

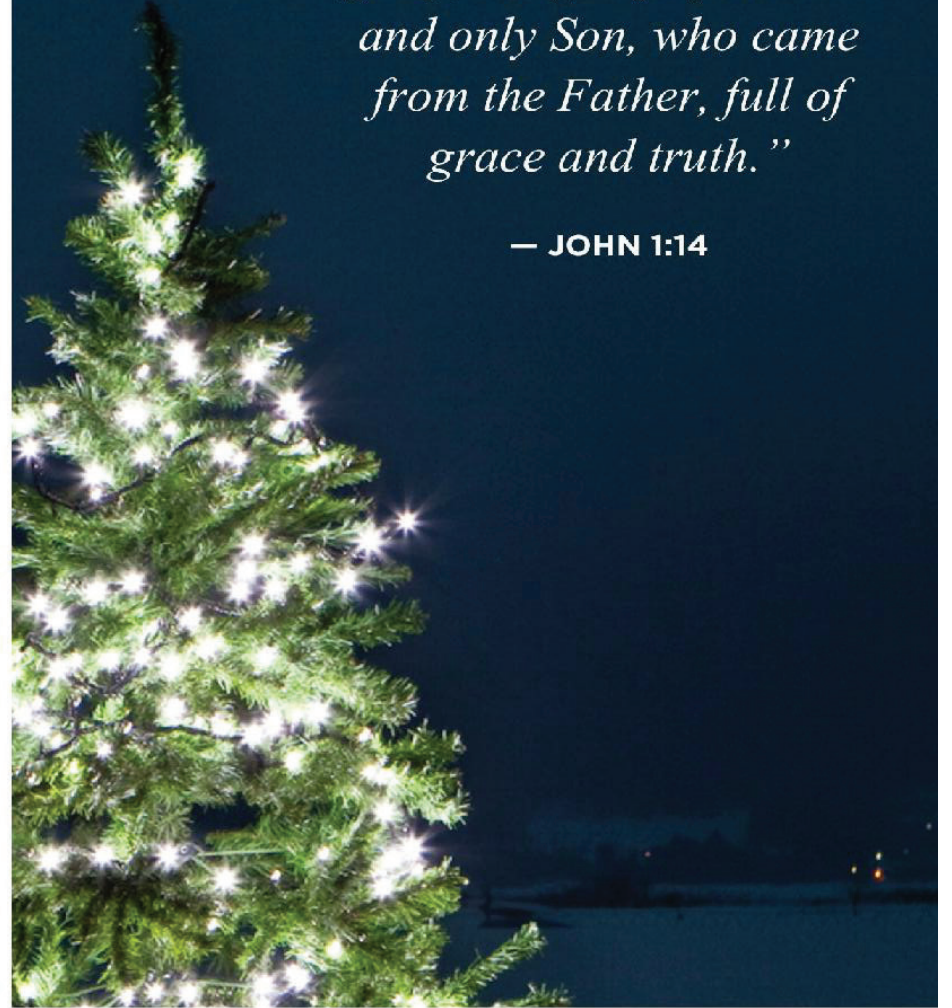
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## DIVINE NEWS & VIEWS

*"The Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling  
among us. We have seen his  
glory, the glory of the one  
and only Son, who came  
from the Father, full of  
grace and truth."*

— JOHN 1:14



## DECEMBER 2022



### Administrator's Message- Jayna

Thanksgiving has passed and now we are preparing for Christmas and the birth of our Savior. It is the time of year when we reflect on what we are grateful for over this past year. Even through all the chaos of daily life in our home, we feel fortunate to be where we are. We've had such an incredible year of support from our community, families, friends and staff members and are so very grateful. We take pride in serving our Grandfriends and plan on continuing to do so in 2023.

Speaking of chaos in our home, the most disruptive project this year was the removal of the old blue and green carpet down two resident halls. Grandfriends had to temporarily, up to a week, move out of their room so their hallway flooring could get replaced. Since we don't have enough empty rooms to evacuate an entire hall, the floor installer would install one side of the hall at a time, so that residents could move across the hall if possible or down a different hall. It was a great sacrifice for our Grandfriends to be displaced from their room (home) especially when most have some loss of sight, hearing, and physical strength. The nurse station and activity room flooring were also replaced with vinyl flooring which meant the Nurses and Activity team were all displaced too for about a week. We are grateful for all that contributed to this project not only with monetary donations, but with their strenuous labor to move everything out and then back.

Next, chaos continued when the state surveyors for the first time ever decided to start their annual visit at noon on a Sunday (right before a Vikings game)...and during the annual Auxiliary Bazaar. Usually surveys take place during the week. Luckily, due to Covid-19 restrictions the Bazaar was scaled down to a Mini Bazaar and only held in the Marian Conference room this year. Even though it was a smaller event, they still quickly sold out of caramel rolls and had a record number of quilts sales. With an unexpected beginning, we still had a great survey because of our awesome staff who rose to the occasion. Of course, we do have some minor deficiencies that need to be fixed, but that is to be expected. We are grateful for our wonderful staff and the Auxiliary for all they do to improve our Grandfriends' lives.

