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## Volunteers - Con't from front page.

When asked why she chooses to volunteer with seniors, she responds, “it is a way to honor my parents and grandparents.”

There are many ways to volunteer, such as Mary & Bob Rice who come on weekends to lead “party bingo,” while others like to volunteer for events and parties. We have a gentleman that comes in to play cribbage with another community member once a week.

If you have a talent to share or just want to make a difference in someone’s life, call our volunteer coordinator Barb Nelson at 639-5050 ext. 175.

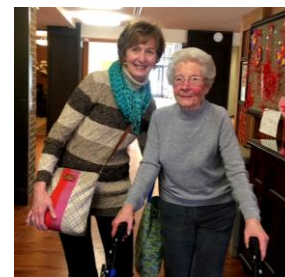
**All of us in leadership at St. Monica’s would like to thank all of our volunteers for making a difference in so many lives here at St. Monica’s. Thank-you!**



## A Big “Thank-you” to our Many Volunteers

By Loretta Baxter RN, Administrator

One of the magical ingredients to St. Monica’s success as the “Best of Racine” Senior Living community is our “volunteers.” Many volunteers, families and employees contribute to our mission of “engaging everyone” during their life’s journey. St. Monica’s volunteers come from various paths to our doorstep. Some such as Barb Nelson, decide to stay after coming almost daily while her mother was a community member here for 4 years and once she passed away, “missed us” and wanted to continue to be a part of this lively community.



Others such as Kathy Zablotney signed on as a volunteer with the “Senior Companion Program” an incredible non-profit organization in Racine that visits seniors wherever they live. This program visits over 15 seniors here at St. Monica’s. Kathy pictured here with one of her clients, St. Monica’s community member Hilda Ayers, visits weekly and shares conversation, smiles and laughter. Kathy loves hearing the many stories of the lives of the community members she visits.

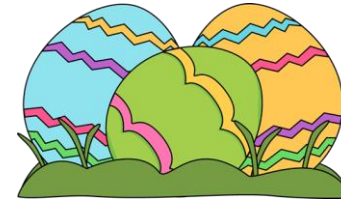
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Carol Stutzke – our kitchen supervisor has been preparing home cooked meals for 40 years! Carol started out as a kitchen server and after a while was asked to help prepare meals for our community members. She mainly apprenticed with many of the Sisters, but her primary instructor was Sr. Amalia.

Carol has one son, and several grandchildren, whose company she enjoys. No surprise, they all worked at St. Monica’s over the years. In her spare time, Carol likes to walk her dog and travel to her home up north.

When asked if she gets tired of preparing meals, her answer is always, “no, I enjoy creating nourishing and delicious meals.”



### Easter Egg Hunt!

Spring is just around the corner and it will soon be Easter. This year we have something special planned. We are inviting the families of our community members and all staff families to join us for an egg hunt. The egg hunt is scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday at 2pm. This year, weather permitting, we are going to take advantage of our beautiful grounds and take this party outdoors. The eggs will be hidden on the west side of the building. If the weather is inclement, we’ll hide the eggs indoors. We love to see multi-generations of families visit so we hope to see children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. We have some Easter baskets to pass out, but if you have your own, please bring it.

**Mark your calendars for Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.**



### Casino Outing

Back by popular demand is another outing to Potawatomi Casino up in Milwaukee. We will be taking our bus up there. The date of the outing is Tuesday, March 20 at 9am. The bus ride is free.

Please sign up early for this trip. We need to arrange for attendants for those of you who require additional help. Please see Shannon if you have any questions.

### HOLY WEEK RELIGIOUS SERVICES

- Monday.....8:30 Mass
- Tuesday .....8:30 Mass
- Wednesday.....8:30 Mass
- Holy Thursday.....**NO** 8:30 Mass  
10:30 Methodist Service  
**6:00 Mass/Lord’s Supper**
- Good Friday.....**NO** 8:30 Mass  
10:30 Stations of the Cross Enactment  
**1:00 Good Friday Service**
- Holy Saturday.....**NO** 8:30 Mass
- Easter Sunday..... 8:30 MASS

### TRANSITIONS

#### Sympathy

Beverly Scholzen

#### Hospital/Rehab

Ruth Breckenridge

Mary Anderson

Clarence Ivanoski

Dolores Bethke

Dorothy Esson



After taking a year off for our renovation our health fair is back by popular demand. This year's health fair is **April 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1:30pm.**

We will have many free health screenings such as memory loss screening, blood pressure checks, blood sugar screening, hearing screening, skin cancer and vision screenings. You can also sign up for a Safe assured ID. There will be many vendors displaying their services to answer questions you might have. Lunch will be available for purchase. Tell your family and friends to join us, it's free and very beneficial.

