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**DIVINE PROVIDENCE
COMMUNITY HOME**

Enriching lives through Quality Services and Christian Care

A note from the Administrator - Jayna

Navigating the regulatory and financial environment of long-term care often brings unique challenges, and this year has proven to be an extraordinary example. Our home has continued to provide dedicated care throughout this year; however, residents have been receiving this care while our official daily rates were still being finalized. A recent communication from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) finally provided our 2026 daily rates. Typically, nursing homes receive their updated rate notices by November 15, allowing us ample time to inform self-pay residents and families before changes take effect the following January.

Unfortunately, this year DHS failed to submit the necessary paperwork on time to the federal government to receive approval of updated rates which resulted in a nine-month delay in securing federal approval for these rates, meaning we are only recently able to process them. Because state statute requires facilities to retroactively bill back to January 1, we have recently had to process these retroactive adjustments—a complex task made even more intricate by the changing care needs of our residents throughout the year.

These 2026 rates are driven primarily by factors outside our direct control, including a state-mandated minimum wage increase to support our dedicated frontline healthcare workers, a temporary state-mandated bed tax called a surcharge, and our standard annual operating costs reported to DHS. To make the rates even more confusing the higher bed tax is only in effect from January 1 through September 30, which means the rates decrease October 1st.

We deeply sympathize with the financial strain this places on our residents and families. Despite these regulatory hurdles and administrative complexities, our ultimate and unwavering mission remains the same: providing exceptional, compassionate care to our residents and supporting the dedicated staff who look after them every day. We are deeply grateful to our entire community for your continued understanding, support, and trust in us as we navigate these state requirements together.

Divine Providence Auxiliary Annual Fall Bazaar Sunday November 1st, 2026



Coffee & Donuts: 7:30–9:30am in the Fireside Room

Bazaar & Country Store: 7:30am–2:00pm

- Famous Auxiliary Handmade Quilts
- Crafts
- Homemade Baked & Canned Goods
- Fresh Garden Produce
- Wine Pull
- Caramel Rolls & KC Donuts



Famous Roast Beef Dinner: served 10:30–1:00pm, dine-in or take-outs available (includes roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, glazed carrots, coleslaw, wheat bun, coffee, milk, and angel food cake with your choice of topping)



Raffle: \$1.00 per ticket

- Grand Prize Quilt (pictured) made by Patty Haala and Cash Prizes
- Drawing held at 1:00 pm

If you haven't received tickets, contact the Business Office at Divine Providence to purchase tickets at 507-794-3011. Need not be present to win.

This fundraiser greatly benefits the Divine Providence Auxiliary.
Please join us! We look forward to seeing everyone!



Athlete of the month *Barb Jenniges*



Barb Jenniges was nominated as our athlete of the month for her continued effort and progression after her shoulder surgery. She is always willing to come to therapy, even on days when her pain is severe. Keep up the great work Barb. We are so proud of how far you have come!

THANK YOU!

- A big thank you to everyone who generously shared fresh produce with us- including Rosie Mangen, Stacy Tauer, Katie Domeier, Lynne Schroepfer, Mary Tauer, Robin Piehl, Dell Hillesheim, and many others we didn't get the names of.
- Thank you Vicky Weiss on behalf of Koozie Group for the donated pens
- **Memorials received in memory of Kathleen Huberty**
 - Brenda Walden
 - Joan Grausam
 - Linda Stafford
 - Rae Mudick
 - Dan & Mary Tauer
 - Dan & Christine Hoffmann
 - Denise Perhay
- **Memorials received in memory of Medard Haala**
 - Neil & Rose Mangen



Pictured: (L to R) Sr. Sharon, Sr. Savina (front), Sr. Esther, Sr. Neuza, Bishop Chad Zielinski, Sr. Ann, Sr. Samala

Two sisters from the Province who currently live in Italy visited Divine Providence during September to see us living out our mission. This included the Vicar General- Sr. Neuza and Sr. Esther, a Canadian who speaks English and assists with translating. They greatly enjoyed their time here and were proud of all the work we are doing to take care of our residents. Bishop Chad Zielinski came to celebrate Mass and meet the Sisters.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

RESIDENTS

Gladys Feser 10/27
Marion Schaeffler 10/29

EMPLOYEES

Lisa Bohlin 10/4
Michele Schettler 10/5
Patty Berkner 10/8
Aranza Tovar 10/10
Liliana Martinez 10/12
Brittany Yerty 10/14
Katie Braulick 10/16
Mike Suess 10/16
Amber Moll 10/20
Kathy Moldaschel 10/29

