

St. Mary's Gazette

St. Mary's
at
Felician Village

Celebrating Active Lifestyles



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

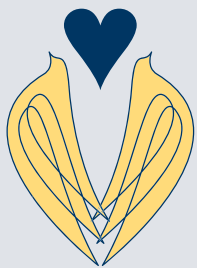
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Felician Village

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Pumpkin Season Underway

With the warm September temperatures it may not feel like pumpkin season quite yet, but our St. Mary's residents are ready for all things PUMPKIN! Look at these cute pumpkins they decorated.



WALK TO END ALZ

A team from Felician Village participated in the Manitowoc-Two Rivers Walk to End ALZ on Saturday, September 7th, raising over \$1800!

While great strides are being made around the world in this challenging field of health care, the Walk to End ALZ helps raise awareness and funds in hopes to find a cure for Alzheimer's.



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President's Column

Recently, I had the opportunity to embark on a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome, Italy, sponsored by Felician Services. I was joined by other Felician Ministry leaders as we visited many sacred places filled with history, culture, and spirituality. Throughout this pilgrimage, I found myself reflecting on the core values of the Felician Sisters that guide our work at Felician Village.



- **Solidarity with Those in Need:** Along my journey, I encountered people from all walks of life—some making their way with strength and joy, others with great difficulty. I was reminded of the importance of standing with those who are vulnerable, much as we do here in our community. Just as we strive to care for and support one another, this journey reaffirmed for me the significance of walking beside those in need, sharing their burdens, and offering comfort, however small.
 - **Compassion:** Compassion was at the heart of every encounter I had during the pilgrimage. At Felician Village, we practice this compassion daily—whether it's through a friendly smile, a listening ear, or the care our team provides. At times it can be easy to get caught up in the challenges of the day, but it is compassion that holds us together and makes us stronger.
 - **Transformation:** Pilgrimages are about transformation, centered around personal growth. I found myself reflecting on the fact that our lives are always changing. With each chapter, comes an opportunity for growth, for deeper understanding, and for inner transformation. This resonates deeply with the experiences we share in our senior living facility, where each day offers a chance for new beginnings, learning, and personal reflection.
 - **Justice & Peace:** Just as we strive for peace within our ministry by treating each other fairly and with respect, my pilgrimage reminded me that true peace is only possible when justice is present. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that everyone at Felician Village is treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.
 - **Respect for Human Dignity:** At the heart of the pilgrimage was an overwhelming respect for the dignity of each person I met. Regardless of their background, their faith, or their personal struggles, each person was treated with respect. This is a value we hold dearly in our ministry, where every resident, staff member, and visitor is treated with respect. It is a reminder that we must always honor the dignity of others in our interactions.
- My pilgrimage was a journey not only across the beautiful countryside of Italy but through my heart and spirit. I returned with a renewed sense of gratitude for all that we share here—a ministry guided by the strong core values of the Felician Sisters, making a difference in the lives of all those we serve.

Luke J. Schubert
Luke Schubert, President/CEO



October is a special month in the Franciscan world. We have the Feast of St. Francis on October 4.

The Felician Sisters celebrate the Feast of Blessed Mary Angela Truskowska on October 10. At Felician Village we have our Mission and Heritage Week from October 4-10. It's a time for us to focus on our Core Values of Respect for Human Dignity, Compassion, Transformation, Solidarity with People in Need, and Justice and Peace. We are reminded of the Mission to continue the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve.

This year for Mission and Heritage Week we are celebrating in a special way the history of the Felician Sisters of North America, who arrived in Polonia, Wisconsin in 1874. Throughout this year from November 2024 to November 2025 there will be festivities across North America to mark this anniversary. The Sisters have ministries from coast to coast and in Ontario, Canada.

We are so very grateful for the five Sisters who made the long journey from Poland to Wisconsin. We are so very grateful for the many, many Sisters who continued the work of Blessed Angela through these years. And we are especially grateful for those Sisters in our midst today. May God bless them richly and may we carry out their work of serving God's people side by side with them.

Written by Barb Spies, OFS,
Director of Mission Services and Pastoral Care



TRICK OR TREAT

Halloween Candy & Trinket Donations



TRICK OR TREAT TIME IS NEAR!

We are accepting candy or trinket donations for residents to hand out to trick or treaters. Local school aged children have been invited to trick or treat throughout our campus.

Donations can be given to Lauren, Membership & Volunteer Supervisor. Questions? Call ext. 425 or fvathome@felicianvillage.org. THANK YOU!

In Loving Remembrance
September 2024
Barbara Winiecki, *St. Mary's*
Marion Lindholm, *St. Mary's*
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