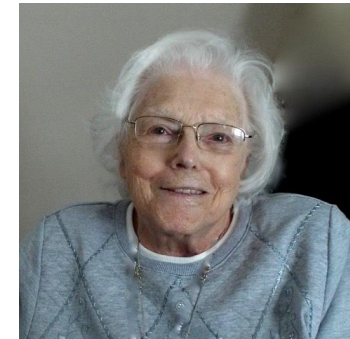
### **Trinity Irish Dancers!**



The world-renowned **Trinity Irish Dancers** are once again performing at St. Monica's.

We are so delighted that they are able to thrill us with their synchronized dancing.

**The date of the performance is Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am.** The performance will take place in our party room, located on the lower level off of the central elevator. Please feel free to invite your family members and friends to join us for this fabulous program. If you have any questions please contact Shannon at 262-321-7135.



Olga Nielsen, room 71, is a new member of our community. Olga has lived in Racine all of her life, graduating from Park High School. She is a member of St. Lucy's Catholic Church, and appreciates being able to attend mass and rosary here. After High School Olga went to St. Mary's School of Nursing in Milwaukee to become a registered nurse. It was while she was going to school that she happened to attend a banquet for the Racine City League Basketball team with a girl friend of hers who wanted someone to go with, and there met the man who was later to become her husband. Together they raised a family of five children, three daughters and two sons. Their daughter, Susan, and son, Frank "Rocky," live in Racine. Olga worked as a nurse at the "old St. Mary's" hospital on and off during the years that she was raising her children. She also worked in the office of an allergist, a job she says she particularly liked. She went on to work at Ridgewood Care Center (the old High Ridge) and stayed there until her retirement, after which she enjoyed getting together with fellow nurses monthly. In her spare time she enjoyed crocheting, knitting, and quilting. She and her husband took trips to visit their son who lives in Florida and their daughter who lives in the state of Washington. They also had fun trips traveling to Florida with her sister and family in their camper. Olga says she used to like to play sheepshead and may check out our sheepshead group, just to listen in. Welcome to St. Monica's, Olga!



## Caught you Caring



**Trisha Miller** was nominated for our “Caught you Caring” award by one of our community members for her kindness and happy demeanor. Trisha has been with St. Monica’s kitchen staff for about six months.

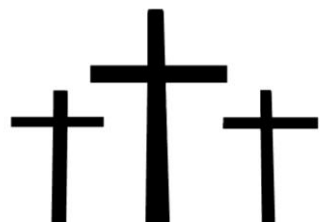
Her favorite part of her job is conversing with the community members and serving them their meals. She is constantly amazed at their stories and life spirit. Trisha has two children that she adores. A boy and a girl, both grown and doing great. In her spare time Trisha spends time with her children and visits with her 5 sisters where they eat, sleep over, play cards and have fun. Trisha also lives with her 85 year-old mother. Congratulations to Trisha!!!



Clarence and Mitzi Ivanoski brought their big smiles and good sense of humor with them when they moved into apartment 36 last week. They left their condo to join us here after Mitzi had a stay at Ridgewood




for some rehabilitation. Both of them are natives of Racine; Clarence graduated from Park High School and Mitzi from Horlick. They say they have always known each other since they met in Sunday school where he sat behind her and pulled on her pigtails. They have been married for eventy years. Clarence went into the Navy after high school and was stationed at naval hospitals where he worked in administration. When he returned he began work for J.C. Penney Company, a position he had for 22 years, and which resulted in them traveling to several different locations and meeting many wonderful people. He ater had his own hardware store in Carlisle, Indiana. They are members of North Point Methodist Church, and Clarence enjoys joining his friends for breakfast regularly, often meeting hem at Reflections Restaurant. He is a dedicated Cubs fan, and enjoys reading magazines and newspapers. Mitzi worked as an accountant throughout her working years, and in her leisure time she liked to crochet, quilt (she made five quilts which she gave to her nieces) and do ceramics. She also was very fond of playing the piano. She and Clarence loved dancing and could be found on the dance floor every weekend. They have many friends and hope to make some new friends here. Welcome to St. Monica’s, Clarence and Mitzi!