I would like to share our deepest gratitude to all of you, our Grandfriends, families, team members, and friends for your dedication, perseverance, and resilience through all the chaos. Because of each and every one of you, we are able to provide a beautiful, comfortable, loving home.

### Facilities Director- Sr. Sharon

*IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS  
AND  
JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON*

Well with the weather outside changing significantly here today with our blustering snowstorm and the metamorphosis-taking place here inside, we are decidedly looking forward with awe and anticipation for the arrival of the Christ child again among us!

Having just come away from Thanksgiving continues to remind us all of how blessed we truly are and have every reason to be thankful for all the great goodness our Heavenly and Providential God gives to each without ever counting the cost.

Our Founder, St Louis Guanella, was born in Italy on December 19, 1842 in the alpine town of Fraciscio, and believed wholeheartedly in that Providential Father who so loves all His children and gives to all without regard, seeing Christ in all who suffer and in any way in need of assistance.

Fr .Guanella, as a walking model of charity and love for each of us, was following the example of love as shown us by our Infant Savior. No one was too great or too insignificant for him to spend time with much like our Lord.

Christmas is not just decorations, parties, etc, but one of recognizing our intimate relationship with Christ and all His people the world over. Charity begins at Home and spreads throughout the world as a ripple on water through prayer and opportunities for doing good.

May your Christmas be truly and most abundantly blessed in Him-our very reason for being! Enjoy to the fullest this most beautiful season!

## MERRY CHRISTMAS





Pictured above: Veterans Day celebrated honoring the men and women who serve or have served in the armed forces. Veterans Rick Mages, Donald Nazarenes, Aut Seidl, Suzanne Kral, and Ivan Kotten took an added moment to honor all veterans.

Pictured below: Veteran Earle Stevermer visited by the Casey & Julia Coulson family





## LAKE VILLA MENU

Menu subject to change

Dinner served 11AM-1PM

Dec 1- Baked pork chop, lasagna w/ meatsauce, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, corn, garlic Texas toast

Dec 2- Breaded shrimp, swiss steak w/ tomatoes, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, hashbrown patty, sour cream cucumber salad, Oriental vegetable blend

Dec 3- Mesquite roasted turkey, beef stroganoff, buttered noodles, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, peas & carrots, broccoli florets, dinner roll

Dec 4- Meatballs, sliced baked ham, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, baked sweet potatoes, wax beans, stewed tomatoes, dinner roll

Dec 5- Baked chicken, pork roast, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, cheesy potatoes, broccoli, glazed baby carrots, dinner roll

Dec 6- Lemon pepper fish, pot roast, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, baked potato, corn, marinated vegetable salad, dinner roll

Dec 7- Beef macaroni casserole, chicken kiev, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, peas, dinner roll

Dec 8- Ring bologna, country fried steak w/ cream gravy, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, sauerkraut, breadstick

Dec 9- Pecan crusted cod, chicken drummies, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, coleslaw, California vegetable blend, dinner roll

Dec 10- Open-faced hot turkey sandwich w/ gravy, meatloaf, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, creamy coleslaw, green beans

Dec 11- Baked chicken, pork roast, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, baked sweet potatoes, Scandinavian vegetable blend, asparagus, dinner roll

Dec 12- Mesquite roasted turkey, corned beef sandwich/rye bread, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, creamed peas, dinner roll

Dec 13- Spaghetti w/ meatsauce, tater tot casserole, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, wax beans, breadstick

Dec 14- Pot roast, baked pork chop, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, scalloped potatoes, Cape Cod vegetable blend, pasta salad, dinner roll

Dec 15- Pork ribs, ring bologna, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, hot German potato salad, California vegetable blend, coleslaw, dinner roll

Dec 16- Baked herb fish, beef tips w/ noodles, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, winter squash, marinated tomato and cucumber salad, breadstick

Dec 17- Chicken alfredo w/ angel hair pasta, sloppy Joe/bun, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, boiled cabbage, peas, dinner roll

Dec 18- Pot roast, glazed baked ham, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, cauliflower, dinner roll

Dec 19- Chicken chow mein, baked fish, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, fried rice, green beans, Oriental vegetable blend, breadstick

Dec 20- Steak Diane, turkey supreme, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, peas & carrots, dinner roll

Dec 21- Pork roast, meatballs, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, asparagus, calico coleslaw

Dec 22- Philly cheese steak sandwich, chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, french fries, creamy cucumber and onion salad, broccoli florets

Dec 23- Shrimp alfredo w/ Fettuccine, meatballs, meatballs, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, garlic Texas toast

