



THE VILLAGE
AT INCARNATE WORD

THE VIEW

A Publication for Residents, Staff, Families, and Friends of
The Village at Incarnate Word



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A Message from Our CEO

The Village: A Community Built on Love and Care

Dear Residents, Families, and Friends of The Village at Incarnate Word,

It is with great joy and pride that I share with you the heart and soul of our community — love. The love that infuses every interaction, every service, and every corner of The Village. As we continue to grow and serve, we remain deeply committed to providing an environment where love isn't just a concept, but a tangible, lived experience for all who call this place home.

Love is expressed in the warm smiles of our dedicated staff, who go above and beyond to ensure each resident feels valued and cared for. It's in the thoughtful conversations over meals, the quiet moments shared during activities, and the personalized care plans that cater to the unique needs of every individual in areas requiring care. It's also in the peaceful surroundings that encourage relaxation and connection, whether it's through the beauty of our gardens or the inviting common spaces where laughter and companionship are ever-present.

In our community we believe that love is found in the small, everyday moments — whether that's a gentle hand on the shoulder, a kind word spoken, or a group activity that fosters friendship and joy with great leaders like Fernando and Nelly.

It's not coincidental and it's not just a concept — it is the foundation of everything we do. It is through love that we create a community where each person feels valued, supported, and cherished. We are united by a common faith and a shared purpose, to serve one another as Christ served us.

As I learn more about our community, it simply deepens my affection, while affirming my passion to serve. I am thankful to all the residents and associates for quilting such a special pattern only etched in the heart of one place, The Village!

Let us all continue to be vessels of love for one another. Whether through the care we provide, the friendships we build, or the moments we share, we are living out our commitment to making The Village at Incarnate Word not just a place to live, but a place to truly thrive. Thank you for being a part of this extraordinary community.

With warm regards,

Le Roy Fields Campbell
CEO, The Village of Incarnate Word



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MISSION MOMENT



Written by Sr. Shirley Vaughn, CCVI, MA
Mission Integration Director

“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”
- John 10:10

John the Evangelist places this statement by Jesus in the context of his role as the Good Shepherd in contrast to those who put their own desires over the welfare of the flock. As I write this, we are still in the Christmas Season, celebrating that the eternal Word of God took on flesh as the baby Jesus. Lovely as that image is, we cannot forget that Jesus grew up and the cost of his good shepherding of the people was condemnation, which he foresaw because the next words he spoke were “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” By faith, we know that the crucifixion was not the end of the Good Shepherd. In our faith journey with Jesus, we go from Crib to Cross to Crown. Our residents and staff are long past the crib stage of life and at times experience the cross stage through illnesses of their own or of their loved ones. Residents also experience other losses such as of great hearing, acute eyesight, steadiness of gait, physical strength and finally the loss of those they love the most, spouses, siblings, long-time friends and sometimes even children and grandchildren.

With all these losses, how do we find joy living at The Village? Clearly, through faith in God’s love - experienced through the compassionate care of the staff and of other residents. As Jesus laid down his life for us, he gave us an example to follow. We find happiness in our lives here by helping each other to the extent that we can. We can also reach beyond our neighbors and staff by participating in volunteer activities. By focusing on helping and serving others, our losses can fade into the background of our minds and hearts.

Another aspect of having life more abundantly comes from developing and maintaining an “attitude of gratitude.” We find joy by showing appreciation for those who help us - wait staff, housekeepers, maintenance workers, caregivers, drivers and everyone who shows us respect and compassion. When we realize how blessed we are to have a safe place to live, surrounded by wonderful people, we can’t help but be happy. When we consider the opportunities that are provided for us to have new experiences, to practice our faith and to learn new skills without even having to “leave home” we know that many people would love to have what we have.

John also records that Jesus told Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,” (11:25) Believing this and living accordingly brings us to the Crown phase of our lives: eternal happiness in union with God.

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John 11:25



Five Reasons Why People Choose to Make the Move to The Village

Deciding to move into a senior living community can be a tough choice, but many residents consider it the best decision they've ever made—and some even wish they had made the move sooner. So why wait? The Village offers a lively environment where care, tradition, and community come together. Here are the top five reasons why so many choose The Village as their new home:

1 Carefree Lifestyle

Say goodbye to house cleaning, lawn mowing, and repair worries. At The Village, staff takes care of housekeeping, transportation, maintenance, and dining, allowing residents to focus on what matters most. For those who enjoy entertaining, our dining staff can even cater private dinners or parties in your apartment, stress-free.

2 Healthy Lifestyle

At The Village, we strive to make healthy living easy and enjoyable. There are ample fitness opportunities including daily exercise classes, a fully equipped Wellness Center, and a heated indoor Aquatic Center. Whether it's yoga, pickleball, or a scenic walk, there's always a way to stay active and have fun.

3 Spiritual Enrichment

Founded by The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, The Village fosters spiritual growth for people of all faiths. With four onsite chapels, daily Mass, Perpetual Adoration, Bible studies, prayer groups, and personal spiritual counseling, residents have numerous opportunities to deepen their faith and connect with others.

