

# 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

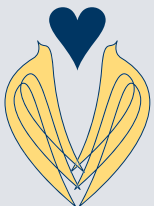
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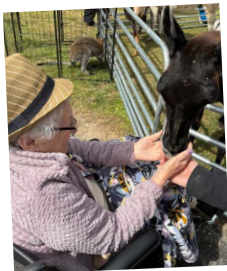


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## FAMILY FEST

What an amazing day at our annual Family Fest! We were honored to begin the celebration with Mass, presided over by Bishop David L. Ricken, in recognition of the Felician Sisters' 150th Anniversary of their arrival in North America. We were blessed to have a group of Felician Sisters with us, along with leadership from Felician Services Inc. The day continued with BINGO, a delicious picnic lunch, live music by II Cool Band, fun games, and even a petting zoo, with a wallaby! It was truly a beautiful celebration of Felician Village's ministry and the incredible community we share. Thank you to all who joined us!



## WALK TO END ALZ

Team Felician Village participated in the Manitowoc County Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, September 27th. Together the team surpassed their goal and raised more than \$3,000 to support the efforts of one day living in a world without Alzheimer's Disease. It was a beautiful morning on the lakeshore to come together for this cause!



## Splashing a little color into the day!

St. Mary's residents found their inner artist during a soothing watercolor session.



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# President's Column

This month we will celebrate our Felician Franciscan roots during Mission & Heritage week, October 4 – 10. The theme this year is “Widening the Tent for Charism and Mission.” With the departure of the Felician Sisters from our campus earlier this year, it’s more important than ever to reflect on the dedicated work of the caring and hard-working pioneer Felician Sisters who founded St. Mary’s Home in 1887. The life of these early Felician Sisters was not easy but they persevered and with the grace of God were able to care for those in need. As lay people, our commitment during this transformation is to provide a safe and loving senior living environment for our residents and staff. As always, we look to our Felician values - Respect for Human Dignity, Compassion, Transformation, Solidarity with People in Need, and Justice and Peace – to help keep us grounded and focused.



I encourage you all to take part in the festivities of Mission & Heritage Week while remembering those who walked before us. Let’s strive together to see and respond to the needs of those in our community as those early Franciscans did.

With gratitude and warm regards,

*Luke J. Schubert*  
Luke Schubert,  
President/CEO



*It’s always heartwarming to see how music brings people together, like in this sweet moment where our residents are holding hands and enjoying the melody of the live music in the Village Hall.*

## We Love Pet Visits!

A resident’s family member brought their dogs to visit and gave residents a fun demonstration on training. The highlight? Watching the dog use a resident’s shoe to track



## Mission Message



At Felician Village, we start October with our Mission and Heritage Week. As a non-profit organization that has a specific connection

to the Catholic tradition, it’s important for us to remind our staff and residents of who we are. But we also remember where we came from. That’s the Heritage part of the week. So, we will tie to the story of the Felician Sisters who began this ministry 138 years ago.

This year that theme is “Widening the Tent for Charism and Mission.” A charism is a special gift of the Holy Spirit given to an individual who then lives out that inspiration. For us, it is Blessed Mary Angela Truskowska, a Polish Sister, who emphasized serving where you are needed. For her, that meant helping orphans and widows. Her congregation has continued to find needs and meet them since the mid-1850s. This theme of “Widening the Tent for Charism and Mission” guides us to consider how we can connect the ideas to our staff and residents. During the week we will be collecting items for the Lakeshore Humane Society. Connecting with theme of “Widening the Tent for Charism and Mission,” we will collect those items for the humane society in a pup tent outside our chapel. It’s a great visual reminder of the theme and our service to God’s creation.

We also celebrate our Franciscan heritage of the Felician Sisters by having a pet blessing. St. Francis was known to love all of creation: animals, plants, and people. There will be a Franciscan Friar who comes to our campus to offer blessings of people’s pets. Our pets become cherished members of our families, and many people, no matter their faith tradition, love the idea of having someone pray for the health and well-being of their pets. We also will have some pets visiting our residents during the week. Pet therapy is a wonderful way for our residents to feel the love of God and to share that love with another being. We all find so much joy in the visits with the animals. Overall, Mission and Heritage Week is a week of celebrating those who started this ministry, those who serve here, and those we serve.

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## In Loving Remembrance

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Paul J. Neuser, *The Court & St. Mary's*

Donald Klein, *St. Mary's*

Germaine Suchomel, *St. Mary's, The Villa, The Court & The Gardens*