October

Employee Spotlight

BRITTANY YERTY

CNA/TMA



How long have you worked here? **11.5 months**

What does your job entail? **Helping residents with their ADLS and always making sure the residents have a smile on their faces**

What inspired you to work in a nursing home? **I have always loved taking care of people**

What is your favorite part of the day at Divine Providence? **My favorite part is being thanked by the residents for just taking care of them and seeing smiles on their faces**

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

When I came back for the second time and met all of the amazing residents

About your family: **I have a wonderful mother and father named Lillian and Earl Sr., and I have three older brothers: Earl Jr., Ted, and Jimmy**

A fun fact about yourself most people don't know: **I am engaged to Jonathan Altmann who also works at Divine- we are getting married next fall! Also, I love helping and caring for all the amazing residents!**

Love is a-maize-ing!

Celebrating 58 years of Carol & Will.



Another milestone was celebrated with 58 years of wedded bliss for Carol & Will- Happy Anniversary!



in loving memory

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



Kathleen Huberty

Kathleen was a dedicated educator, talented writer, and musician committed to social justice. Born in Tracy, MN, she graduated with an English degree from the College of St. Teresa in 1967 and spent decades working in insurance and financial firms before returning to her true passion: teaching. As an English instructor for the Bloomington Department of Education's Adult Programs until her retirement in 2016, she deeply impacted her students, successfully fulfilling her lifelong wish to be remembered as a kind, loving, and positive advocate for others.



Dorothy Lax

Dorothy devoted her life to raising ten children alongside her beloved husband Albert, whom she married in 1956. She was an active member of the Church of the Japanese Martyrs in Leavenworth. Raised in Sigel Township, she graduated from Holy Trinity Catholic School in 1955. Known for her deep faith, beautiful flower gardens, and servant's heart, Dorothy served her parish as a sacristan, Eucharistic minister, and rosary leader while anchoring her family with selflessness and quiet wisdom.

OUR NEEDS AT DIVINE PROVIDENCE

As of September 30th, we have received \$166,162 for our 2026 Annual Appeal. Due to the significance of the window project, we are continuing to raise funds for this project and we also have ordered the wheelchair van scheduled to come in October. 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:

Wheelchair Van	\$100,000.00
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

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.....	Sharon Liese, CDM
Environmental Services.....	Randy Renner
Health Information Manager/HIPAA.....	Alexa Crim
Lake Villa Maria Housing Manager.....	Gina McKeown

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A fun Chili and Soup Competition was held on September 23rd, and many staff members brought in their favorite soups and chilis. Staff and residents all enjoyed trying the many different varieties and votes were cast for their favorites!



Fun times in September!



Another fun DQ outing with the ladies!



Lake Villa Tenants spent an afternoon making School Spirit signs with the St. Mary's students to cheer them on as they walked the Marathon around the lake. Unfortunately, it was a rainy day and the Marathon was moved indoors. Everyone still enjoyed creating the signs together!



A note from the Facility Director - Sr. Sharon

THE AUTUMN HARVEST

God's goodness in the earth's bounty and in the souls of His beloved people!

Fr. Guanella, our Founder, often speaks to us of God the Father's loving providence in all things; in the fruits of the earth, and in the people that we are surrounded by and the entire world. We are called to follow in Fr. Guanella's footsteps, which are those of Christ. Based on Gospel values, we are called to **be** Providence and to **give** Providence with that same kindness, generosity, goodness, patience, and love that we see in Christ.

God's bountiful goodness

Look at the fields, ready now for harvest. They were planted, cultivated, fertilized, and left to grow. Likewise, the animals that have arrived over the course of spring and summer. And what of the families that have accepted new life over this time! Fr. Guanella would say to us:

"It is God's works!"

It is hard work in the fields, taking care of animals, running a business, raising a family, living a community life. Yet, in all this God is often imperceptible, although very near, in these daily events, gently and lovingly cultivating each soul to prepare for His Harvest of us into His Kingdom.

Striving for the Kingdom

Fr. Guanella's Charism of Charity continues to call his Daughters (Daughters of St. Mary of Providence) and Sons (Servants of Charity) in upwards of 16 Countries throughout the world to continue cultivating peoples and souls for **The Harvest**.

"We can never stop as long as there are persons in need!"

St. Louis Guanella was Canonized October 23, 2011

Beatified October 25, 1964

Anyone interested in learning more about the Life and Ministry of St. Louis Guanella and the Missions of the Sisters throughout the world can contact any of the Sisters. We are re-activating our Guanellian Movement and Cooperators after a renewed interest.

Please join us! The Harvest is ready!