



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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SUMMER 2025



Flourishing at The Village

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

At The Village at Incarnate Word, we love to buzz with exciting things to do — from lively social activities and fun-filled outings to great “antique” resident plays, tasty food extravaganzas, chocolate fondue happy hours, and wonderful holiday events. We don’t just live here; we flourish.

Flourishing is more than a happy coincidence — it reflects who we are and how we live each day. As a retirement community, success is not measured by years but by the joy we share, the friendships we nurture, and the faith-filled mission that guides us. Every action, from compassionate care to joyful celebrations, reflects this mission.

For us, flourishing means connection. Together, we explore what ignites our hopes and dreams — pursuing passion, creativity, and wonder. It’s not a single peak but an endless horizon, a perpetual display of fireworks, each day offering something new and meaningful.

At The Village we live out our mission by igniting pathways to great opportunities for a lifestyle of leisure — purpose driven to flourish.

Great horizons are found when seeking creativity and a shared purpose together. Just like the massive fireworks of smiles exploding in such events as our Craft Extravaganzas, including the much-loved Christmas in July Mercado, which highlights the vibrant spirit of joy that is always in season at The Village. These gatherings are more than craft fairs; they are celebrations of life, filled with laughter, creativity, and moments of caring for others.

At our community, every welcome is heartfelt — from delightful housewarming parties to sweet smiles and bright greetings to all we pass by in our halls, these are daily moments of connection rooted in friendship, compassion, and faith. Here we thrive to, Age Strong, Live Long, which comes to life through spirited competitions, fitness challenges, and activities that celebrate vitality, and fun-loving laughter. Beyond celebrations, our Sisters Care ministry supports older adults with dignity, independence, and community, honoring the healing ministry of Christ and the vision of our founding Sisters. Here, life is cherished, talents are celebrated, and faith is lived joyfully.

We invite you to feel the energy and passion that fuel our mission, we invite you to experience our mission as we live it, “Extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to all we serve” is not just a tradition — it’s a fulfilling way of life. It drives our celebrations, our friendships, and the moments that make each day extraordinary. Our mission is formed with the love of Christ and in this love is how we flourish.

Blessings,

Le Roy Fields Campbell



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The View magazine is created
and edited by Terri Landez,
The Village’s Director of
Communications.

Congratulations

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



APRIL
Sandy Alderete
Accounting

In Sandy's work as the Billing Specialist & Business Office Manager, she assists residents and families with care and professionalism. Her warm spirit, patience, and dedication make her a true asset to our Village team.



MAY
Esther Sanchez
Resident Services

Esther has worked at The Village for 10 years as the Resident Services Assistant. She's always willing to lend a helping hand by providing essential transportation services, assisting residents, and leading engaging activities.



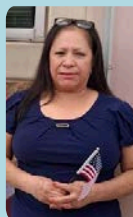
JUNE
Charlie Gonzalez
DeMatel House

Charlie has worked as a weekend nurse in DeMatel for over 2 years. He is praised by residents and families for the exceptional care he provides. His warmth and compassion truly embody what The Village stands for.

STAFF SPOTLIGHTS



In May and June, we celebrated Nurses Week and CNA Week. Thank you to all of our amazing nursing professionals for your hard work and dedication!



Congratulations to Housekeeping staff member, Graciela Vega, who recently earned her U.S. citizenship!



Kudos to staff member, Terri Landez, who was promoted to Director of Communications in June.

THE VILLAGE KUDOS



Celebrating Jubilarians

The Village at Incarnate Word wishes to congratulate the 2025 Jubilarians of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, who are observing significant anniversaries of their first profession of religious vows. Praised be the Incarnate Word!