Dec 24- Lasagna w/ meatsauce, sliced baked ham, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, scalloped potatoes, Key Biscayne vegetable blend, broccoli florets, breadstick

Dec 25- CHRISTMAS- Roast beef, ham, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green bean casserole, carrots, salad, dinner roll, dessert

Dec 26- Beef soft tacos, pot roast, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, marinated mixed vegetables, broccoli florets, dinner roll

Dec 27- Turkey supreme, salisbury steak, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, french fries, asparagus, pickled beet salad, dinner roll

Dec 28- BBQ spare ribs, meatballs, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, peas & carrots, dinner roll

Dec 29- Apple pork chop, bratwurst link, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, sauerkraut, pasta salad, dinner roll

Dec 30- Potato encrusted fish, beef tips w/ noodles, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, broccoli florets, California vegetable blend, dinner roll

Dec 31- Chicken in orange sauce, glazed baked ham, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, fried rice, corn, peas, breadstick



Employees: Crystal Rangel, Jayna Groebner,  
Kiara Murphy

Residents: Marge Simon, Ivan Kotten, Arlis Forstner,  
David Waggle

#### DIRECTORY

Facilities Director.....	Sr. Sharon Williams
Administrator.....	Jayna Groebner
Director of Nurses.....	Michelle Augustin, RN
Social Services.....	Shirley Hornick, LPN
Activity Director.....	ShellyRae Zinniel, ADC
Business Manager.....	Sheena Hillesheim
Dietary Manager.....	Donna Sellner, CDM
Environmental Services.....	Randy Renner
Health Information Services/HIPAA.....	
Lake Villa Maria Housing Mgr.....	Gina McKeown

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## WISH LIST

We have been blessed to have many generous friends who made it possible to purchase necessary items to enhance the lives of our residents. Thanks to all who have contributed.

Please consider our following needs:

TV for resident living room	\$1,000.00
Replace Carpet with Vinyl flooring	\$41,000.00

## THANK YOU

\*Rick Mages and Suzanne Kral honoring us with a Veteran Day visit

\*Sharing of an art project via St. Mary's School 2nd Grade Art Class and teachers

\*Randy's Drug donation for holiday season craft sessions

\*The Coulson Family visit and shared piano music

\*MN Soybean Association and their donation of Skechers' shoes as part of their campaign "Stepping Up."



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## MEMORIALS

Bev Schroepfer from Verna Schmidt, Mike & Brenda Walden,  
Donald & Bev Mickelson

Marie Steinberg from Janell Anderson & Family

### Shop for Cards at DPCH

Cards for most occasions. Cards for ordination and other religious occasions. We also have general cards so you can personalize to suit the occasion. The display is located in the main lobby. A payment box is affixed to the card rack so you can shop anytime.

## FAMILY COUNCIL

DPCH wants to hear from family members interested in forming or learning more about a family council. Many nursing homes have one and they accomplish many good things for the resident. Meet as you wish. We will provide the space for you to meet. All we need is 3 and we can call it a family council. Can be friends, or other family members of residents; maybe they would like to join.

Please cut out and mail the completed form to:

Divine Providence Community Home

ATTN: Shirley Hornick

700 3rd Ave NW

Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

Or drop it off the next time you are at DPCH!

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Greetings everyone! It's been several weeks since our Divine Providence Auxiliary Mini Bazaar & I cannot tell you how pleased we all were with the fantastic turn out! Thank you sincerely to all who participated in the raffle, paid their membership dues & to those generous souls who were able to send additional money.

We, once again need to thank Patty Haala for the generous donation of her beautiful handmade quilt! Without a doubt, it is the quilt that sells more than 4,000 tickets for sure! We also want to thank Myrtyce Remus & her quilting team for the countless hours they spend each week making their beautiful quilts & other handi-work. It was the quilts that brought in so much money & for that, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We sincerely thank all of you who donated canned goods for our Country Store & wine for the Wine Pull game as well. They were both very successful. Finally, we need to thank Donna Sellner & her fabulous kitchen staff for making the caramel rolls & helping us every step of the way. We could not have done it without you! And, yes, we promise to make more rolls next year!

We are continuing to collect donations through the end of the year so if you haven't gotten your donation to us yet, there is still time! As mentioned in the letter, we were fundraising to help pay for the new floors, which were so badly needed as well as the money needed to pay for the resident's cable TV.

On behalf of the Divine Providence Auxiliary, we wish you all a very

Merry Christmas & all the best in the coming new year.





Our Memorial  
Mass Prayer  
Warriors



Hosted SMS 2nd  
Grade Art Class  
with Instructor  
Katie Braulick,  
2nd grade teacher  
Carrie Hoffman  
and Assistant  
Tami Kober



A little  
cranberry fun  
and trivia  
with visitor  
Benjamin  
Schroepfer



Preparing  
for the  
upcoming  
holidays  
with our  
tone chime  
music

