

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

President & CEO

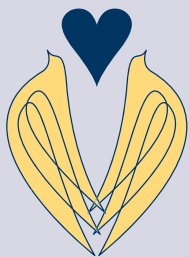
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Felician Village

Polka, polka, polka!

Mystic Moods Polka Band performed favorites from Romy Gosz, Gene Heier, Doleysh Bros., Wayne Johnson, and more. It was a beautiful July evening filled with lovely music, great food and wonderful people.

Save the Date for a special concert featuring ELVIS tribute artist, Alan Graveen, on August 5 at 6 p.m. Then our final Bistro Concert for the summer of 2024 will be Wednesday, August 14 at 6 p.m. featuring The Bobby Darren & Sheila Marie Country Music Show, paying homage to the Grand Ole Opry legends.



Walk to End ALZ Saturday, September 7

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!



Progression of Dementia: What Skills Remain

Wednesday, Sept. 4
1 p.m. FV Village Hall

There is a better way to understand the progression of the disease-by looking at what skills remain. Attendees will gain deeper insight into the experience of the person with brain changes and shift their support accordingly.

RSVP appreciated, but not required:
fymarketing@felicianvillage.org

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President's Column

After months of planning, evaluation, and deliberation, the Felician Village 2025 Fiscal Year Budget (July 1 – June 30) was approved by the Board of Directors and Felician Services, Inc.

A significant piece of our budget negotiation was the obligation to meet the loan covenants to Felician Services, Inc. We passed a budget that lessened your rent increases compared to last year while continuing to maintain and grow our services and capital spending advancements to our community. While that required us to find efficiencies through the re-organization of work functions, we expect our service quality to remain unchanged. We are proud to announce that we are overcoming wage, service, and expense inflation rates by giving a modest cost of living rent increase in this fiscal year budget.

It is an absolute pleasure to once again tell you that Felician Village was named the “Best of the Lakeshore” for the 15th year in a row! Felician Village was voted best Assisted/Senior Living, Memory Care, Nursing Home, Rehabilitation Facility, and Retirement/55+ Community. We were also voted a runner-up as one of the top workplaces in Manitowoc County. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of all involved in our Felician Village Community.

I will be participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s on Saturday, September 7th with our Felician Village team, and I hope that you can join me and my family in supporting this much-needed advocacy cause for our industry. Additional information on the event, and how to help our Felician Village team raise funds is included in this month’s newsletter.

The theme of this year’s strategic plan and budget is centralized around effective change management and our core value of transformation. While change is difficult for many ministries, we are blessed with a special ability to champion it at Felician Village, having executed it for a rare 137 years and counting. I am looking forward to year 138.

Thank you all for your love and support.

Luke J. Schubert

Luke Schubert, *President/CEO*



On August 11, we celebrate the Feast of St. Clare of Assisi. While many have an awareness of St. Francis of Assisi, they may not know much about St.

Clare. We see statues of Francis in gardens with birdbaths. We sing songs in church inspired by his words and actions. But, not much about St. Clare who was the founder of the Second Order Franciscans.

St. Clare followed in the path of St. Francis, leading a Gospel life. She left her home, declining to be married to another noble person of the time, choosing instead to live in poverty, chastity, and obedience. Clare was a model for us in humility and care for others. Sr. Ramona Miller, OSF, notes, “Clare’s commitment to follow in the footsteps of Jesus shaped her compassionate heart. She extended such care to others that they were healed of their afflictions.”

Though we may not consider taking the same kinds of vows that St. Clare took 800 years ago, we certainly can follow her lead in caring for others with compassion, and in offering healing, whether physical or spiritual. Our sensitivity toward others and their needs can be like that of Clare whose “compassion for her Sisters was such that she tried to teach them in the love of God to be sensitive toward the good for both the body and soul.”

The Mission of Felician Village is to continue the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve. St. Clare understood this call. Blessed Angela Truskowska, the founder of the Felician Sisters also heard this call. May we find inspiration in their work of compassionate healing to offer the same to others.

If you’d like to learn more about St. Clare, I will be offering a talk at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, August 7 in Blessed Angela Chapel.

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



Congratulations to the June SERVICE EXCELLENCE Winner, Chris Ackley

Her nomination: “Chris donated her time and money to the beautiful floral arrangements for the donor appreciation event, putting these together at a local floral shop to beautify our event.”



Pictured (left to right): Barb Spies, Director of Mission Services & Pastoral Care, Chris Ackley, Accounts Payable/Receivable, and Jenny King, Business Office Manager.

We encourage residents, families and friends to make nominations too! If you see an employee living out the Core Values, please fill out a nomination slip and return it to the Mission Office. There will be slips available around Felician Village, especially where you see the Service Excellence star.



In Loving Remembrance July 2024

- Priscilla “Shelly” Richardson, *The Court & St. Mary’s*
- Lois Vohen, *The Gardens & The Court*
- Father John Gallagher, *The Court*
- Cheryl C. Matthias, *The Villa*
- Joanne Mueller, *The Gardens, The Court & The Villa*
- Father Richard Cerpich, *The Villa*
- Beverly Mann, *St. Mary’s*