4 Engaging Activities

Stop "passing time" and start pursuing your passions! The Resident Services team curates a monthly calendar with a wide variety of events, from arts and crafts workshops to social gatherings and educational seminars. Whether you enjoy exploring the city or volunteering, there's always something to keep you engaged.

5 Community Spirit

Many residents say that the moment they entered The Village, they felt at home. Living in a true community here means sharing experiences, supporting one another, and fostering deeper connections. For many, it's the warmth and camaraderie of the community that truly makes The Village feel like home.



If you are interested in life at The Village for yourself or a loved one, we encourage you to visit our website at www.thevillageiw.org or call Alma Cosme, VP of Marketing, at (210) 829-7561 ext. 114 to schedule a tour!

Christmas Fun



Marjorie, her daughter, and Sr. Maureen



Sr. Consuelo & Sr. Mary



Isabel & Thomas



Betsy & Fannie Raye



Bill at Windcrest lights



Hortense & Tony



Kitty, Kathy, and Nancy attend the "Jingle & Mingle" Christmas event



Residents enjoy cheering on the Spurs at a game!



Sr. Sarah helps welcome Le Roy to The Village



Sr. Margaret Rose (right) celebrates her 100th birthday with Sisters Ann & Josetta



Helen poses with her fall craft



Residents pass out candy at our Halloween Trunk or Treat



Wilma enjoys a visit from Happy Tails



Sisters Annella & Kathleen celebrate their birthdays



Residents attending an opera at the Tobin Center

THE MANY FACES OF LOVE

Love finds its way into our lives through many people - whether they're your soulmate, your family, or your friends. Here at The Village, you'll find that love and respect for one another is all around.



Leo and Virginia's love story began nearly 70 years ago at Hermanson's Roof Garden, where a dance sparked a lifelong connection. They were married in 1956 at St. Mary's Church High Hill, one of the Painted Churches of Texas. Together, they raised five daughters and now have six grandkids, two great-grandchildren, and several step-grandchildren.

For Leo and Virginia, the key to a happy marriage is simple: whatever you do, always do it together. They have always attended church together, enjoyed regular vacations as a family, and worked side-by-side on projects at home or in the garden. As a couple, Leo and Virginia have found true joy in caring for one another. As Leo puts it, "I'm here for her and she's here for me". Their enduring love is a testament to the power of togetherness, faith, and family.



Ruth and Marie, sisters from Del Rio and neighbors here at The Village, have shared a lifelong bond that has only deepened over the years. As the older sister, Marie was always there for Ruth - whether it was helping at home or picking her up when she got hurt at the school playground (a frequent occurrence, according to Marie). As they grew up, Ruth was able to return the favor by being there for Marie throughout life's challenges, including the loss of her husband. They've enjoyed countless shared experiences, like traveling together on family genealogy trips, with Ruth driving and Marie navigating.

They both believe that the key to keeping family connections strong is simple: stay present, make the effort, and always be there for each other. Living as neighbors now, they cherish quiet Sunday afternoons watching football, sharing memories, and enjoying the sisterly love they've built over a lifetime.



Resident, June, and caregiver, Norma, first met seven years ago through Sisters Care. Since then, their relationship has blossomed into a beautiful friendship built on mutual respect, open communication, and kindness. June feels grateful for the support Sisters Care has provided her, beginning in 2011 when her husband needed assistance. Now that she is a client, she enjoys receiving daily assistance from Norma with errands, appointments, and shopping. Above all, she feels thankful for the bond she shares with Norma, and the loving community spirit that she feels here at The Village with the CCVI Sisters.

Norma expressed gratitude for June and the Sisters too, noting that she enjoys visiting the Adoration Chapel to pray, and always says a prayer for June too. The caring friendship between June and Norma exemplifies the love, respect, and friendship that are at the core of exceptional caregiving.

THE HEART OF Worship

Founded by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word in 1988, The Village is a spiritually enriched community. Residents of all faiths are welcome to live at The Village and participate in ongoing spiritual life offerings.



Spiritual Life Offerings

We offer daily Catholic Masses, Adoration, and Rosaries in various chapels on our campus. Read our Village Chapels listing for more information on our chapel schedules. →

In addition to Catholic offerings, we host Episcopal Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month at 4 PM in St. Joseph's Chapel. Protestant Chaplain pastoral visits are currently offered by Army Clinical Pastoral Education interns through a partnership with the CPE Center at BAMC.

Ecumenical services, bible studies, and sacred music concerts are also offered throughout the year. Details on those events are sent out on our monthly activity calendars and via email.

Our Spiritual Life Team



Therese Pieniazek

Spiritual Life,
Liturgy, & Chapels
Coordinator



Sr. Shirley Vaughn, CCVI

Mission
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**Rev. N. James Rutkowski
"Fr. Jim"**

Chaplain

If you are interested in attending Spiritual Life events at The Village or getting involved as a volunteer, please email therese.pieniazek@thevillageiw.org to learn more.

Village Chapels

All chapels are open daily for private prayer & reflection.

