

# 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 with People in Need  
Justice and Peace

## President & CEO

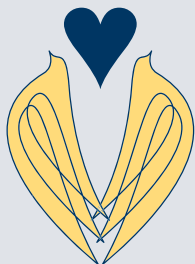
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Felician Village

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## Anchors away for a day of adventure!

St. Mary's residents had a wonderful July afternoon exploring the Wisconsin Maritime Museum and taking in all the fascinating stories of our maritime heritage.



## Enjoying the Simple Joys of Summer

Summer days on the patio have been a highlight for St. Mary's residents. Alongside staff and volunteers, they've enjoyed watching the flowers flourish, checking on the tomato plants, visiting with one another, and taking in the beauty of the season.

## Patriotic Tunes & Good Times

Mystic Moods brought the spirit of the season to life with their recent performance. Dancing, clapping, and smiles filled the room as Mystic Moods brought fun and patriotic flair to their performance



## Leadership Transition

Please join us in wishing Darcy Wech, FV Director of Nursing, all the best as she begins a new chapter. After nearly 30 years of dedicated service to Felician Village, Darcy has made the difficult decision to resign as Director of Nursing. Her last day with us will be Friday, August 21. In the meantime, if families have any concerns, they may contact Jodie Wachowski, Assistant Director of Nursing, or Katie Schweigl, Social Worker.

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The resident newsletter of St. Mary's Home



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# President's Column

As we begin another fiscal year, our Board of Directors has approved the 2027 budget after careful planning and consideration. Like organizations across the country, Felician Village continues to experience rising costs due to inflation, including increases in wages, utilities, insurance, food, medical supplies, and other essential services. Even with these challenges, our commitment remains the same: to provide high-quality care, maintain and improve our campus facilities and services, and invest in meaningful improvements that enhance the lives of those we serve at Felician Village.

This August marks an exciting milestone as Felician Village celebrates 139 years of serving our community. Since 1887, we've remained dedicated to adapting to the changing needs of older adults while staying true to our mission and core values. As we celebrate this anniversary, we're also looking ahead and beginning plans to commemorate our 140th anniversary in 2027, a remarkable achievement that we can't wait to celebrate with all of you.

I hope you'll join us for our annual Family Fest on Thursday, August 13th, one of my favorite events of the year. It's a wonderful opportunity for residents, families, staff, and volunteers of Felician Village to come together for an afternoon of food, entertainment, fellowship, and fun. Events like these remind us that our community is about so much more than the buildings on our campus, it's about the people and relationships that make Felician Village feel like home. I will also be in the dunk tank that afternoon, in the good spirit of fun!

I'm also pleased to share that, thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, Felician Village has added a new wheelchair-accessible transportation van in addition to our Chevy Equinox and bus. Both the bus and van were 100% donor funded thanks to the kindness of so many of our generous supporters and advocates. The new van will provide transportation for residents who are non-ambulatory, helping them safely access medical appointments and other essential outings. In the coming weeks, we'll be sharing more information about transportation services, how to schedule rides, and opportunities to attend an information session.

Thank you for your continued trust in caring for yourselves and your loved ones. Together, we continue to build on nearly 140 years of compassionate service while preparing for an exciting future.

With gratitude and warm regards,

*Luke J. Schubert*

Luke Schubert, President/CEO



## Mission Message



Ecclesiastes tells us that there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. I'm thinking especially about the verse that speaks of a time to plant and a time to

uproot. I came here three years ago and found a wonderful ministry in which to plant myself. Everything was new and different for me, having come from a university setting for the twenty previous years. Even the Manitowoc community was new for me, as I live in the greater Milwaukee area. I found that there was a caring community in this space of Felician Village that allowed me to be planted and that even watered and cared for me.

Now is the time to uproot. I have accepted a new role in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. This new path is in formation for deacons. It brings me back to my roots of teaching. It incorporates my work as a Franciscan to form and guide the paths of others. And it is at a location that is so much closer to my home.

I want to thank you all for welcoming me into this ministry and this Felician family without reservation. I am so appreciative of your willingness to walk with me and to support me. You have shown me ways of expressing God's love for all people that I had not experienced before. I am so very grateful for these three years with you all, for the smiles, for the kind words, for the time spent praising God together.

As I head back to the Milwaukee area for my next mission, know that I am keeping you all in my prayers. The mission of Felician Village is strong and is well lived out by staff and residents alike. You care for each other in community, checking in on your neighbors, serving each other, and holding each other up in prayer. The values of the Felician Sisters resonate in this place. Blessed Mary Angela said that she wished she could multiply herself a thousand times and travel to all parts of the world bringing God's love and mercy to all. All that you do in this place answers her prayer. Peace be with you all.

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*Thank You*

for voting us  
**THE BEST** the  
past 17 years!

*In Loving Remembrance*  
July 2026

Eugene "Gene" Bloedorn, St. Mary's



*Meet Me at The Pub!*

The Pub, located at The Gardens, is open to all FV residents & their guests to sip & socialize!

**3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday in August



*FREE Summer Concert*

**Wednesday, September 2**

**6 - 7 p.m.**

**Bobby Darren & Sheila**

**Marie Country Show**

*The Gardens Patio*



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# Aloha 'Ohana!

All Felician Village Residents, Volunteers, Staff,  
& their Families are invited to join us for a



## Luau Family Fest

Thursday, August 13th  
2 – 7 pm

Main Entrance Parking Lot, 1635 S. 21st St., Manitowoc

### ✧ Schedule of Events ✧

- 2:00-7:00 p.m. - Games, Facepainting & Temporary Tattoos, Main Entrance
- 2:00-3:00 p.m. - Elvis (JukeBox Dave), Tent
- 2:00-3:30 p.m. - Dunk Tank with FV Staff, Main Entrance
- 2:00-4:00 p.m. - Bake Sale, Village Cafe
- 3:30 p.m. - Prayer Service with Chaplain Stephanie, Tent
- 4:00-6:00 p.m. - Dinner, Outside Main Entrance
- 4:30-6:30 p.m. - Dunk Tank with FV Staff, Main Entrance
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. - BINGO, Tent

*We can't wait to celebrate with our Felician Village 'Ohana!*



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