

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

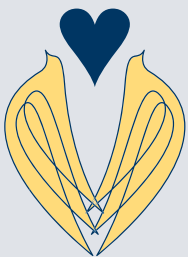
Luke Schubert

Director of Marketing

Megan Bruckschen

Marketing Specialist

Kim Christoffel, *Editor*



Felician Village

Visit from Felician Services

Felician Village had a wonderful visit from Dr. Michelle Santana of Felician Services Inc from January 11-14.

Dr. Santana is the new Managing Director of Social Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Belonging at Felician Services Inc. She is planning visits to all the ministries of the Felician Sisters to learn how each ministry functions. During her visit at FV, she met with administration and staff to learn how she can develop programming or enhance existing programming focusing on Catholic Social Teachings, Social Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Belonging. Those who had the opportunity to interact with Dr. Santana found that she was supportive and very pleased with our mission driven work here. She noted it was clear to see that in our written communications and in our actions, we welcome all people. She even loved the snowstorm!



Happy 100th Birthday

On January 25, 2024, Manitowoc Lincoln High School celebrated it's 100th birthday! Many Felician Village staff and residents are proud Lincoln High School alumni.



Pat, Class of 1957
Dick, Class of 1951



Jerry, Class of 1959



Mike, Class of 1970
Madison, Class of 2023

February 2024

The resident newsletter of St. Mary's Home



1635 S. 21st Street • Manitowoc, WI • 54220
920-684-7171 • www.felicianvillage.org

Mission Message



Blessed Mary Angela, the foundress of the Felician Sisters, offered a lot of written guidance for her Sisters in their service to those in need around them. As we create our own plans we can consider how what we do meets our own personal mission and goals.

This segment from Blessed Angela's Meditation on the Practice of Virtues offers

some recommendations and wisdom:

“The Saints tried to practice all the virtues; however, they had one predominant one for which they distinguished themselves. And so: Saint John the Baptist was known for his severe penances; Saint Francis, for his poverty; Saint Augustine, for his love of God; Saint Vincent de Paul for his love of neighbor; and Saint Francis de Sales for his gentleness.

As I meditated on what virtue God demands of me, I thought of one for which God always admonishes me, and that is, the love of neighbor, meekness, gentleness, understanding of others, forgetfulness of self, equanimity of disposition and a precise performance of my duties. If Jesus would allow me to carry out that to which he is drawing me, it will make me very happy. I have a special liking for that inconspicuously virtuous life, because, after all, that is the imitation of Jesus and Mary in Nazareth.”

Take a moment to consider the virtue that you believe God is calling you to.

- o What are the things that you do well that would allow you to accomplish that virtue?
- o What do you need to do live out that virtue better?
- o How can you take advantage of aspects of your life that would help you attain that virtue?
- o What keeps you from being able to be described as someone with that virtue?

If making that list was hard, you're not alone! Blessed Angela said:

“I am supposed to practice love of neighbor and gentleness but I cannot even manage to make a resolution because what is the use of making the most beautiful promises when I know that I will not keep them.” Let's keep in mind the virtues we want for ourselves and the virtues we want others to see in us.

Blessed Angela said: “Desire more and more to grow in the love of God; holy desires are like wings which transport the soul to heaven.”

Written by: Barb Spies, OFS, Director of Mission Services

January Fun!

January brought the first snowfall of 2024 and some very exciting Green Bay Packers football games!



Excellence in Volunteer Service Nominations

It's that time of year again where we have a chance to nominate a volunteer(s) whom you believe matches the criteria for Excellence in Volunteer Service.

We have approximately 60+ volunteers providing services to our residents/staff so it will undoubtedly be challenging to narrow your choice down.

The nomination forms are now available across campus and online. I encourage all of you to make a selection(s) for a well-deserved volunteer!

A special panel of judges will be selected to review all nominations. The deadline to submit a nomination form, to my mailbox, is Friday, March 29th.

The nomination forms can be found at the following locations:

- Front Desk
- Gardens – near the mail boxes
- Café
- The Court – in front of Jeremy's office or online at:

felicianvillage.org/volunteer.html

The 2024 Volunteer Luncheon will be held in the Wisconsin Room on Wednesday, April 24th where the winner will be announced.

Thank you in advance for your participation in making this a special recognition for our volunteers!

Any questions, contact Debbie Pitsch, Volunteer Coordinator, (920) 684-7171, ext. 276 or dpitsch@felicianvillage.org



In Loving Remembrance January 2024

Donald Hoff, *St. Mary's*
Joanne Bartelme, *The Villa*
Fr. Vernon Olmer, *St. Mary's*

