



Part of St. Monica's Mission Statement is to provide "...a safe and loving family home..." and we strive every hour of every day to make this happen. This picture is just one of many that we took this holiday season. She has such a look of joy and contentment. We thrive on this type of warmth that is shared so easily with all of us. We welcome our new family members and hope that their children and friends visit often and join us in our celebrations.

We are so appreciative of our staff and volunteers who make such a difference in our Community Members' lives. We have done great things this past year and could not accomplish them without the support of our Racine Community. We wish to thank one and all for your kind and generous considerations.

On behalf of the Sisters of St. Rita, our Board Members and the Staff of St. Monica's we wish you and your family a most blessed and joyous Holiday Season.



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Christmas Thoughts from the Sisters of St. Rita.

December, a time of expectancy and waiting. A time of excitement and hoping. We anxiously await visits from our family and lifelong friends. We catch up on news and share our joys and sorrows. We renew our ties and reaffirm our faith with each other.

December marks the remembrance of the birth of our Savior, born in a manger. This Christ is our hope. He knows the needs of our heart. He knows what we feel and gives us the strength to live our lives.

During this Holy Season, let us look to the Holy Family and share the same warmth that they lavished on their newborn babe.

May the grace of the Holy Family flow into each of our hearts. We wish you, your families, and loved ones the Blessings of this Holy Season. God Bless You All.



Mid-Night Mass is celebrated at 6pm on December 24th. Christmas Mass is celebrated at 8:30am on December 25th, all are invited.

Welcome to our newest community member!



Barbara Bellart, room 29, came from her home in South Milwaukee to be a part of our community. Barb says she was drawn to St. Monica's by the beautiful grounds, the friendly people, the cleanliness of the building, and most of all because she wanted to be in a Catholic home. She is a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Church in South Milwaukee and looks forward to being able to attend mass here.

Barb has three sons and three daughters. Her daughter, Kathy, lives in Oak Creek, and her sons, Tom and Donald live in South Milwaukee. Another son, Richard, lives in Ohio. Her daughter, Joanne, lives in Canada, and another daughter, Patricia, lives in Rhode Island.

Barb was born and raised in Washburn, WI, which is near Ashland, and very close to Lake Superior. She was one of twelve children. After high school, she moved to Milwaukee where two of her sisters lived and got a job at Allis-Chalmers. She met her husband in Milwaukee and they made their home there. She and her husband both loved to go to dances in the many Milwaukee dance halls, and were lucky to dance to orchestras such as Lawrence Welk. Once the children were all in school she got a job she loved, working for the school system, both in the office and the library, for eighteen years, until she retired.

Barb says that at 94 years old she is the only one who is still living of her sisters and brothers. She lives each day in God's good grace and hopes for tomorrow. Welcome to St. Monica's, Barb!

"Caught You Caring"



Roberta Rogstad was caught repeatedly taking time to visit and assist our Community Members during the dinner hour. She says it's the best part of her day. She looks forward to it every night. We love that!

Roberta is our Senior Accountant and has her office across from the Poppy Room. You'll find her door is always open.

Roberta has two children, Sarah, who works in our kitchen and Kenny, still in school. She loves to spend her spare time with her parents, crafting, reading and gardening.

Congratulations Roberta!!!

Caring Memories...



Jan, one of our terrific volunteers makes time to visit and help our ladies paint their fingernails. This is a very loving and "daughter like" thing to do. It is a great time to share stories, and exchange family information. We have so many people who tell us they would like to volunteer but wouldn't know what to do. We like to say, "volunteering is a partnership between you and the person you're interacting with." For example, if your passion is cards, we'll find someone who likes to play cards. Or, if you like to drink tea and visit, we have a lot of people who love that. We like to pair your interests with those of our Community Members, in this way everyone wins. Please call Joan at 321-7138 if you are interested in volunteering.

Welcome to our newest community member!



Delores Hubmann is a new member of our community. Delores moved into room 71 from her home here in West Racine. She says she was raised on a farm near Tomah and was one of five girls in her family. She was the tomboy, who helped her dad with the farm work, and remembers milking cows in the morning before taking the school bus to school. All of her sisters are still living.

