

# THE CEW Spirit

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2018

LAKESHORE

CHRISTIAN

EXPERIENCE

WEEKEND

25 YEARS

SHARING GOD'S

LOVE

THROUGH



## Notes from the director...



As I sit at my computer writing this note to you all, Bette and I are looking ahead to an upcoming trip to Dubuque Iowa where the roots of our Lakeshore CEW reside. Although we will visit some of the “iconic” CEW sites, Holy Ghost Church and Shalom Center to name just a few, we realize, as we all should, that CEW is not about places, rather it is about community, the folks who become the eyes mouth and feet of Jesus and the living stones of our church. The words of an old children’s song comes to my mind when contemplating CEW in its celebration and recognition of 25 years of changing lives on the lakeshore. Maybe you’ll recognize it...

*“The more we get together together, together. The more we get together The holier we’ll be. Cause your friends are my friends And my friends are your friends. The more we get together The holier(and happier) we’ll be.*

The lyrics that we all sung (with a minor adjustment) when we were children accentuates how important it is to avoid living our faith “in solo.” So in that spirit we can best celebrate the great gift of CEW by reuniting and then rejuvenating what it means to be a community of believers united in Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit. Every time we “get together” it creates an opportunity to “share the Christ who

walks among us in our brothers and sisters. Now that is worth celebrating! So in this issue I am including a schedule of CREs for the rest of 2018. Please make a special note of the **Celebration of our 25<sup>th</sup> year on the Lakeshore to be held at Roncalli H.S on November 10th.** Please mark your calendar and plan on attending as many CREs as you can. **Be Blessed! Deacon Rich**



## WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN WATCHING/READING/ LISTENING TO?

### I CAN ONLY IMAGINE (The Movie)

It's the song that brings ultimate hope to so many ... often in the midst of life's most challenging moments. Amazingly, the song was written in mere minutes by Mercy Me lead singer Bart Millard. In reality, those lyrics took a lifetime to craft. A gripping reminder of the power of forgiveness, **I CAN ONLY IMAGINE** beautifully illustrates that no one is ever too far from God's love—or from an eternal home in Heaven. This is a must see!

### Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwanda Holocaust (The Book)

By: Immaculee Ilibagiza

Immaculée Ilibagiza is a Rwandan-American refugee turned author and motivational speaker. Since the release of her first book, *Left to Tell*, she has become a world-renowned advocate for survivors of the Rwandan genocide, having appeared on PBS and *60 Minutes* to share her story. A deeply religious person, she is known for sharing how her Roman Catholic faith helped her survive the ordeal and urging others to find the same strength in faith. This is a powerful read.

## ...and now a note from our upcoming rector...

During this recent blast of summer, many of us discovered how unprepared we are for the change of seasons. Likewise, many of us are unprepared to make changes in our lives where our faith is concerned. It is much easier to stay the course, to continue with the familiarity of what we know. But if we do that we won't grow spiritually. Jesus challenged the apostles to "go and make disciples of all men". In order for us to be able to go outside of our comfort zones and change, we must have the courage to "get out of the boat". We need to take our example from Peter, who when he recognized the LORD standing on the shore after fishing all night long, jumped from his boat and ran to Him. I pray we are all able to "get out of the boat" and be disciples for our LORD. This year we celebrate 25 years of Lakeshore Christian Experience Weekends. If you haven't been on a weekend in a while or if you recently participated in your first weekend, please consider joining us for this year's CEW's.

**Women's Weekend – October 12, 13, 14, 2018**

**Men's Weekend – March 1, 2, 3, 2019**

**Many blessings to you:**

**Karen Cisler – Women's Rector 2018**

# 25 Years of CEW History on the Lakeshore

**Back to the roots:** 25 years ago a young couple from Iowa with two preschoolers felt called, out of a desire and need for community, to pursue a new concept for a retreat called Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) that they had attended in Dubuque Iowa. That brought them to the Holy Innocents parish counsel to gain approval to hold a weekend here. They were granted approval and were given \$75 in seed money to hold a CEW at Holy Innocents. They gave short talks describing CEW at all masses and made a request for folks who would be willing to attend a CEW in Iowa. Two men attended first followed by five women. Upon returning those who attended were on fire and decided, with the help of the Dubuque CEW community and some Marriage Encounter members a team could be gathered. Meetings were held, a can was passed at each meeting to pull together some more money to help finance the weekends. Discussions were held, teams picked, materials collected (mostly donated), cots were donated from Manitowoc County, showers were repaired in what was the old convent at the time(now the Life Teen House) and the stage was set for our first venture into CEW on the Lakeshore. To be continued.....

.....:CUT AND SAVE:.....

## Upcoming Community Renewal Events

Date	Location	Time	Description
Saturday 4/16/18	Waldo Church/	4:00 Mass Gathering Follows	<b>An Evening of Food, Fellowship and Song.</b> Open to all families and friends. <b>Pizza and Soda provided by CEW,</b> Song by CEW musicians. Sharing Christ moments Community.
JUNE			<b>Spend Time with God in Nature, celebrate life events (graduations, weddings etc.)</b>
JULY			<b>NO CRE Enjoy your families!</b>
Saturday 8/11 /18	Waldo Church Grounds	Parish Picnic	<b>Parish Picnic:</b> Let's gather with families and friends and celebrate the Lords goodness at the Parish Bluegrass Mass and eat some good food as we celebrate together with the greater SFA community and maybe help out along the evening.
9/22/18	Yacht Club	TBD	<b>Annual Sunset Mass:</b> Please invite your friends and family as we celebrate the setting of "brother sun" and the rising of "sister moon" on the shores of Lake Michigan. Camp Fire. Snacks and fun will follow. Bring yourselves and a friend and a chair to sit on. Guaranteed a special and fun event!
Saturday 10/13/18	Waldo		<b>Fill The Tunnel:</b> We'll gather for 4:00 mass together. Following mass we will lend a hand with the candle crew and then after a brief discussion we will fill the tunnel to light the way to reconciliation. <b>Sorry, this is for CEW members only.</b> Come as you are...No Black as we'll save that for the Mime.
Saturday 11/10 /18	Roncalli HS	More info in the next Spirit	<b>CEW: 25 YEARS: A CELEBRATION OF BRINGING FOLKS TO CHRIST THE LAKESHORE.</b>
Friday 12/ TBD			<b>Christmas Outreach to the Homebound</b>