

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

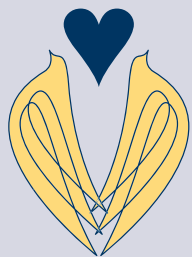
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Felician Village

Celebrating Seniors Week

Felician Village celebrated seniors week May 13-17, 2024. During the weeklong celebration many activities for residents and staff took place that incorporated the theme of "Powered by Connection."

Some of the week's events included a campus sing-a-long, a surprise chicken dance, themed dress up days, LIVE musical entertainment and special treats for residents and staff and much more.

It was a wonderful week celebrating our residents.



Bistro Concert

June 5 @ 5:30 p.m.

Mission Karaoke

The Gardens

1700 S. 18th St.

Upcoming Events

Flag Day

June 14 @ 11 a.m.

The Gardens

1700 S. 18th St.

Car Show at

The Gardens

June 27 @

4:30 - 7 p.m.

1700 S. 18th St.

St. Mary's Poets



St. Mary's residents used words cut out of magazines to create poems. They had so much fun putting together beautiful verses.

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The resident newsletter of St. Mary's Home



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The Language of Dementia & Finding Success

Community Education Workshop

FREE! Open to the public



As care partners, we can find ourselves in communication snags with our loved one with dementia. Together we will untangle these challenging situations and explore new tools to help in your caregiving journey.

Tuesday, June 18 • 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Village Hall at Felician Village, 1635 S. 21st Street, Manitowoc

RSVP's appreciated, but not required: (920) 684-7171, ext. 329 or fvmarketing@felicianvillage.org



Presented by Audrey E. Linn, MS ADC
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Lunch available for purchase (dine-in or take out) from 10:30a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Felician Village - Village Café.

\$8.00 (includes burger or brat, baked beans, chips & cookie)

Proceeds to benefit the Felician Village Walk to End Alzheimer's Team.

May Crowning

On Friday, May 10, Felician Village held its May Crowning. Father Klingeisen led the procession down Heritage Hall to the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary where a resident of St. Mary's along with a FV staff member, Holly, crowned the statue of Mary with a wreath of flowers.



In Loving Remembrance May 2024

Juliana "Julie" Schultz, *St. Mary's*
Bonita Zipperer, *The Villa*
Steven VanBoven, *The Villa*
Donna Mrozinski, *The Villa*
Michael Skelton, *St. Mary's*
Christine DeBauche, *The Court*



Mission Message

Summer is a beautiful time for us to appreciate creation. The birds, the green grass, the rabbits, the water in the lake all call to us. The creation story in Genesis

reminds us to care for God's creation. It is one of the tenets of Catholic Social Teaching as well. This teaching is intertwined with our respect for the dignity of all people. The worst water conditions, the poorest air quality, the most damage to the soil from pollutants tend to be found most prominently in places where the poorest people live. Those who have the most, live up high in clean spaces with water filters and undamaged surroundings. But, those without the means find their conditions to be less pristine. Our care for creation impacts our solidarity with those in need.

Things haven't changed much since the time of St. Francis in terms of where the well-to-do live. In the late 1100s and early 1200s in Assisi, Italy, the rich lived in the high places, with the feudal lord perched in a castle on top of Mt. Subasio. Those with little or nothing were further down the hill, in the spaces where the waste from those above was carried down to the bottom of the hill by rain, to collect in their surroundings. Those with leprosy were sent outside the city walls, in even worse circumstances. Francis sought to care for all of creation, especially those in need. He spent time at the basest parts of the community caring for those with no protection. Pope Benedict XVI said in *Charity in Truth*, "On this earth there is room for everyone: here the entire human family must find the resources to live with dignity, through the help of nature itself—God's gift to his children—and through hard work and creativity. At the same time we must recognize our grave duty to hand the earth on to future generations in such a condition that they too can worthily inhabit it and continue to cultivate it." Pope Francis tells us in *On Care for Our Common Home*, "A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. . . . Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society."

Go out and enjoy creation this summer, but also consider the ways in which we might be responsible stewards of the beauty of what God has provided for us. Let's care for our common home and for those around us with gentleness and joy.

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