

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

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Felician Village

FV Welcomes New Mission Services Director



Carla Schrommer,
Director of Mission Services

Welcome Carla Schrommer who joined Felician Village as the new **Director of Mission Services** on January 18.

We're excited to have Carla on board to share her vast pastoral care knowledge and experience with us.

Carla comes to Felician Village from St. Francis Home / Agnesian Health Care in Fond du Lac where she was a Chaplain since June of 2016. St. Francis Home is a Catholic sponsored Life Plan Community similar to Felician Village. Her focus there was to attend

to the spiritual needs of residents, their families and staff. She led a variety of resident and staff enrichment programs across the campus. In addition, she coordinated and led prayer rituals and services for a variety of faith traditions.

Prior to St. Francis Home, Carla was the Director of Pastoral Care at St. Francis Convent for the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross in Green Bay. In addition, she taught at the college level.

Carla is board certified by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. She earned a Master's in Pastoral Care and Health Care Chaplaincy from Loyola University in Chicago, an MA in counseling from Lakeland University and a BA in finance also from Lakeland.

Carla and her family live in the Sheboygan area.

Making treats for man's best friend

St. Mary's residents in collaboration with our wonderful Quality of Life staff, made two different types of dog biscuits.

Residents were responsible for measuring the ingredients, rolling the dough and then baking the biscuits.

The biscuits were then donated to the Manitowoc Animal Shelter.



2018 Caregiver College for the Community

Enhance your skills and knowledge of caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease. Felician Village offers several caregiver classes for the community throughout the year. **For a full list of the 2018 classes see enclosed brochure or visit felicianvillage.org**

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The resident newsletter of St. Mary's Home



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President's Column

Planning is a very important process in the overall function of a business. Without planning for future strategic initiatives along with determining how many fiscal resources a business has, chaos would ensue as well as the eventual demise of the business. Felician Village is very fortunate to have many wise and astute members of its Board of Directors, Strategic and Administrative teams to make both of these processes flow smoothly.



On January 23, the Board of Directors and the Strategic Team completed its yearly strategic planning for 2018-19. Planning at this level ensures we continue to fulfill our mission, consider community needs, operate in a financially responsible manner, and look to the viability of our entire organization. In tandem with strategic planning comes the budget process for the new fiscal year starting July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. Developing a budget is the responsibility of our administrative team members who then ensure that strategic initiatives and department operating budgets are adequately funded.

Factors to consider when developing a budget include an attractive campus with a vibrant quality of life to help retain current and attract future residents. We also want to continue being the Employer of Choice in the senior living environment to ensure a quality work force. Planning is important to continue to improve our staff's efficiencies and at the same time improve their work environment in order to retain staff for an extended period of time.

In addition, it is necessary for us to reach out to the community to help those who may not wish to live on campus or those who are looking for educational programs to help increase their knowledge when caring for an elderly loved one.

Thank you again for choosing to live at Felician Village. I know I speak for the entire Strategic Team that it is our honor to provide the highest quality care in Manitowoc County.

Frank H. Soltys
Frank Soltys,
President/CEO

Happy Valentine's Day

First Presbyterian Church Community Christmas Dinner

On December 20 First Presbyterian Church in Manitowoc held its annual Community Christmas Dinner. Felician Village donated ham, green bean casserole, mashed sweet potatoes, stuffing pumpkin pies and whipped cream for this dinner which served about 180 people from the Manitowoc Community. Some FV staff members donated their time to serve food, clean tables and wash dishes.



Voter Registration

Tim Reinemann recently completed training to become an Election Registration Official.



Tim can now take voter registrations for our Felician Village residents during the open registration period.

Best Wishes Joe!

Joe McLafferty, Pastoral Care coordinator, has retired from FV. We wish him all the best on his new adventure!



FV Upcoming Events

Love Your Heart, Love Your Brain

Wednesday, Feb. 21

2 p.m.

Village Hall at FV

What is good for your heart is good for your brain.

Learn about the connection between diet, exercise and brain health and how simple changes can have a big impact.

Presented by Alyssa Weber, Registered Dietitian, Felician Village.



Alyssa Weber,
Registered Dietitian

Register at
(920) 684-7171, ext. 329
or email, fvmarketing@felicianvillage.org

For a full list of activities, please visit felicianvillage.org/activities.php.

Birdhouse Donation

As part of a class project for her Oral Communication class, Elizabeth Voda, a senior at Lincoln



High School, built and donated these birdhouses to Felician Village.

Staff will install the bird houses in spring across the campus so residents can enjoy watching birds build nests and raise their families.

In Loving Remembrance January 2018

Leona Christoffel, *The Villa*
Fritz Emme, *The Gardens*
Catriona "Tina" Sieracki, *The Gardens, The Court & St. Mary's*
Rudella Hennig, *The Gardens, The Court & The Villa*
Joyce Sheahan, *The Court, The Villa, & St. Mary's*
Jean Weina, *The Gardens*
Lloyd Vogel, *St. Mary's*
Jean Tegen, *Next Step*
Rita Grant, *St. Mary's*



Resident Council Meeting
Friday, March 2

St. Anthony Dining room
10:30 a.m.