## Good Friday Passion Play



This year we are once again able to enact the Stations of the Cross through our Passion Play. This enactment is performed by our community members, volunteers and staff members. It is a moving way of experiencing the Stations of the Cross.

**This enactment will be held on Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.** It is being held in the chapel. All family members and friends are invited to share in this experience.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>March</b>	<u>Daily</u> 8:30 Mass 9:00 Coffee 10: Game Shows 10:30 Gen. Store 4:00 Rosary 6:00 Cards	<u>Anytime Activities</u> Dakim Computer Puzzle Making Libraries Internet Music Serenity		1 9:00 Nails 10:30 Protestant Church 10:30 News & coffee 1:00 Bingo 1:00 Lend a Hand 2:30 Snacks w/Nancy 3:00 Myrasized 6: Wheel of Fortune	2 9:30 Exercise 10:30 Marian Group 11:00 Piano/Jana 1:00 Current Events 2:00 Novice Group 3:00 Adoration 6:00 Drive in Movie, "Son's of Katie Elder"	3 9:30 Exercise 11:00 Library 1:00 Game time with John 4: Fatima Rsry 6:00 Movie and snack time	
	4 8:30 Mass 10:00 Trinity Irish Dancers  2:00 Shamrock Shakes	5 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Kirby Visits 10:30 Faith share 1:00 Bowling 2: Mexican Train 3:30 Dice Games w/ Lois 5:15 Music memories	6 9:00 Water Colors 10:30 Reminisce 1:00 Bingo 1:00 Dollar Store & Piggly Wiggly 2:30 Sit & be fit w/ Pietta 6: TCM/snacks	7 9:00 Sheepshead 9:30 Balloon Fun 10:30 Play Practice 1:00 Kerplunk 2:30 RAM on the Road 6:00 Bingo w/Kathi	8 9:00 Nails 10:30 Methodist Service 1:00 Lend a Hand 1: Mending w/Mary 1:00 Music Bingo 2:15 Snacks w/ Jeff 5:00 Table Games	9 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Sparks 10:30 Marian Group 11:00 Piano/Jana 1:00 Current Events 2:00 Novice Group 3:30 Sit to be fit with Julie	10 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Library 1:00 RVC Irish tunes and crafts 6:00 Movie and snack time
	11 8:30 Mass 10: Painting w/ John 1:00 SMBTL Bingo 2:30 Movie time 5:00 Trivia Night	12 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Council Mtg. 10:30 Res Mtg 1:00 Bowling 2:30 Charlie Plays the piano 3:45 Cards w/ Josie 5:45 Ice cream social	13 8:30 Anointing of the sick. 9:30 Craft club 10:30 Story time 12:00 Dog Visit 1:00 Bingo 1:00 Movie Outing 2:00 Dr. Pothen 2:30 Salvation Army 5:30 Giant Crossword	14 9:00 Sheepshead 9:30 Balloon Fun 10:30 Play Practice 1:00 Travel to Ireland 2:30 Bob Ropiak 4:00 Tall tales w/ Frank 6:00 Bingo w/Kathi	15 9:00 Nails 10:30 Protestant Church 1:00 Lend a Hand 1:30 Birthday Bingo 3:00 Bible Study 3:00 Myrasized 3:30 Easter Egg Crafts	16 10: Rick Rodgers and his Bag Pipes 11:00 Jana Piano 1:00 Current Events 2:00 Happy hour w/ Novice Group 5: Flame Choir 	17 St. Patrick's Day  9:30 Exercise 10:00 Library 1:00 Bingo w/ Mary and Bob 6:00 Movie and snack time

