

The CEW Spirit Newsletter

Fall 2022

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~Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and You shall renew the face of the earth~

Spiritual Direction- Notes from Deacon Bob

Thoughts on Prayer

There is an expression that "a good friend is someone who you can sit next to, not talking, and be comfortable with." If I could approach prayer that way, perhaps I might be less frustrated when I attempt to pray. Too often I am listening for a voice that I want to hear. Contemplation is said to be one of the highest form of prayer, but this form happens at a place deeper than our consciousness. So while we may go into centering prayer, or praying the rosary or any form, what is happening is deep. At a deeper level something important is happening. Of course this takes faith. My favorite prayers are ones Ellen Wilhelm has given me. Jesus tells us not to use a lot of words, and then gave us "The Our Father." But regardless of the words or the form of prayer, just Pray. Don't expect miraculous experiences but rather a sense of Peace. Fr. Mark Mleziva was talking of how hard it is to get young men to stop and just be silent for five minutes. Can I do better than that? Can I sit with our Lord in comfort today?

Deacon Bob



Rector's Corner

A note from the Women's Rector, Eileen Zdanowski

I just spent a week up in Door County. After looking at all of the beautiful fall foliage, I wondered how anyone could doubt God's existence. Who else could paint the world in hues of yellow, orange and red? But, I was also reminded of God's power. Sixty mile per hour winds blew through the peninsula for over two days causing lights to flicker and power even went out in some places. The Washington Island Ferry was unable to run for those two days because of how dangerous the lake was, how powerful the waves. This reminded me how much turmoil I have had in my life, but God has carried me through it. And I also remembered how much beauty and how many blessings (such as spending breakfast with my great grandson at White Gull Inn!) that God has given me.

The Women's CEW will be held November 11th - 13th. I know the Holy Spirit will certainly be present all weekend and I also know I will see Jesus in every woman who attends. Please pray for all of us who will be attending the weekend. Blessings and peace!

A note from the new Men's Rector, Jerrod Jirikowic:

This summer, my wife and I spent a week in Colorado with our friends. The beauty we saw and fun we had are memories that will be cherished forever. The night after we returned, we were called to our friend's house to learn of his passing. The amount of love and support given to his family reflects the person he was. He was always there to give a warm smile, a big hug, or to lend an ear. It is an honor to be taking my friend's place as rector for the upcoming men's weekend.

I attended my first CEW about 17 years ago. That weekend was the catalyst that ignited my Faith life. My journey has had many peaks and valleys over the years. Now I am in a desert, and don't feel ready to lead this weekend, and unsure of what it will bring. One thing that I do know for sure, Jesus will be present on the weekend to give a warm smile, a big hug, and to lend an ear to all who attend. Just like my friend Duane always was for me.

Help out at the next CEW!

A successful CEW weekend is made possible by a large group of people behind the scenes. Please consider helping set up, coordinate a meal, spend time in Eucharistic Chapel, write Palanca, bring kitchen donations, or attend a Speaker's Chapel. See www.lakeshorecew.com for details.

Community Renewal Events (CRE)

Sunrise Mass

The Sunrise Mass was held on Labor Day at Neshota Beach. Many people joined us to experience mass in this beautiful setting, watching as the sun was coming up over the lake. Thank you to Fr Dave Pleier, who celebrated mass. We appreciate everyone who attended! Enjoy these photos courtesy of Jerilyn Owen.



Christmas Outreach

For the Christmas Outreach this year, CEW Core Team has decided to “adopt a family”. This family is in need of donations (cash and/or gift cards) to help with expenses such as food, gas, utilities, and purchasing Christmas gifts for the kids.

For their privacy, we are keeping this family’s name confidential. However this family is near and dear to the hearts of many CEW members.

Please consider giving. Donations can be sent to Lynn Krupka, either in person or in the mail (834 Summit St, Manitowoc) by November 23rd. Call Lynn at (920)905-9291 with questions.

Invite someone to an upcoming CEW!

It may be the most important invitation we ever receive or offer. Think about the people in your circle and invite them to attend an upcoming weekend. Anyone interested can reach out to the upcoming rector or register on the [CEW website](#), or use the registration form on the next page.

Women’s CEW- November 11-13, 2022

Rector- Eileen Zdanowski, 920-629-3905

Men’s CEW- February 3-5, 2023

Rector- Jerrod Jirikowic 920-574-1638





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“A life changing experience” and **“The best weekend of my life”** is how many participants have described Christian Experience Weekend; a weekend filled with laughter, great food, community, inspiration and motivation. CEW is designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people 18 years of age and older. CEW is not a silent, meditative retreat, but rather a shared Christian experience.

The community-based weekend includes talks, discussion, prayer services, and Mass. A team of lay people, deacons, priests and sisters conduct the weekend. The CEW weekend is designed as an overnight retreat and sleeping/showering accommodations are provided at the Roncalli High School Convent. Please indicate on the registration form your preference in regard to an overnight stay.

The retreat will be held at the Grand Avenue Worship site, 1415 Grand Avenue. The CEW begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening and will continue on Saturday and Sunday. The weekend will end approximately around 5:00 p.m. Sunday evening.

Space is limited, so turn in your registration early. When the weekend is full, additional registrants are put on a waiting list and notified if there is a cancellation.

The cost of the weekend is \$50.00. Please do not allow the cost to prevent you from attending. Contact any of the Rectors listed below if you need any assistance.

Please mail completed registration form and a \$20 deposit or full payment. Make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi CEW and mail to:

Eileen Zdanowski
611 N 6th St
Manitowoc, WI 54220

After you have registered, about a week before the scheduled weekend, you will receive a letter with more information from your weekend's rector.

Women's Rector	Eileen Zdanowski	920-629-3905
1st Assistant	Lynn Krupka	920-905-9291
2nd Assistant	Diane Wallander	920-629-7952
MEN'S RECTOR	Jerrold Jirikowic	920-574-1638
1st Assistant	Steve Krupka	920-905-9290
2nd Assistant	Mike Dose	920-323-2028

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Email: _____

Age: _____ Will you be staying overnight: Yes No

Church/Parish (if any) _____

Have you been on a previous CEW? _____ If so, where? _____

Friends/Relatives who have made a CEW/Cursillo/TEC: _____

Friends/Relatives who are also making this CEW: _____

Please list any special needs you may have. (Diet, Medications, difficulties, etc.) _____

Check the weekend you plan to attend:

- Women's CEW** - November 11-13, 2022
- Men's CEW** - February 3-5, 2023