



# **VILLA ST. FRANCIS – JANUARY 2010**

## **Winter A Season of Waiting – A Winter Blessing**

**Blessed are you , winter, dark season of waiting, you affirm  
the dark seasons of our lives, forecasting the weather of waiting hope.**

**Blessed are you, winter, you faithfully guard a life unseen,  
calling those who listen deeply to discover winter rest.**

**Blessed are you, winter, frozen and cold on the outside, within your silent,  
nurturing womb you warmly welcome all that longs for renewal.**

**Blessed are you, winter, your bleak, barren trees preach  
wordless sermons about emptiness and solitude.**

**Blessed are you, winter, you teach us valuable lessons about waiting  
in darkness with hope and trust.**

**Blessed are you, winter, season of blood red sunsets and star-filled, long,  
dark nights, faithfully you pour out your beauty.**

**Blessed are you, winter, when your tiny snowflakes flurry through the air,  
you awaken our sleeping souls.**

**Blessed are you, winter, with your wild and varied moods, so intent on  
being yourself, you refuse to be a people-pleaser.**

**Blessed are you, winter, when ice storms crush our hearts and homes,  
you call forth the good in us as we rush to help one another.**

**Blessed are you, winter, your inconsistent moods often challenge spring's  
arrival, yet how gracefully you step aside when her time has come.**

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### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Simons, Lucille	Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup>
Zaporski, Irene	Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>
Andrasczyk, Jerry	Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>
Viola Maigatter	Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup>
Suminski, Colleen	Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00  
P.M. in the Villa Dining Room.  
Please make this a special party  
and attend, won't you? Don  
Gryzanna will be our featured  
entertainment. Enjoy!

**Happy New Year and  
congratulations to the residents  
celebrating their birthdays  
during the month of January.**  
May you be given many blessings  
in the year ahead. The January  
Birthday Party will be held

### **A WARM THANK YOU**

We send out a warm thank you to  
those of you that participated in  
bringing Christmas to the Hope  
House. We thank you for your  
generosity and concern.

### VILLA NEWCOMERS

Claudine Cook                      Apt. 236  
Dorothy Haag                      Apt. 353

Welcome to Villa St. Francis – a very warm, spirited community! May you enjoy your days ahead, make many friends and have fun at many activities. A Newcomer's party will be held on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. in the Villa Dining room. Enjoy Concertina Millie as the featured entertainment. Everybody come on out and meet your new neighbors.

### JUNIOR LEAGUE SINGERS

Eight dynamic women that make up the Junior League Singers will perform on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 P.M. They will perform in the Villa Lobby. Don't miss this delightful event.

### CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

On Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 A.M., Sr. Barbara Marie will hold a Prayer Service in the Chapel. All faiths are welcome to pray together as a community.

### SILENT SINGERS

The Silent Singers is a group which exposes the public to the beauty of sign language through public performances. The group is made up of people from throughout the Metro Milwaukee area. They will perform on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M.



### AFTER HOURS COCKTAIL PARTY – FRIDAY, JAN. 22<sup>ND</sup>

Come on out and socialize at our first cocktail party of the new year. It will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:45 P.M. Cocktails and entertainment – what a way to start out the new year! Watch for more announcements, and we'll watch for you. See you on the 22<sup>nd</sup>!

### IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Plakut

Grant her eternal rest, O Lord.