St. Joseph's Chapel



Located in Gabriel House, 2nd floor. Daily Masses are offered Mon. - Fri. at 11:30 AM, Sat. at 4 PM, and Sun. at 10:30 AM. Rosary is prayed Mon. - Fri. at 4:05 PM. Masses can also be viewed on in-house channel 1890.

Jeanne DeMatel Chapel



Located in DeMatel House Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation. Masses are offered Tues. - Fri. at 10 AM and Sun. at 9:30 AM. Masses can also be viewed on in-house channel 1893.

Prayer Chapel in Angelique House



Located in Angelique House, 2nd floor. In the chapel, the Blessed Sacrament is present in the Tabernacle. Mass is offered Mon. at 10:30 AM.

Adoration Chapel



Located in Gabriel House, 3rd floor. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are offered daily from 12 - 4 PM.

Chapel of the Incarnate Word



Located adjacent to The Village. Mass is offered the second Sunday of each month at 11 AM. Mass can also be viewed on in-house channel 1892.

Congrats EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR Lily Lam



The Village is thrilled to recognize Lily Lam as our 2024 Employee of the Year! Lily has been the charge nurse in Angelique House Assisted Living and Memory Care for over a year. Lily consistently goes above and beyond, combining her strong work ethic and expertise to deliver exceptional care. She acts as a true advocate for our Angelique House residents, ensuring that they receive the compassionate and individualized care they deserve.

Lily's dedication to service, along with her heart for others, is evident in every interaction she has with our residents, their families, and her colleagues. The Village is incredibly grateful for her exceptional care, knowledge, and compassion. Congratulations, Lily, on this well-deserved recognition!

“Lily embodies our mission with selflessness and leadership. She is truly loved by all!”

- Devona Council, Angelique House Manager



Congrats also to our Employees of the Month, Oct - Dec 2024!



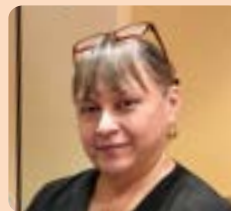
OCTOBER
Ray Johnson
DeMatel House

Ray has been a nursing assistant at DeMatel House for two years. He is praised by residents for his patience and kindness while providing care. He is always ready to support his fellow team members by answering call lights, assisting with transfers, and helping new staff members acclimate to their roles. Thank you, Ray, for living our mission!



NOVEMBER
Brenda Arrona
Angelique House

Brenda has worked as a med-aide at The Village for three years. She is caring, proactive, and always ready to assist residents or her fellow staff with any needs that arise. Brenda never adopts the mindset of "that's not my job"; instead, she approaches every task with enthusiasm and love. Thank you, Brenda, for your dedication to compassionate care!



DECEMBER
Patsy Ordenez
Housekeeping

Patsy has worked at The Village for 14 years and was recently promoted to Lead Housekeeper. She has truly shone in her new role, always stepping up to help others and leading by example. Residents, families, and staff praise her for her positive, cheerful attitude and caring demeanor. Thank you, Patsy, for your leadership and dedication!

Staff Spotlight



Dan Nixon has joined our DeMatel House team as Director of Nursing. He is board certified in Geriatric Nursing and has over 35 years of experience in long term care. Outside of work, Dan enjoys spending time with his children, attending rock concerts, and sporting events. He feels blessed to be here at The Village and looks forward to working with the CCVI Sisters and his new colleagues.



Diana Smith was promoted to to Alphonse House Assisted Living Manager. She previously served as the Medical Records Coordinator in DeMatel House. She has over 25 years of experience in long-term care and is committed to building meaningful relationships with both residents and staff. Outside of work, she enjoys concerts, live music, and spending time with her family.



Alex Del Pino
Congratulations to Alex on recently earning his MBA! Alex is the Therapy Program Manager for Select Rehabilitation here at The Village.



Ana Cantu
Congratulations to Ana on her promotion to Restorative Aide! Ana has worked as a CNA in DeMatel House for the past 11 years.



Topacio Rodriguez
Congratulations to Topacio on earning her BBA in Accounting! She has worked at The Village for 13 years and is the Director of Finance.

New Community Partner: Beyond Faith Homecare

Beyond Faith Homecare, Providing Solutions to Your Healthcare Needs wherever you call home.

Beyond Faith's mission is to provide superior quality home health care services that patients recommend to their friends and family; physicians prefer for their patients; employees are proud to be a part of and community partners think of first.

Beyond Faith Homecare is a leading, trusted, provider of Medicare Certified Home Health, Homecare and Private Duty services in Texas. Their home health team consists of registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, medical social workers and certified home health aides. They take time and consideration to match you with the nurse, aides and therapist who have the skills, language, cultural mores and expertise to meet your needs. Beyond Faith Homecare clinicians are licensed and insured in their state of practice. Their team undergo extensive ongoing specialty training designed to address home health care experiences, disease states & concerns.

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In Memoriam

Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2024

The Village at Incarnate Word is grateful for the opportunity to have served the following individuals:

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ON THE COVER

Residents pose for photos for “The Many Faces of Love” article on Page 6. Top left photo is of sisters and Village residents, Marie and Ruth. Top right photo is of June, resident, and Norma, Sisters Care caregiver. Bottom photo is of married couple and Village residents, Leo and Virginia.



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