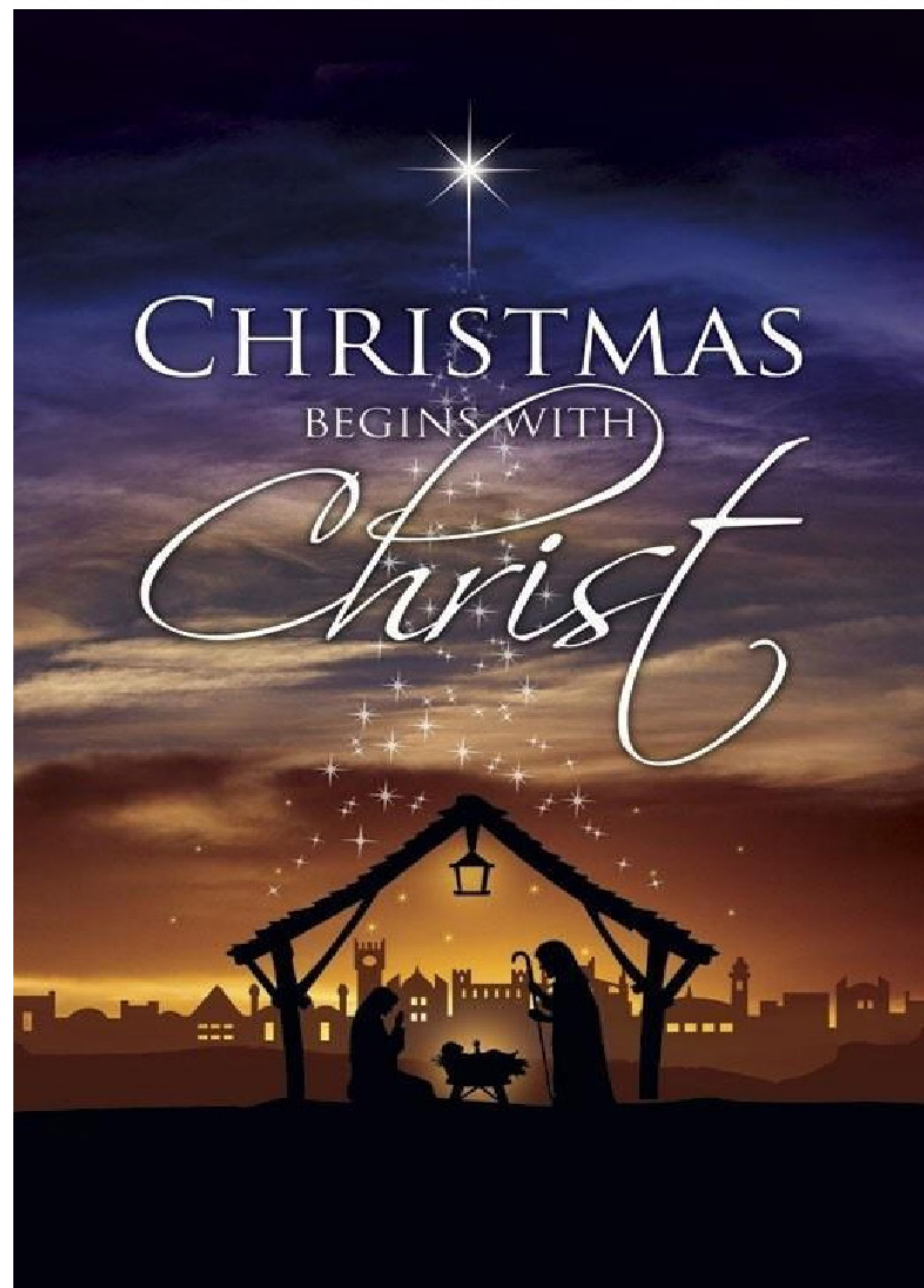


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## DIVINE NEWS & VIEWS



## DECEMBER 2023

## Administrator's Message- Jayna

Over the past 63 years, we helped 1452 Grandfriends either recover from an illness or injury and return to their home, or spend the last years of their life in the comfort of their new home Divine Providence. During this time, so many families have become a part of our family and we feel blessed that they shared their loved ones with us. Between 1998 and 2003, Eugenia Berdan was one of these Grandfriends. Like so many, the love and care given to Genie by the staff and Sisters resonated in the heart of her daughter, Colette (Berdan) Bednarczyk. Colette was so moved that upon her death, she asked that a lasting legacy gift be established to help continue the mission of Divine Providence.

