

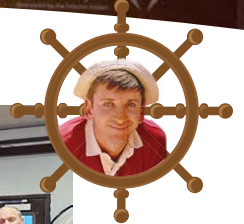
# St. Mary's Gazette

St. Mary's  
at  
Felician Village

Celebrating Active Lifestyles



## Set Sail For WHEELS



Stay tuned as we get closer to purchasing our donor funded ADA van!

### 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

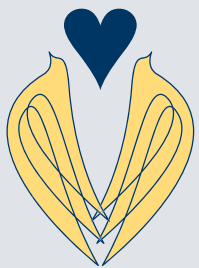
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Thank you to everyone who joined us, supported us, donated, volunteered, and helped make the evening such a success. Because of you, we're one step closer to enhancing the FV transportation opportunities for those we serve. We couldn't have done it without this amazing community. Thank you for helping us set sail toward something meaningful!



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## Rockets and Rocks

Residents had a blast trying out Rocket Ball, a new game that quickly brought out their competitive side while also supporting mobility and coordination. This fun, hands-on activity is great for building dexterity and keeping everyone engaged!

They also enjoyed a special “show and tell” moment with Mike, FV Volunteer, who shared his passion for rocks and gave residents a closer look at his unique collection. It was a wonderful way to learn something new and connect over shared interests.



## Noodling Around for Fitness



You can tell by the smiles on their faces that residents had a great time staying active during their pool noodle work out. This light, low-impact exercise helps build strength, improve flexibility, and encourage movement. Fitness and fun go hand in hand here!

## Spring Vendor Fair

Our 2nd Annual Spring Vendor Fair was a wonderful day filled with smiles, shopping, and community spirit! A heartfelt thank you to our amazing vendors, dedicated volunteers, and everyone who joined us, we truly appreciate your support.



## Mission Message

I have been thinking a lot about “caregiving” recently. I attended a presentation by a woman who serves as a hospice volunteer, and her perspective on caregiving made me aware of how

much we do fits under that umbrella term. We know there are professional caregivers. Of course, when we think of a skilled nursing facility, caregiving is focused on nursing care, but also, importantly, the spiritual and mental care of residents. So, certified nursing assistants, resident assistants, nurses, chaplains, and life enrichment professionals are all caregivers.

The Franciscan tradition is filled with models of caregiving, from St. Francis who cared for the lepers and the poor to the Felician Sisters of today who have created so many ministries of care across North America. I think often of the three women who came from Detroit in 1887 to serve the community in Manitowoc, and how their care became a model for so many other women to serve as sisters in this ministry. And I think of the sisters I know who served here and in so many other ministries with such dedication. I am sure you can name many such sisters.

Would you describe yourself as a caregiver? Those who are raising children and those who are giving assistance to an older relative or neighbor are clearly in this category. And those who volunteer to offer their services for those in need are giving care. The people who make certain that a worship service runs smoothly are giving spiritual care. The teacher who guides students is also offering service to others. The member of the facilities team who ensures that a resident’s plumbing works, their furniture is functioning, their space is bright and so many other fixes they offer brings them care.

Jesus offers us the model of caregiving in washing the feet of His followers, in healing the sick, in curing the ills of those around Him, and in assuring us the eternal care by being the way, the truth, and the life for us. May we continue to follow in His footsteps.

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“Where flowers bloom  
so does hope.”

— Lady Bird Johnson



*In Loving Remembrance*  
April 2026

Carol Koepfel, *St. Mary's*

