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THE Community MONITOR



Easter Services



April 2nd Holy Thursday Mass at 4:00 pm

April 3rd Good Friday service at 1:00 pm

April 5th Easter Sunday Mass at 9:30 am

Catherine & Charlie Perform

Catherine and Charlie will be offering special music for Good Friday. Join us on Friday, April 3rd at 10:30 AM in the chapel for a meaningful time of reflection and worship. Their performance will help guide us as we remember the significance of this sacred day. All community members are invited to attend. We hope to see you there.

April (Bridal) Showers Bring May Flowers!



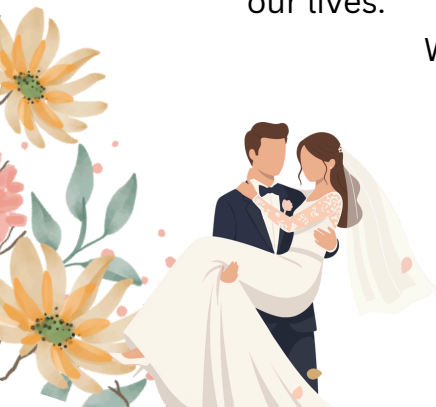
We're delighted to announce a special "Bridal Shower" – themed event! Join us for a charming afternoon as we celebrate love, memories, and the joy of weddings.

You will enjoy crafting your own festive veil, sampling delicious cakes, and taking part in a delightful wine tasting. We'll also be sharing wedding photos and reminiscing about special moments—from walking down the aisle to first dances and favorite traditions. It's a wonderful opportunity to reflect, laugh, and celebrate the beautiful milestones that have shaped our lives.

We look forward to making new memories together!



Tuesday April 28th: Bridal Veil Craft
Wednesday April 29th: Wedding Expo -
Cake tasting, wine tasting, and more!



Core Value Award



Dana Petit

Assistant Administrator

Commitment: Dedicated to the success, values, and ideals of St. Monica's.

How long have you worked for St. Monica's?

"I have worked at St. Monica's for 12.5 years."

What do you like most about working at St. Monica's?

"I truly enjoy the smiles and laughs that are shared with the community members and staff. The daily connections that are made are such a blessing!"

What do you like to do in your spare time?

"I love spending time with my family and dear friends. I also love to sing! I sang in a band for many years and I'm currently a member of the worship team at my church."

What are some things on your bucket list?

"I would like to visit Hawaii, Ireland, and Scotland."

Community Member of the Month

At St. Monica's, we are blessed to be surrounded by remarkable individuals – and Mary Anne is certainly one of them.

Family has always been at the center of Mary Anne's life. One of eleven siblings, she carries a lifelong love of togetherness and is especially proud of her two daughters, five grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren, who bring her endless joy.

Mary Anne built an impressive career at Jensen Metal Products, where she worked in the financial department and rose to become Vice President. Her dedication and strong work ethic paved the way for her success and continue to inspire those around her. An active and adventurous spirit, Mary Anne enjoys bowling and proudly competed in a league at Castle Lanes. She also loves golfing, reading, and working on puzzles. Travel has brought her wonderful memories, especially trips to Hawaii and Egypt, two of her favorite destinations.

Her faith has been a guiding light throughout her life. At St. Paul the Apostle Church, Mary Anne devoted her time to outreach, teaching fifth grade, and welcoming others into the Catholic faith. She also remains grateful to the Knights of Columbus for helping her attend St. Mary's, an opportunity -

- she has always cherished. Married for 46 years, Mary Anne treasures the love she has shared with her husband and the lifelong friendship of her high school group, affectionately known as "The Myrtles."

We are honored to celebrate Mary Anne's life of faith, dedication, friendship, and love – and we are grateful she is part of our community.



Mary Anne Hoffmann

What's Happening?

A Sock Hop Party with David

On Friday, April 10th at 2:30 pm, we're turning back the clock to the fabulous 50's with classic tunes, light refreshments, and plenty of toe-tapping moments. Whether you come to dance, sing along, or simply enjoy the music, it's sure to be a heartwarming celebration. We'll be serving delicious root beer floats and hope you'll come enjoy the music and treats with us!