Platinum (70-75 years)

- *Sr. Louise Ann Delisi (75)
- *Sr. Laura Magowan (72)
- *Sr. Kathleen Conway (71)
- Sr. Elizabeth Smith (71)
- *Sr. Annella Conway (70)
- *Sr. Mary Dolores Doyle (70)
- *Sr. Corine Walsh (70)

Diamond (60 years)

- Sr. Martha Ann Kirk
- Sr. Feliciana Mejia
- *Sr. Guadalupe Moreno-Castilleja
- *Sr. Michèle O'Brien
- Sr. Martha Estela Pérez Curiel
- Sr. Bernadine Prendergast

Gold (50 years)

- Sr. Gloria Eugenia Ortiz Villalón

Silver (25 years)

- Sr. María de la Cruz Iñiguez Padilla

**Resident of The Village at Incarnate Word*

The Foundation and Fruit of Our Mission

The Core Values of The Village at Incarnate Word

By Sr. Shirley Vaughn, CCVI, MA, Mission Integration Director



Our Mission, to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to all those we serve, underpins our Core Values and at the same time is supported by them.

Many examples of Jesus respecting the worth and dignity of every person can be found in the Gospels. A man who was possessed by a “Legion” of demons (found in Mark 5, Luke 8, and Matthew 8) is described as a man who “had frequently been bound with shackles and chains, but the chains had been pulled apart by him and the shackles smashed, and no one was strong enough to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the hillsides he was always crying out and bruising himself with stones.” It’s fair to say that the local people tried to avoid this poor man, but when he approached Jesus, Jesus addressed Legion and sent them out of the man into a nearby herd of swine, as a result the man returned to his “right mind.” His dignity was restored and he was able to live within his community.

Likewise, there are scores of examples of Jesus’ compassion: the woman caught in adultery, the healing of lepers, of the blind, of the deaf, raising the daughter of Jairus and the son of the widow of Nain.

Jesus consistently showed integrity in his dealings with the Scribes and Pharisees. He could easily have caved in to their preconceived notion of what the Messiah “should” do and say, but he remained true to his Father’s plan. He told Thomas and the apostles, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Jesus chose to call others to extend his ministry at that time. We are familiar with the twelve apostles, but he also sent out 72 disciples in pairs (Luke 10:1-12) to go ahead of him and prepare people to receive Jesus’ message. By forming his followers into a community, he gave them a model for working together, developing the talents and skills of each one for the benefit of all.

Finally, we come to our core value of stewardship. In Matthew 25:14-30 we can read Jesus’ Parable of the Talents, wherein three slaves were given varying (large) amounts of money to take care of while their master was away. Two were good stewards and worked to double their master’s fortune, but the third, moved by fear, just hid the money in a safe place so that he could return it intact when the master returned.

God has given us stewardship for the very mission of Jesus here in The Village, and over the resources we have received: our time, our skills, our finances, etc. Our commitment is to use them wisely.

These core values grow out of the teaching and ministry of Jesus and at the same time guide us in effectively extending his healing ministry.

What are our Core Values?

Dignity

Respect for the worth of every person.

Compassion

Service in a spirit of empathy, love and concern.

Integrity

Honesty and justice in all relationships and decisions.

Collaboration

Teamwork, cooperation, working with others to achieve our mission.

Stewardship

Using our resources wisely for the betterment of others, the environment and those most in need.

Sisters Care SPOTLIGHT

15 years of Friendship, Faith, and Heartfelt Caregiving



Linda & Claudia

In a cozy San Antonio home, laughter drifts from the kitchen where two women sit together, chatting as they do each day. This home is alive with personality: filled with colorful decor, a talkative cockatoo singing in the next room, a piano sitting nearby, an impressive doll collection, and above all, the unmistakable warmth and joy of a life well lived.

**Linda & Claudia
play piano
together**



This is the world of Claudia, a retired Spanish professor originally from Laredo. Her life has been rich in experiences — studying abroad in Madrid, earning a master's degree, teaching at San Antonio College, and raising twin boys, Eric and Mike, with her late husband.

Fifteen years ago, Claudia began experiencing mobility issues and reached out to Sisters Care In-Home Care for support. That's when she met Linda — who at that time was a stranger. Little did they know, that would be the beginning of a beautiful 15-year long friendship built on trust and mutual respect.

Linda believes caregiving is a calling, not just a job. Before she was a caregiver, she was a banker. But caregiving was always in her heart. She helped care for her brother-in-law for nearly a decade, and after retiring from Frost Bank, she felt called to serve others in a new way and was led to Sisters Care. "I treat my clients the way I would want to be treated," Linda says. "I always think, 'It could be me tomorrow.'"

