *Reception* at the 1635 S. 21st Street entrance:

- Rent payments
- Stamp purchases
- Check cashing
- Gift certificate purchases
- Resident Trust account deposits & withdrawals

To schedule an appointment with the Business Office Manager, please stop by Reception or call 920-684-7171, ext. 616.

Stamp purchases & making change will no longer be provided by Tanya, Reception can assist.



Happy Thanksgiving

We're so grateful for our residents and their families. You fill our community with countless reasons to be thankful. Wishing you a beautiful Thanksgiving!

BUS TRIPS

Tuesday, November 17
11:30 a.m.
Festival or Walmart
FREE

Friday, November 20
12:45 p.m.
Franciscan Mother House
FREE

Tuesday, November 24
1:15 p.m.
Wreath Factory & Dinner
$6.00

Friday, October 23
12:00 p.m.
Evan's, Johnsonville Market, and Texas Roadhouse
$6.00

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

Free Community Dementia Workshop

Language of Dementia,
The Fish Approach

Wed., Dec. 2
10:30 a.m.
Village Hall

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

November Question:

What are you thankful for?

A "Question of the Month" will be posted on the table near the mailboxes. Simply fill out a slip, and your responses may be featured in next month's newsletter.

October Question: What was your favorite Halloween costume?

Witch - Clown & interacting with kids - Lightning McQueen - Can-Can - Light up Stick Person



Our volunteers generously give their time, energy, and talents to help make The Gardens a wonderful place to live. Whether they are assisting with activities, providing transportation, lending a helping hand, or simply sharing a friendly smile, their contributions make a difference.

We kindly ask all residents to remember that our volunteers are giving their time as a gift. A little patience, kindness, and appreciation go a long way. Please treat our volunteers with courtesy and respect, just as you would want to be treated.

We are grateful for each person who chooses to spend their time with us, and we want every volunteer to feel welcomed, valued, and appreciated. **Let's make sure they know how much they mean to our community!**

PIZZA PARTY @ THE PUB



Residents enjoyed their own personal pizzas, drinks, and great company. Safe to say, this won't be our last!









Working Together for Reliable Transportation

With the recent announcement of Assist to Transport's closure, we recognize that residents and families may have questions about transportation options moving forward. Felician Village is aware of the potential impact and is actively working to ensure residents continue to have access to transportation for important medical appointments.

Thanks to generous donor support and our community fundraising efforts, Felician Village is fortunate to have a wheelchair-accessible bus, ADA-accessible van, and SUV for ambulatory riders to help support resident transportation needs. While these were originally intended to supplement community transportation resources, we recognize the importance of having reliable options closer to home.

We are also patiently awaiting the details of the City of Manitowoc's plan to take over paratransit services. Our continued goal is to provide residents and families with greater confidence in knowing that transportation needs are being addressed and that we are working proactively to support access to essential appointments. We will share additional details as plans are finalized with both Felician Village and other community resources, including information about availability and scheduling.



Garden Residents enjoyed All Saints Progressive Bingo at Gathering 43, and we even had a cash winner!





Are you considering making a donation yet this year to Felician Village?



Some practical options include gifting through Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD). If you are 70.5 years this year, a QCD is a practical and effective opportunity to give while possibly receiving a tax advantage. Making a contribution through a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) is another giving option if you are 73 years old in 2026. If either of these is appealing to you, please contact your financial advisor and provide our 501 c3 non-profit information; St. Mary's Home for the Aged, Inc. dba Felician Village (EIN 39-0826123), or Renee at rthompson@felicianvillage.org. Choose the fund area that resonates with you-resident activities, transportation experiences, Felician Village at Home, the creative art space, or the endowment. During this season of giving, we are grateful to you.

Culinary CORNER

WI room pick up and deliveries are requested by 3pm

Do you have culinary concerns?

Xavier – *Culinary Services Supervisor: Responsible for overseeing servers, dining room operations, resident dining experiences, customer service, and front-of-house staff performance.*

Cody – *Culinary Services Kitchen Supervisor: Responsible for overseeing cooks, menu planning, food preparation, kitchen operations, food quality, food safety, and back-of-house staff performance.*

Coming Soon! Winter menus start November 23rd. We change the menu seasonally four times a year.

We hope to see you at one of the Galas! December 9th or 10th

Holiday Hours

Wednesday 11/25
Café: regular hours 8am-2pm
Bistro: closing early 9am-2pm
WI room: regular hours 4:30-6:30

Thursday 11/26 Thanksgiving
Café: closed Bistro: closed
WI room: traditional Thanksgiving meal 11am-1pm

Friday 11/27
Café: closed Bistro: 9am-6pm
WI room: 4:30-6:30pm

Christmas Eve and New years eve
Café: closed
Bistro: 9am-6pm
WI room: 4:30-6:30pm

Christmas Day and New Years Day
Café: closed
Bistro: closed
WI room: lunch meal served 11am-1pm

Family Game Night at The Gardens Was a Win!

