

# The AL Gazette



The Villa



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 with People in Need  
Justice and Peace

## President & CEO

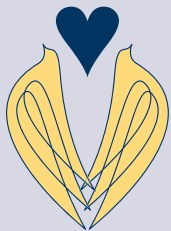
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Felician Village

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## I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream!

Thanks to the generosity of a thoughtful donor, our staff and residents were treated to a cool surprise—ice cream for everyone!

From classic cones to sweet sundaes, the treats brought plenty of smiles and a refreshing break on a summer day.

What a delightful way to share joy and show appreciation for our amazing community!



"THERE'S NO SUCH  
THING AS TOO MUCH  
ICE CREAM."

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## Jackpot fun at The Court



Court residents played a lively game of Human Slot Machine with some very special guest helpers – Raelyn, Jax & Josie!

**THE END OF  
ALZHEIMER'S  
STARTS WITH YOU.**

**Walk to End ALZ  
Saturday, September 27**

Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA, 205 Maritime Dr, Manitowoc

8:30 AM Event Opens | 9:40 AM Opening  
Ceremony | 10:00 AM Walk Begins

Scan the QR code to learn more about joining  
the Felician Village team and raising funds!



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The resident newsletter of The Court and The Villa



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# Elvis was in the Building



Before the evening concert on August 6, Elvis tribute artist, John Hardginski, performed a special afternoon show in the Village Hall for the assisted living and St. Mary's residents.

Residents lit up as Elvis serenaded them with the songs of their youth—songs that brought back first dances, old friends, and cherished moments. It was a beautiful reminder that joy, music, and connection never grow old.



## Mission Message



School has started, which calls to mind the memories of those days of learning. I just recently came across a perfect attendance award I

earned in 3rd grade. Being present all the days of the school year brought a celebration. That emphasis on being present was important to learning. Today, as adults, being present has a variety of meanings. For example, we can be present in our workplace, be present to our families, be present to our friends, and be present to God.

Being present to God can bring about change in our lives. St. Francis of Assisi changed so much through his contemplation of who God is and what God wanted from him. He was present in prayer. He was present in contemplation. He paid attention to God's word and the beauty of God's creation. Blessed Mary Angela Truskowska was also present to God's desire for her life. She focused her prayer life. She focused her activities on service to God's people. She was present to those in need as she learned from being attentive to God.

We can live intentionally, working to pay attention and be present to those around us and to what God asks of us. If we slow down our pace, we can start to notice the needs around us and what causes stirrings in our hearts. Autumn brings us a chance to note the changes around us and to pay attention. We are coming to the end of our celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Felician Sisters arriving in North America. August saw a prayer service for the Pioneer Sisters and All Sisters in the Felician Sisters' cemetery across the street from The Villa. Those present remembered the women who dedicated their lives to being present for others and being present to God. We prayed for the over 320 Felician Sisters who were here in Manitowoc over the last 138 years at this ministry. We also cleaned the tombstones of more than 50 Sisters, honoring their lives through these memorials. September started with the Mass with Bishop David Ricken to honor the Felician Sisters. We keep celebrating in October with our Mission and Heritage Week. Let us recall with thanksgiving these Sisters who gave their all to be present to God and God's people.

*Written by Barb Spies, OFS  
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## Challenging Conversations

**FREE! Open to the public**

**Tuesday, Sept. 23  
10:30 a.m.**

Village Hall @ Felician Village  
1635 S. 21<sup>st</sup> St., Manitowoc



Presented by Sheri Fairman,  
MSW, CMD CP



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## In Loving Remembrance

**August 2025**

Henry "Hank" Behnke, *The Villa*  
Mary Zimmer, *The Villa & St. Mary's*  
Allen Kopetsky, *The Villa, The Court & The Gardens*  
William Narten, *St. Mary's*