To honor her wish, we were recently contacted by her family to establish the Colette M. (Berdan) Bednarczyk Endowment. This endowment is of a perpetual nature and only the income generated by it is to be distributed for use by Divine Providence. It is a restricted permanent endowment with the purpose of providing ongoing financial assistance.

Her immediate family has generously offered a 2 for 1 match with a goal of raising an initial \$150,000.00. If we can raise \$50,000 by February 1, 2024, the \$100,000.00 matching donation from the family will follow shortly thereafter. Endowed funds are permanent. Your gift will last forever – it keeps on giving—to benefit a designated operating expense. For example, distributed funds can be used to purchase minor equipment, wheelchairs, furniture, etc. Excluding the beds, most of our resident room furniture is about 30 years old.

Please consider a tax deductible gift to help us establish and fund this endowment and have Colette Berdan's dying wish come true. You can either send your donation (specify Berdan Endowment), or use the tab, Donate Now, on our website, [divineprovidencehome.org](http://divineprovidencehome.org). Under this tab, a link sends you to Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) which is our online giving platform. Once on the OSV site, you can create your account and donate to this endowment.

Your donation will benefit our Grandfriends forever with a gift now. Thank you in advance for supporting our mission, Enriching Lives through Quality Services and Christian Care.

Have a Blessed Christmas



Sr. Mercy, Sr. Shamals, Sr. Rogelyn, and Sr. Emily promoting vocation awareness for the Diocese of Joliet.

We thank and honor all of our Veterans for their service to our country. Harry Windschitl, Aut Seidl, and Rick Mages shared a moment between Veteran's Day community programs.

Not pictured, Donald Nazareus





It is difficult to find the right words to express our sincere appreciation to all those many individuals who made the 2023 Divine Providence Auxiliary Fundraiser such a grand success! I actually took the time to count all of those who showed up to make the caramel rolls, help with the KC donuts, were there to set up the Country Store, bake sale, Wine Pull, the Craft & quilt racks & tables & Bean Bag Toss, etc. & came up with at minimum a total of 80 people. We could not have pulled this off without each & every one of you so thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Donna & her hard working kitchen staff once again provided us with an exceptionally delicious roast beef dinner! So many compliments were given to the Auxiliary board for bringing back the dinner. Many said it was better than they remembered! So our heartfelt thanks to Donna & the kitchen staff for going above & beyond. I also want to take the opportunity to thank Myrtyce Remus & her talented quilting team for their hard work & dedication in making sure the annual Bazaar is just full of beautiful quilts, potholders, baby gifts, & so many other unique items. The sale of those items is what brings in the bulk of the revenue for the Auxiliary & we couldn't be more grateful to each & every one of them for all that they do throughout the year. We would also like to thank Patty Haala for her generous donation of the beautiful quilt that is the first-place prize on the raffle. She has been donating to our cause for close to 10 years now & is no doubt the reason we sell so many tickets! Last but certainly not least, to all those individuals & businesses who so generously contributed monetarily, donated wine, baked goods, garden produce, canned goods, beautiful plants, craft items, etc., we are so very appreciative for your continued support!!

Raffle winners are as follows:

1st Place Quilt - Diane Krzmarzick

2nd Place \$200.00 - Lori Sellner

3rd Place \$100.00 - Lorraine Schroeffer

4th Place \$100.00 – Marian Bertrand

5th Place \$100.00 – Audrey Wagner

6th Place \$100.00 – Lori Neidecker

We are still finalizing the numbers but at first glance, dollars exceed our last Bazaar with donations still coming in. The one thing I do know is that the Divine Providence Auxiliary Board are thrilled to be able to donate a sizable amount for the new shower the residents are badly needing. There is no greater joy than that!

