

## Catholic Resident Services

**Catholic History:** Savannah LaVerna Village has a proud Catholic Heritage. The Savannah Sisters of St. Francis initially built LaVerna Village in 1973. From that time forward their priest chaplain served the Catholic residents as well as others from various denominations as part of his assignment with the Sisters. At the time there were approximately 35 Sisters.

Over the years the number of Sisters declined, and in 2007 the Sisters sold LaVerna Village to the capable hands of Platinum Health Care. Sr. Elaine, a Benedictine Sister from Atchison, continued her service as the pastoral care giver for the facility. At the end of October 2013, Sr. Elaine's superiors reassigned her to their own Residential Care facility in Atchison. LaVerna Village then hired the very pastoral Roy Elkins to head pastoral care for the facility. In November 2013, the Blessed Sacrament tabernacle was removed. Thus the movement from a Catholic facility continued the move to a more ecumenical one.

**Today:** The St. Rose of Lima parish, through volunteers led by board certified Catholic chaplain Ginger Geeding and with the help of Savannah Franciscan Sisters' Chaplain Fr. Hugh provide for the needs of the Catholic residents.

We offer:

- Mass in the chapel at 10:00 am the first Friday each month
- Holy Communion and visits two times per week
- Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing) three times per year and individually as needed
- Sacrament of Reconciliation as needed
- Private instruction for those seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith **OR** seeking to become Catholic
- Contact us through the LaVerna activities Director, Eva Williams