From casino-style games to friendly competition and lots of laughter, it was a fun-filled evening of making memories together!











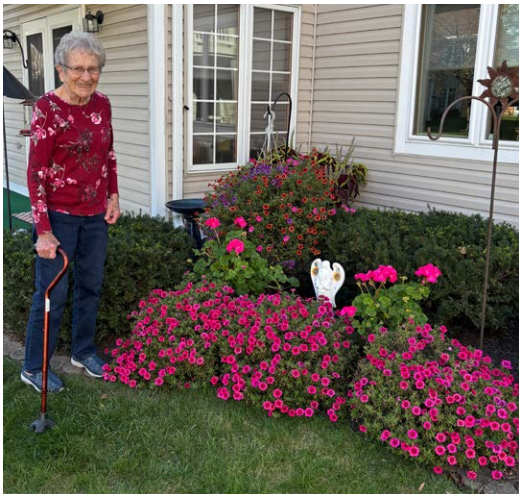



Halloween Excitement

Felician Village was buzzing with Halloween excitement as local schoolchildren made their way across campus for trick-or-treating. We love these special moments that bring generations together!





The flowers are still blooming and Helen, Gardens resident, is still enjoying every bit of the flowers she planted! Through her membership with Felician Village at Home, she has the added benefit of volunteers who can lend a helping hand with her flowers. It is just one of the ways FV at Home helps members continue enjoying the things the love!



As many of you have noticed, we expanded the concrete on our patio that is connected to the pub. This added space will provide more seating, a designated area for Culinary to serve food during major events, and even more opportunities to gather and socialize.

The propane lines have been installed and the concrete has been poured on the North end. Additionally, a concrete slab was poured to the South along the sidewalk for the addition of a new grill. This spring, we will add the propane grill and two propane firepits for resident enjoyment and use. These amenities are being added specifically to enhance the experience and provide another welcoming space to relax, visit with friends and family, and enjoy the outdoors.

This project is made possible by the generous donations from our Pub and Patio project. We are excited to see this space continue to evolve and look forward to enjoying it with everyone this spring!



We Love Our Brew Crew!

Pub party pep rally for the World Series games.











The Commons Construction is Underway



The official kickoff of construction on The Commons has happened, anticipated to open in early 2027.

The Commons at Felician Village will be a state-licensed Community-Based Residential Facility (CBRF) and will be developed through the transformation of the organization's former Next Step Rehabilitation unit.

Additional campus enhancements, including a movie theater, in-house laundry, and art studio, are expected to be completed by spring 2027.

Pictured celebrating this exciting milestone are Luke Schubert, President/CEO; Shannon Odekirk, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Jake Siem, Superintendent, Community Living Solutions/DBS Group; Matt Rohrer, Director of Plant Operations, Felician Village; and Travis Tennessen, Architect and Design Project Manager, Community Living Solutions/DBS Group.

This next chapter in Felician Village's story reflects our commitment to transformation and our ongoing mission to continue the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve.

Sometimes, nature gives us a beautiful reminder of just how special a place can be





Recognizing Felician Village Residents & Employees Who Served Our Country

The Gardens
Ken Braun, Army
Marvin Brandl, National Guard & Army
Douglas Bretl, Navy
Michael Dilley, Army
Susan Dilley, Army
Kenneth Evers, Navy
David Feile, Navy
Rev. Gerald Foley, Army- Chaplain
Keith Frasch, Army
Wayne Huebner, Army
Daniel Kleckner, National Guard
Jim Krcma, Navy
Bob Niemer, Navy
Walter Pautz, Army
Ken Rieckmann, Coast Guard
Mick Rolland, Army
Scott Schreiber, Army
Glenn Schulz, Army National Guard
Glenn Schwalbe, National Guard
Ken Schwanke, Army
Donna Smith, Navy
Richard Smith, Navy
James Steber, Army
Edgar "Pete" Stuntz, Army Medical Corp
Robert Young, Army

The Court
Peter Wagner, USMC
Mike Denning, Army
Lawrence Shallue, Army
Robert Ardnt, Army
Marvin Jungen, Army
Clarence (Butch) Gates, Navy
Fred Benzinger, Navy
John Seidl, Army/Army National Guard
Mitch Silver, Navy

The Villa
Claude, Air Force
Donald Karman, Army

St. Mary's
James Tadych, Army
Robert Mueller, Navy
Dale Elm, Army
Clarence "Butch" Schneider, Navy
Vern Weishoff, Army
Tom Lambert, Army
Ed Yohanek, Army

Rehab/Bridge
Ken Tate, Navy

Employee
Emilee Brown

In Loving Remembrance

October 2026

Lee Silver, *The Villa*
Marilyn Jorgenson, *The Villa*
Barbara McRae, *St. Mary's*

Pub closed
November 12th & 26th

Meet Me at The Pub!

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday in November

Cash bar or residents can use their food accounts to purchase.

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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*