

# 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 with People in Need  
Justice and Peace

## President & CEO

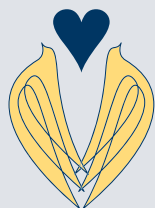
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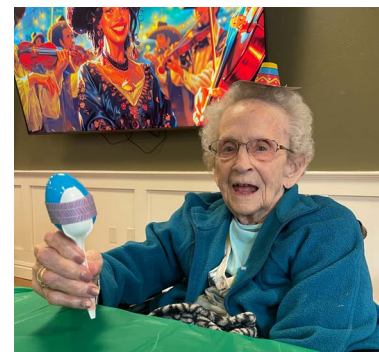
Felician Village

Sponsored by the Felician Sisters

## Celebrating Seniors Week

Felician Village recently celebrated Seniors Week. This year's theme, "Passport Around the World," gave staff and residents the opportunity to travel around the globe through food, activities, music and decorations.

The week started off with a trip to Asia for a tea tasting and fortune cookies. Then they packed their suitcases and headed to a Latin Fiesta for salsa, guacamole, maraca making and a HUMAN piñata! The Watering Hole Mobile Coffee Bar also stopped for a visit and served up coffee, lattes, refreshers, lemonades and so much more to our staff, volunteers and residents. From there a venture over to Oktoberfest for beer, pretzel tasting and LIVE entertainment from the Mystic Moods Polka Band. Thursday landed all in Italy! Residents used their creative skills to create pasta mosaics and a fun game of Mission BINGO. FV employees were treated to a delicious Pizza Garden Italian buffet. It was our way of saying "Grazie" for ALL you do! The last stop was a Hawaiian luau that included coconut bowling, frozen drinks and fruit skewers. Also, a special "hats off" to the amazing culinary team for cooking up the fun, delicious themed meals and snacks throughout the week.



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# President's Column

Welcome to the unofficial start of summer! As you spend more time outside this season, you may notice that landscaping efforts around the Felician Village campus are in full swing. We recently brought those services in house, to help ensure a higher quality service in a fiscally responsible way. This growth, both figuratively and literally, is inspiring to see. In the decade of the 1960's, several expansion and remodeling programs were led by two visionaries, forward thinking Felician Sisters, Sr. Mary Nathaniel and Sr. Mary Claude. Under the direction of these two ladies, St. Mary's continued to grow and flourish. By the end of the 1960's, the bed capacity was increased to 140 and the building, along with the landscaping, was modernized. To help meet the construction and operational costs, the resourceful Sisters would organize and run weekend bazaars for people of the area that featured a wide variety of booths.

Later, this month we will seek approval from the Felician Village Board and then later the Felician Services Board for our 2025-26 operating budget. Our leadership team works hard to present a budget that is fiscally responsible but also allow us to provide the high-quality care and vibrant community you deserve. At resident council meetings in June, our leadership team will present a mid-year review on capital projects, campus updates, resident survey results, and more, with an opportunity to ask questions.

I recently had the privilege of visiting both Madison and Washington D.C. representing Felician Village and LeadingAge, a non-partisan organization supporting senior living providers. These visits were timed ahead of key Joint Finance Committee decisions regarding the Medicaid budget—an essential component of our mission to care for those in need. During these meetings, I engaged with both Republican and Democratic lawmakers to discuss several crucial issues: protecting Medicaid benefits, maintaining nonprofit tax exemptions, addressing regulatory burdens, and promoting workforce immigration policies that support our Catholic ministry. Please know that your needs, and our shared values, are being represented at the highest levels. Lastly, I encourage you to read an important transformative update regarding our Felician Sisters in the Mission Message of this newsletter. Our ministry has been blessed by many Felician Sisters since our ministry was formed in 1887. It is essential that we continue to expand the mission in support of their legacy. Please keep a safe journey for them in your prayers.

As always, thank you for being an integral part of our ministry.

With gratitude and warm regards,

*Luke J. Schubert*

Luke Schubert, President/CEO

## Special Delivery!

Cookies on Mother's Day were handed out around campus.



## In Loving Remembrance

May 2025

Anna Mae Cornils, *The Gardens* &  
*St. Mary's*

Marlene Christensen, *St. Mary's*

Jo-Nell Rubick, *The Gardens*



## Mission Message

At the end of June, the three Felician Sisters currently residing at Felician Village in Manitowoc will be leaving the campus. This marks a significant moment in our ministry's history,

as we will be without Felician Sisters for the first time since our beginning in 1887. Felician Village will continue to carry out the work of the Sisters with the support of our more than 225 lay staff members and continued guidance from Felician Services Incorporated. At this time, Sr. Bernadette, Sr. Bernetta, and Sr. Rosalie will be relocating. While we deeply feel the weight of this transition, we remain grounded in gratitude for their presence, ministry, and legacy of compassion and care.

Since 1887, the Felician Sisters have served in Manitowoc at Felician Village, originally called St. Mary's Home. They have labored and prayed to bestow peace, happiness, and comfort. Their work has been blessed. In these years, they have provided a beautiful witness of dedication to the gospel message of caring for the most vulnerable. Their service to the community, including orphans, diocesan priests, Franciscan friars, and the aging members of Manitowoc County has provided warmth, love, and generous hospitality. They have brought the charism of Blessed Mary Angela Truskowska from Poland to North America in a complete and tangible manner. The Sisters continued to carry on the traditions begun by their pioneer Sisters who arrived in North America 150 years ago. They have given life, nourishment, shelter, and care to generations of residents. They have welcomed lay people to share in their mission of continuing the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person they serve.

Opportunities to celebrate our Felician Sisters at Felician Village will be announced in the near future. Our ministry will faithfully welcome other Felician Sisters to serve our ministry in a day-to-day capacity if that opportunity presents itself in the future. Please keep our Sisters in your prayers.

*Peace, Barb Spies, OFS*

*Director of Mission Services and Pastoral Care*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Our Aging Brain

**June 10 @ 10:30 a.m.**

### FREE Community Dementia Workshop

*Village Hall - Felician Village*

### Sounds of Summer Concert

**June 11 @ 6 p.m.**

### The Clipper City Chordsmen

*The Gardens at Felician Village*

### Car Show

**June 26 @ 4:30 - 7 p.m.**

### Cars, food, beverages and music!

*The Gardens at Felician Village*