

Know Your Rights

As a community member living at St. Monica's you have rights that are protected by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services. This corner will highlight one of your rights each month. The full list was given to you upon moving in to St. Monica's. If you ever feel any of your rights have been violated, please report this to administration as soon as possible. You have the right to the following:

To be free from neglect, financial exploitation, verbal, mental, physical, or sexual abuse.



Birthdays

2nd Charles Minor (CM)
2nd Coretta Collins (S)
3rd Myron Kilmer (CM)
8th Don Marino (CM)
9th Jameese Nelson (S)
9th Stephanie Lockridge (S)
9th Jayne Rau (S)
11th Sondra Sinnett (CM)
13th Barb Tracy (CM)
15th Alexis Hood (S)
15th Dawn Smith (S)
16th Cindy Ward (S)
20th Regina Dtkus (CM)
20th Frank Miller (CM)
21st Susan Croak (S)
24th Nicole Overstreet (S)
27th Debra Monroe (S)
29th Grace Manchester (CM)
29th Roberta Gedemer (S)
29th Breona Rydholm (S)
29th Tiffany Conhartowski (S)
30th Ross Gietzel (S)

(CM) = Community Member (S) = Staff

Staff Anniversaries

AnneMarie Steensen 3 Years
Ross Gietzel 3 Years
Sharon Mellberg 2 Years
Laura Maldonado 2 Years
Sarah Rodriguez 1 Year
Josephine Strutz 1 Year



A Christmas Prayer



"O sweet Child of Bethlehem, Grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness, and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen."

— Pope John XXIII

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10 Symbols of Christmas

Do you know what all the symbols of Christmas are? It's easy to forget that all the lights, tinsel, and presents have a reason for being a part of Christmas. Bells, stars, evergreen trees, wreaths, angels, holly, and even Santa Claus are a magical part of Christmas because of their symbolism and special meaning. Knowing there is a deeper meaning to all the holiday hubbub brings a greater purpose and greater peace during Christmas.

1. **Angels** - The angels proclaimed the news of the Savior's birth. They sang, "Glory to God in the highest" and proclaimed the good news on that first Christmas night.

2. **Bells** - Bells ring out to guide lost sheep back to the fold. The Christmas bell signifies that all are precious in His eyes and He will help you.

3. **Evergreen Trees** - The evergreen Christmas tree stays green all year and reminds us of the

everlasting hope and life eternal. Because of Jesus Christ we can have eternal life. It also points up to heaven reminding us to look to God in all things.

4. **Gifts** - The Christmas gift reminds us of how God gave us the gift of His Son and that Jesus Christ gave us the greatest gift of all. Giving gifts is meant to be a symbol of love and kindness and remembrance of the gift of eternal life made possible by the Savior.

5. **Holly** - The holly plant represents immortality, as well as the crown of thorns worn by our Savior. The red holly berries represent the blood shed by Him for us.

6. **Wreath** - The Christmas wreath is a symbol of the never-ending love of God—having no beginning and no ending. Wreaths are in circles made with evergreen which symbolizes eternal life.

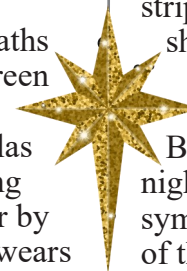
7. **Santa Claus** - St. Nicholas went from home to home giving gifts and celebrating the Savior by showing love as he did. He wears red, the first color of Christmas. He

brings good will and love to all, like the Savior.

8. **Candles** - The Christmas candle reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world. He is the light we should follow and through Him we will find our way in the darkness of life, and also be a light to others.

9. **Candy Cane** - The candy cane is in the shape of a shepherd's crook used to bring lost lambs back to the fold. The Savior is often thought of as the Good Shepherd, guiding us back to His fold. The white on the candy cane represents the purity of Jesus, and the red stripes symbolize the blood He shed for us.

10. **Star** - The Christmas star represents the first star of Bethlehem that shone on the night Jesus was born. It also symbolizes that Christ is the light of the world and is a shining hope to all mankind.



Linen Service Ending in 2021

Linen service will be ending in the assisted living as of Jan. 1, 2021, for all those community members who were grandfathered into this service. This means that there will no longer be towels and bed sheets provided and laundered. This change will apply to anyone who moved into St. Monica's assisted living prior to July/August of 2019.

