

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

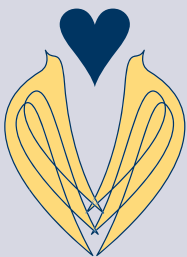
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Felician Village

Mrs. Roper's Romp A Success!

A HUGE thank you to all the Helens and company who "came and knocked on our door" at the Mrs. Roper's Romp fundraiser on Friday, April 19 at the Inn on Maritime Bay.

What an event! There were tables and tables of raffle baskets from wonderful donors, many, many BINGO games played, a DJ spinning songs from all music genres, 50/50 raffles, a 70s photo booth and delicious food catered by the Felician Village Culinary Department.

THANK YOU to all who helped make this unique, fun-filled fundraiser a success. Proceeds will support a new pub and patio at Felician Village.



Chaplain Stephanie Ordained

Chaplain Stephanie Bowman was ordained on Saturday, April 13, 2024, to the Ministry of Word and Service as a Deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at First Lutheran church in Manitowoc. She has been prepared, examined and approved, and called by the church to this ministry as Chaplain at Felician Village. Residents and staff were in attendance to show their support for Stephanie in her ministry. We pray that she may joyfully serve God and God's people through all her days.



Volunteers are Priceless

Felician Village volunteers were invited to a special luncheon on April 24. Guests enjoyed a delicious Mexican style buffet prepared by the FV Culinary Department as Debbie Pitsch, Volunteer Coordinator, acknowledged our volunteers for their dedication, time and hard work. Each guest left with a fun themed party favor - a bottle of Jarritos soda. Volunteers...THANK YOU for all you do! You are priceless!

A special congratulations to Warren Gaffney who was named the 2024 recipient of the Volunteer of Year award at Felician Village. Warren volunteers as a driver for both the 12-passenger Felician Village bus and the Felician Village on the Go vehicle.



Pictured L to R: Megan Bruckschen, Marketing Director, Warren Gaffney, award winner, and Debbie Pitsch, Volunteer Coordinator.

May 2024

The resident newsletter of St. Mary's Home



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President's Column

On Friday, April 19, Felician Village hosted the Mrs. Roper's Romp to raise funds for an outdoor pub and patio at The Gardens. While we are still tallying final numbers, the event was more successful than I ever could have imagined. Over 225 people were in attendance; residents, staff, family, friends, community members, business partners, and even a few strangers who became friends, all coming together to support our mission and our residents. Thank you to all who attended and supported the event. We are beginning the next stages of planning to make the space a reality in the near future – stay tuned!



National Volunteer Week was celebrated April 21-27. I want to thank all of our volunteers for their dedication to serving Felician Village and our residents. Their commitment to the Felician values of Compassion, Justice and Peace, Solidarity with People in Need, Transformation, and Respect for Human Dignity is shown in the service they provide. Collectively, our volunteers provided over 11,350 hours of service in 2023! I want to especially recognize Warren Gaffney who was chosen as the Volunteer of the Year for 2024.

We will celebrate with annual Seniors Week activities, May 12-18. I am looking forward to the festivities taking place to honor our residents and show appreciation to our staff. Please see the details below in this newsletter and I encourage you to participate throughout the week.

While Memorial Day Weekend is promoted as the unofficial start to summer, I want to thank and honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Military. Please join me in appreciating their eternal sacrifices on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27.

Luke J. Schubert

Luke Schubert, *President/CEO*



Traditionally, the month of May has been dedicated to honoring Mary. This month in this glorious season of growth is a perfect time

to celebrate the beauty of the Mother of God. In Caryll Houselander's book, *The Reed of God*, the author helps us to imagine what Mary must have experienced after the Annunciation: "Sometimes, when she sat down in the cottage doorway after her day's work, she must have felt anew her amazement at the angel's salutation and have asked her own soul: 'How can this thing be?' Could it be possible that this tiny little tunic that she was weaving was for God?" The author goes on to examine how WE might respond to God's presence in ourselves: "It is quite incredible to think that God is really present in me. This act of faith brings peace: it silences the noise of distraction, the loud business of fear. It is the stilling of the waters. It gathers our thoughts into a circle like a crown of flowers; it crowns us with peace." Being crowned with peace is a beautiful image.

In May we remind ourselves that Mary is the Queen of Heaven and we place a crown of flowers on images of her in our spaces. We will have a May Crowning on Friday, May 10 after Mass where we will process from the Blessed Angela Chapel down to the statue of Mary near St. Mary's Home. This ritual reminds us of the importance of Mary in our faith traditions.

The Felician Sisters of North America embrace the Marian element of Franciscan Spirituality. When the Sisters talk about Mary, they know that they are bringing the presence of Christ into our lives through her. The Blessed Mother is nurturing, life-giving, and tender. Blessed Angela consecrated her congregation to Mary, the Mother of God. Ask the Sisters about their names and their original provinces all being named for Mary! Mary is a model for us, helping us to know that love often demands sacrifice, but that we can do that with the strength God gives us.

Written by *Barb Spies, OFS,*
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Celebrating Seniors Week

2024

Sunday, May 12

Happy Mother's Day - Cookies treats for all women

Monday, May 13

- ◆ Sing-a-long with Karwyn
- ◆ National Apple Pie - Apple pie served

Tuesday, May 14

- ◆ National Dance Like a Chicken Day - Watch for a Surprise!
- ◆ Afternoon Chicken Craft
- ◆ Campus sing-a-long w/ Lauren Daun's family, 3 p.m. Village Hall

Wednesday, May 15

Soda & Music Appreciation, 1:45 p.m.

Thursday, May 16

BINGO & special prizes

Friday, May 17

Musical Entertainment, Jerry Krueger @ 2:00 p.m.

In Loving Remembrance

April 2024

Paul Isselmann, *The Court & The Villa*

Albert Eichmann, *The Court*

Amy Kaufman, *St. Mary's*

