

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

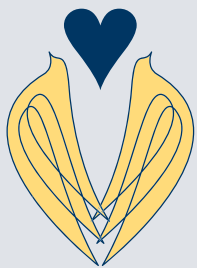
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Felician Village

Sponsored by the Felician Sisters

The Magic of Christmas

The Christmas spirit filled the halls of Felician Village as residents enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Party. Festive food, holiday activities, presents, musical entertainment and even a visit from jolly Santa Claus brought much joy and smiles to all residents.



Believe
in the **MAGIC** of
Christmas

Thank You!

to our community, employees, volunteers, friends and families for making Christmas magic happen! Your generosity to our Holiday Wish List provided gifts to each and every resident

this holiday season. Plus a very special shout out to Santa's helpers - this amazing group of ladies assembled all the holiday gift bags for Santa to deliver at the resident parties.



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The resident newsletter of St. Mary's Home



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LIVE Nativity Play

In preparation of Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Jesus, a LIVE Nativity Play was held in the Blessed Angela Chapel.

Mary, Joseph, the Three Wise Men, shepherds, angels were brought to life by residents and staff, along with many narrators, to re-tell the beautiful story.



Happiness is Puppy Cuddles

Winston brought so many smiles to our residents & staff during his visit to Felician Village.

Thank you to our CFO, Shannon, for sharing your adorable, new four-legged friend with all of us.



ADVENT CELEBRATION



Residents and members of Felician Village at Home met for fellowship and dessert which was followed by an advent service filled with many Christmas hymns and readings from the Bible. The Advent celebration was a beautiful opportunity to come together center our hearts and minds on Jesus, the true reason for Christmas.

Making Spirits Bright

Our residents were blessed this Advent season with poinsettias from Carla and Geof Liban. They personally, along with their granddaughter, Emma, distributed to residents on St. Nick's Day.

Sheryl, a long-time former employee of Geof's, received a special surprise. When she arrived to pick up her flower, she was greeted with a big hug and hello from Geof. She remarked, "It was one of the most special gifts I could've gotten—seeing him after we worked side by side for so many years."

Carla reiterated that she and Geof love bringing some holiday cheer to our residents. More than 225 flowers have been received by Felician Village residents. Thank you for blessing us!



Mission Message

I was thumbing through a book by Jan Karon entitled, *Bathed in Prayer*. She offers tidbits from her beloved

Mitford Series of books. I've seen some of these books on the shelves in various locations at Felician Village. The stories are faith filled, touching, humorous, and enlightening. What would it mean to start our 2025 bathed in prayer? Could we worry about nothing and pray about everything? Usually I quote St. Francis of Assisi, but for this message, I would like to take a look at some words of St. Francis de Sales. He said, "Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: 'The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me ... but in me And I in Him.'"

We move into this year starting, as always, with the continued celebration of Christmas. On January 6, we remember the Epiphany, when the wise men visited the Christ child. Then we enter into what the Church terms "Ordinary Time." Our day to day existence starts. Can we fill that time with prayer, just as we do on the most holy days? Can we examine our consciences, meditate on the word of God, and allow prayer to wash over us, even if only for a moment each day?

Oswald Chambers says, "Prayer does not fit us for the greater work. Prayer is the greater work." Let's begin this year bathed in prayer, which is the greater work.

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Scan the QR code to watch residents, staff & visitors sing, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

In Loving Remembrance December 2024

Robert Braun, *Court & Villa*
Janet "Jane" Mahlik, *Villa*
Francis Fictum, *Court & St. Mary's*

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