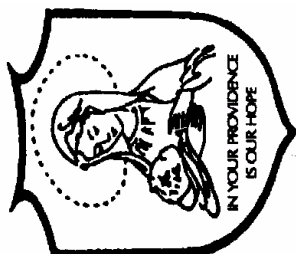


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## A note from the Administrator- Jayna

The Minnesota Nursing Home Resident Quality of Life Survey is an annual survey conducted by the Department of Human Services (DHS) to collect feedback from nursing home residents on their personal experiences and opinions. This survey gathers data to help improve the quality of care and services in nursing facilities across Minnesota. The survey measures residents' subjective well-being, which is distinct from clinical quality of care and includes aspects like environment, engagement, and personal needs. It provides a platform for residents to voice their opinions on their daily experiences, such as their food options, staffing interactions, and access to activities. The data collected is used to identify areas for improvement and guide policies and initiatives aimed at enhancing care. The survey is conducted by an independent firm, Vital Research, to ensure the confidentiality and anonymity of resident responses.

Our survey has not been scheduled yet, but before the end of the year, surveyors will come to our home and with resident or guardian consent conduct in-person interviews to gather resident feedback on various aspects of their life in the facility. Resident responses are coded to calculate a facility's score, providing a standardized way to measure performance. The state also uses the data for public reporting, such as on the MN Nursing Home Report Card.

Family members/representatives will also have the option to participate, but not in-person. The Family Satisfaction survey is mailed to the primary responsible party for each long-stay resident and can also be completed online or by phone. Just this month, we received the results from last year's survey conducted in early January of this year. The eight key areas include meaningful activity, food enjoyment, environmental adaptations, dignity, autonomy, relationships, caregiving, and mood. Not a surprise to us, but a big kudos to our staff, we exceeded the Minnesota state average in all eight areas. And in seven areas, we improved our results from the previous year. In fact, in the dignity measurement we have a perfect score, 100%. That is amazing! At the same time, we celebrate this awesome accomplishment, we are using the result to see what we can do even better.

To do so well on this satisfaction survey, means all departments are working in collaboration. Our staff is building personal relationships with our residents and making genuine connections that make our Grandfriends feel seen and valued. We are respecting their dignity and privacy, providing encouragement and independence to each unique individual. Our team can be proud of the compassionate care they provide which is the key to our success.

## Thanksgiving Dinner

**Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am-1:00pm**

**Lake Villa Cafeteria**

**\$20 Adults | \$10 Children 10 years & under**

***Please call 507-794-3011 for reservations***

### Menu

Roasted Turkey Breast

Baked Ham

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Stuffing

Glazed Carrots

Summer Pasta Salad

Dinner Roll

Cranberry Jelly

Pumpkin Pie

Milk

Join Us  
for this  
Special  
Day

## Congratulations to our winners from the Divine Providence Fall Bazaar!

**Grand Prize Quilt: Arnolda Fischer**

**\$200.00 Prize: Lorraine Braulick**

**\$100.00 Prizes: Marie Lindquist, Myrtyce Remus,  
Marlene Schwartz & Candace Helget**



Thank you to all who donated towards the raffle, wine pull, bake sale and country store! Thank you also to the kitchen staff for preparing the delicious roast beef dinner, the KCs and the crew for making the donuts and rolls! Thank you to the Quilting Team for making beautiful quilts! A huge thank you to Patty Haala for donating the grand prize and leading our quilting team! Thank you to the Auxiliary members for setting up and running the event. The bazaar was a huge success!



