

Villa Maria Lifetimes



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Mission Statement:

“Villa Maria inspired by the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation, serves those in our care with respect and compassion as we strive to fulfill the healing mission of Jesus.”



Mark Your Calendars:

Annual Resident/Family Picnic



**Thursday, June 14th
4:00pm-5:30pm**

(RSVP to Villa Receptionist)

Upcoming Events

May:

- 8th Veteran's Social-9:00am
- 8th Special Music: The Notables-11:00am
- 13th Happy Mother's Day: Special Music
Rick Miller-2:00pm
- 15th Special Music: Doug Spartz-5:00pm
- 17th Special Music: Slew Foot Band-11:00am
- 18th Monthly Birthday Party:
Brian, Collin and Nancy-2:00pm
- 22nd Veteran's Social-9:00am
- 22nd Steve Stark-2:00pm



June:

- 4th Special Music: Larry Chapman-2:00pm
- 5th Service of Remembrance-2:00pm
- 5th Special Music: John J-5:00pm
- 13th Special Music: Inez Rath-11:00am
- 14th Resident/Family **PICNIC** ...4:00pm
Special Music: Chuck Fox
- 17th Happy Father's Day: Special Music
Jerry J-2:00pm
- 25th Memories: Steve Worner-2:00pm
- 28th Redhawks Game-12:30pm
- 29th Monthly Birthday Party:
Blue Moon-2:00pm



July:

- 16th Special Music: Steve K-2:00pm
- 17th Special Music:
Dawn Pappenfuss-11:15am
- 19th Special Music: Joan Miller &
Depot Singers-11:00am
- 25th Special Music: Raw Sugar: 5:00pm
- 27th Monthly Birthday Party:
Claude Wahl-2:00pm

Ongoing Activities

- Bingo 2:00 pm(Tues, Sat)
- Card Bingo 2:00pm(Fri, Sun)
- Catholic Mass 2:00pm(Weds)
- Protestant Services 2:00pm(Thurs)
- Communion Service 12:00pm(Mon, Fri)
- Singing 11:15am(daily)
- Library Outreach 3:00pm(2nd & 4th Weds)
- Veterans Coffee Hour 9:0 am
(2nd & 4th Tues.)

Watch for additional special events on the television monitor in the hall outside the dining room.





Coloring Easter Eggs



Off to the races.

Did You Know...

- We can always use help with gardening. See Julie if you are interested.
- We are looking for volunteers to escort residents to appointments. If interested, see Julie.
- Thanks to all the volunteers!
- It's time for spring cleaning. It's a great time for loved ones to help residents go through their closets, taking winter stuff home and bring in spring/summer clothes in.
- The Grievance Officer is Vickie Ness. If you have any concerns that you feel have not been addressed, call Vickie.
- Light is essential to all life — so essential that God provided the sun as a constant source to supply the energy necessary to sustain all life on earth.

Environment Update

Summer is around the corner and the environmental staff is working on switching from heat to air. Talk to a staff member if you have any questions.

Get Connected
A Group for Family Caregivers
Tues. May 22nd from
5:00pm-6:00 pm
Potluck -Soup to be provided
Topic:
“Taking Care of yourself”
Speaker- Kendra
from Alzheimer’s Association



Sunshine
Watersports & Tours

Dietary Corner

Beginning May 1st, we are asking that guest meal requests be ordered an hour before the meal.

Coming soon: New Menu Items



Residents and dietary staff had lots of fun with our menu taste testing. We would like to thank all residents and families that came and tried the food. Dietary received a lot of feedback on new menu choices and the top choices will be added to our new menu coming out in May. See Brandy, dietary manager, with any questions.

Health Department Survey

The ND Health Department conducted Villa's annual survey from April 2nd to April 5th. A copy will be available for review at the front desk in the coming weeks.



Having fun.

Formation Minute

In the Catholic Church, the month of May is dedicated to Mary, the mother of God. Without going too deeply into this, I found, while rereading the Rule of Life of the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation, a line about Mary which could help us to understand our work in Catholic healthcare as more of a ministry. It states, "The contemplation of Mary in her attitude of offering and availability helps each sister to enter into the Mystery of Christ and to live the spirituality of the present moment" (*Constitutions*, C. 49).

It was through Mary's "offering and availability" at the moment that the angel Gabriel came that Jesus was able to come into the world. This is the "spirituality of the present moment": being able to recognize God and say yes to Him in the moment. Now, most likely we won't have an angel appear to us, but there are other, more simple ways in which we are called to bring Jesus into the world. We are Christ's hands and feet when we serve others, whether that is as a nurse at someone's bedside, or at a desk ensuring the financial stability of your

department. It is simply finding God in what we are already doing.

Pope Francis last month released a letter to the whole Church in which he encouraged this type of spirituality as a means to grow in holiness. He says that holiness is found in serving others in our day-to-day activities. He writes, “To be holy does not require being a bishop, a priest or a religious... We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves” (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 14).

Holiness isn't necessarily about changing *what* we do, but rather about changing *how* we do what we are already doing. During this month, perhaps we can try to be more like Mary, and be more aware of our ability to bring Christ to others in all that we do through adopting a “spirituality of the present moment.”

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Spiritual Corner

Changing of the Seasons

With Easter this year seeming to be ages past, with the slow exit of winter and the slow entrance of spring, let us not be overcome so much by the physical changes around us as by the glory of the seasons that we celebrate in our faith journey. The seasons that we experience in the here and now are but only fleeting moments on our calendar of life, while what we experience in our walk of faith in the here and now are part of that glorious eternal journey. As the weather outside begins to warm and shine its rays of hope for a beautiful summer and a bountiful harvest let us dwell in the rays of hope of Christ's ever present light that brings new growth on this, our spiritual journey. Let us always give the glory for all we experience to the God of the universe, Our Creator in Heaven. Let us graciously ask him for his continued love and strength for perseverance to guide us to right paths.

May God always Bless you in whatever season you feel your are in.

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