After graduating from high school in Tomah, Delores came to Kenosha to attend the technical school (now known as Gateway) to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. She then worked at St. Luke's Hospital on Wisconsin Avenue on the medical floor and later worked at Westview Nursing Home.

Delores has two children, her son, Curtis, who lives here in Racine, and a daughter, Peggy, who lives in Prosper, Texas.

She is a member of Faith Lutheran Church on Wright Avenue. She has been active in volunteer work, by helping with meals on wheels for at least thirty years, and currently helps at the food pantry at her church one morning each week. Delores has also been a regular volunteer blood donor. She enjoys quilting and sewing and says she has had as many as six sewing machines! She enjoys working in the garden and going for walks, and has already joined our morning exercise group.

Delores says the good thing about St. Monica's is that there is lots of stuff going on around here, and she is looking forward to keeping busy. Welcome to St. Monica's, Delores!



Our traditional Family Christmas Party is fast approaching. This is always a great time for everyone to enjoy good company and good cheer. We have it on good authority that Santa Claus will be here. The fabulous Case Carolers are also performing in their lavish costumes. We finish out the program with the parade of cookies that Carol and her crew have been busy baking for days. Her cookies look and smell amazing! Please invite your family to join us in this wonderful event. **Mark your calendar, Sunday, Dec. 16th @ 1pm.**



Our next big event is our **New Year's Eve party**. This year we have Charlie coming in to work his magic on the piano while we sing along with our favorite songs. Put on your party clothes as we're positive you'll enjoy this night. We would like to invite all family members and friends to join us in this wonderful year end celebration. **The party is scheduled for December 31st at 6pm.**



Our annual outing to see the Christmas lights at Jelly Stone Park is fast approaching. We usually have a great turn out for this outing, so it's important to sign up early. Not only do we take our bus, but we also have two to three cars and volunteers who will assist to this magical light show. **We are going on Dec. 6th at 5:30pm and anticipate being back home by 7:00pm.** The signup sheet is in the main living room otherwise let Shannon or Joanie know.

It's official, St. Monica's has been overtaken by Yuletide good cheer.



We have been blessed with many specials this month. Please check your calendar closely, you'll find all music programs are listed in red ink.

- Dec. 2: Frank Performs in the Living Room – 2pm
- Dec. 3: Santa visits – Living room/café area – 10:30am
- Dec. 4: Racine Choral Arts Society in the Chapel - 6pm
- Dec. 5: Cowboy Play in Party Room – 10:30am
- Dec. 6: Light Show Outing – 5:30 by the front door, free
- Dec. 8: Kenosha School of Dance in Party Room – 5:30pm
- Dec. 9: Faith Bridge Church in LR & Dining Room - 4pm
- Dec. 10: Yuletide with Ruth & Dan in the Lower Atrium – 10am
- Dec. 12: RTG, A Christmas Carol the musical – 11:15
- Dec. 14: Laverne's Sing-a-long in coffee area – 1pm
- Dec. 14: Park High Carolers in the Party Room – 2 pm
- Dec. 15: St. Rita's Caroling in the Party Room – 2pm
- Dec. 16: Portraits with Jay in the coffee area - Noon
- Dec. 16: FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY, CASE CAROLERS 1pm**
- Dec. 17: Bill's Music in Party Room – 2:30pm
- Dec. 17: Racine Youth Symphony Orch. in Party Room - 6:15pm
- Dec. 18: Beth's Kids Recitals in Party Room – 10:00am
- Dec. 19: Horlick Choir Holiday Songs in Party Room – 2pm
- Dec. 21: Leif & Kenny Perform in the Party Room – 2:30pm
- Dec. 22: Franklin Girl Scouts in the Living Room – 10:30am
- Dec. 22: Christmas Religious Piano Concert in Living R. - 1pm
- Dec. 24: Midnight Mass in the Chapel - 6:00pm
- Dec. 25: Merry Christmas – Mass at 8:30
- Dec. 29: Jan Performs Patsy Cline in the Living Room – 1pm
- Dec. 31: New Years' Eve Bash with Charlie in Party Room – 6pm

Welcome to our newest community member!