Linda assists Claudia with daily tasks including housekeeping, errands,

cooking, bathing, grooming, medications, and caring for her beloved pets. But it's not just about meeting physical needs. "She helps me live," Claudia says simply. "Not just survive — live. It's not always easy accepting that I'm getting older or that I can't do things the same way anymore. But with the right support, I can still do them — just differently. **With caregiving, nothing is beyond my reach.**"

"When you see someone as often as I see Claudia, you talk a lot," Linda says. "And she teaches me something new every day. She's a people person. Everywhere we go, people are drawn to her — she brings out joy in everyone."

Claudia echoes the sentiment. "Linda is dependable, caring, and just lovely. Every day is fun with her. We speak Spanish, play piano, cook, play with the dog, and even dance together."

"This program has helped me live a normal, happy life," Claudia says. "It's made my later years rich with meaning. And I want others to have that too. So many people are alone and longing for connection and support."

Her words speak to a broader truth. For many older adults, in-home care programs like Sisters Care are what allow them to safely remain in their own homes. For those who struggle to afford care, Sisters Care offers services on a sliding scale through Project Elder Help. Claudia has donated to the program herself, driven by her belief in its mission and ability to make a difference in the lives of older adults who need help.

"We don't know what tomorrow brings," she says. "Today you might have your health or be able to afford help, but that could all change. We need to support those who have nothing, because it could happen to any of us. Everyone deserves this kind of care."

If you or someone you love could benefit from personalized care at home, call Sisters Care at (210) 733-9800 for a FREE consultation.



**Linda helps Claudia
brush her hair**

THE VILLAGE SALON

At The Village, looking and feeling your best is part of living with dignity — and our onsite Beauty Salon plays a key role in making that possible. Our talented stylists, Brenda Uresti and Nancy Berrones, bring more than six decades of combined experience and a deep sense of purpose to their work. Every day, they live out our mission by treating each resident with kindness, respect, and compassion.

Brenda and Nancy take special pride in helping every resident, especially those with limited mobility or special needs, to feel refreshed, confident, and cared for. They offer reserved hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for our Memory Care and Nursing residents to have a relaxing, stress-free visit. From weekly shampoo and styles to spa pedicures and beard shaves, the salon isn't just a place where residents come to look better — **it's a place they come to feel better!**

SERVICES

- Shampoo
- Haircut
- Men's Shave
- Permanent Color
- Permanent Wave
- Spa Pedicure
- Manicure
- Shampoo & Set
- Hair Removal
- And More!

HOURS & LOCATION

7:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Located in Gabriel House, 1st Floor

APPOINTMENTS

Call (210) 283-3935 to schedule your visit



THE VILLAGE'S BEST KEPT SECRET

A Brief History of the Adoration Chapel

By Sister Mary Carmel Smith, CCVI



In 1932, the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word was flourishing, spreading its ministries in every direction across the United States and Mexico, establishing hospitals, schools, orphanages and social services as requested by various dioceses in each country. At this point in time, aware that the strength of the Congregation was apparent to all, the Sisters in General Administration made the decision to establish a 'Chapel of Adoration' in the Motherhouse in gratitude to the Incarnate Word for the success and growth of the Congregation since its foundation in 1869, and thus to offer daily adoration to the Incarnate Word for his continued graces and blessings on the present and future life of the Congregation.

To accomplish this mission, Mother Bonaventure, General Councilor, represented the Congregation during her visit with His Holiness, Pope Pius XI in Rome, as she requested the privilege of Daily Adoration in the Motherhouse, despite the fact that, being an Apostolic Congregation, we did not qualify for this privilege, as did the cloistered communities.

It was an occasion of great joy for the Sisters upon Mother Bonaventure's return from Rome with the Good News that His Holiness, Pope Pius XI had expressed his admiration of the Sisters' dedication to the Incarnate Word, as expressed in its many ministries, and as a result, was pleased to grant the privilege of operating a Chapel of Adoration in honor of the Incarnate Word at the Motherhouse.

The Sisters decided that the main 'Chapel of the Incarnate Word' would serve as the initial location for the Daily Adoration site, while Architect Mr. F. B. Geenslen, who designed the Motherhouse Chapel, was tasked with designing a small, suitable Chapel on the 2nd floor.

