St. Ann's

THE SCOOP

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Replica Visit

The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe recently displayed here is one of four exact 4' x 6' replicas of the original Miraculous Image of Our Lady which she left on St. Juan Diego's cape in 1531.

The replicas were commissioned and blessed by Monsignor Diego Monroy, Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City to share with pilgrims around the world, to help bring about conversion to the Catholic faith, reverence for life, the sanctity of the family, and solidarity of the Church in America.

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared three times, where later a temple was built and remains today, in what is now a suburb of Mexico City. Juan Diego's tilma (cape), woven from cactus fibers, with a shelf-life of just 30 years at best, remains miraculously preserved.

The symbolism of Our Lady's dress in the replica is somewhat obvious to over eight million Native Mexicans, who all speak different languages.

She is brighter than the sun, more powerful than any Aztec god, yet she is not a god herself, and she prays to one greater than her. Her gown is adorned with stars in the correct position as in the night sky, and the gold fringe of her cloak mirrors the surrounding countryside.

More photos on page 7.

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Sandy Vereecken is Sept. Honoree

We are excited to announce Sandy Vereecken is our September staff member of the month.

Sandy has been a valued St. Ann's staff member for four years. She has held the position of housekeeper, and most recently became a Prep Cook in the kitchen.

Sandy received nominations for her upbeat attitude and her willingness to help out when needed.

Sandy, thank you for your great service and dedication to St. Ann's. We are blessed you are on our team.

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It Is Time to Think, and Act, on Influenza Prevention

St. Ann's residents - and staff - will begin to see a series of influenza prevention and general wellness reminders this month.

Infection Prevention Specialist Kelsey Sager, RN, said she expects the organization will get its stock of flu vaccine relatively soon. Residents who have given consent for flu vaccines will be first in line for the key preventative measure.

Staff members can expect to get their vaccination during annual Skills Fair sessions set for Oct. 17 and 18.

Sager says St. Ann's will again closely follow advice from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the Kent County Health Department, both of which provide prevention guidelines. Both agencies also track and release weekly flu statistics, which helps St. Ann's and all local healthcare organizations stay ahead of flu season severity and helps determine any changes to in-season activities, like limiting visitor acccess.

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Mass Intentions

St. Ann's residents and family members who would like to submit an intention for Mass are asked to provide details before the 20th of each month, for the following month.

Submitting Mass intention requests by this date will ensure the Sisters and staff will have time to include your intentions in the next month's bulletin.

Thank you for your consideration, as we continue to provide prayers and support for our residents.

COMMUNITY

Medical Director Update

Please note that Dr. William Dukes will begin his tenure on Monday, Dec. 2, some 30 days later than anticipated. In the meantime, Dr. Saleh Dyke, a well-established and a highly-skilled family physician will serve as interim Medical Director. Dr. Saleh joins us with a wealth of knowledge and a passion for helping others, especially residents in Grand Rapids-area senior care. He will work closely with nurse practitioners and physician assistants here from Nov. 3 until Dec. 3.

Our current physicians, Dr. Afriyie Randle and Dr. Troy Silvernale and their attending mid-level providers, will complete their contract with us Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019.

You will also soon meet and get to know Nurse Practitioner Stacie Walker,

See Medical, on pg. 8

Cover Photo

Residents enjoyed leisurely carriage rides around campus and through the neighborhood on a September Saturday afternoon. More photos on pg. 8.

ST. ANN'S MISSION

Our mission is to provide a loving and spiritual community for older adults to live lives of caring and wholeness inspired by our Carmelite foundation of fraternity, service and prayer.

October **BIRTHDAYS**

KATHLEEN S.
October 7

ROSEMARY W.
October 8

CONNIE S.
October 12

VIOLA C.
October 14

SHARON W.
October 16

JANET F.
October 22

ELAINE A.
October 23

CATHERINE R.
October 25

ELINORE B.
October 29

LOIS M.
October 29

GLADYS M.
October 31

Community DOG WALK at St. Ann's

- Displays by:
  West Mich. Therapy Dogs
  Pet Tales Rescue
  Fido & Stitch

Pet Tales is the event beneficary. Consider bringing a donation of IAMS dog or cat food, paper towels, puppy training pads, or cat litter.

You & Your Pets Please Join Us: Oct. 10, 5 - 7:30 p.m. Front Circle Drive

- Dog walk course
- Snacks
- Raffle

Fido & Stitch
is our event sponsor!

All residents and their family members are invited! Residents will enjoy seeing & meeting cute pets, and family members are encouraged to bring their dogs to support the cause.

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Sign-up required for off-campus events

DATE	TIME	EVENT OR DESTINATION
Oct. 2	2 p.m.	Pulaski Day Party with Stan Mroz
Oct. 10	5 p.m.	St. Ann's Dog Walk
Oct. 14		Happy Columbus Day!
Oct. 16	1 p.m.	Fall Color Tour (sign-up required)
Oct. 24	2 p.m.	October Birthday Celebration
Oct. 28	9:45 a.m.	Samaritan's Carriage Outing (Sign-up required)
Oct. 31	2 p.m.	Halloween Spook-tacular Party
Please remember all groups and visits are subject to change. Please be sure to thank all our generous visitors each month.		

Spook-tacular Halloween Party

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Available at 9 a.m. Tuesday, October 15, in the Chapel.

Mass Times
Monday - Saturday: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

The Rosary
4 p.m. Daily

Bible Study
6 p.m. Thursdays

In Memoriam -
Odina M.

St. Ann's residents who are unable to attend Sunday Mass may tune into WXMI TV 17 at 10 a.m. for Mass televised from the Cathedral of St. Andrew.

Mass may be watched anytime on the Cathedral website.

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Public information is located on Joachim's Place North Bulletin Board, across from the bird display, in the common area, and in the Front Lobby.

Grandparents Day Love: So Evident at St. Ann's!

Our Lady of Guadalupe Replica at St. Ann's

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RATINGS

October Birthday Celebration | 10/24 | 2 p.m.

Carriage Ride Fun: more than 30 residents toured the campus and neighborhood.

Medical, from pg. 1

who joins our clinical team and brings 17 years of acute- and post-acute care in Grand Rapids. She is a 2001 graduate of Western Michigan University and 2005 graduate of Grand Valley State University, with a Master's degree in nursing. We look forward to expanding our collaboration. Please do not hesitate to contact Dana Prince by email, dprince@stannshome.com, or phone 616-453-7715 x 1101, or our Director of Clinical Services, Jena Mis, by email, jmis@stannshome.com, or phone 616-453-7715 x 1104.