Betty Carolan, room 57, is a newcomer to our community. Betty is a lifelong Racine resident, and member of St. Edward's Catholic Church.

Betty's mother died when she was only four years old and she was raised as an only child




by her father and his sister. She graduated from Park High School and then went to Rosary College in River Forest, Illinois. It was during her junior year there that she met her husband, Laurence, and they started their family.

Betty and Laurence were married on December 1, 1943 and are blessed to be celebrating 75 years of marriage. They had four children, two girls, Mary and Sheila who live in Racine, and two sons, John and Larry. John lives in San Diego and Larry in Pennsylvania. They also have 10 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. Once the children were in school, Betty went back to college and graduated from Dominican College with a teaching degree. She then taught third and fourth grade at St. Rose School until the school eventually closed.

Betty is an avid reader, and particularly enjoys reading many varieties of nonfiction. She also enjoyed making many trips to Europe and her visits included going to Italy, Yugoslavia, England, Ireland, and the Holy Land. Welcome to St. Monica's, Betty!



Please, let's cover those coughs and sneezes. We will have face masks available at the front desk if you need one. Remember to keep washing your hands too. Thank You

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p align="center"><u>Daily</u></p> <p align="center">8:30 Mass 9:00 Coffee 10: Game Shows 10:30 Gen. Store 4:00 Rosary 6:00 Cards</p>	<p align="center"><u>Anytime Activities</u></p> <p align="center">Dakim Computer Puzzle Making Libraries Internet Music Serenity</p>	<p>DECEMBER</p> 			<p align="center">1</p> <p align="center">9:30 Exercise</p> <p align="center">1:00 Lucy's Birthday Bingo 4: Fatima Rsrly 6:00 Movie and snack time</p>
<p>2</p> <p>8:30 Mass</p> <p>12:00  Packers vs the Cardinals</p> <p>2:00 Frank performs</p> <p>6:00 Movie - Dan's Pick</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p> <p>10:00 Kirby Visits</p> <p>10:30 Santa Visits</p> <p>1:00 Bowling</p> <p>2: Fresh Popcorn</p> <p>5:30 Dominoes w/ Rojean</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 Painting</p> <p>10:30 Reminisce</p> <p>1:00 Bingo</p> <p>2:30 Myrasized</p> <p>3:30 Trivia Time</p> <p>6:00 Racine Choral Arts Society</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 Sheepshead</p> <p>9:30 Balloon Fun</p> <p>10:30 Cowboy Play in the Party room</p> <p>1 K-mart Shopping</p> <p>1:30 Prayer Shawl</p> <p>2:00 Kerplunk</p> <p>3:30 Coloring w/ Josie</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 Nails</p> <p>10:30 DVD Racine Bible Church</p> <p>1:00 Bingo</p> <p>2:30 Pop-up Christmas Story</p> <p>2:30 Vets Club</p> <p>5:30 Light Show Outing</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p> <p>10:30 Bible Stories</p> <p>11:00 Piano/Jana</p> <p>1:00 Current Events</p> <p>2:30 Happy Hour w/ Music</p> <p>3:00 Adoration</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:30 Card Games</p> <p>1:00 Jan sings Patsy Cline</p> <p>2:30 Hot cocoa</p> <p>5:30 Kenosha Dance of Performing Arts</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:30 Mass</p> <p>12: Packers vs Falcons </p> <p>4:00 Faith Bridge Church</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p> <p>10:30 Res Mtg</p> <p>1:00 Bowling</p> <p>2:30 Yuletide with Ruth & Dan</p> <p>5:30 Dominoes w/ Rojean</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 Painting</p> <p>10:00 Reminisce</p> <p>12:00 Dog Visit</p> <p>1:00 Bingo</p> <p>2:15 Charlie Plays the Piano</p> <p>5:30 Checkers Club</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 Sheepshead</p> <p>9:30 Balloon Fun</p> <p>11:15 RTG Christmas Carol Musical.</p> <p>1:30 Prayer Shawl</p> <p>2:30 Wheel of Fortune w/ Bea</p> <p>6:00 Bingo w/Kathi</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 Nails</p> <p>10:30 Methodist Service</p> <p>11:00 Staff Party</p> <p>2:00 Music with Kam</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p> <p>10:30 Bible Stories</p> <p>11:00 Piano/Jana</p> <p>1:00 Laverne Sings</p> <p>2:00 Park HS Choir</p> <p>2:30 Egnog & cookies</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p> <p>10:30 Shut Box</p> <p>1:00 Bingo w/ Mary and Bob</p> <p>2:00 St. Rita's Caroling</p>