Thus in 1932, the CCVI Chapel of Adoration was joyfully initiated with the Sisters' commitment to daily, hourly, adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament--a commitment faithfully observed to the present day.

In 1954 the Motherhouse Infirmary relocated to the newly established St. Joseph's Convent on Hildebrand and the Adoration Chapel was installed in a newly designated Chapel on 2nd Floor. In this way the retired Sisters continued their unbroken daily adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, begun in 1932.

On September 12, 1988, the new Incarnate Word Motherhouse & Retirement Community was officially opened to both religious and lay residents. At this time, the architects designed a magnificent Chapel of Adoration as the 'Highest Point' of the Village's structure on 3rd Floor. The four magnificent windows, like the Four Trumpeting Angels on the Main Chapel Steeple, reach out to the four corners of the earth, bringing the Good News of the Incarnate Word to the whole world.

Enter the lay residents of the Village in 1990. It did not take long for them to discover the hidden treasure of Daily Adoration on 3rd floor and to become regular adorers.



To better serve individual preferences and elderly schedules, the times of adoration were extended into the evening hours, so it's not unusual for passers by the Village to notice the Chapel illuminated, as nocturnal adoration is in progress.

It is also heart-warming to see a husband and wife team making adoration together, and later to observe how, when living in different levels of care, they still find a way to accompany each other to make adoration together in the Chapel.

Praised be the Incarnate Word, now and forever!

Resident Column

Discover how our residents are experiencing the heart of our mission in their own words!

Around our campus, where do you most often see our mission in action?

In the hard work and warm smiles of the staff, and in the close interactions among staff and residents. - Barry H.

I often see residents helping each other by pushing their wheelchair, engaging new residents in conversation, running small errands for their neighbors, or walking their dogs. - Anonymous

Every day in the dining room, I witness the mission of the Incarnate Word being carried out by the servers and the housekeepers and members of the staff. - Sr. Kathleen

In DeMatel House. One can only be in admiration of the dedicated nurses and therapists who care for the patients there. It's a challenging job! - Sr. Jane



The healing ministry of Jesus is love! I see it all around The Village as everyone seems to offer one another greetings, responses to questions, or advice on any kind of help that is needed. - Bill L.

We see the mission in action through the staff! They are kind, generous & always willing to help. - Gil & Catherine L.

What do our founders, The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, mean to you?

The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word taught me in grade school! Thus being a part of this community means SO much to me. - Anonymous

I've known Sr. Jean Durel since I was five years old, and becoming part of her community and getting to know the Sisters has been such a gift to me. - Beth A.

The Sisters are amazing. We feel the presence of God all around. The peace and comfort of God is here. They represent what Jesus wants of us.
- Gil & Catherine L.

Although I am an Anglican (Episcopal) Dominican, the CCVI Sisters have always welcomed me as a Sister and I value this very much. - Gillian C.

Having grown up an "only child" (though very well loved), it's great to now have so many "sisters". 😊 - Barry H.

How do you try to live the mission in your daily life?

I try to speak to every person I pass in the halls and in the dining room. - Fred W.

My prayer life has increased as I am more aware of the needs of our nation and of friends and family. - Patsy T.

I try to help people when I can. I am making baby hats for the hospital and I am keeping my faith, love, and hope. I try to inspire people to believe in God when they are feeling down. God bless you all. - Nancy B.



Is there a staff member or fellow resident whose actions remind you of Christ's love?



Isabel H. is an ambassador to everyone. - Gillian C.

Shout-out to Isabel who is always first to offer a helping hand. - Beth A.



Liz Bland. My first contact with management was with Liz. She gave me

a warm welcome that made me feel truly appreciated as a new resident that has chosen The Village for the rest of my life. - Bill L.

Nelly exemplifies a woman of total dedication to her job. -Sr. Kathleen



Nelly does a great job providing a calendar of activities to bring us together for entertainment, creativity, & games. - Beth A.



Donna S. is quick to lend her ear and share a smile any time she can. She reminds me of the love and compassion of Jesus. - Sue B.

