

St. Mary's Gazette



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.

Core Values

- Respect for Human Dignity
- Compassion
- Transformation
- Solidarity to Those in Need
- Justice and Peace

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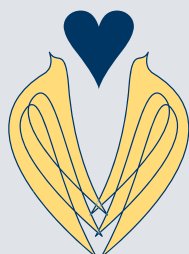
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Felician Village

Celebrating Catholic Sisters Week

Saying "Thank You" is such a small and easy thing to do. I read a reflection on gratitude and wondered if I thank people enough for all that they do. While we don't perform our daily tasks with the expectation of thanksgiving, it is certainly nice to have someone notice on occasion!

Saint Paul began all of his letters with some words of thanksgiving for the community he was writing to (except the Galatians – he wasn't very happy with them!). Blessed Mary Angela Truskowska, the Foundress of the Felician Sisters, also began some of her letters with words of thanks: "In the first place I thank our Lord and then you, Father, for permitting me yesterday to renew the two vows of chastity and obedience." Those words offer a recognition of the gifts she had received from someone else's work. Thank you all for your participation in the Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive. Your generosity will make a difference for so many who are in need of support. The gifts gathered here will go out to the community to offer much needed items for individuals who require assistance. I am so grateful for your willingness to contribute to this drive. We had the occasion this month to offer thanksgiving for our Sisters. Catholic Sisters Week, from March 8-14 each year, gives us an opportunity to show our gratitude for all that the Sisters have done for our community. We had a special prayer service on Monday, March 11 and a lunch time greeting time on Wednesday, March 14. We are just so grateful for all that the Sisters offer to our residents and to our staff. Please continue to pray for Sister Michaelleen, Sister Bernadette, Sister Rosalie, and Sister Bernetta, just as they continue to pray for us all. They are a blessing for us and for the entire community. The legacy of the Felician Sisters of North America continues to be a gift to God's people.

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



Sophie Visits

Sophie the dog stopped in to visit St. Mary's resident in March. She brought lots of smiles to the residents and staff. We love when our four-legged friends stop by.

April 2024

The resident newsletter of St. Mary's Home



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Packers Grant

Felician Village is grateful and deeply honored to have been a 2023 Green Bay Packers Foundation grant recipient. On March 20th Renee Thompson, Donor Development Director, and Lauren Daun, Membership Program Supervisor, attended a luncheon at Lambeau Field to honor the grant recipients. The grant will support the Felician Village at Home and Felician Village on the Go programs. Thank you to the Green Bay Packers for supporting community organizations as they make an impact throughout Wisconsin.



Egg-cellent Activity

St. Mary's residents had an egg-cellent time dyeing eggs.



Mrs. Roper's Romp

Friday, April 19, 2024

5 - 9 p.m.

Inn on Maritime Bay - 101 Maritime Dr., Manitowoc

Open to the public!

Tickets for the "Mrs. Roper's Romp" event are available to purchase:
 Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.,
 Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 at Felician Village reception desk
 OR online at:
felicianvillage.org/mrs-roper-romp.html



Fundraiser to support a pub and patio area at The Gardens.

Mission Message



Christ Is Risen!! Alleluia!! As we celebrate the Easter Season, we find joy in leaving winter behind and experiencing new life. We are given new

life through the Resurrection of Jesus. We see new life in the plants, trees, and flowers around us. I saw a pair of ducks this morning as I left home. Soon the new life around my home will include ducklings!

St. Francis praised all of creation. He wrote a song, the Canticle of the Creatures, in which he thanked God for all the many aspects of creation: sun, moon, water, fire, earth, fruits, flowers, herbs, and for all the people around him. I picture Francis on the mountainside over Assisi, contemplating the beauty surrounding him. His gratitude for every tiny aspect of what God has brought forth is evident in Francis' words.

Among the corporate stands of the Felician Sisters of North America are:

- We affirm that access to clean water is a fundamental human right
- As women of the Gospel, we proclaim the mandate to reverence all human beings
- We will care for our common home
- We endorse alternatives to the death penalty
- We call for the banning of all nuclear testing, the signing and implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty
- We denounce the sin of human trafficking and the structural, economic, and social systems that support it

As a Felician ministry, Felician Village also upholds these positions of the Sisters. Each is about the reverence we must hold for God's creation. As you look out your window admiring what you see, as you walk through a garden enjoying beautiful plants and flowers, as you drink clean water, as you care for others, you too are upholding the Franciscan tradition of Blessed Angela and the Sisters.

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

In Loving Remembrance

March 2024

Mary Frieder, *St. Mary's*

Nancy Orchekowski, *St. Mary's*

Herbert Bunke, *The Court & St. Mary's*

Kenneth Vogeltanz, *St. Mary's*

Eileen Paul, *The Court*

