

# 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

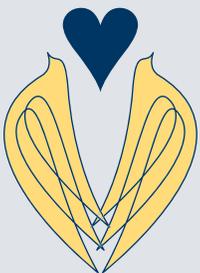
Frank Soltys

## Director of Marketing

Megan Bruckschen

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Felician Village

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## Love & Kindness Spread Across the FV Campus in February

In honor of the Valentine's Day holiday, Felician Village staff members, Lauren & Megan along with their children, Logan, Hayden and Aubrey, handed out roses and candy to Court residents on February 12. We don't know who enjoyed it more, our residents or the kids.



Thank you Roncalli School, Girl Scouts, and FV volunteer Loryn for the handmade Valentine's Day cards for our residents!

Awesome Valentine's BINGO prizes!



## Felician Village Welcomes New CFO



Welcome Shannon Otten as our new VP of Finance and CFO effective, Monday, February 6th. Shannon comes to Felician Village with a wide variety of experience, most recently serving as Chief Operating Officer and Corporate Compliance Officer for Pine Haven Christian Communities, a long term care continuum in Sheboygan Falls.

Shannon's background is in Finance as well as Operations. Prior to her role as COO, she served as Deputy Director- Financial Manager for Sheboygan County Health and Human Services, and as an auditor with the Government and Not for Profit with Schenck. Shannon has a degree in Accounting from Lakeland College.

If you see Shannon around campus, please give her a warm welcome to Felician Village.

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# President's Column

As I reflect on my career, I have had to make many decisions, some difficult and others straightforward. Recently, I announced my resignation as CEO/President of Felician Village, effective April 30, 2023. While that decision did require self-reflection as well as care and concern for Felician Village, I am optimistic for the transformation of the organization.



In my new role as Senior Vice President, Senior Living and Healthcare at Felician Services, I will continue to be a member of the Board of Directors, helping to guide Felician Village with its strategic goals. In the last quarter of 2023, three executive leaders of Felician Village retired (Joanne Bartz, Barb Fricke & Kay Kopenski), and one was promoted to a new role with Felician Services (Carla Schommer). New leaders have emerged with the addition of Megan Bruckschen as Marketing Director and Shannon Otten as Vice President of Operations/Chief Financial Officer. We continue to recruit for a Mission Services Director, as well as for my replacement as CEO/President.

I am confident that the Board of Directors, together with national search firm Wittkieber, will ensure the hiring of an experienced leader that supports the mission, vision and core values of Felician Village. WittKieffer will work to gather input from a variety of individuals, including but not limited to board members, staff, and residents to help them understand our organization's culture, strengths and opportunities. The goal of gathering this input is to assist their candidate identification and assessment efforts on our behalf.

As one of the core values of Felician Village, transformation, or change, is a constant. While feelings of apprehension can be associated with change, it is our responsibility to utilize change to the best of our ability so that transformation is positive; so that it serves our mission. I can assure you that the transformation of our organization in the coming months will be supported by a group of dedicated and compassionate people, who make saying farewell to Felician Village one of those difficult career decisions.

Thank you for allowing me to serve Felician Village for the last nine years.

Peace and All Good,

Frank Soltys, President/CEO

## Miss Harbor Cities



Thank you to Miss Wisconsin, Kylene Spanbauer for taking time to visit with Felician Village residents, Janet and Janice who attended Miss Harbor Cities & Miss Harbor Cities Teen competition at the Capitol Civic Centre in February. It was a great night!



## Volunteer of the Year Award Nominations

It's time to celebrate some of the exceptional people who make Felician Village great. This award honors a volunteer who has made a positive impact at Felician Village and exceeds our mission, vision and values. Please take a moment to think of a volunteer you know who has made a difference and fill out this simple nomination form. The winner will be honored at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 20th.

*Employees of FV are not eligible for this award.*

Nomination forms can be found in the following locations:

- Front desk
- Court
- Villa
- Gardens
- Café

Questions? Deb at  
920-684-7171 ext. 276 or  
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or online at, [felicianvillage.org/volunteer.html](http://felicianvillage.org/volunteer.html)

Nominations are due March 30th.

## Aging Boldy Series is back!

### Living a Brain Healthy Life

Monday, March 27 @ 11 a.m.

This fun and interactive program is a MUST for anyone interested in brain health. Learn strategies to maintain and improve your memory including activities, exercise, nutrition, and social engagement that boost a healthy lifestyle.

*Presented by Connie Thimmig, Education & Solutions Consultant, Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice.*

**FREE Presentation will be held at the Manitowoc Senior Center - 3330 Custer St, Manitowoc**

## In Loving Remembrance

February 2023

Richard (Dick) Bartol, *The Gardens*  
Florentine Skrobis, *The Gardens*

