# The AL Gazette

The Court

#### Mission

To continue the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve.

#### Vision

Our vision is to lead the community in offering seniors personalized services that are life-enriching and wellness focused.

#### Values

Respect for Human Dignity Compassion Transformation Solidarity to People in Need **Justice and Peace** 

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## **Balloon Games**

The Villa

The Villa and Court residents greatly enjoy balloon games! Not only are they entertaining but also provide numerous benefits, including improved motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and cognitive function. Balloons can also bring smiles because they are associated with celebrations, positive emotions, and happiness. Their vibrant colors, tactile sensation, and buoyant nature can boost the mood and create a festive atmosphere.







Friday, April 11, 2025 5 - 9 p.m. Inn on Maritime Bay - 101 Maritime Dr., Manitowoc



Mrs.

Komp

We are going back in time to 1977-1979 to party with the Ropers! TICKETS: \$20 in advance or \$25 night of event Tickets are available to purchase at Felician Village reception desk. OR online at felicianvillage.org/mrs-ropers-romp.html

Dress in your best Mrs. Roper's gear Music

Raffles

Wine Pull



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### Volunteer of the Year Award Nominations

It's time to celebrate some of the exceptional people who help make Felician Village great! The Volunteer of the Year award honors a volunteer who has made a positive impact at Felician Village and exceeds our mission, vision and values. Nominations are due March 28, 2025.

*Employees of FV are not eligible for this award.* 

Nomination forms are locatred at:

- Front Desk
- Gardens near the mail boxes
- Café

• The Court – in front of Jeremy's office or online at, felicianvillage.org.

The 2025 Volunteer Appreciation Event will be held in Village Hall on Wednesday, April 23rd where the winner will be announced. Thank you in advance for your participation in making this a special recognition for our Volunteers!

*Questions? Lauren at 920-684-7171 ext. 425 or ldaun@felicianvillage.org.* 

# **Beanbag Twister**



Villa residents always love a visit from the homeschool kids. This month they played a game of Beanbag Twister.



One of the Core Values of Felician Village is Respect for Human Dignity. This value supports believing each person is made in God's image and likeness and treating everyone with the highest dignity and respect regardless of status or position.

In the Gospels, story after story tells us how Jesus helped and healed those in need. They came from all backgrounds: fellow Jews like the man in the synagogue, the mother-in-law of Peter, Jesus' friend Lazarus, those who were not part of the Jewish tradition like the centurion's servant, the woman from Canaan, the 10 lepers, one of whom we know was "a foreigner" who thanked him. So many of the miracles don't tell us the background of the individuals healed, only that they were in need.

God created us all. God loves us all. This is where the value of Respect for Human Dignity comes from. It is the Gospel.

St. Francis experienced the love of a generous, self-giving God and wished to imitate that love of God in his following of Christ. Although St. Francis is revered for his love of animals and of all creatures, his life and teachings call us to do more. In his Earlier Rule, Francis exhorts his followers to love all persons as brothers and sisters in Christ. St. Francis' love of God overflowed in his love for each person. Francis believed in the dignity of each person, depending not on a person's rank, wealth, or station in life. He sought to live among the poor and the powerless, in whom he found an image of the poor Christ.

In his Rule, Francis writes to his friars: "Whoever comes to them, friend or foe, thief or robber, let him be received with kindness.... They must rejoice when they live among people considered of little value and looked down upon, among the poor and the powerless, the sick and the lepers, and the beggars by the wayside." The friars were to serve the poor in humility. This was a testimony to the dignity the poor have as children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ.

May we also keep the dignity of each person in mind in all that we do. We have opportunities through Lent to fast and to give to charity. Here at Felician Village we can continue to support the Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive and Operation Rice Bowl for Catholic Relief Services. Most importantly, let us pray: God of all life, help us to appreciate the great gift that is human life formed in your image, a reflection of your holiness. Help us to recognize you in all whom you have created: children not yet born, families affected by poverty and war, people of different abilities, people from other lands, and all who are victims of hatred and racism. Help us to bear witness to the dignity of all whom you have created, regardless of stage of life, or wealth, or ability, or color, or creed, for every person is fully equal in your loving eyes. Share with us your holy knowledge that we are all your children, each bestowed with inherent dignity. May your justice reign forever! Amen.

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



# In Loving Remembrance<br/>February 2025Evrvin Baumgart, The Gardens, Court & St. Ma<br/>Gloria Smith, The VillaElizabeth Wojewnik, The CourtErnestine "Kelly" Pacholski, The Gardens & St. Mary's<br/>Joan Hoffman, The Gardens, Court, Villa & St. Mary's<br/>Jeanette Brandes, The Gardens