# Thank You

- Thank you to all the generous donors who donated fresh produce to the Lake Villa Maria Tenants throughout the season and also Al Rubischko and Lynne Schroepfer for donated produce
- Mary Rush for the puzzle donation
- Casey's for the pizza boxes; they made a great game
- Judy Augustin and the family of Georgie Meyer for the Halloween treats
- DeeAnn Gieseke for the donated plants for the residents

## Memorial Received In Memory of Kathy Helget:

- Joan Grausam

## Memorial Received In Memory of Spud Soukup:

- Family of Spud
- Neil & Rose Mangen

## Memorial Received In Memory of Pearl Schroepfer:

- Melanie Kimball
- Joel & Joann Kamerud
- Mary Jo Schroepfer
- Family of Pearl

## Memorial Received In Memory of Jack Mertz:

- Neil & Rose Mangen

## Memorial Received In Memory of Joan Rosenhamer:

- John & Eileen Hirsch
- Phyllis Lux-Schouvieller
- Mary Lou Mathiowetz
- Family of Joan

## Memorial Received In Memory of Paul & Marie Dauer:

- Joseph Moran

*We recall these Residents and Tennants who have passed to eternal life. They were lifted in prayer at Mass on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.*

*October 2024-October 2025*

Raymond Dubberly

Marie Evers

Judy Farrell

Arlis Forstner

Charles "Chisey" Hansen

John Klotz

Rosie LeMoine



Frances Marks

Jean Merkel

Joan Rosenhammer

George Schimmele

Pearl Schroepfer

Ed "Spud" Soukup

Darlene Ulrich



# Athlete of the month

## Etien Laleman

Etien Laleman was picked for athlete of the month due to his dedication to keeping active. Etien likes to participate in exercise group as well as walk with staff. Congrats Etien and keep up the good work!



## Monthly Therapy Chat: Physical Therapy Month by Ashley Remus, Rehab Director

I would like to introduce you to our new full-time PTA Isabel Buboltz. In May 2025 she graduated from Lake Area Tech. Currently she lives in Hector, Mn and loves to play volleyball in her spare time. She reports enjoying her time at Divine and is thankful to the warm welcome by staff and residents!



Sr. Sharon



Agnes, Gloria,  
Shirley & Nancy



Jesse & Margie



Gloria, Kimi-Rae &  
Agnes



## OUR NEEDS AT DIVINE PROVIDENCE

As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, we have received \$80,057.00 for our annual appeal. Our biggest project this year is raising funds for the remaining window replacements. We are incredibly grateful for all the generous donors that are helping us maintain our building, grounds, and purchasing necessary items to enhance the lives of our residents!

Please consider our following needs:

Handicapped Van	\$70,000.00
Window Replacement	\$382,000.00
Window Blinds for Resident Rooms	\$4,300.00
Sun Awning for North Courtyard	\$8,000.00
Automatic doors for ambulance entrance	\$7,000.00

Please consider 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.

## Shop for Cards, Gifts, and Quilts at DPCH!

Visit the Auxiliary gift shop filled with religious gifts, handmade quilts, pot holders, embroidered dish towels, baby gifts and more! Cards are available for \$1.00 in the main lobby for any occasion.

**A complete listing of quilts available with sizes and pricing is available on the website under the "Quilts for Sale" tab at:**

***divineprovidencehome.org***

Proceeds benefit the Auxiliary which supports Divine Providence.

### 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.....	Jesse Steinbeisser
Environmental Services.....	Randy Renner
Health Information Manager/HIPAA.....	Alexa Crim
Lake Villa Maria Housing Manager.....	Gina McKeown

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Residents:** Carol Hillesheim, Joann Trembl

**Employees:** Cindy Christensen, Brylee Hansen, Ruby Lopez, Madelyn Martinez, Kimi-Rae Schlueter, Alannah Urbano

**NOVEMBER**



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

**Seth Tessmer**  
CNA



**How long have you worked here?**

4.5 years

**What does your job entail?** Helping residents accomplish their daily needs

**What inspired you to become a CNA?** I have always like helping people

**In terms of successes, which accomplishments are you most proud of?**

Going to school for massage, and seeing the residents smile when they see me

**What's your favorite memory while working at Divine Providence?**

The small memories of the residents picking on me and making jokes with me

**About your family:** I have a half brother 7 years older than me and a full brother 2 years younger than me

**A fun fact about yourself most people don't know:**

I love to read and go to movies



# Pumpkin Weight Guesses & Laundry Days

This month, the residents had the opportunity to guess the weight of this pumpkin. Delmar wanted a beer if he guessed it correctly! It ended up being 35.4 lbs! Was Delmar correct?



