

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 exercise individual rights that do not infringe upon the rights or safety of others.



Birthdays

2nd Phil Koerper (CM)
3rd Mary Haggins (S)
10th Stephanie Garcia (S)
10th Jennifer Zielinski (S)
11th Dolores Huntowski (CM)
12th Alexis Mandujano (S)
12th Evelyn Christensen (CM)
14th KellyAnn Urban (S)
18th Marina Contreras (S)
19th Judy Salinas (S)
20th Bernice Byklum (CM)
20th Frank Knoll (CM)
22nd Jeanette Schmitz (CM)
22nd Laura Maldonado (S)
23rd Sydney Brewer (S)
24th Gloria Murphy (CM)
26th Virginia Mauer (CM)
29th Anais White (S)
29th Barbara Ruetz (CM)

(CM) = Community Member (S) = Staff

Staff Anniversaries

Tanille Jackson 4 years
Cindy Ward 2 years
Shannon Kaplan 2 years
KellyAnn Urban 2 years
Judy Salinas 2 years
Tara Ramcke 2 years
Maiya Howard 1 year

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Selected by Sr. Angelica Summer, Director of Pastoral Care



"Lord, I thank You with profound gratitude for the countless blessings in my life. Help me to daily become more aware of those blessings and to be grateful for them. Help me to see that life itself is a gift and that You are active in my life day and night. Help me to especially see these blessings when life is hard, or when some burden weighs me down. May I be filled with a grateful heart and always rejoice in Your goodness. Jesus, I trust in You." - Unknown



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November Reflection

By Sr. Angelica Summer, Director of Pastoral Care

The seasons come and go, but God remains unchanged and unchanging. As we welcome November, we see the days getting shorter and feel the weather getting colder. We know, before long, snow will be coming our way. But that should not make us sad and depressed. I like to focus on the events that make November special.

The first is starting the month with the Feast of all Saints. What is a saint? D. Neary, S.J. says: "A saint is not a perfect human being, but one who has brought his or her life totally to God and becomes human in a way of love, compassion and care for all." We are all called to become saints.

Another event is on November 2nd, when we remember all our deceased loved ones who have gone from us

during this past year. "The Commemoration of All Souls is a liturgy in which we pray for those who we have loved in this life and who have died. We love them in the presence of God, asking that his grace and love be completed in them."

A special Memorial Mass will be celebrated for all our deceased loved ones on Wednesday, November 4th, at 3:30 p.m. in St. Monica's Chapel. Those living at St. Monica's are welcome to attend but this will not be opened to the public. During the Mass, the names of those who have gone before us will be read aloud and a candle will be lit for each one. Fr. Brian Holbus will be the celebrant.

We, then, close the month with the National Holiday of

Thanksgiving. I am sure it will be celebrated a bit differently this year because of the Pandemic. Nevertheless, we have reason to give thanks for many blessings in spite of the challenges and struggles with the Covid-19 virus. God has been good to us individually and to our St. Monica's family.

*What are the
blessings you
are going to
give thanks for
this year?*

Let's Welcome... Val Hines!

Please meet Val Hines, St. Monica's new Human Resources Generalist. Val brings over 30 years of diverse knowledge in healthcare. She has shared that she is driven to bringing a positive, innovative approach to HR, scheduling and payroll, while creating a team.



"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present." — Bill Keane

She is a long time resident of Racine, WI, and very excited to be working near home. In her free time Val enjoys spending with her family including her new great granddaughter, Noel, who is only 4 1/2 months old. She lives her life to the fullest which is why one of her favorite quotes is "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present." Be sure to say "hello and welcome" when you see Val!

Dates to Know...

November 1st -
Daylight Savings
"Fall Back" 1 hour



November 3rd -
Election Day!

November 4th -
Memorial Mass
3:30 p.m. Chapel



November 11th – Veterans Day
- program at 11:00 a.m.
in main dining room,
special dinner, pinning
and special music



November 18th -
Holiday photos



November 23rd & 24th -
Christmas Decorating



November 26th -
Thanksgiving Day



January 1, 2021 - Reminder,
all community members are
being asked to provide their
own linens:

3 sets of sheets
4 hand towels
4 bath towels
12 wash clothes



HERO WITH HEART

Staff member caught going above & beyond:
Celia Vargas, Assisted Living Housekeeping

HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED FOR ST. MONICAS? *1 year*

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT ST. MONICAS? *I enjoy getting to know the Community Members. I love them all!*

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY: *I am married with 4 girls, ages 18, 16, 11, and 7. I also have 2 cats, 2 birds and a tank full of fish!*

WHERE WERE YOU BORN? *Guadalajara, Mexico*

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME? *I love to go camping and fishing up north with my family.*

IF GIVEN THE CHANCE, WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE FOR A DAY AND WHY? *A business owner in New York, just so I can see how things are done. I would love to do this someday on my own.*

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

I would love to take a cruise on a large ship.



WE SALUTE YOU:

Veterans Day is a U.S. legal holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars. This year, Veterans Day 2020 occurs on Wednesday, November 11th. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as "the Great War."

November 11th became a federal holiday in the United



States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day.

We will be honoring our St. Monica's Veterans on Wednesday, November 11th, with a pinning ceremony followed by a special lunch. We thank them and honor their service.



Fred Poulsen Featured Community Member

Family:

- 4 kids - 3 girls 1 boy
- 11 grandchildren
- 4 great grandchildren

Early Years & Hobbies:

- Born in Racine
- 2 brothers
- Graduate of Park High School & UW-Madison
- Enjoyed painting & cutting the grass
- Loved to wash the cars

Former Career:

Worked at a high school for special needs children

Soldier in the Marines - 2 years



Fondest Memory:

"All the men I served in the US Marines with were great patriots. I met some good friends while stationed in Florida. I'm very honored to have served my country."

HOW WE KEEP YOU SAFE: Thanksgiving 2020



2020 has been very challenging for so many of us, but we are reminded to give thanks for our blessings as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches. This year's festivities will look very different in households across the nation. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has stated that "Celebrating virtually or with members of your own (immediate family) household poses low risk for spread. In-person gatherings pose varying levels of risk."

With the recent rise in Covid-19 cases in our area combined with our constant priority of keeping everyone safe, we ask that community members living at St. Monica's do not leave the building for extended family gatherings. Community members should continue to leave for essential doctors' visits only.

At St. Monica's we will start Thanksgiving Day with a morning Kringle & coffee treat. Virtual calls can be scheduled from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please contact Shannon to choose your time slot, see information below. Our, always amazing, traditional Thanksgiving Day feast will be served at mid-day dinner!



If you need assistance with, or would like to set up a virtual visit with your loved one, contact

Shannon at 262.321.7135 or email at sperez@stmonicasseniorliving.com