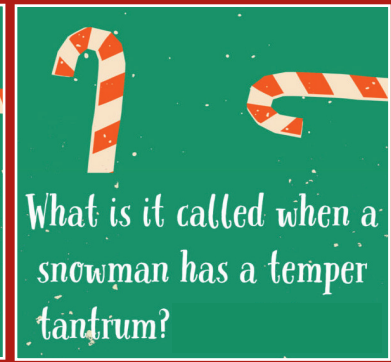


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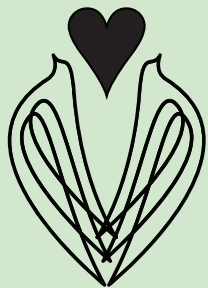
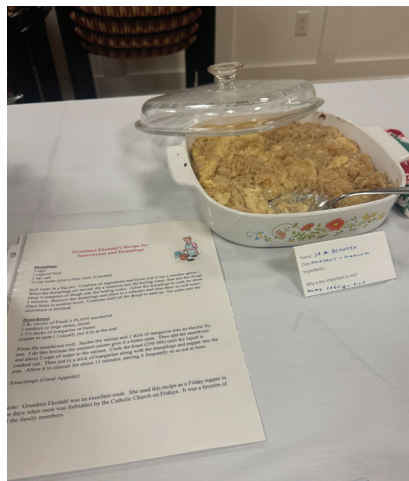
In Memory of

HERITAGE POTLUCK

On Monday, November 25, Felician Village staff were invited to participate in a Heritage Pot Luck where they brought foods that represented their heritage, culture, or family tradition. Everything was delicious - sauerkraut & dumplings, crack green bean casserole, mom's dill dip, coffee cake, bologna spread, homemade pickles, cowboy caviar, pineapple cake, bean soup with hominy and so much more!

In addition to the joy of sharing each other's backgrounds and food, each staff member was entered into a drawing for a grocery gift card. Sister Bernetta was the lucky winner!

This was a great way to kick off the week of Thanksgiving.



Felician Village

Sponsored by the Felician Sisters

December 2024



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We hope this season fulfills you with happiness, faith, & good health.

**Employee
Christmas
Meal &
Celebration**

Wednesday, Dec. 18

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Village Hall



**Gingerbread House
Decorating Contest**

Pick up your complimentary Gingerbread House Kit from Michael Hillmer on December 12 or 13 and bring to the tables outside of the Village Hall on Monday, December 16 for voting.

Voting ends at Noon on December 19.

Felician Sisters Celebrate 150 Years

In 1874, Mother Mary Angela Truszkowska sent five Felician Sisters across the Atlantic to North America.

These sisters left Cracow on October 24, 1874. On November 21, the feast of the Presentation of Our Lady, they entered their new home in Polonia, where the pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Fr. Joseph Dabrowski had requested their help educating the children of Polish immigrants. Their hard work, joyfulness and charism had a profound effect on people, and as women joined them, Felician Sisters' ministries continued to grow across the U.S. and Canada, then in Haiti.

The Felician Sisters are started their celebrations in Polonia with a Mass and a luncheon on November 21, 2024. Please pray for the Sisters and all the Felician ministries.



FELICIAN VILLAGE LEADERSHIP RETREAT

The Felician Village Leadership Team recently had the opportunity to spend the day at the Felician Sisters' Sacred Heart Chalet in Belgium, Wisconsin for a retreat. The retreat gave our leaders a chance to reflect on our Franciscan Heritage and engage in meaningful conversations about our ministry.



Veterans Breakfast

On Tuesday, Nov. 12, the Sunrise Rotary hosted the 13th annual Veterans breakfast at FV. More than 60 veterans and guests attended! A special thank you to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 731 who honored the guests with the moving Color Guard presentation, led by Tom Hoffman. Our very own, Fr. Gerald Foley (Retired Army Chaplain) delivered the invocation. Retired CSM, Ed Hansen who facilitates event speakers every year, introduced Todd Brehmer, Mtwc Cty Veterans Services representative. Finally, a big thank you to the FV Culinary Team for the delicious meal.



Hoop it up!

A group of residents & staff recently traveled to the gym at Citizen Park to cheer on the Felician Village Basketball Rec Team. While it didn't end the way we wanted, it was a hard-fought battle and a perfect example of the community built at Felician Village!



Second Annual Craft and Vendor Fair

The Second Annual Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair on November 9th was a success. With 32 vendors, holiday food and beverages, live Christmas music, face painting, an appearance from Santa and over 500 guests in attendance, all of this made for a great day!



St. Mary's residents enjoyed the book, "The 12 Days of Christmas in Wisconsin," during storytelling with Sister Rosalie. The book was a nice tribute to all things Wisconsin.