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<b>18</b> 8:30 Mass <b>1:00 Beading w/ Dannielle</b> <b>2:30 Movie time</b>	<b>19</b> 9:30 Exercise <b>10:00 Kirby visits</b> 10:30 Faith share <b>1:00 Bowling</b> 2:30 Baking Club <b>3:30 Dakim with Nicki</b> 5:30 Farkle	<b>20</b> <b>9:00 Casino Outing</b> 9:30 Painting <b>10:30 Stretching</b> 12:00 Dog Visit <b>1:00 Bingo</b> 2:30 Wheel of Fortune <b>3:30 Sing a long</b> 5:30 Uno Card Playing	<b>21</b> 9:00 Sheepshead <b>9:30 Balloon Fun</b> 10:30 Name Five 1:30 Prayer Shawl <b>2:00 Bill Performs on his guiter</b> <b>6:00 Bingo w/Kathi</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00 Nails <b>10:30 Protestant Church</b> <b>1:00 Bingo</b> 1:00 Lend a Hand <b>3:00 Myrasized</b> 3:30 Music Time 5:30 Mexican Train	<b>23</b> <b>9:30 Exercise</b> 10:30 Stations/Cross <b>11:00 Piano/Jana</b> <b>1:00 Play Practice.</b> 2:30 Novice Group <b>3:30 Reading Club with Dorothy</b>	<b>24</b> <b>9:30 Exercise</b> 10:00 Library <b>1:00 Dye Easter eggs with John</b> <b>6:00 Movie and snack time</b>
<b>25</b> <b><u>Palm Sunday</u></b> 8:30 Mass 12:45 Hide Eggs with Bea <b>2:00 Easter Egg Hunt</b> 	<b>26</b> 9:30 Exercise <b>10:30 Faith share</b> 1:00 Putting <b>2:30 Stories with Jessie</b> 3:30 Records & coffee <b>6: Benny &amp; Jack</b>	<b>27</b> <b>9:00 Painting</b> 10:30 Reminisce <b>10:45 Pizza Hut Buffet</b> <b>1:00 Bingo</b> <b>2:00 Dr. Pothen</b> <b>3:30 Coloring w/ Josie</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00 Sheepshead <b>9:30 Balloon Fun</b> 10:30 Snack making 1:00 Movie time <b>2:30 Kathi &amp; her Accordion</b> <b>6:00 Bingo w/Kathi</b>	<b>29 Holy Thursday</b> 9:00 Nails <b>10:30 Methodist Service</b> <b>1:00 Bingo</b> <b>2:30 Play Practice</b> 3:00 Myrasized <b>6:00 Service</b>	<b>30 <u>Good Friday</u></b> 9:30 Exercise <b>10:30 Passion Play</b>  <b>1:00 Communion Service</b> 2:30 Apostle Peter and the Last Supper Movie	<b>31 <u>Holy Saturday</u></b> <b>8:30 Prayer Service</b> 10: Library <b>1:00 Play uno with Cindy</b> 3:00 Coloring w/ Josie

**RESIDENTS**

Margery Mullikin 3/1  
 Margaret Yoghourtjian 3/3  
 Arlene Starke 3/4  
 Dolores Bethke 3/5  
 Nina Tavora 3/11  
 Rose Muzenski 3/13  
 Millie Bauers 3/18  
 Sam Eagleson 3/18  
 Richard Barta 3/22  
 Emily Savasky 3/23  
 Betty Costabile 3/27

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

**STAFF**

Alia Scott 3/3  
 Codie Hannemann 3/7  
 Jasmine Kozina 3/8  
 Drew Chambasian 3/11  
 Katlyn Klepp 3/12  
 Anelita Brown 3/15  
 Samantha Bardales 3/16  
 Arshun Lewis 3/16

Debra Mulder 3/17  
 Mielisha Carter 3/18  
 Shawntae Fair 3/23  
 Tameka Barry 3/24  
 Jaila Holland 3/25  
 Rowshanie Griffin 3/29

**March Birthstone – Aquamarine**  
**March Flower – Daffodil**



**Religious Services**

**Catholic –**

**Mass** @ 8:30 every morning.  
**Rosary** @ 4:00 every afternoon



**Lutheran Service** @ 10:30 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Thursdays of the month.

**Methodist Service** @ 10:30 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Thursdays of Month