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# News & Views

## November 2026

*Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family*



Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good;
His love endures forever.

*Psalm 107:1*

DIVINE PROVIDENCE
COMMUNITY HOME

*Enriching lives through Quality Services and Christian Care*

# A note from the Administrator - Jayna

This fall has been unusually warm and mild, allowing us to take full advantage of the extended summer weather to complete some much-needed outdoor projects around our home. First, Patrick from Hoffmann Landscape Curbing repaired our retaining wall, starting near the Angel Courtyard and moving north along the west side of the building. In addition to the fresh landscaping blocks, new river rock and shrubs were planted to complete the look. This entire project was funded by the Sleepy Eye Knights of Columbus through generous donations from their members and the local community. Patrick did an amazing job, and we are so happy with the results and immensely grateful for the Knights' support—without their generosity, this project would not have happened this year.

Our North Courtyard wall is also undergoing repairs this fall. A couple of years ago, Andy's Masonry replaced and repaired bricks near our front entrance and completed pillar, gate, and brick repairs with a new waterproof cap in our Angel Courtyard. Impressed by his craftsmanship, we knew he was the right person to tackle this next phase. He has begun a month-long repair on the North Courtyard wall where he will replace the worst of the bricks (about 300) and swap out all the Kasota stone caps for new custom concrete caps poured directly on top of the brick wall. To ensure the structure lasts much longer and protects against future water damage, he is installing waterproof flashing underneath along with rebar and stainless-steel reinforcement before pouring the concrete. The cast iron fence and gate will also be sanded and repainted, followed by a thorough pressure washing to make everything look brand new. While the North Courtyard unfortunately has to remain closed during construction, the long-term protection against water corrosion will be well worth the wait.

Thanks to the incredible weather, our Trishaw put on plenty of extra mileage this year, staying on the road for at least a month longer than normal. Our Grandfriends loved taking rides through town to see the changing leaves and the festive pumpkin and Halloween decorations. They even braved the annoying Asian lady beetles and boxelder bugs that came with the warm, sunny days! Their absolute favorite route was the peaceful bike path around the lake, which winds outside of town among the corn and bean fields with occasional wildlife sightings. While the Trishaw has finally been parked in preparation for winter, we are excited to say the new van has finally arrived! Although the van won't be able to cruise down the bike path, it will allow us to travel safely during the colder months ahead and give everyone wonderful opportunities to get out and about.



(Pictured above) Andy from Andy's Masonry hard at work making the repairs to the North Courtyard Wall





Retaining walls rebuilt by Hoffmann Landscape Curbing



**The VAN has ARRIVED! We are incredibly grateful to the Sleepy Eye Community, Families, DPCH Auxiliary, and Annual Appeal Donors for all your generous support in making the purchase of our new van possible! Thank you!**

## Thanksgiving Dinner

JOIN US!

**Thursday, November 26th, 11:00am- 1:00pm**
**Lake Villa Cafeteria**
**$20 Adults | $10 Children 10 years & under**
**For reservations, please call 507-794-3011**
**or email Sharon Liese: sliese@dpch.net**

**Menu**

- Roasted Turkey Breast
- Baked Ham
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Stuffing
- Glazed Carrots
- Dinner Roll
- Pasta Salad
- Cranberry Jelly
- Pumpkin Pie
- Milk



# thank you

- Thank you to the many wonderful families and children who stopped by to visit us during Divine Providence's Halloween Treat Pass! It was such a joy to see all the smiles and excitement!
- A special thank you to Miss Sleepy Eye Royalty, Greta Siefkes, for joining us, and our helpers- Ann McCabe, the Braulick family, Helen DesMarais, and Lisa Pelzel. You all made our Halloween Treat Pass extra memorable!
- Cindy Rieke for the little pumpkins
- **Memorials received in memory of Kathleen Huberty**
  - Joe & Zita Pietrus
  - Myrtyce Remus
  - Diane Maurer
  - Lucy Moldaschel
  - Mary Lou Mathiowetz
  - Jeanne Ludewig
  - Mary Ann Andreason
  - Steve & Judy Schotzko
  - Lynette Braun
  - Lenny & Linda Neid
  - Darryl & Lois Helget
  - Huberty Cousins
  - Steve & Lois Hillesheim
- **Memorials received in memory of Dorothy Lax**
  - Dan & Mary Tauer
- **Memorials received in memory of Monica Warwick**
  - Gl & MJ Bloodgood
- **Memorials received in memory of Marie Bushard**
  - Joan Grausam
- **Memorials received in memory of Donna Brinkman**
  - Mary Lou Mathiowetz

## in loving memory

*Divine Providence & Lake Villa Maria extends our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Marie Bushard*



