

The AL Gazette



The Villa



The Court

Mission

To continue the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve.

Vision

Our vision is to lead the community in offering seniors personalized services that are life-enriching and wellness focused.

Values

Respect for Human Dignity
Compassion
Transformation
Solidarity with the Poor
Justice and Peace

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Felician Village



The most wonderful time of the year!

On December 19, the Christmas spirit filled the halls of Felician Village as residents enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Party. Festive food, holiday activities, presents, musical entertainment and even a visit from jolly Santa Claus brought much joy and smiles to all residents.



My Christmas Wish

During the 2018 holiday season many residents, staff and volunteers shared their Christmas Wishes with us. To see all the wishes visit the Felician Village Facebook page or online, felicianvillage.org/christmasmemory.html.



Grace Brandl,
The Villa

"Health & happiness for all the residents of FV. And an extra blessing for all the employees."



Mike Petersen,
The Court

"Peace for all. Merry Christmas!"

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President's Column



Happy 2019. With the start of a new year comes fresh beginnings but we must also remember to look at where we have been to determine our journey forward. In the November issue, I reviewed the early years of the founding of St. Mary's. Let's continue that story now...

From its founding in 1887 until 1890, St. Mary's served as the first hospital in Manitowoc and cared for a total of 147 patients during that time. Dr. Frederick Luhman served as the physician and surgeon. Surgeries were performed in the upper story of the building because of the large number of windows on all sides to allow for as much natural light as possible since the Home did not have electricity. Few people admitted as patients were able to make even minimal payment for the operations and medications they received. Even though the Sisters had little knowledge of sickness or medicines, history credits Sister Mary Electa as the originator of a curative "black salve" made from a mixture of lard, turpentine, and various herbs. It was said to have great healing properties when applied to injured or diseased parts of the body. Although it could not be directly sold without a license, many people were known to have sought out Sister Electa for her salve.

Blessed Mary Angela taught her congregation of Felician Sisters to "pray and see the face of God in all." She paved the road for the Felician Sisters, and in more recent history for the lay employees, to trust in God, to pray and to see his face on the journey of life.

Our ministry is rooted in our belief in God and Jesus. We need to look to the example of the Felician Sisters in how they ministered to those in the greater community. As our mission states, "We follow in the footsteps of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve." As we move forward let us remember the spirit and ensure it is with the same values of respecting the dignity of those we serve and each other. Be compassionate and willing to transform and better ourselves in how we treat everyone. Let us continue to serve the poor but not just those that may not have financial resources but also those that may be in need of being lifted up in spirit and person. Let us be fair, just, and promote peace among everyone and each other. In looking toward the New Year and like the Felician Sisters in the early years, may the spirit of God continue to provide you the grace and hope of a wonderful year ahead.

Frank Soltys, President/CEO



Taking in the Sights of the Season



On December 14, Court residents had a fun night in the FV shuttle with driver Tim Lindloff, FV Volunteer Coordinator, as they drove around Manitowoc to see Christmas lights. The evening concluded with a stop at Lisa Voda's home where she had a treat waiting for them.

Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 8

Court 2nd floor lounge • 10:30 a.m.
 Villa Grove Dining Room • 1:30 p.m.

PUPPY Love

Is there anything better than puppy cuddles? Our residents sure enjoy the cuddles and kisses! Donna Kieckbusch, FV Volunteer, brought her adorable golden retriever puppies for a visit.



Congressman Visit



United States Congressman Glenn Grothman recently toured FV and visited with staff and residents. Mr. Grothman helped pass increased funding for Alzheimer's disease research in 2018.

Connie Thimmig, Director of Enrichment Services at Felician Village, also requested his support for the BOLD Act Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act (S. 2076/H.R. 4256).

In Loving Remembrance

December 2018

Ernest Holschbach, *The Gardens*
 Jerome Kuskowski, *The Gardens*
 Doris Peterson, *The Villa*
 Helen Free, *The Court, The Villa & St. Mary's*
 Eline Glaeser, *St. Mary's*
 Dorothy Bieda, *St. Mary's*
 Donald Shavlik, *The Villa & St. Mary's*
 Shirley Jacob, *The Gardens*
 Marie Rosinsky, *The Villa*