Sincerely,

Christine Hoffmann

Divine Providence Auxiliary President



# LAKE VILLA MENU

Menu subject to change

Dinner served 11AM-1PM

Dec 1- Shrimp alfredo w/ Fettucine, meatballs, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, garlic Texas toast

Dec 2- Lasagna w/ meatsauce, sliced baked ham, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, vegetable blend, garlic breadstick

Dec 3- Pot roast, pork ribs, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, broccoli, glazed baby carrots, dinner roll

Dec 4- Scalloped potatoes & ham, baked turkey, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, onion rings, asparagus, coleslaw, dinner roll

Dec 5- Baked chicken, pork roast, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, baked sweet potatoes, squash, dinner roll

Dec 6- Hamburger/bun, beef tips w/ noodles, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, potato salad, baked beans, breadstick

Dec 7- Lasagna w/ meatsauce, baked pork chop, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, corn, garlic Texas toast

Dec 8- Swiss steak w/ tomatoes, breaded shrimp, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, hashbrown patty, Asian vegetable blend, sour cream cucumber salad

Dec 9- BBQ pork rib patty/bun, chicken in orange sauce, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, fried rice, egg roll, peas & carrots, broccoli

Dec 10- Meatballs, sliced baked ham, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, baked sweet potatoes, wax beans, stewed tomatoes, dinner roll

Dec 11- Baked chicken, pork roast, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, baked potato, glazed baby carrots, broccoli, three bean salad, dinner roll

Dec 12- Ham, pot roast, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, potato salad, baked beans, corn, marinated mixed vegetable salad, dinner roll

Dec 13- Beef stew, chicken kiev, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, dinner roll

Dec 14- Ring bologna, Country fried steak w/ cream gravy, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, sauerkraut, breadstick

Dec 15- Pecan crusted cod, chicken drummies, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, pasta salad, California vegetable blend, dinner roll

Dec 16- Open-faced hot turkey sandwich, meatloaf, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, creamy coleslaw, dinner roll

Dec 17- Baked chicken, pork roast, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, baked sweet potatoes, scandinavian vegetable blend, asparagus, dinner roll

Dec 18- California burger, corned beef sandwich/rye, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, tater tots, creamed peas, dinner roll

Dec 19- Meatloaf, BLT sandwich, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, wax beans, breadstick

Dec 20- Pot roast, baked pork chop, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, scalloped potatoes, Cape Cod vegetable blend, pasta salad, dinner roll

Dec 21- Chili, BBQ pork rib patty/bun, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, hot German potato salad, California vegetable blend, coleslaw, cornbread

Dec 22- Tuna casserole, beef tips w/ noodles, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, marinated tomato & cucumber salad, winter squash, breadstick

Dec 23- Meatballs, chicken alfredo w/ angel hair pasta, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, boiled cabbage, peas, dinner roll

Dec 24- Pot roast, glazed baked ham, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, cauliflower, dinner roll

Dec 25- CHRISTMAS- Beef roast, ham, scalloped potatoes, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, corn, salad, dessert

Dec 26- Steak Diane, turkey, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, peas & carrots, dressing, dinner roll

Dec 27- Patty melt, pork roast, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, asparagus, calico coleslaw

Dec 28- Philly steak sandwich, chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, french fries, creamy cucumber & onion salad, broccoli

Dec 29- Shrimp alfredo w/ Fettucine, meatballs, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, garlic Texas toast

Dec 30- Lasagna w/ meatsauce, sliced baked ham, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, vegetable blend, garlic breadstick

Dec 31- Pot roast, pork ribs, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, broccoli, glazed baby carrots, dinner roll





Employees: Sr. Savina, Crystal Rangel, Jayna Groebner, Kiara Murphy, Meshack Onsongo, Ashley Lopez, Sheila Sellner, Alex Sellner, Donna Sellner