Marie Bushard

Born and raised in Sleepy Eye, Marie was the oldest of four siblings. Alongside her husband, Leon, she raised five children while traveling for his military career before dedicating over 40 years to cooking at St. Mary's Catholic School and running St. Mary's Catering. For Marie, food was the ultimate expression of love, creating connection and caring for generations of people. A devout member of St. Mary's Catholic Church who enjoyed gardening, Minnesota sports, bowling, and fishing, Marie leaves behind an enduring legacy of kindness, devotion, and a genuine care for others.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## NOVEMBER

### RESIDENTS

Carol Hillesheim 11/19
JoAnn Treml 11/21

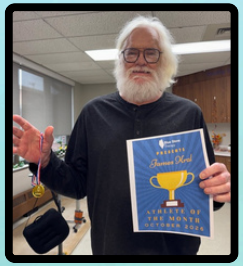
### EMPLOYEES

Kimi-Rae Schlueter 11/2
Cindy Christensen 11/5
Abigail Shaw 11/9
Brylee Hansen 11/10
Alannah Urbano 11/23
Madelyn Martinez 11/23
Ruby Lopez 11/25

Blue Stone Therapy

## Athlete of the month

### Jim Kral



Jim is our athlete of the month due to his determination and effort given to improve his overall progress in therapy. His positive spirit makes a difference each day and puts forth his best effort with a smile. Keep up the great work!

**We recall these Residents and Tennants who have passed to eternal life. They were lifted in prayer at Mass for All Souls Day on November 2nd, 2026.**
**October 1, 2025- October 1, 2026**

Sandra Anderson
Beverly Blumhoefer
Lamont Butcher
Darleen Carroll
Ferdinand Citterman
Mary Doyle
Louise Forster
Bernice Goldschmidt
Arlene Havemeier
David Holkesvig
Kathleen Huberty
Dorothy Jacobsen
Dorothy Lax
Nicholas Lux
Orpha Lendt
Lucille Losleben
Shirley Hansen Netsch
Norbert Peschong
Karen Schaefer
Phyllis Lux-Schouvieller
Nancy Steinhaus
Jeanne Vickery
Caroline Welsch

# Trick or Treat

Our annual treat pass was held on Oct 30th. Trick or treaters stopped by Divine in their best costumes!





Georgie



Ruth



Lorie

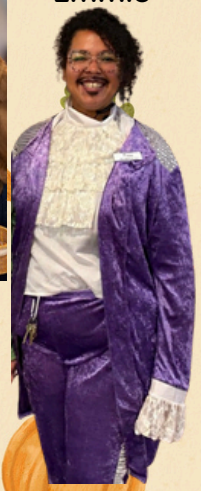



Marion



Myra

Did you know Prince was also an RN? He was our nurse for the day! Also known as Nurse Emmie





Leo




Joe



Delmar

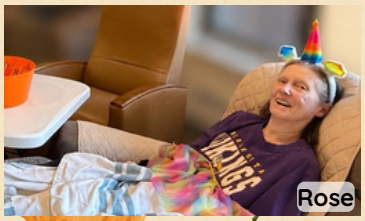


Kathy



Patty & Chuck





Rose



Irene



Ronda






Betty



Brad



Lois





Bev



Aut



























During October, South Point Financial Credit Union stopped by to do yard work and play bingo. We also celebrated Octoberfest with music by Dain's Dutchmen!

# OUR NEEDS AT DIVINE PROVIDENCE

As of October 31st, we have received $186,247 for our 2026 Annual Appeal. Due to the significance of the window project, we are continuing to raise funds for this project and for the new wheelchair van which we have just received. 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:

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| 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

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| 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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**Congratulations to our winners from the Divine Providence Fall Bazaar!**

**Grand Prize Quilt: Mary Lou Mathiowetz**

**$100.00 Cash Prizes: Marlene Schwartz, Gina McKeown, Delores Spaeth, Brenda Schroepfer, Katie Northagen**

**A special thank you to John Rosenhammer and family for donating 150 pounds of hamburger in memory of Patty Rosenhammer. This hamburger was sold at the country store during the bazaar and brought tremendous support for the Auxiliary. Patty was an LPN at Divine Providence for over 30 years and is deeply missed here!**

**Thank you also to everyone who donated towards the raffle, wine pull, bake sale, country store, quilts, and bought meals. Thank you to everyone involved with helping make the bazaar a success! We appreciate our supportive community!**













# 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 1st**. Many Saints are celebrated in the month of November especially our Patroness, St. Mary of Providence on November 12. 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 good 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 our young people.

But…what about the Saints who live among us? They are in our families, among our neighbors, in our Religious Community/local 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. A good example of this too, among many, was Marie Bushard. What an example for all of us!

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 path for us to follow. 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 in all the Saints past, present, and among us!

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND MAY GOD'S BLESSINGS BE TO ALL!**