

St. Mary's Gazette

St. Mary's
at
Felician Village

Celebrating Active Lifestyles



Farewell to the Felician Sisters

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 with People in Need
Justice and Peace

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On July 10 a beautiful Farewell to the Felician Sisters Prayer Service was held in the Blessed Angela Chapel. It gave us time to shine the spotlight on our Sisters that they would know of our gratitude for all they have done in 138 years of ministry at Felician Village.

We thank Sister Bernadette, Sister Bernetta, and Sister Rosalie for their character, courage, and commitment; for their unselfish prayers to the residents and staff of Felician Village; and for their heartfelt prayers and caring presence.



A Little Magic goes a Long Way

St. Mary's residents were delighted by a fun and enchanting magic show—laughter, wonder, and wide-eyed smiles all around!



Congratulations to Chaplain Stephanie Bowman

who received her official Board Certification from the Association of Professional Chaplains.

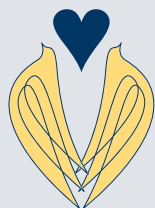
THE END OF ALZHEIMER'S STARTS WITH YOU.

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!



Felician Village

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President's Column

After months of planning, evaluation, and deliberation, the Felician Village 2026 Fiscal Year Budget (July 1 – June 30) was approved by the Board of Directors and Felician Services, Inc. While we are still in the process of closing fiscal year 2025, all signs point to a very strong year. This achievement allowed us to meet and exceed our loan covenant obligations to Felician Services, Inc., improve cashflow, and invest into capital improvements and upgrades. This year's budget lessened rent increases compared to 2025 while continuing to maintain and grow our services and capital spending advancements to our community. I am honored to once again tell you that Felician Village was named the "Best of the Lakeshore" for the 16th year in a row! Felician Village was voted best Assisted/Senior Living, Memory Care, Nursing Home, and Retirement/55+ Community. This recognition is a direct result to the hard work and dedication of all involved in our Felician Village Community.

Last year, a Felician Village Experience Committee was formed with representatives from several departments and areas of our campus. They have organized and led a number of intergenerational, meaningful, and fun events for residents, staff, and the community. I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual Family Fest event that will take place on Thursday, September 4th. For the first time since 2019, we will reconvene as a Felician Village Family and host a one-day event celebrating all areas of our campus in the 21st Street Parking lot and Village Square. We are blessed to have the opportunity to host Bishop David L. Ricken, who will preside over Mass that morning to honor the 150th anniversary of the Felician Sisters of North America. I look forward to seeing our residents, their families, and staff as we celebrate all those who help us carry out the mission and core values of Felician Village.

This year's strategic plan and budget are rooted in effective change management and our core value of transformation. While change can be challenging, Felician Village has a long and successful history—138 years and counting—of adapting with purpose. As we move forward, we're committed to identifying new opportunities, streamlining how we work, and finding more effective and efficient ways to accomplish our goals. With the dedication of our team and the support of our community, we're well-positioned to continue growing and evolving in the year ahead.

With gratitude and warm regards,

Luke J. Schubert

Luke Schubert,
President/CEO



Mission Message

One of the Core Values of Felician Village is Solidarity with People in Need. Being sensitive to need means providing resources and services for the underserved,

especially the financially disadvantaged. It is a value aligned with Catholic Social Teaching, which you can read more about on the USCCB site of the Bishops. The Option for the Poor and Vulnerable is one of the seven principles. This principle asks us to respond to how our most vulnerable members of society are faring and to put them first. This value stands out to me this month for a few reasons. First, we conducted a drive for school supplies last month. As students prepare for the fall, the expenses for families can be overwhelming. For those in need, the lists of required items to start the school year are a burden. This drive lessens that burden for families, providing children with the basic necessities for their education. Thank you so much to all who contributed to the boxes outside the chapel.

The second reason this core value stands out to me this month is because of our Remembrance of Pioneer Sisters and All Sisters prayer service & cemetery clean up that we will hold on August 27 at 10:30 am. Sister Carlotta Myszk, CSSF, told me a story about William Jensen, who is buried in the cemetery across the street from The Villa. He had been released from prison and could not find work anywhere. Someone called Sister Claude, who was the administrator at Felician Village during that time, asking if she could provide him work and shelter. She did. He served here faithfully for many years. When he passed away, she continued that solidarity by providing him a burial space.

The third reason this core value is on my mind this month is because it is Felician Village's 138th birthday on August 27. We will celebrate with the prayer service mentioned above. In addition, we recall all the ways in which the Felician Sisters have served those in need here in Manitowoc, as the first North American ministry of the Sisters. In the early days, not only did the ministry provide housing and care for older community members in need, but also space and schooling for boys who were orphaned. We continue to utilize The Cornerstone Endowment Fund for the Poor for those in need. Many contributed to this cause in honor of the Felician Sisters as they departed the ministry last month. We continue to be a Felician ministry, carrying out those Core Values of the Sisters. We participate in solidarity with people in need in a special way this month. May we continue to serve God's people long into the future.

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In Loving Remembrance

July 2025

Barbara Green, *St. Mary's*

William Shimek, *The Gardens,*

The Court & The Villa

Joan Barnard, *The Gardens, The Villa*

& St. Mary's