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16 8:30 Mass 12: Packers vs Bears 12:00 Portraits w/Jay 12:00 Santa 1:00 Christmas Party w/ the Case Carolers	17 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Kirby visits 10:30 Faith share 1:00 Bowling 2:30 Bill's music 6:15 RYS Orchestra performance	18 9:15 Reminisce 10:00 Beth's Kids Recital 12:00 Dog Visit 1:00 Bingo 2:30 Myrasized 2:30 Stories with Jessie 3:30 Snack Makin'	19 9:00 Sheepshead 9:30 Balloon Fun 10:30 Douglas Diner 2:00 Horlick Choir for Holiday Songs 3:30 Dakim w/John 6:00 Bingo w/Kathi	20 9:00 Nails 10:30 Protestant Church 1:00 Bingo 2:30 Dice Games 3:00 Bible Study	21 9:30 Exercise 10:30 Bible Stories 11:00 Piano/Jana 1:00 Current Events 2:30 Leif and Kenny perform while we sip eggnog.	22 9:30 Exercise 10:30 Franklin Girl Scouts visit. 1:00 Christmas Religious Music Piano Concert
23 12: Packers vs Giants  30 12: Packers vs Lions 	24 Christmas Eve 2: Kringle 6: Mass  31 Foot Doctor 9:30 Exercise 1:00 Shut Box 6: NYE's Bash w/ Charlie	25 Christmas Day  8:30 Mass 10:30 Time w/ Sr. Clare 1:00 Games and Snacks	26 9:00 Sheepshead 9:30 Balloon Fun 1:00 Movie time & fresh popcorn 3:00 Dakim time 6:00 Bingo w/Kathi	27 9:00 Nails 10:30 Methodist Service 1:00 Bingo 2:30 Sing-a-long	28 9:30 Exercise 10:30 Bible Stories 11:00 Piano/Jana 1:00 Current Events 2:30 Beer, Chips & Dip	29 9:30 Exercise 10:30 Shut box 1:00 Jan Sings great country tunes

December Birthdays

Staff Members

Community Members

Charles Miner 12/2
 Don Marino 12/8
 Sondra Sinnett 12/11
 Barbara Tracy 12/13
 Lucy Veltri 12/13
 Frank Miller 12/20
 Robert Jutrzonka 12/22
 Shirley Matavka 12/23
 Ruth Baranowski 12/29
 John Williams 12/30

Ashley Bueno 12/3
 Anita Martin 12/7
 Jayne Rau 12/9
 Lilianna Flores 12/13
 Cindy Ward 12/16
 Charlene Avila 12/17
 Gloria Lueneburg 12/24
 Nicole Overstreet 12/24
 Tiffany Conhartowski 12/29

Roberta Rogstad 12/29
 Breona Rydholm 12/29
 Ross Gietzel 12/30
 Tammy Peltz 12/30

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Catholic –

Mass @ 8:30 every morning.

Rosary @ 4:00 every afternoon.



Racine Bible DVD Church Service

10:30 1st Thursday of the month

Lutheran Service @ 10:30 3rd and 5th

Thursdays of the month.

Methodist Service @ 10:30 2nd and 4th

Thursdays of Month