

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 have prompt access to review all records and be given copies. Records to be provided promptly, within two business days.



Birthdays

2nd Kim Neubecker (S)
2nd Peter Bennett (CM)
5th Tymeika Bolden (S)
6th Mary Armstrong (S)
7th Brittaney Bertermann (S)
8th Marvin Wilson (S)
12th Donald Jenders (CM)
16th Joan Moebius (CM)
19th Evelyn Imhoff (CM)
20th Charisse English (S)
20th Angelina Gutierrez (S)
20th Liliana Ventura (S)
22nd Joseph Holbus (CM)
22nd Loretta Baxter (S)
24th Felecia Mable-Wade (S)
25th Ashley Moore (S)
26th Aiyonta Willis (S)
(CM) = Community Member (S) = Staff

Staff Anniversaries

Debra Mulder 7 years
Cynthia Hossli 4 years
Annie Antony 3 years
Tessy Varghese 3 years
Angles Barber 2 years
Susan Croak 2 years
Coretta Collins 2 years
Debra Monroe 1 year
Christine Jacobs 1 year

A Prayer: THANKFUL FOR 50 YEARS

Loving God, we are on the threshold to a special year ahead of us.

On February 1st 1971, St. Monica's opened its doors to the first Community Members.

We give thanks to you, God, for the 50 years have been able to welcome and care for so many elderly of our community and their families.

Loving God, we thank you for guiding the four Sisters who had the dream to build this Home and all the people who helped them accomplish this dream. We pray that You will deepen within each of us a sense of gratitude for the many sacrifices made by those who have lived here, served on the board, worked here and those who have now gone before us. We also ask your blessing upon all who now reside at St. Monica's, work and serve here, including our volunteers, Directors of the Board, family members, friends and benefactors.

Gracious God, as we celebrate our past and rejoice in our present, we also look forward with hope to the future. We pray that You would continue to make Your love known among us. Give us zeal for our mission and bless all our endeavors. Amen. - Sr. Angelica Summer, St. Monica's Senior Living



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St. Monica's Celebrates 50 Years!

By Maneeka Decker, St. Monica's Board Member

"St. Monica's Senior Citizens Home" began as a dream of Sister Helen Wenzel and the Sisters of St. Rita in the late 1960s. Our home has grown into a staple in the Racine community that is now proudly celebrating 50 years of heritage. Opened in 1971, St. Monica's is a non-profit, assisted living and memory care community managed by a local volunteer Board of Directors and the Sisters of St. Rita. The Sisters of St. Rita are an Augustinian religious community committed to the physical, social, and spiritual well-being of families. St. Monica's provides assisted living in a home-like environment for seniors of any heritage or faith, in a compassionate Christian community.

Our heritage is firmly set in the past but our thinking and approach to care continues to move toward the future. In 2017, St. Monica's opened the latest addition of a 24-room memory care neighborhood called "Oak Lane". What began from simple, humble beginnings, has grown into 50 years of experience with strong values including trust, respect, loyalty, integrity, and friendship.

St. Monica's has blossomed into a community that is committed to maintaining a skilled, dedicated and compassionate team through imagination and innovation. Our staff has creatively approached the most recent pandemic and found improved ways to safely care for our community members. We continue to find creative ways to care for the most valued members of our community and provide a place that they can comfortably call home. St. Monica's is proof that dreams can become a reality.



Will YOU Be My Valentine?

By Shannon Perez,
Director of Life Engagement

Each year on February 14, people exchange cards, candy, or flowers with their special "Valentine." St. Valentine's Day is named for a Christian martyr and dates to the 5th century. It was not until much later, however, that the day became associated with love. Valentine greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages, though written Valentine's didn't begin to appear until after 1400.

As so many of you have shared your love stories with us, I decided I would tell you why I love every community member living at St. Monica's and why YOU are my love story. Each one of you brings so

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much love, knowledge, and guidance into my life. I've learned valuable lessons with advice like "small things matter", "never go to bed angry" and "SHE's always right" HA! It is an honor to help couples celebrate milestone anniversaries while living here at St. Monica's. True inspiration for my own relationship! My fondest memories are when you share beautiful wedding photos including family adventures. I LOVE what I do and it is an honor to spend it with everyone I love here.

This Valentine's Day, we hope you know that...

