

# Gardens Gazette

December 2025



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## You're never too old to believe in the magic of Christmas

Santa stopped by Felician Village, bringing smiles, warm hugs, and a little Christmas magic to our residents, staff and their families. Huge thanks to Precious Pearl Collective for capturing every jolly moment!



**Felician Village**

*Sponsored by the Felician Sisters*

Merry Christmas & blessings in the New Year

May this Christmas bring you renewed hope, peace, and joy.





## BUS TRIPS

Friday, December 19

12:30 p.m.

*Shopping at Aldi*

3:30 p.m.

*Manitowoc Lutheran Choir  
at The Capitol Civic Centre*

Sunday, December 21

2:30 p.m.

*Capitol Civic Centre-  
Manitowoc Symphony  
Orchestra*

Monday, December 22

5:30 p.m.

*Manitowoc Christmas Lights  
Tour*

Tuesday, December 23

5:30 p.m.

*Manitowoc Christmas Lights  
Tour*

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



**Check out our  
new donor  
development  
video - Your Gift to  
Felician Village Matters**

*From meaningful connections  
to moments of joy, this video  
shows the impact your  
kindness makes across the  
Felician Village community.  
Together, we create a place  
where life truly thrives.*



**SCAN  
ME  
to watch  
video.**

## Congratulations Jenny King



Jenny King, Business Office Manager, celebrated her 25th year work anniversary at Felician Village! She is a shining example of our core values in the way she supports residents, families, and staff each day. We are deeply grateful for her hard-work and dedication. Congratulations Jenny on this very impressive milestone!

## Advent Celebration

What a beautiful Advent celebration on Friday, December 5. Our residents gathered to pause, reflect, and embrace the true meaning of Christmas. Through scripture, song, and heartfelt conversation, we were reminded of Christ's love and the greatest gift of all—His Son.





## TEAM FELICIAN VILLAGE SHINES

Thank you for supporting our Walk to End Alzheimer's team! Because of your generosity, we raised nearly \$3,300 to help advance care, support, and research.

A special congratulations to Aubrey Bruckschen, Team Felician Village's top fundraiser and proud recipient of an Impact Award! We're grateful for every step, every share, and every donation that helped make this possible. Together, we're making a difference.



## Thanksgiving Towels

Gardens residents rolled up their sleeves and crafted beautiful fall towels—just in time for Thanksgiving hostess giving!



*"The true spirit of Christmas lies in the moments we create and the love we share—family, friends, laughter, and the warmth of togetherness."*

## Christmas at Felician Village







# Days of Holiday Wear

December 15 - 26



18 Christmas Movie Marathon  
Dress like your fave Christmas movie character





# President's Column

As we enter this blessed Christmas season, my heart is filled with gratitude for each of you: our residents, families, and staff who help make Felician Village the mission driven community that it is. Christmas invites us to pause and reflect on the miraculous birth of Jesus Christ, whose arrival changed the world. My prayer is that His presence surrounds you with a sense of peace and joy this holiday season.

As we close 2025, this is a meaningful time of transformation at Felician Village. Our recently announced management services agreement with The Carmelite System is providing access for updated technologies and software, additional training and resources, and the ability to share best practices in Catholic senior living. This agreement strengthens our commitment to continuing as a Felician Sponsored Ministry. Looking ahead, 2026 will be a continued year of transformation with opportunities to become more efficient, innovative, and future-focused. While transformation can bring uncertainty, it also brings possibility. We are positioning ourselves to be leaders in technology, services, and operational excellence, ensuring Felician Village remains a trusted senior living organization and a beacon of high-quality care in Manitowoc County for years to come. Most importantly, these changes help us expand our potential and deepen our ability to serve the older adults who rely on us. Together, with guidance from our Felician core values of Solidarity with Those in Need, Compassion, Transformation, Justice & Peace, and Respect for Human Dignity, we continue to carry on the legacy entrusted to us.

May God bless you with a Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year. Thank you for being part of the Felician Village family, and for all you do to support our mission.

Warmest Christmas blessings,

*Luke J. Schubert*

Luke Schubert, President/CEO



## Give the Gift of Peace of Mind

**A Felician Village at Home Membership**



A membership program designed to support the health and well-being of people living in their own home as they age.

[felicianvillage.org](http://felicianvillage.org)



## Mission Message



December builds our patience. We must learn to wait. If you have an Advent calendar, you must wait for the next day to be able to open

the next door. If you have an Advent reflection book, you must wait for tomorrow to read the next bit of inspiration. We look forward to time with family and friends. We look forward to giving gifts. We wait for the celebration of the Incarnation, God with us, the birth of Jesus.

Advent hymns are among my favorites. We only get to sing them for four weeks a year. The lyrics of "Wake, awake, for night is flying," remind us to keep watch for the Messiah. "Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing, She wakes, she rises from her gloom; For her Lord comes down all-glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious, Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come. Now come, Thou Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Hail! Hosanna! The joyful call we answer all and follow to the nuptial hall." We must be patient and keep watch.

Franciscan sister and theologian Ilia Delio invites us to consider Advent as a time to wake up to God's incarnate presence: "The word Advent comes from the Latin *adventus* meaning arrival, 'coming.' . . . [But] if God has already come to us, what are we waiting for? If God has already become incarnate in Jesus what are we waiting for? And I think that's a really interesting question. . . . We're called to awaken to what's already in our midst. . . . I think Advent is a coming to a new consciousness of God, you know, already loving us into something new, into something more whole, that we're not in a sense waiting for what's not there; we're in a sense to be attending to what's already there." While we wait patiently, let's stay awake. Let's awaken to what God is doing in us and what God is seeking to become in us.

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

## In Loving Remembrance

November 2025

Br. Charles "Lester" Kochlin, *St. Mary's*

Duane Zabel, *The Villa*

Charlotte Endries, *The Gardens & St. Mary's*

Louanne Grapentine, *St. Mary's*

Norbert Wronkowski, *St. Mary's*





*Thank you, Liban family, for bringing the holiday spirit to Felician Village!*

Residents at Felician Village were once again delighted with beautiful holiday poinsettias, generously donated by Carla, Geoff, and Emma Liban.

The Liban family has supported and participated in our annual St. Nick tradition for many years, and their kindness continues to brighten our community.

From The Gardens to our skilled nursing home, the vibrant flowers are adding Cheer to residents' rooms everywhere. Also, if Carla looks familiar, it's because you'll often see her at events throughout the year—she also serves as chair of the Felician Village Donor Development Committee.



*"The joy of brightening other lives becomes for us the magic of the holidays." – W.C. Jones.*

A festive red poster for the Felician Village Christmas Cash Raffle. It features a central snow globe with a Christmas tree inside, surrounded by falling dollar bills. Text on the left says "Only 800 tickets will be sold!" and on the right "Eight chances to win!". The title "FELICIAN VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE" is in large white letters on a green banner. Below is a table of prizes and ticket prices, and a note about the drawing date.

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

**Each ticket \$5 or 5 for \$20**

**Winners will be drawn Thursday, December 18, 2025.**

Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection.

Winston Churchill



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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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