Residents: Beverly Sellner, Ed Soukup, Arlis Forstner, David Waggie

#### 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 Hoffmann
Dietary Manager.....	Donna Sellner, CDM
Environmental Services.....	Randy Renner
Health Information Services/HIPAA.....	Alexa Schultz
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:

Hotbag Blanket Warmer (6-7 Blankets)	\$560.00
Add additional outlets to Private rooms	\$650.00 each
New Shower	\$50,000.00
Window Replacement	\$150,000.00
Lake Villa Maria Hall A/C	\$50,000.00
Blanket Warmer (40-50 Blankets)	\$9,000.00

#### THANK YOU

\*JoAnn Hensel/Mission Quilters of St. Peter and Pauls from Mankato, MN for donating lap blankets to our residents

\*Rosie Lemoine family for donation for Entertainment and treats

\*Pudge for the squash donation

\*Gloria Helget for donation

\*Robert & Sharon Rubey for donation

\*Mary Baumann for donation

Charitable giving is something most of us are morally committed to, we have so much to be grateful for. Gratitude for your generosity we have received from the appeal thus far \$108,225.00.

Please consider remembering Divine Providence Community Home with a bequest gift in your Will or Estate Plan, a Life Insurance policy or an IRA Rollover.

It is an opportunity to strengthen the legacy of caring for *those who are most vulnerable, and keeping them safe.*

## MEMORIALS

Richard Helget from Mary Lou Mathiowetz

Sr. Adeline Prokes from Mary Vetter Benedict

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Dorothy Krzmarzick and Elaine Stueber.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

## **FAMILY COUNCIL**

We have 3 family members interested in forming 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 contact Shirley Hornick with any questions at 507-794-3011 or email at [shornick@dpch.net](mailto:shornick@dpch.net)

Divine Providence Community Home invites you to our presence on Facebook!  
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Over the years, fellow Divine Providence Grandfriends and staff have enjoyed meeting many Krzmarzick family members. Recently, Dorothy had the additional blessing of holding her newest great grandchild!

Sometimes our Grandfriends are able to share their gifts with us while they make Divine Providence their home away from home. We are humbled by Dorothy's love of God, family, and kindness. Of course, our Divine family will not be able to fill the emptiness we feel as we lost such beautifully unique people.







St. Mary's teacher Mr. Moritz and students explained the history of soul cakes. They are an English tradition during the Middle Ages. On the night before All Saint's Day, children would pray for the souls who had passed on. Household members would offer "soul cakes" to the children who were praying for their deceased loved ones.



## Facilities Director- Sr. Sharon **IN GREAT ANTICIPATION**

***For God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten Son!***

***John 3:16***

We are in the mode of great anticipation in the Advent of His coming among us once again. We have celebrated Our Lady of Providence who gave her "Yes" to become Christ's dear mother. She continues her "Yes" as she encourages us to become ever closer to her Son, she, the first one to give Him to others. Then we were on to Thanksgiving, when we, God's people and as a Nation give thanks to God for all the abundant blessings given to each person and our Country. We are not perfect as persons nor are we perfect as a country, we need a Savior in Christ, the Word made Flesh, to assist us in this great adventure of living!



We are, in our world today, in desperate need of the PRINCE OF PEACE! Let us remember in our thoughts, prayers, and works, all those people who do not or are not able to live in peace. Christ came to bring peace into the world but, as from the beginning of time, there was discord and division among families, peoples, and nations. Likewise, today in our own families, communities, and country there remains division and discord.

Let us join our hearts and minds in prayers for Peace in our own hearts, homes, communities, nations, and world.

***FOR I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY!***

**JOHN 10:10**

We have a picture in one of our hallways that is so noteworthy of memorization, and literally taking to heart!

***YOU ARE MORE LOVED THAT YOU WILL EVER KNOW!***  
***Romans 5:8***

*For you and me, He comes again and again to remind us of this great Advent/Adventure together in this life and the next!*

***COME! O PRINCE OF PEACE!***