It is suggested to have at least 3 sets of sheets specific to bed size, 4 hand towels, 4 bath towels and 12 wash clothes. It will be the responsibility of the community member to launder these items or St. Monica's can help with this task at a cost of \$15 per load. Housekeeping will be discretely labeling all linens. Please let us know if you do not want your items labeled or if you are in need of donated items. Contact Margaret with any questions at 262-321-7137.

Dates to Know...

December 16th – Ugly Sweater Day & Christmas Lights Bus Tour

December 21st - Santa Pictures

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service "The Greatest Gift" - Christmas Story in song & scripture; 10:30am in the Chapel

December 25th - Christmas Day
Santa visits with treats!

2020 Highlights Captured

Please note: Some images taken prior to Covid-19



CAUGHT YOU CARING... Staff member caught going above & beyond: Mary Armstrong, Life Engagement

HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED FOR ST. MONICAS?
7 months

PRIOR TO WORKING AT ST. MONICAS WHAT WAS YOUR MOST INTERESTING/ FUN JOB? *Working at PetSmart grooming dogs was quite interesting. They always wanted to do the opposite of what I needed to do!*

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT ST. MONICAS? *Helping others is important to me. I see all of the community members as family. It's important to me to see that everyone is happy, healthy and well taken care of!*

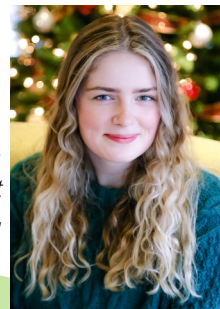
TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY: *I have an older brother, Dillon & sister, Ginger. My Mom and Dad are amazing and so supportive of my dreams and goals. I am living with my best friend/ boyfriend, Nate of 3 years & we are absolutely getting married one day!*

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME? *I love playing music as well as seeing live music and I LOVE being lazy on my days off.*

IF GIVEN THE CHANCE, WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE FOR A DAY AND WHY? *I think it would be fun to switch places with someone in my family. Kind of like the movie, Freaky Friday. Just to see things from their prospective.*

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

After finishing school, I'd like to get married and open up my own Flower Shop. I'd love to do more traveling. Eventually, have a couple children!



HOW WE KEEP YOU SAFE: Covid-19 Vaccination

By Loretta Baxter, Executive Director

Thank you to everyone for working to keep our St. Monica's home safe. With the Covid-19 vaccine nearing its public release, we are in the last battle of this great war to end this virus. Our goal is to run across the finish line to victory with everyone healthy—to do that we need your help. Here is the latest information regarding our plan:

- St. Monica's is registered to be one of the first long term care communities to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. Walgreens has been assigned as our provider. They will come to St. Monica's to administer the vaccine. Please start considering whether you, as someone living at St. Monica's, wants to have the vaccine. We will also be contacting Health Care Power of Attorneys for their decision regarding vaccination of their loved one. We are hoping that 100% of the community members agree to the vaccine to protect them against this deadly disease.
- Once the Racine exposure rate decreases we can offer indoor visitation in our newly built visitation station. This new booth will be located in our assisted living bistro café right off the entrance. The photo to the right was our inspiration. Our stations will be complete with plexiglass and Amazon Echo communication system. Before this offering can open we need to be clear of lockdown status. At this time, we need to remain safe by avoiding in-person visitation due to the high levels of COVID in Racine County.



Jeanette Mason Featured Community Member

Family:

- Twin daughters & 2 sons
- 8 grandchildren
- 11 great grandchildren, one of which is Racine's Mayor, Cory Mason

Early Years & Hobbies:

- Born in Racine
- Attended St. Catherine's High School
- Her Grandfather, Ettore Santarelli, founded Roma Lodge
- Enjoys antiques, puzzles, playing cribbage, bingo and slots at the casino is her MOST favorite thing
- Her Christmas Village is on display year 'round!

Former Career:

Worked at a dime store at age 18, where she met her husband, Cory!
Executive Secretary & Business Owner

Fondest Memory:

"Baking buckets and buckets of cookies during the holidays to give to family and friends. I was famous for my specialty banana cream pie!"