AROUND THE HOUSE

APRIL - JUNE 2025



Liz & Paul team up at our annual Badminton tournament



Sr. Margaret pets therapy animals at our Kentucky Derby Party



Jo Anne, Sr. Bernadette, Sr. Marilyn, & Bob play BINGO



Charlie attends a SA Philharmonic concert



Viva Fiesta 2025! Francine, Olga, Janice, and Joanne have a great time at "Fiesta at The Village"



Sisters, Ruth & Marie, celebrate Mother's Day with family



Beth poses with blooms at the Botanical Gardens



Cece, Isabel, and Jack tour the historic Missions



Paul & his daughter attend Mass on Father's Day



Friends & family celebrate with Carol at her new resident welcome lunch



Andrea & Tony swim during a pool party in the Aquatic Center



Juliette & Wilma socialize at a Memorial Day party & happy hour



SEPT 17-18, 2025



Driving forward together.
Help us reach our goal!



Donate by scanning the QR code or call Rachel Castro, VP of Development, at (210) 829-7561, ext. 150 or email rachel.castro@thevillageiw.org

This September, The Village is proud to join The Big Give — a 24-hour citywide fundraiser where our community comes together to champion the causes we care about most!

This year, we're raising funds to support The Village's Transportation Services, which provides critical rides for our residents to medical appointments, grocery stores, social events, and more. Unfortunately, two of our vehicles — including a 2012 ADA-accessible mini bus and a smaller passenger car — have recently become inoperable.

To continue offering safe, reliable transportation, we're actively working to replace both vehicles. We've committed to purchasing a new ADA-accessible mini bus at a cost of \$120,000, and now we're focusing on securing a reliable small SUV to replace our passenger car.

We estimate the SUV will cost \$70,000, and we're aiming to raise \$40,000 during The Big Give to help make this purchase possible. The remaining costs will be covered through The Village's operating budget.

With your support, we can get back on the road and continue providing the essential, reliable transportation our residents rely on every day.

The Impact of Your Support

Data from Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2024

446

Residents served, including 66 retired Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

\$163,640

Given in financial assistance to residents through the CCVI Legacy Fund.

204

Individuals served through Sisters Care In-Home Care.

102,186

Hours of care given by Sisters Care

\$110,538

Given in financial assistance to Sisters Care clients through Project Elder Help.

1,047

Rides given to residents to medical appointments, errands, social outings, and more.

Every mile we travel is a step toward dignity, independence, and care. Thank you for helping our community move forward!

Thank you!

Gifts received
April 1 - June 30, 2025

Anonymous
Olga Arias
Nancy Babor
Bexar County
Mary Brown
Sarah Henderson
Fannie Ivy
Bill Loebig
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Audrey O'Mahony
Lorraine Pruski
Valero Energy Foundation
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Annual Campaign

Anonymous
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Eveler, CCVI*
Shirley Wagner
Yvonne Weber

In Memoriam

April 1 - June 30, 2025

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

Residents

Peggy Aertker
Sr. Rose Ann Blair, CDP
Anna "Ann" Bridgman
Nancy Canady
Lucille "Lucy" Castaño
Robert Cruise
Bobbie Davis
Ruth Drew
Dolores "Dee" Evans
Sr. Jane Gleitz, CDP
Olga Govea
Maria "Esthela" Hernandez
Elizabeth "Liz" Howard
Barbara Miller
Charles "Chad" Muller III
Carole Romano
Dianne Stewart
Dixie Ann Dickson Waggoner
Marilyn Zanetti

Sisters Care Clients

Marilyn Cheetham
Carolyn Gray
Patsy Roney



In loving memory of Joann Gomez

Driver & Resident
Services team
member for 12
years, wife of
Louis Gomez,
Maintenance Supervisor, and
mother of Jeslynn Hernandez,
Development Associate. Joann
faced her battle with cancer with
remarkable courage & strength,
leaving behind a lasting legacy
of love and dedication.



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ON THE COVER

Residents Thomas, Sr. Louise, and Sr. Annella smile for a photo at our annual “Fiesta at The Village” celebration. A heartfelt congratulations to Sr. Louise and Sr. Annella who are celebrating their 75th & 70th Jubilees, respectively. Congratulations, Sisters!

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