

November 2024

Common ground.

Soul Food.

From the office of Mission Integration and Spiritual Care.

I wish to say thank you to all employees, residents, volunteers and our Priest Chaplain Fr. Joseph Weigman for the role played all through the year to support the spiritual needs of our dear residents and of one another. This along with the celebration of All Saints and All souls in this Month of November, we take the time to celebrate with our Country, United States of America, the annual Thanksgiving Day. It is the Lord's doing that we are all alive to say Thank You our God for all good gifts we have, including all our saints whose Gospel life example we emulate and all souls of all people, family members and friends who have gone before us, for the good that they bore to us in their life time as we also pray for the happy repose of their souls. Hebrews 16:34 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good and his love endures forever! Happy Thanksgiving Day!

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Director of Mission Integration and Spiritual Care

About the Saints, Fr. Joseph Weigman has this to share in his admonition to us all. When we think of the saints, maybe a few images come to mind: someone who is perfect, someone in a stained-glass window, someone whose statue is placed on a pedestal. Most generally, however, a saint is someone who modeled his or her life after Christ, in some way; they did this so well that that the Church gives them to us as models of what we, ourselves, can become. We are saints in the making! And that's what All Saints' Day is all about.

We're not just celebrating those imperfect people who have been canonized; individual Feast Days are for that. All Saints' Day is also about celebrating those disciples of Christ who have not been canonized. Some have referred to these people as the "Anonymous Saints." Mostly, they are those whose Christ-like goodness is known only by their families, their friends, their own communities.

We have known some of these saints. All Saints' Day reminds us that we can be some of these saints.

Fr. Joseph Weigman
Priest Chaplain



Employee spotlight.

Ethan F. has been an important part of team St. Clare Commons for 2 years. A typical day for him involves cleaning the floors around the building. He enjoys traveling to Tennessee and loves to watch Football in the fall. His favorite parts about working at St. Clare Commons are the residents and being able to work with his sister. Ethan always has such a positive attitude and brings joy to everyone he meets.



Welcome New Nursing Staff Managers!

We welcome several new faces in our nursing department. **Kristie Gorsuche** is our Infection Control Nurse. **Olivia Strausbaugh** is Staff Development Manager. **Maria Moscione** is one of our Unit Managers and **Nataile Markis** is the Unit Manager for MC/AL/ IL. **Jill Russell** is the new Care Coordinator for Skilled Nursing.

Tons of fun with activities!

October was great with lots of vibrant costumes and smiling faces. November will bring more of that with another tattoo day and an outing to Bob Evans. All outings have to be signed up for at the front desk.



Important dates for family and residents.

November

- 5 Zoar Lutheran Church Service, 1 p.m.
- 12 Live Music with David Puatno, 2 p.m.
- 12 AL Resident Council, 1 p.m.
- 13 Club Fit, 1 p.m.
- 14 Happy Hour with Ragtime Rick, 3 p.m.
- 16 Paws and Hooves, 3 p.m.
- 19 Bob Evans Outing, 1 p.m.
- 20 November Birthday Party, 1 p.m.
- 21 Happy Hour with Ira Morehart, 3 p.m.
- 26 Skilled Nursing Resident Council, 1 p.m.
- 28 Thanksgiving

Tis the season for life safety violations.

Please note these items are not permitted at St. Clare Commons:

- Space heaters
- Heated blankets
- Toaster ovens
- CANDLE WARMERS
- Glade plug in type devices
- If a candle is found, the wick needs removed
- Extension cords, residents may have surge protectors if no medical equipment is plugged into it, and must be six feet away from bed
- Live Christmas trees
- Christmas lights must be UL listed, recommend battery powered lights as safest option.

In general anything that has a heated element should not be allowed.

No straw bales in or around the building