

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

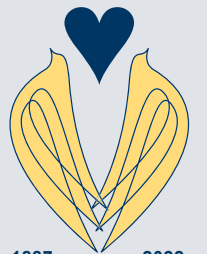
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Felician Village

Celebrating 135 years

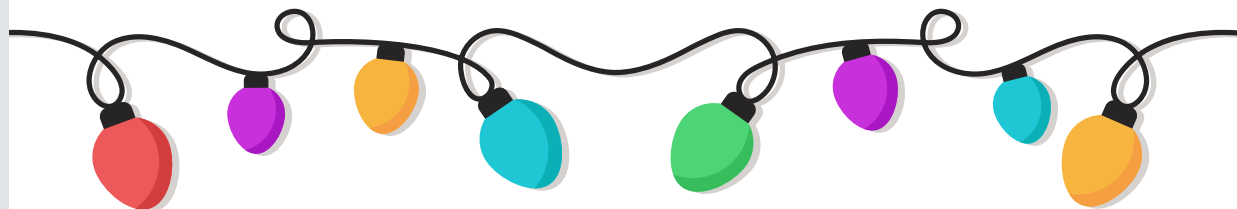
There's Nothing as Whole as a Broken Heart

On Sunday, November 13th, Felician Village lost a dear friend, Tim Reinemann, who had worked as the Quality of Life Supervisor here for the last seven years. Tim's death was a shock to staff and residents alike. Tim brought joy to everyone he met and his absence leaves all of us with a weight of grief and sadness to carry.

A couple days after Tim's death I came across this Bible verse from Ezekiel 36:16: "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." The ancient rabbis understood the phrase "heart of flesh" to mean a heart that is aware and attentive. Rabbi Ariel Burger says, "There's nothing as whole as a broken heart." A broken heart is aware and attentive to suffering, both one's own, as well as the suffering of others. This awareness of suffering becomes an opportunity for connection. In the Jewish tradition, a broken heart is meant to be cultivated. As I thought about the concept of the heart of flesh, I realized that my heavy heart wasn't a stone at all; it was just a heart of flesh that was hurting. As I talked to staff and residents here and witnessed the sharing of grief, tears, and memories, I realized that what we were doing was cultivating our broken hearts. Yes, a heart of flesh is vulnerable and can be hurt and broken, but the heart of flesh is the new heart God wanted to give God's people!

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Resident Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 21
@ 2 p.m.
St. Mary's household dining rooms

December 2022

The resident newsletter of St. Mary's Home



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Retirement Wishes

Congratulations to Joanne Bartz, Director of Finance, Kay Kopenski, VP of Operations/ Nursing Home Administrator, and Barb Fricke, Director of Marketing on their retirements from Felician Village.

Joanne was the first to retire on October 27. Kay served as the Nursing Administrator and then the Vice President of Operations for over seven years. Her official retirement date was November 15.

Barb's 13 plus year career at FV started as the Assisted Living Manager, and then to her current position, as Marketing Director. She retired November 18.

Thank you Joanne, Kay & Barb for your wealth of knowledge, strong work ethic and outstanding leadership skills. We were blessed to have you part of the FV family for all these years! Wishing all of you a happy and healthy retirement!



Pictured above is the FV Business Office staff with Joanne in center front.



Pictured above is Kay Kopenski, left, & Barb Fricke, right.

Need holiday gift ideas for loved ones at Felician Village?

- ◆ Body Wash (12 oz bottle)
- ◆ Body Lotion (10 oz bottle)
- ◆ Square boxes of Kleenex
- ◆ Chapstick
- ◆ Toothpaste (2.5 oz Tube)
- ◆ Under arm deodorant
- ◆ Little Debbie Snack cakes (Christmas trees or any holiday theme)
- ◆ Pudding cups
- ◆ Medium size Christmas gift bags
- ◆ Holiday theme/color Tissue Paper
- ◆ Mass intention (suggested donation of \$10) Contact Mission Services at 684-7171, ext. 317

FV Announces New Marketing Director

We are excited to announce the promotion of Megan Bruckschen to the position of Director of Marketing. Megan has served as the Membership Program Manager since 2019. Megan led the conceptual idea of Felician Village at Home to reality; growing our membership base, offering social and educational events, developing community relationships, launching the Felician Village on the Go transportation program and more.

Megan's background is in sales and marketing. Prior to joining Felician Village she was the Sales Manager at the Manitowoc Area Visitor Convention Bureau, as well as at Gannett Wisconsin Media. She has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing from UW - Green Bay. Please welcome Megan into her new role and congratulate her achievement.

We are currently recruiting for a Membership Program Supervisor to fill Megan's current role.



Walk to END ALZ Donations

Team Felician Village recently was recognized for raising the most funds by a Senior Care Team at the 2022 Walk to End ALZ. A HUGE thank you to all who donated and participated.



Pictured is Debbie Pitsch, FV Volunteer Coordinator, holding the beautiful award the team received.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We hope this season fills you with faith, renewed hope and good health that will last you a lifetime.

In Loving Remembrance November 2022

- William "Bill" Paul, *St. Mary's*
- Margaret "Maggie" Robichaud, *The Court & St. Mary's*
- Irene Ziegelbauer, *The Gardens & The Villa*
- Darla Nelson, *St. Mary's*
- Lorraine Koepfel, *St. Mary's*
- Marlene Barger, *St. Mary's*
- Marcella Lemberger, *The Court & St. Mary's*

