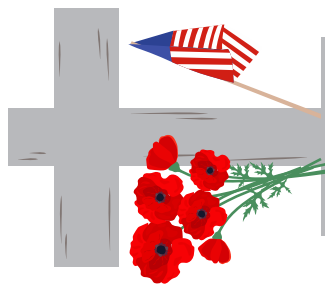


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# News & Views

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**DIVINE PROVIDENCE  
COMMUNITY HOME**

*Enriching lives through Quality Services and Christian Care*

## A note from the Administrator - Jayna

We are thrilled to announce that our annual Minnesota Department of Health Survey was completed this April! For three days, surveyors joined us to visit with residents, families, and staff, observe our daily care, and review our records. The best part of the report? Our residents are happy. The surveyors shared that our Grandfriends had no concerns to report, which is the greatest compliment we could receive. While the state identified a few administrative areas for us to polish—specifically enhancing our documentation and meeting minutes—these updates simply allow our paperwork to better reflect the high-quality care we provide every day. The survey gave us a few homework items regarding our record-keeping, but the core message was clear: our care is excellent. We are now focusing on strengthening our documentation to ensure our paperwork shines as brightly as our staff does. It is a wonderful feeling to have the state confirm what we already know: our staff provides truly excellent care.

Thanks to the unwavering support of the Divine Providence Auxiliary, our DirecTV service has been updated to a new High Definition (HD) system with a bonus 12 new channels. Our previous system served us well for seven years, outlasting its original five-year contract. We were able to secure this upgrade with only a minimal increase in cost, ensuring our residents get the best technology at a great value. The Auxiliary continues to cover the monthly service costs for our residents. Because the new system requires modern technology, we are currently replacing older, incompatible TVs with brand-new versions (also funded by Auxiliary donations). Our maintenance team is working hard to get every room hooked up and running smoothly. We know how important those favorite shows are!

Next, we are getting ready to celebrate! From May 10th through the 16th, we will be observing National Nursing Home Week. This year's theme is "Moments in Bloom," a beautiful tribute to the connections and compassionate care that flourish right here in our halls. We officially kick off the week on the Monday after Mother's Day with our May Crowning honoring tradition, faith, and the beauty of the season.

Staff will be participating in fun dress-up days. The Activity Department has a full calendar of bingo, special snacks, and surprises planned for both residents and staff.

Thank you to our staff, our Auxiliary, and our wonderful residents for making April such a success. We can't wait to see our community continue to bloom as we head into May!



We are delighted to announce Fr. Paul Schumacher has recently started celebrating Mass at the chapel. He currently resides at Lake Villa Maria and we are grateful for his saying "Yes!" to partly coming out of retirement. Fr. Larry Wiesler continues to split the duties with Fr. Paul so we are able to offer Mass each day of the week at 11am. As always, everyone is welcome to come and celebrate with us!



**If you are bringing clothes in for a resident, please give them to the nurses' station so we can make sure they are properly labeled with their name.**

**Quilt  
Corner**

**Quilt Raffle  
June 25th!**

The Auxiliary will be holding a quilt raffle on June 25<sup>th</sup>! They will be raffling off the "Over & Under #2" quilt (pictured right). You can purchase tickets at the business office for \$2.00 per ticket or contact an Auxiliary member.



The May "Quilt of the Month" is Purple Paradise (pictured left), a beautiful kaleidoscope designed quilt! This quilt features bold colors with purple edging and a shell-like backing. This quilt would make the perfect gift for a high school or college graduate! The cost is \$95.00

The quilters are continuously finishing new quilts, so check the website to find the quilts currently available or stop in to see them. We have a selection on display in the entry way and down the hall. Prices have been adjusted!  
[www.divineprovidencehome.org](http://www.divineprovidencehome.org) "Quilts for Sale" tab