Special Outings this Month

Sign up at the Front Desk!

- Target Shopping: Friday, April 10th at 9:30 am
- Dollar Tree Shopping: Friday, April 17th at 9:30 am
- Buca's Lunch: Friday, April 24th at 11:00 am

Covid Boosters Available



We will have a Covid Booster Clinic for community members on April 22nd at 9:30 am in the Party Room.



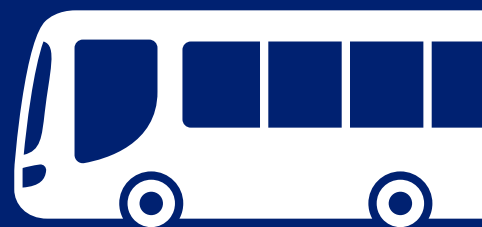
Join the Gardening Club this Spring!

Our Gardening Club is a wonderful way to enjoy fresh air and the simple joy of helping things grow. Everyone is welcome to participate. Join us as we plant, nurture, and watch our garden flourish together. We warmly invite all community members to be part of the Gardening Club and share in the beauty and relaxation it brings! Please see Shannon for more details.



Happy National Volunteer Month

April is Volunteer Month, a special time to recognize and celebrate the incredible individuals who give their time and talents to our community. Your kindness, compassion, and willingness to serve make a meaningful difference in the lives of our community members each and every day. We are truly grateful for all that you do. Thank you for your generosity, your dedication, and the positive impact you bring to our senior living community. We appreciate you today and always!





Connection Beyond Memory

When a loved one is living with memory loss, communication may change – but connection is still very possible. The key is to focus less on correcting facts and more on supporting feelings.

Speak slowly and use simple, clear sentences. Ask one question at a time and allow extra time for a response. A calm tone of voice, gentle eye contact, and a reassuring smile can make a big difference. Sometimes, what we communicate without words is just as important as what we say.

If your loved one becomes confused or says something inaccurate, try to avoid arguing or correcting. Instead, respond to the emotion behind their words and gently redirect the conversation. Preserving dignity and creating comfort should always be the goal. Even as memory changes, the need for respect, reassurance, and belonging remains the same. A little patience and kindness can turn an ordinary moment into a meaningful one.

A Hop Down Memory Lane

“Every year on Easter morning, I would go to church. After the service, I would stop for breakfast at a restaurant, usually River Run. Then I would go home and start making the ham for Easter lunch.

Later, my kids and grandkids would come over. I would give the grandkids Easter baskets filled with grass and candy, and they always looked forward to them. I really enjoyed those days, I just enjoyed being with the family.”



Carol Eckert

Know Your Rights

Right to make decisions relating to care, activities, daily routines and other aspects of life which enhance the resident's self reliance and support the resident's autonomy and decision making.



April Birthdays

- Alexus Mira 4th (S)
- Joan Smith 5th (CM)
- Julie Wendorf 5th (S)
- Alice Stratman 7th (S)
- Carole Richard 10th (S)
- Audrey Sautner 13th (CM)
- Veronica Wilkerson 16th (S)
- Michelle Szczepanski 17th (S)
- Sr. Pushpa 18th (S)
- Kathleen Kowalsky 19th (CM)
- Austyn McCarthy 23rd (S)
- Marina Vasquez 25th (S)
- Zakiya Gray 26th (S)
- Kelly Wheatley 26th (S)
- Lawrence Pias 28th (CM)
- Lidija Aliji 28th (S)
- Community Member (CM) Staff (S)



Staff Anniversaries

- Malena Brown 7 years
- Ronald Edwards 7 years
- Kelly Bardosy 5 years
- Steven Andrasic 4 years
- Misti Ayala 4 years
- Destiny Stewart 3 years
- Frances Al-Salahuddin 1 year



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| April | Basket | Easter | Flowers |
| Bows | Candy | Family | Spring |
| Bunny | Eggs | Hop | Friends |



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