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Community MONITOR



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You're invited to celebrate Fat Tuesday, on March 4th, with us. Starting off with breakfast, the kitchen will be serving Paczki's. At 10:00 am we will be baking a special cake, at 1:30 pm we will have Mardi Gras \$1 Bingo, followed by a travel log to New Orleans.



ASH WEDNESDAY



Ash Wednesday in the Christian church, is the first day of Lent, occurring six and a half weeks before Easter (between February 4 and March 11, depending on the date of Easter). Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality, the need for reconciliation with God, and marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. Please join us on Wednesday, March 5th in the Chapel at 8:30 am for a special service by Fr. Brian and receive your ashes. A special lunch will be served at 11:30 am in the Dining Room.

Core Value Award



Ross Gietzel (Maintenance Dept.)

Compassion: Ross is very compassionate towards staff, families and community members. He goes above and beyond to help.

How long have you worked for St. Monica's?
"I have worked at St. Monica's for 7 years now in the Maintenance Department."

What do you like to do in your spare time? "I like to travel, I've seen most of the east coast. I enjoy going to car races, I've been to hundreds of them. I went to college to be a writer and I write screenplays."

What do you like most about working at St. Monica's?
"I'm really close by and I enjoy the people I work with.

Everyday is a new day and I enjoy that."

What are some things on your bucket list?
"That's easy, I'd like to go to Malibu Creek State Park in California where they filmed, "Planet of the Apes"."

Community Member of the Month

Family: "I have 3 boys, 1 girl, and 4 step-children."

enjoyed bowling, knitting, and crocheting. I also liked to decoupage, I even won a first place award for it. I belonged to a fun group called "The Sews and Sews," we had a lot of fun. I remarried to my best friend, Rodger and spent 12 out of 18 years in Mesa, Arizona, soaking up the sun. I'm very active in the Catholic community and volunteered at St. Mary's for many years."

Former Career: "I was a homemaker my whole life and raised my wonderful kids. I really enjoyed being home with them."

Fondest Memory: "I would say traveling the United States and seeing all the National Parks. I've been to all, but 4 states."



Marie Ruppert

St. Patrick's Day

Join us on Monday, March 17th for a St. Patrick's Day celebration. We will have a travel log to Ireland at 1:00 pm, followed by music and shamrock shakes. Make sure to join the fun!





Spring Forward

Remember on March 9th, to spring your clocks ahead 1 hour.

First Day of Spring

The first day of Spring is Monday, March 20th. Spring is the season during which the natural world revives and reinvigorates after the colder winter months. During Spring, dormant plants begin to grow again, new seedlings sprout out of the ground and hibernating animals awake. We are looking forward to warm weather and fun days.

Special Outings this Month (sign up only)

- Empty Bowls Outing: Monday, March 3rd at 11:00 am
- <u>Target Shopping</u>:
 Friday, March 7th at 9:30 am
- <u>Dollar Tree Shopping</u>:
 Friday, March 14th at
 9:30 am
- <u>Douglas Diner:</u>
 Friday, March 21st at 11:00 am
- TJ Maxx Shopping: Friday, March 28th at 9:30 am







Know Your Rights

Right to be free from all chemical restraints.

March Birthdays

Nancy Venegas 3rd (S) Dorothy Nelson 4th (CM) Mary Cotter 6th (CM) Stephany Lichter 9th (S)

Erna Joswig 11th (CM)

Richard Skorupan 11th (CM)

Patricia Kingsley 13th (S)

Elizabeth Lopez-Reyes 15th (S)

Debra Mulder 17th (S)

Cynthia Lawrence 18th (CM)

Cierra Catledge 20th (S)

Antwon Donaldson-Parker 20th (S)

Amani Hurt 20th (S)

Abigail Agerholm 22nd (S)

Cecilia Venegas 25th (S)

Carol Baldwin 26th (CM)

Gloria Kowbel 27th (CM)

Andrea Hokanson 31st (CM)

Community Member (CM) Staff (S)

Staff Anniversaries

Heidi Panyk 23 years Marvin Wilson 8 years Shannon Perez 8 years Kurstyn Gordon 1 year Grace Schmitz 1 year Amelia Maldonado 1 year Dominique Baker 1 year



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Pot March Luck Gold Pipe Hat Coins Rainbow **Patrick** Ireland Magic Green



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