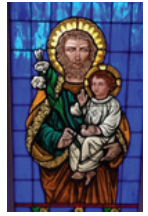




Retirement Community  
320 E. Decatur St.



St. Joseph's  
Elder Services



Hillside Villa  
540 E. Washington St.

# NEWSLETTER



## Greetings from the Administrator



### A New Year, A Fresh Beginning

A new year brings with it a sense of hope, reflection, and fresh beginnings. As we welcome the year ahead, we pause with gratitude for the moments shared, the friendships formed, and the care that continues to make our community feel like home.

For our residents, each day offers opportunities for connection, comfort, and joy—whether through familiar routines, meaningful activities, or time spent with friends and loved ones. For families, the new year renews our commitment to providing compassionate care, dignity, and peace of mind.

Together, we step into this new year with optimism and purpose, thankful for the past and hopeful for what lies ahead. We wish our residents and families a year filled with health, comfort, and moments that matter most.

In the months ahead, residents and families can look forward to:

- Upgrading the elevators at the Retirement Community
- Replacing the heating and air conditioning system at the Retirement Community
- Enjoying the newly remodeled outdoor gardens
- Music and entertainment opportunities
- Continued focus on comfort, safety, and quality care

Sincerely, Sam Prokopec



*Thank You!*  
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# Focus on our Employee's Longevity

## FOCUS ON BARB

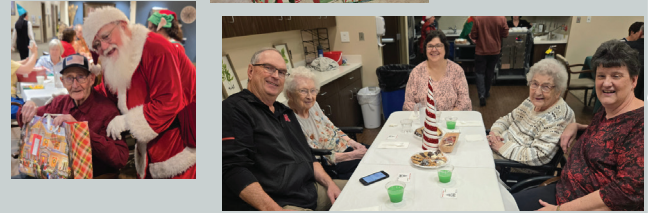


If you've spent any time around our dining area, chances are you've seen Barb doing what she does best—making good food and making people smile. Barb loves preparing meals for our residents, but just as important to her is sharing a laugh, a kind word, or a moment of joy along the way.

Barb describes herself as a simple country girl, and that comes through in everything she does. She's hardworking, genuine, and always trying to make everyone around her happy. Her sense of humor and warm personality help brighten even the busiest days.

Family means everything to Barb, and she puts her whole heart into caring for the people she loves—both at home and at work. She has a big heart and a natural way of knowing when someone needs a little extra encouragement. Whether it's a smile, a laugh, or a much-needed hug, Barb is always there.

We're grateful for Barb and the kindness she brings to our residents and coworkers each day. Her caring spirit is felt in more ways than one, and we're lucky to have her as part of our team.



## GRANDMA'S REVENGE

At the Villa, the staff added a playful twist to a well-known tune. Inspired by the song "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer", our team turned into live-action reindeer.

Residents were armed...with Nerf guns. Staff members pranced around the room as targets, giving Residents the chance to take aim and fire. The room was filled with laughter and just a hint of competitive spirit.

It was a delightful way to foster interaction and create memories that will have everyone laughing well into the new year. Who knew holiday classics could be so... action-packed?



## JANUARY EMPLOYEE WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Nancy Kaup	7 years
Jennifer Marr	5 years
Gabriela Dominguez Lopez	2 years
Abigail Paul	1 year



## Focus on Jean Schlickberd



Hi. I'm Jean Schlickbernd. I live southeast of West Point where I farm with my husband and daughter. We raise crops, have a cow/calf operation, and a small feedlot. We have been married for 46 years, have 6 daughters and 11 grandchildren which make the farm a very busy place during the summer and week-ends. We are a family farm and want everyone to feel as if they are "at home" here.

We were active 4-H leaders for 39 years and have been active with the Cuming County Fair board for 35 years. The fairgrounds is like a second home to us.

