

St. Mary's Gazette

St. Mary's
at
Felician Village

Celebrating Active Lifestyles

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

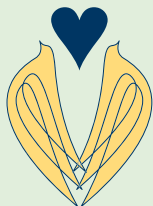
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Felician Village

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TEAM FELICIAN VILLAGE SHINES

Thank you for supporting our Walk to End Alzheimer's team! Because of your generosity, we raised nearly \$3,300 to help advance care, support, and research. A special congratulations to Aubrey Bruckschen, Team Felician Village's top fundraiser and proud recipient of an Impact Award! We're grateful for every step, every share, and every donation that helped make this possible. Together, we're making a difference.



Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair

On November 8th, Felician Village hosted its 3rd Annual Holiday Vendor Fair. We welcomed over 600 guests through our doors and they had a chance to shop from 30 vendors, visit with Santa, get their face painted, listen to live Christmas music and check out the goodies in the café. It was a great way to kick off the holiday festivities.



Merry Christmas & blessings in the New Year

May this Christmas bring you renewed hope, peace, and joy.



December 2025

The resident newsletter of St. Mary's Home



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President's Column

As we enter this blessed Christmas season, my heart is filled with gratitude for each of you: our residents, families, and staff who help make Felician Village the mission driven community that it is. Christmas invites us to pause and reflect on the miraculous birth of Jesus Christ, whose arrival changed the world. My prayer is that His presence surrounds you with a sense of peace and joy this holiday season.



As we close 2025, this is a meaningful time of transformation at Felician Village. Our recently announced management services agreement with The Carmelite System is providing access for updated technologies and software, additional training and resources, and the ability to share best practices in Catholic senior living. This agreement strengthens our commitment to continuing as a Felician Sponsored Ministry. Looking ahead, 2026 will be a continued year of transformation with opportunities to become more efficient, innovative, and future-focused. While transformation can bring uncertainty, it also brings possibility. We are positioning ourselves to be leaders in technology, services, and operational excellence, ensuring Felician Village remains a trusted senior living organization and a beacon of high-quality care in Manitowoc County for years to come. Most importantly, these changes help us expand our potential and deepen our ability to serve the older adults who rely on us. Together, with guidance from our Felician core values of Solidarity with Those in Need, Compassion, Transformation, Justice & Peace, and Respect for Human Dignity, we continue to carry on the legacy entrusted to us.

May God bless you with a Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year. Thank you for being part of the Felician Village family, and for all you do to support our mission.

Warmest Christmas blessings,

Luke J. Schubert

Luke Schubert, President/CEO



Connecting Through Creativity

We are thankful to St. John's Lutheran Church & School - Newtonburg 5th and 6th graders for spending a creative morning with the Court residents. Each student paired up with a resident to design a winter scene with their own unique touches. Through our Intergenerational Program, these activities bring generations together, teach patience and listening skills, and build meaningful connections.



In Loving Remembrance

November 2025

Br. Charles "Lester" Kochlin, *St. Mary's*

Duane Zabel, *The Villa*

Charlotte Endries, *The Gardens & St. Mary's*

Louanne Grapentine, *St. Mary's*

Norbert Wronkowski, *St. Mary's*



Mission Message



December builds our patience. We must learn to wait. If you have an Advent calendar, you must wait for the next day to be able to open

the next door. If you have an Advent reflection book, you must wait for tomorrow to read the next bit of inspiration. We look forward to time with family and friends. We look forward to giving gifts. We wait for the celebration of the Incarnation, God with us, the birth of Jesus.

Advent hymns are among my favorites. We only get to sing them for four weeks a year. The lyrics of "Wake, awake, for night is flying," remind us to keep watch for the Messiah. "Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing, She wakes, she rises from her gloom; For her Lord comes down all-glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious, Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come. Now come, Thou Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Hail! Hosanna! The joyful call we answer all and follow to the nuptial hall." We must be patient and keep watch.

Franciscan sister and theologian Ilia Delio invites us to consider Advent as a time to wake up to God's incarnate presence: "The word Advent comes from the Latin adventus meaning arrival, 'coming.' . . . [But] if God has already come to us, what are we waiting for? If God has already become incarnate in Jesus what are we waiting for? And I think that's a really interesting question. . . . We're called to awaken to what's already in our midst. . . . I think Advent is a coming to a new consciousness of God, you know, already loving us into something new, into something more whole, that we're not in a sense waiting for what's not there; we're in a sense to be attending to what's already there." While we wait patiently, let's stay awake. Let's awaken to what God is doing in us and what God is seeking to become in us.

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