

# 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 the Poor  
Justice and Peace

## President & CEO

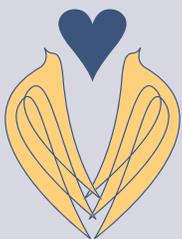
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Felician Village

## Meet the FV Quality of Life Department

**Tim Reinemann, Quality of Life Supervisor**, has been in the activity professional field for 20 years. He has worked with the elderly and young people with developmental disabilities in Sheboygan, Plymouth and Milwaukee.

He lives in Sheboygan with his wife, Heather, and their golden retriever, Libby. Tim enjoys teaching Sunday school, the Green Bay Packers, being outdoors, hiking and camping and going to garage/yard/estate sales.

Tim has a soft spot in his heart for helping seniors and enjoys keeping them active in a nursing home and assisted living setting.

**Amy Meyer, Quality of Life Specialist**, was born and raised in Manitowoc. She has over 32 years of experience in different capacities in the health-care field, but her heart always leads her back to the activity (life enrichment) area.

She has been married to her wonderful (and patient) husband for almost 39 years and are proud parents of two sons. In her downtime Amy heads to their cottage near Crivitz, WI, where she kayaks, hikes and spends time around the campfire with family and friends.

Amy truly enjoys getting to know the residents, making friends, hearing their stories and learning life lessons.

**Karwyn Peterson, Quality of Life Specialist**, is the newest addition to the Quality of Life Team who started working at FV in March.

She was born in Wisconsin but grew up in Duluth, Minnesota. She is happily married to her husband of 30 years, John. He was a career Marine, so they, along with their two sons, moved a lot!

Karwyn has much experience working with people of all ages. She was a preschool teacher, a lifeguard and swimming instructor, a personal care worker and an activities director.

Karwyn is excited and happy to be at Felician Village.



*Pictured (left to right): Amy Meyer, Tim Reinemann, Karwyn Peterson, Sr. Bernadette Marie Zandonatti*

**Sr. Bernadette Marie Zandonatti, Quality of Life Volunteer**, has been a Felician Sister for 46 years and at St. Mary's for 13 years working with the activity department.

She has taught pre-school children, first and second grades and many communion classes!

Working in the activity department allows Sister to use her creativity skills with the residents through painting, crafts and various activities. She also works in the dementia area, which she thoroughly enjoys because every day is another surprise.

Sister said, "To get into the world of these residents is a very rewarding and compassionate experience. I have a good team to work with and that is important to me."

*Thank You!*

Dear Felician Village Activities Department,  
We are co-workers of Ellen Arndorfer's and we understand from Ellen that you were incredibly kind to her father, Edmund Arndorfer. Thank you for all you did to support him and our dear colleague, Ellen. Please accept this donation in Edmund's memory.

*-The Viroqua Healing Arts Center*

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The resident newsletter of St. Mary's Home



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# President's Column

Happy Spring! As this Lenten season gives way to the Easter Season, let us rejoice as we celebrate this most holy time in our church. Spring, and Easter, are an opportunity for renewal and rejoicing as Mother Nature brings forth new life in our surroundings and Jesus brings us new life in his Resurrection.

At Felician Village this renewal is guided by our Mission Statement and values. Our Mission Statement reads, "At Felician Village, our mission is to continue the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve." In unity with our values - Respect for Human Dignity, Compassion, Transformation, Solidarity with the Poor, and Justice and Peace - all 200+ employees strive to follow these beliefs to provide the premiere senior services in Manitowoc County.

As we near the 130th anniversary of the founding of St. Mary's later this year, we continue to follow in the footsteps of our founding Felician Sisters to find ways to envision, innovate, transform and always remain compassionate as we help seniors and their families in Manitowoc County and beyond. May you have a most Blessed Easter Season.



Peace and All Good,

Frank Soltys,  
President/CEO

## Resident Council Meetings Friday, April 7

St. Clare/Blessed Angela Dining Room  
10:30 a.m.

## Kindermusik at FV

Take Note Studio began teaching Kindermusik classes at Felician Village on March 8. Kindermusik lets children explore music through moving, singing, and playing instruments. Felician Village residents have the opportunity to attend these classes on our campus.

Music helps with language, brain development and encourages motor development for children, but also for seniors. For example, grasping and shaking bells helps to develop fine motor skills or keeping a steady beat may help with balance, coordination and self-confidence. Music also provides stimulation which may get limbs moving and blood circulating to all parts of the body - including the brain. However, it is not just about the music for the residents, it's a chance to see a new world through the eyes of a child.



## Donation of Digital Hymnal

A heartfelt thank-you to special friends of Felician Village for the gift of a Digital Hymnal which will be making its debut in our Blessed Angela Chapel this spring! Board members Ed Hansen and Pastor Matt Sauer, along with Mary Kay Fordney Wysham and Ted and Mike Fordney (family of the late Mary Fordney), provided the generous gifts to purchase the Digital Hymnal. Equipped with a repertoire of over 2,000 sacred hymns

and devotional songs, this wonderful addition will be a resource for anyone utilizing the Chapel for prayer services. Although nothing could ever replace the gift of a volunteer musician, we are looking forward to having sacred music available in the Chapel at any time. As the Bible says: "Sing to the Lord with grateful praise, make music to our God on the harp!" (Psalm 147:7)



## Upcoming Events

### Senior Town Hall Meeting

Tues., April 18  
8:45 - 9:30 a.m.  
FV - Village Hall

Meet with Congressman **Glenn Grothman** to hear about the issues that matter to seniors.

To register, call 684-7171, ext. 329.

### Dementia Conversations

Tues., April 25  
6 p.m.  
FV - Village Hall

How to have discussions about convincing a family member to see a physician for cognitive screening or medical care and decide when to stop driving.

To register, call 684-7171, ext. 329.

### May Crowning

Friday, May 5  
10:15 a.m.  
FV - Blessed Angela Chapel

All are welcome to attend the crowing of the image of Virgin Mary in front of St. Mary's in the connector walkway.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Celebrating Seniors Week**  
May 14 - 20, 2017

More info coming soon!

For a full list of activities, please visit [felicianvillage.org/activities.php](http://felicianvillage.org/activities.php).

## In Loving Remembrance

March 2017

Brother Claver Boerner, St. Mary's  
Glen Peterman, St. Mary's  
Jean Trammel, The Court  
Geraldynne "Sis" Asman, St. Mary's  
Roger Schleis, St. Mary's



# THANK YOU

to our volunteers for their dedicated service to FV!

## National Volunteer Week April 23-29, 2017

Felician Village currently has 116 active volunteers. In 2016, our volunteers donated 9,652 hours of time and talent.