Days of Holiday Wear

December 13 - 25



18 Christmas Movie Marathon
Dress like your fave Christmas movie character



President's Column

"Jesus is the reason for the season." This popular saying is heard often during December as the hustle and bustle of the holiday season can become overwhelming. I hope that you can take some time to reflect and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. I would like to take time to express thanks for so many accomplishments over the past year.



- Being named Best of the Lakeshore for the 15th year in a row!
- Organizing and hosting The Mrs. Roper's Romp, our first annual fundraiser that raised over \$45k for a new pub and patio space at The Gardens.
- Receiving the highest designation from LeadingAge Wisconsin as a Dementia Specific Certified Facility.
- Partnering with Dementia Care Solutions to offer multiple community and staff education opportunities.
- Arranging multiple donation drives to support non-profit community organizations, upholding our core value of solidarity with those in need.
- Named a "Top Place to Work in Senior Living" by WeCareConnect attributed to a positive staff survey.
- Surpassing financial budget goals for the first quarter of fiscal year 2025.
- Designated as an Affiliate of the Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) for Froedtert/Holy Family Memorial, Aurora, and Bellin Hospital Systems.
- Executed a United Health Care in-network contract to begin on January 1, 2025.

This list is not all inclusive of everything accomplished at our ministry this past year. I want to thank you – the employees for your hard work and dedication. Without all of you we would not be able to provide quality care and experiences for our residents.

Wishing you the peace and joy that come from the birth of our Savior. May His love fill your heart with hope and His light guide your path in the coming year.

Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2025!

Luke J. Schubert
Luke Schubert, *President/CEO*



We hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving and enjoyed the Walmart meal gift card. If you have not received your gift card, please contact Michael, ext. 293.



Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. The word means "coming" or "arrival." We are

preparing for the celebration of the birth of Christ, for the arrival of that precious infant. St. Francis held this holiday as especially meaningful, since God became one of us, living in poverty. St. Clare, as a follower of St. Francis, also found Christmas to be the most special time of year. In a letter to Agnes of Prague, she wrote, "Cling to his most sweet mother who carried a son whom the heavens could not contain; and yet she carried Him in the little enclosure of her holy womb and held Him on her virginal lap." Imagine her disappointment when she was ill one Christmas and unable to attend the Christmas Eve Mass with her Sisters. She prayed that even though she could not attend, the Lord would allow her to take part in the Mass through her prayer. At that moment, Clare had a vision that allowed her to see the Mass on the wall of her room as clearly as if she were physically there. Today, we have so many options for participating in worship even when we are ill. Here we broadcast all the services in the Blessed Angela Chapel across Felician Village so that anyone who cannot attend is able to see and hear. Our society makes it possible for people to listen to services on the radio. They can view videos and livestreams on the internet. They can even, like St. Clare, have the images of the Mass projected on the walls of their home. One of the things I love about that story is that Pope Pius XII in 1958, when television was new, proclaimed St. Clare as the patron saint of television, even though she lived more than 700 years before its advent. Advent. A time of preparation. May your efforts to prepare for the beautiful gift of Christ coming into our world be a blessing to you.

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*In Loving Remembrance
November 2024*

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MaryAnn Meyer, Gardens, Court, St. Mary's
Joanne Eggers, Court & Villa
Arlene Mauer, The Gardens*



December Work Anniversaries

Breanna Hansen
Lead Culinary Services Aide

Brady Linderud
Culinary Services Wait Staff

Emma Fictum
Culinary Services Aide

Michele Jaeckel
Resident Assistant

Lindsey Corbeil
Director of Culinary Services

Marcia Baeten
Pastoral Care Assistant

Anthony Brady
Resident Assistant/CNA

Sheana Blackmon
Resident Assistant/CNA



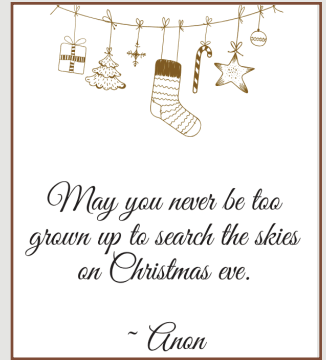
Welcome New Employees

Zachary Bauer, Culinary Services Cook
Lily Newton, Culinary Services Aide
Bryant White, Culinary Services Aide
Myesha Tellis, Culinary Services Cook
Lilly Yang, Culinary Services Wait Staff
Colleen Yeskie, Resident Assistant/CNA, SMH
Holly Evenson, Resident Assistant/CNA, SMH
Briana Kiesow, Resident Assistant/CNA, SMH
Brianna Hewitt-Holan, Resident Assistant, The Villa
Olivia Leider, Resident Assistant, The Villa
Rebecca Gehrke, Resident Assistant, The Villa
Tina Glaser, Resident Assistant, The Villa
Emma Lauderville, Resident Assistant, The Villa

Christmas Riddles

Answers:

1. Wrap!
2. A meltdown!



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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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