

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 the Poor
Justice and Peace

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Felician Village

Halloween Happenings at FV



The Winner Is...

We are excited to announce the winner of our Christmas Card Design Contest! Irene Nushardt, a resident at The Court, painted this scene for the design of this year's Felician Village Christmas card.

The contest began on October 2, when 22 Felician Village resident artists attended a painting class taught by Silver Lake College Student United Way. The students then had the difficult responsibility of judging the entries and choosing six to go to the final round. A voting process by employees, residents, visitors and Facebook followers then determined the winner.

The five runners-up were:

- Harold Kimmel
- Dorothy Henson
- Lorraine Kabat
- Dorothy Yindra
- Helen Brennan

Cards will be available for purchase in the Village Market after Thanksgiving. Please congratulate Irene when you see her and thank all the artists who participated!

Residents' Rights Month

October was recognized as Residents' Rights Month. It was a time to focus on awareness of dignity, respect and the value of long-term care residents.

On Friday, October 5, Manitowoc Mayor Justin Nickels, visited St. Mary's Home at Felician Village to sign a proclamation declaring October 2018 as National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month in the City of Manitowoc.



Pictured (back row, left to right): James Brace, Irene's son-in-law, Darlene Brace, Irene's daughter, Connie Thimmig, Director of Enrichment Services, Tiffany Bratz, RN, Assisted Living Clinical Coordinator (front row, left to right): Irene Nushardt, contest winner and Karwyn Peterson, Quality of Life Specialist.

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The resident newsletter of St. Mary's Home



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President's Column

As we enter this season of thankfulness, we look back at the lives of the first Felician Sisters who came to Manitowoc. Although things were difficult at times, the Sisters were always thankful for what they had. Father Luczycki, the priest who invited the Felician Sisters to Manitowoc to care for the orphans and cripples, returned to Poland in 1894. With his departure, the printing establishment he had started and which was a source of income for St. Mary's, also disappeared.



Without a steady stream of income, the Sisters took it upon themselves to beg for food and clothing for the orphans and elderly. They became well-known throughout the city as the "Brown Sisters" because of their brown habits. They would go from home to home with a horse-drawn wagon and families would give them whatever they could offer: money, fresh produce, chickens, or a load of coal. The Sisters used the land surrounding the home for planting crops, such as potatoes, beans, peas and corn. The residents, along with the Sisters, worked in the fields, planting and harvesting vegetables. There was a barn in the back of the home which housed milking cows, horses, pigs, and chickens.

St. Mary's was commonly known as the "Poorhouse on Polish Hill," as it was a home for the poor, elderly and orphans who had nowhere else to go. In historical records for the date April 15, 1899, it was noted "The Asylum was visited...and had 45 inmates: 21 female and 24 male. There were 28 orphan boys and 2 insane inmates. Condition of the food, clothing, beds, and grounds is good. Condition of the building is fair. City and county paupers board here."

Blessed Mary Angela, the foundress of the Felician Sisters, reminded her fellow Sisters, "Submit yourself to God's will without reservation and you will merit many blessings." The Felician Sisters in Manitowoc have done that for over 131 years and those blessings continue today.

We are thankful for many things: the modern buildings that house our over 300 residents; our gifted staff who are compassionate and caring; our generous donors who have made possible the Dementia Center of Excellence and many other programs we offer; and for our Board of Directors who spend many hours discussing the future of Felician Village. A very big thank you to all who have made Felician Village what it is today.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Frank Soltys, President/CEO

Resident Council Meetings Friday, December 7

10:30 a.m.

St. Clare/Blessed Angela Dining Room

72 Years of Wedded Bliss

Joe and Audrey Samz, St. Mary's residents, celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary on October 5. Joe and Audrey were married at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Francis Creek 72 years ago and lived in Mishicot for many years prior to residing at St. Mary's. Congratulations Joe and Audrey!

Their anniversary milestone was very popular on the Felician Village Facebook page with over 1,000 post clicks!



In Loving Remembrance

October 2018

Larry Bohn, St. Mary's
Carole Pautz, The Gardens
Marilyn Peterson, The Villa



FV Upcoming Events

Learning, Coping & Surviving as an Alzheimer's Caregiver

Wednesday, November 7

1:00 p.m. Refreshments 1:30 p.m. Presentation

Felician Village - Village Hall
1635 S. 21st Street, Manitowoc

Join **former Wisconsin Gov. Martin J. Schreiber** as he shares lessons from his decade-plus journey as a caregiver for his wife, Elaine, who lives with Alzheimer's disease.

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

Virtual Dementia Tour

Thursday, November 15 • Call for time

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Journey towards understanding and empathy with an up close, hands-on experience that provides critical insight. Feel what it's like to have dementia.

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Good Grief: Coping with Grief & Loss

Mon., Nov. 19

11 a.m. - Tours of The Gardens

12 p.m. - Lunch 12:30 p.m. - Presentation

The Glab Lounge at The Gardens

Tim Lindloff, Volunteer Coordinator at Felician Village & over 30 years as a former Pastor/ Spiritual Counselor/ Assistant High School Principal and teacher, Tim has conducted hundreds of funerals and counseled many families and individuals who have lost loved ones to death. Tim will offer advice which can help in personal loss and supporting others who are going through the grieving process.

To register, call Lauren, (920) 684-7171, ext. 402.

Rhythm Renewal

Wednesday, November 28 • 2 p.m.

Felician Village - 1635 S. 21st Street, Manitowoc

Both caregiver and care recipient are encouraged to attend. Actively engage in a music experience with a drumming circle that inspires creativity, relieves stress and have fun! In partnership with Take Note Studio.

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