

December 2024

# Common ground.



## Soul Food.

From the office of Mission Integration and Spiritual Care.

The month of December ushers us into the Advent Season, a season that reminds us of the need to do some soul searching, cleaning up, and getting ready to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Advent season gives us the opportunity to stop and recap about what makes life meaningful. The cleanliness which is Godliness like we make sure our house is clean for an important visitor. In a fresh manner, we take time in advent to ensure our souls are spiritually sanitized to welcome Jesus anew to our life. Fr. Joseph, our priest Chaplain has giving us more insight to how Christmas should be fully prepared for. Happy Advent Season to all.

### Chaplain Lola Alokani

*Director of Mission Integration and Spiritual Care*

*The season of Advent is now here to give us the space to spiritually prepare for the great feast of Christmas. In these weeks, however, we're almost "bombarded" with Christmas television advertisements, Christmas music and Christmas decorations. It's easy for Christians to lose our focus.*

*How much better this time of preparation would be if we would slow down to reflect on a Scripture passage each day. Here are ten that call us to remember God's promise of light in the midst of darkness, hope in the midst of despair, life in the midst of death:*

*Jeremiah 33:14-16, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 11:1-10, Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2:8-20, Luke 2:6,7, Matthew 2:1,2, Romans 15:12,13 and John 1:29.*

### Fr. Joseph Weigman

*Priest Chaplain*



## Employee spotlight.

**Stephanie Brown** has worked at St Clare Commons for just over 2 years. She grew up in California and Oklahoma before coming to Ohio. In her spare time she enjoys doing cross stitch and spending time with her kids. A typical work day for Stephanie involves doing resident laundry and connecting with them as she delivers their garments to their rooms. She absolutely loves pasta and traveling to visit family. Stephanie is always so cheerful and we are thankful she is a part of our team.



# Happy Holidays!

Please join us for our Christmas Party December 18. Seating starts at 4:30 p.m. and dinner starts at 5 p.m.. Each resident is allowed two guests, if you plan to attend RSVP to the front desk by December 6. Dinner will be prime rib, green beans, twice baked potatoes and crème brûlée cheese cake.

## Gratitude and appreciation.

This past month we gathered around for Thanksgiving and expressed gratitude and appreciation for all our residents, families, friends, staff and volunteers we have here at St. Clare Commons. We also had Ohio Living join us for a Veterans Day Ceremony to honor our servicemen and women by presenting them with pins and a certificate.



## Announcements.

### Internet Service

St. Clare Commons is in the process of transitioning cable and internet service to Buckeye. We hoped that the transition would be seamless, but we identified that some additional IT equipment was needed. The equipment has been ordered and we anticipate WiFi services to be available in the near future.

### Introducing Serenity's Custom Alexa for Senior Living

By marrying Amazon's Alexa voice AI and video technology with Serenity's platform, Serenity's custom Alexa deployment serves as a personalized, digital concierge – bringing simplicity and connection to an otherwise complex, siloed system. The cutting-edge technology increase's resident engagement and vital family connectedness.

To learn more, join us in the Wood Room at St. Clare Commons on December 5, 1p.m.



## Important dates for family and residents.

### December

The Advent services are every Monday and Wednesday of each advent week with Mass at 10 a.m.

Advent reflection takes place shortly before Mass each week.

- 5 Serenity Meeting, 1p.m.
- 8 Door decorating with St. Johns XXIII children, 1 p.m.
- 10 Live Music with David Puatno, 2 p.m.
- 10 AL Resident Council, 1p.m.
- 12 Happy Hour with Ragtime Rick, 3 p.m.
- 18 Christmas Dinner, 5p.m.
- 19 Happy Hour December Birthday Celebration with Ira Morehart, 3p.m.
- 23 SNF Resident Council, 3p.m.
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 24 Christmas Eve Mass, 3 p.m.
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Happy Hour with Elliot Trayer, 3 p.m.

## Donations for door decorating.

We will be having the children from St. Johns XXIII helping us decorate the doors and would be interested in donations to do so. Supplies may include, but are not limited to: garland, small ornaments, streamers, battery operated lights, command strips and hooks.