# THANK YOU

- Thank you to Phyllis Wendinger and family for the donut treats
- Family of Grace Steffl & Georgie Meyer for the puzzle donations & puzzle table
- Ann McCabe for spring cleaning and tending to our north courtyard!
- Dr. Murthy for the shared birthday treats- Happy Birthday Dr. Murthy!
- Mary Tauer for the beautiful handsewn wall banner
- GFWC Qui Vive Sleepy Eye Club for the Mother's Day Treats
- St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women for their May Day cards & treats
- Cindee Krzmarzick's guitar students for sharing their talents
- MN Honor Society Students sharing fun & fellowship
- St. Mary's Prom attendees and coordinators for sharing their enchanted evening with us
- Donation received from Mary Gigstad in remembrance of her 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
- **Memorials received in memory of Phyllis Lux Schouvieller**
  - Collette Irlbeck
  - Family & Friends of Phyllis
- **Memorials received in memory of Louise Forster**
  - Collette Irlbeck
  - Tom & Lisa Pelzel
  - Joan Grausam
  - Steve & Judy Schotzko
  - Patrick & Debra Buley
  - John & Eileen Hirsch
  - Russ & Ann McCabe
- **Memorials received in memory of Ervan Moldan**
  - Mary Lou Mathiowetz
- **Memorials received in memory of Janet Kral**
  - Sharon Carr
  - Mary Lou Mathiowetz
  - Steve & Judy Schotzko
  - Mary Jane Huberty
- **Memorials received in memory of Donald Brinkman**
  - Rhelda Riley
  - Donald & Beverly Mickelson



## Residents:

**Rose Martinka**

## Employees:

**Jeanne Ludewig, Lucia Martinez Paredes, Jeanette Merkel, Randy Renner, Patty Rosenhammer, Joslyn Sellner, Kenadi Steffl, Melissa Vickery, Macy Wagner**



101 years young for Adeline!

Fun & Fellowship with MN Honor Society Students



**Blue Stone Therapy**

# Athlete of the month



## Georgeen Dietz- Lake Villa Maria

Georgeen was chosen as our athlete of the month due to her commitment to her overall health. She consistently comes to each session motivated with a smile on her face. We are very proud of the progress she has made and look forward to seeing her continue to succeed.

## Therapy News

From Ashley Remus, Rehab Director:



Ashley Remus, OTR/L, CLT

April was Occupational Therapy month. We proudly celebrated our incredible Occupational Therapy team and the impact they make every day. Our OT staff goes above and beyond to help individuals build independence, regain confidence and achieve meaningful goals in their daily lives. Their dedication, compaction, and expertise truly change lives. We are grateful for the difference they make with our patients here at Divine Providence. (Occupational therapy team members are Ashley Remus, OTR/L, and Kennedy Groebner, COTA.)



Divine Providence & Lake Villa Maria extends our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of 3 residents

Louise Forster

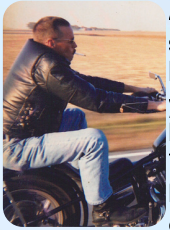


Louise dedicated her life to the service of others, a calling that defined both her career and her character. For many years, she served as a Title I aide at St. Mary's School, where her patience and kindness left a lasting impression on countless children. She later worked as a proofreader for over 20 years at AUI/Norwood Promotional Products before retiring in 2010.

While she took pride in her work, family was the center of Louise's world. She was blessed with four children, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Louise was a constant, loving presence in their lives—rarely missing a game, a school event, or a milestone. She had a gift for making people feel seen and cherished, never missing an opportunity to send a thoughtful card to mark a special occasion.

Deeply rooted in her faith, Louise loved Jesus not just as her Savior, but as a dear friend. She lived out her devotion through her active involvement with the St. Mary's CCW and Christian Mothers, as well as weekly Adoration. She always sat in the front pew at Mass on Saturday night to be fully engaged without distraction. During Louise's final days, she asked Sr. Sharon, "I'm so ready to go, why doesn't God take me home yet?" Sr. Sharon replied, "Maybe God still has some work for you to do." She wittingly replied, "Like what?!" Louise told her children in these days that there were moments where she saw the light of God and she was at peace— an inspiration for us all.