You are the
heart
of our home.®

HERO WITH HEART: Sr. Angelica Summer



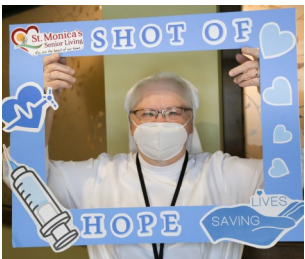
DEPARTMENT/ROLE: *Director of Pastoral Care*
HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED FOR ST. MONICAS? *Celebrated 45 years last month!*
WHERE WERE YOU BORN? TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY: *I was born as the oldest of five in a small village of 18 houses close to the Tschekoslovakian border. We were 3 girls and 2 boys. My parents had a small farm and I loved to be outdoors helping make hay and also taking care of our farm animals. We always had cats and dogs and I do love animals. For 22 years I have had a Quaker Parrot as my pet. I enjoy his company, his name is Schnucki; he is a lot of fun and calls me mama.*

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME? *I enjoy a nature walk, listening to music - especially classical music or German Folk music; I enjoy singing, reading and listening to conferences; I also treasure quiet time in the chapel. In the evening when we are together for a movie or so, I knit socks.*

PRIOR TO WORKING AT ST. MONICAS, WHAT WAS YOUR MOST INTERESTING/FUN JOB? *Before coming to this country, I worked for 3 years at a small women's hospital: maternity and surgery. My fondest memory was when I was working on New Year's eve and I was called in to help sister deliver twins! One twin was born right before the church bells started ringing in the New Year and the other one right after. It was a very special moment for me, holding one of the babies while the bells were ringing and the fireworks began. I will not forget this.*

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT ST. MONICAS? *I love people, especially older people. I love caring for them and ministering to them. A special blessing for me is to walk with those who are in their final days and support their families.*

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST? *I pray God gives me health to stay active so I can continue to minister to our community members and to travel to Germany every year to spend time with my family, friends and the Sisters of our community.*



Our #ShotofHope Captured



Next Vaccination Clinic will be Feb. 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Online Presentation: HUMORACTION - Using Humor to Combat Stress



With so much going on in our world, sometimes we feel like we're diagonally parked in a parallel universe. This can be stressful and taxing. It can also keep us from enjoying daily life. Don't sit back and let it happen, take action...HUMORACTION! This fun, energetic, online presentation will show you how attitude coupled with humor can be the action your life needs to help you live better, happier, and even FUN-er!

The presenter, Chip Lutz, is the author of 5 books and adjunct faculty for two colleges. He is a Certified Humor Professional (CHP), nationally recognized retired Naval Officer, a father to service members, and a military spouse. In 2003, while his wife was deployed, he served as a single parent to 4 children under the age of 10. Using humor was an important part of his life.

WHEN: February 18th, at 5:00 p.m. WHERE: Register online at www.stmonicasseniorliving.com or contact Catherine at 262-321-7151 for more information.

How We Keep You Safe: Connection Cafe

Our custom-built Connection Café, located in the Assisted Living, is our newest, safe visitation station. Through a generous donation of materials, time and craftsmanship, John Jacyna and Steve Bruss, made our safe visiting station a reality. On a cold afternoon in November, they worked together in our garage to plan and assemble this wonderful new addition to our community.



Curtis Glassen, of Glassen Technologies, contributed his idea of a phone system so that community members and family/friends can hear each other clearly. Call or text 262-822-8209 to schedule a visit in our new Communication Café. Memory Care visits can be scheduled by calling Michelle at 262-631-3020 ext. 254.

If you would like to set up some VIRTUAL time to connect with your loved one contact Shannon at 262.321.7135 or email at sperez@stmonicasseniorliving.com



Mr. & Mrs. Imhoff Featured Couple

Family:

7 children, 16 grandchildren,
12 great grandchildren

Early Years & Hobbies:

- Born in Edgar & Marathon, WI.
- Spent summers in their camper at Sheltering Oaks campground in East Troy
- Enjoyed fishing and bingo
- Members of the Moose Lodge
- Traveled annually to Florida in the winter for about 10 years where they had an apartment.

Former Career:

- Richard was a USPS Mailman.
- Evelyn was a stay-at-home mom and a seamstress.

Fondest Memory:

- Evelyn & Richard were both raised on farms and shared many stories with their family.
- Happily married for 63 years and counting!