Jayna, Sue, Bernice, Jamie



Marissa, Jane, Tim



Delmar



Pat



Lois



Marion



Betty & Georgie



Beth & Ginny

October was the month of the Rosary. Kindergarteners from St. Mary's came by to make rosaries out of Play-doh with the residents.



Margie & Georgie



Betty



Ginny



# TRICK OR TREAT!



Gloria & Kathy



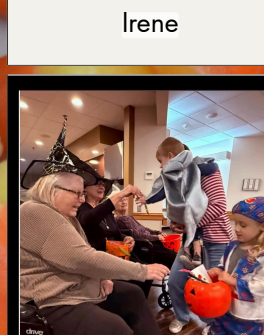
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Carol & Marsha



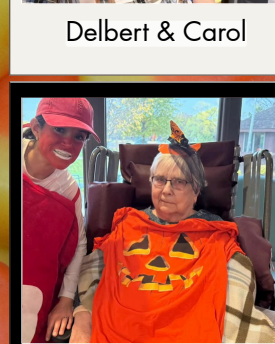
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Kathy & Helen



Shelly Rae & Shelly



Edmee & Dorothy



Helen, Kathy & Lisa



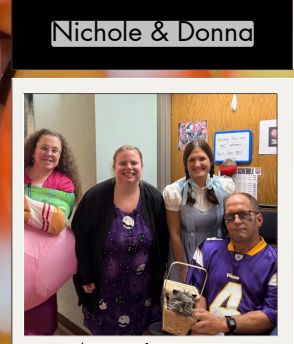
Nichole & Donna



Dennis & Delmar



Fr. Nathan & Sr. Sharon



Amy, Justine, Nicole & Brad

On Friday, October 31, Trick or Treaters stopped at Divine to collect treats and share tricks with the residents of Divine & Lake Villa Maria. Everyone was dressed in their best costumes! Thank you family and friends for stopping by and showing us your costumes and smiles! It was definitely a treat!



# St. Mary's Marathon



Myrtyce



Mary Jane



Phyllis



St. Mary's students came to Lake Villa to create posters for the School Marathon. As the students walked past Lake Villa, the tenants waved the posters and cheered. Some of the tenants even got special hugs from their grandchildren who were walking by.

The second graders from St. Mary's came by to read with the residents.



George



Lorie

## A note from the Facility Director- Sr. Sharon

### "SAINTS PRESERVE US"



Although many of us in this area of the country are not Irish, the saying often heard in other parts was this very expression. I think it is a very good one as **ALL Saints Day** is celebrated **November 1<sup>st</sup>**. Many Saints are celebrated in the month of November especially our Patroness, **St. Mary of Providence on November 12<sup>th</sup>**. That is where our name came from: **Daughters of St. Mary of Providence**. We believe that **God's Providence** does and will provide in all matters necessary according to His Will in our regard and for those we serve throughout the world.

We have just finished celebrating the **Anniversary of our Founder, St. Louis Guanella**, canonized by the Church in 2011, had this quotation, **"Holiness will save the world!"** He was recognized for the many goods works that he accomplished as he said only by God's assistance. So too, the many Saints that have preceded us in the course of history and more currently, some young people like St.'s Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati which can give good example to all of us but especially to the young.

But...what about the Saints who live among us? They are in our families, among our neighbors, in our communities! Their good works and holiness shine out to us as well and leave us with everlasting thoughts of their love, compassion, and good old-fashioned hard work.

These examples should bring about in us a sense of great gratitude for our **faith, family, and country!** We are on the cusp of **Thanksgiving**. A Time of gratitude for the many who have brought us to that day in this great country of ours! We are not perfect and we have much to continue to strive after for the good of all, but we are on that Pilgrim Path of those early settlers who made a painstaking way for us. Let us be grateful for all that God has given us by way of His Divine Providence in keeping us in existence even today to do good and to honor Him in all that we do for one another with that great love and determination that has shown forth in all the Saints past, present, and among us!

**HAPPY THANKGIVING AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO EACH OF YOU!**