My service to the Lord has included being a church accompanist, choir leader, and Sunday school teacher. For the past eight years I have been a member of "The Heavenly Hens" which is a women's gospel group. We perform numerous times throughout the year, mainly in northeast Nebraska. It is a joy to share our faith in Christ through music.

I am also a Lay Speaker and do occasional pulpit supply for a small area congregation. I look forward to sharing some of my time leading worship at St Joseph's and want everyone to know that you are welcome to join us when we gather, no matter where you are on your life or faith journey. All are welcome. Watch the calendar, as our days will probably change. Peace be with you. Jean

## Spiritual Opportunities

### The Retirement Community

Sunday - Mass at 9:00 - Fr. Paul  
Monday - Mass at 11:15 - Fr. Michel  
Tuesday - Rosary at 10:00  
Wednesday - Rosary at 10:00  
Thursday - Mass at 11:00 - Fr. Paul  
Friday - Mass at 11:00 - Fr. Paul or Parish Priest  
Wednesday - Bible Study at 7:00 - Fr. Paul

Lutheran Services and other non-catholic services times vary and will be announced



### The Hillside Villa

Sunday - Mass at 11:15 - Fr. Paul  
Monday - Rosary at 8:45  
Tuesday - Mass at 11:15 - Fr. Michel  
Wednesday - Mass at 11:15 - Fr. Paul  
Thursday - Rosary at 8:45  
Friday - Mass at 11:15 - Fr. Paul or Parish Priest  
Tuesday - Bible Study at 3:30 - Fr. Paul  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday - Worship at 11 - Pastor Priscilla - Grace Lutheran  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - Worship at 11 - Pastor Gierke - St. Paul's Lutheran  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday - Worship at 11 - Pastor Trimble - Family Worship Center

## Focus On Ordinary Times

January 11, the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the Jordan, is the official end of the Christmas season. No more Christmas decorations or Christmas songs in Church until next November or December. Beginning Monday, January 12, 2026, we begin the Liturgical (Church) season known as Ordinary time. It is not called "ordinary" time because it is a ho-hum time in the Church and in our lives. Rather, it is simply called that because we count the weeks using the ordinals, 1, 2, 3 etc.

It is a rich time in the life of the Church and in our own lives. It is a time when the Gospel readings focus on the teaching, actions, miracles and the active adult life of Jesus. In 2026, the daily readings from January 12 thru February 18 (the day before Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season) are from the Gospel of St. Mark. It is special time of being directed and formed by the words and actions of Jesus. It is a time of conforming our lives to His, of becoming more aware of the goodness and generosity of God and manifesting that goodness to others.

Ordinary might describe the way we count, but not the way we live. This time between the Advent/Christmas season and Lenten/Easter season is an opportunity to grow in our love for God. We are blessed.



# St. Joseph's Elder Services

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## Opportunity for Learning



### After Holiday Stress

I am hoping you all had a great holiday season and enjoyed your time with family and friends. With all the hustle and bustle we often forget to take time to relax and slow down. Remember ease back into the “normal” slowly and try not to over schedule yourself. Try to declutter and organize home and office space. Most importantly, get plenty of rest and eat a balanced diet. Be thankful for the memories you made and stay healthy. Continue to stay connected to family and friends and plan fun activities. Welcome 2026 and we look forward to all the new memories to be made.



### St. Joseph's Hillside Villa is now hiring:

- **Activity Assistant**
  - ◆ Part-time
- **RN/LPN**
  - ◆ Full or Part-time
- **CNA**
  - ◆ Full or Part-time
- **Cook**
  - ◆ Full or Part-time
- **Dietary Aide**
  - ◆ Full or Part-time
- **Housekeeping/Laundry Aide**
  - ◆ Part-time

Apply online at [www.sjeswp.org](http://www.sjeswp.org) Or pick up an application in the front lobby.  
Under the St. Joseph's Hillside Villa tab EOE/Vet/Disabled

### HIRING BONUS!

up to **\$5,000**  
for RN/LPN

up to **\$2,000**  
for CNA