Lamont Butcher



A native of Morgan, MN, Lamont held a variety of roles over the years. He spent several years as an over-the-road truck driver, before his desire to be closer to home brought him back to New Ulm. There, he dedicated ten years to Minnesota Valley Testing Laboratories, Inc. Even in retirement, Lamont stayed busy, handling early morning janitorial services for Smiley's Tavern and lending his hand to small engine repairs. His passion was Harley-Davidson motorcycles, especially with 'Ester' which he re-built. He enjoyed going for long rides with his friends as well as bow-hunting, mushroom hunting, and fishing.

Phyllis Lux-Schowieller



In 1952, Phyllis began her journey with Jerome Lux at St. Mary's Church. Together, they built more than just a farm in Leavenworth Township; they built a foundation for eight children. In addition to being a mother, she also worked part-time at the Orchid Inn. Following Jerome's passing in 1981, she stepped into a leadership role, using her "keen sense of business" to navigate the farm through the difficult agricultural economy of the 1980s.

In 1989, her extended family grew bigger as she married Richard Schowieller in the chapel built by her Great-Grandfather in Wanda. She became an important member of the Morgan community as a volunteer at the retirement home doing hair, nails & make-up. After Richard passed, she moved to Lake Villa Maria and was able to attend daily mass and prayer services. She made close friendships with any of the residents she met as her daily ambition was "Brighten the lives of the people you meet!" We can all agree- she certainly fulfilled this while living here!

**OUR NEEDS AT DIVINE PROVIDENCE**

We are just beginning our new annual appeal. Due to the significance of the window project, we are continuing to raise funds for this project and we also hope to purchase a used wheelchair van. 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:

Used Wheelchair Van	\$50,000.00
Balance of Window Replacement & Shades	\$150,000.00

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](http://divineprovidencehome.org)**

Proceeds benefit the Auxiliary which supports Divine Providence.

<u>DIRECTORY</u>	
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.....	Sharon Liese
Environmental Services.....	Randy Renner
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Lake Villa Maria Housing Manager.....	Gina McKeown
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# AN ENCHANTED EVENING-ST. MARY'S PROM



St. Mary's students brought a bright burst of joy to the halls of Divine Providence and Lake Villa Maria recently! The visit was made even more meaningful because several students were visiting their own grandparents—making those shared moments extra special for the whole family.





### Tea & Tiaras Party

The Miss Sleepy Eye Ambassadors & crew from Cinderella joined us for a fun afternoon!



### Neighbors of the Realm



# A note from the Facility Director - Sr. Sharon

## SPRING into MAY

Here we are already in May! We are nearing the end of the Easter Season and we continue to see the joy of the Resurrection everywhere. The year is flying by so very quickly and we must be about our Father's business!

**May 1<sup>st</sup>: St Joseph the Worker!** Right on time for building, planting, caring for others, and every other good work to do. "Lord, give success to the work of our hands."

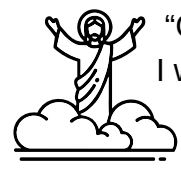


**May 10<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day** This year it falls on the sixth Sunday of Easter. On this day, we celebrate all our mothers. As a mother, she assists in raising up "little disciples" for the Lord's vineyard. Mothers have such a significant role as did Mary, our Lord's Mother. She did ordinary things with extraordinary love to give us all an example of family life and this can be both physical and spiritual maternity.

Happy Mother's Day To all Mothers



**May 17<sup>th</sup>: The Ascension of our Lord** He tells the disciples and us: "Go forth into the whole world and preach the Gospel... for I will be with you always, until the end of time." We too are sent on a Mission, each of us according to God's Providential Plan. Never underestimate your role, you have a purpose!



**May 24<sup>th</sup>: Pentecost Sunday** Here we celebrate the coming of The Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, Disciples, and us. The Holy Spirit, if we pay attention, is a constant guide in our daily lives and a ready help when asked.



**May 31<sup>st</sup>: The Most Holy Trinity** A celebration of our relationship with our Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ✝