

The CEW Spirit Newsletter

Winter 2023

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

Spiritual Direction from Deacon Bob

Stop and Pray Each Day

On every ordinary day, prayer helps. With our risen Christ, I am either getting closer or drifting away just a bit each day. When I get busy or distracted, it's easy to have the day pull me in with no depth of thought of the way of Jesus. I don't choose to turn away, I just don't turn towards God.

One of my favorite Simon & Garfunkel songs goes: “Slow down you move too fast. You have to make the morning last...” If I pray each day I do even better than slowing down; I STOP. And when I pray, in any way, I stop. Then, in that moment of time of ceasing all activity or diversion, I have turned toward God. In that moment or that half hour, I have stopped the drift, and am on a path unknown towards God.

Help me Lord today, and every day, to make the stop and the turn towards you.

Deacon Bob Beehner

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.

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Rector's Corner

A note from the past Women's Rector, Lynn Krupka

Wow....Here we are already into the Advent season and it seemed like I was just planning everything for the ladies weekend. Please welcome Marilyn Budnik-Burish, Rachel Hartlaub, Emily Hearley, Jenny Lasee, Vicki Meyer, Linda Neumeyer, Heidi Pribyl, Mary Jo Schad and Brandy Wallander to the CEW family. I was also blessed to have the following return candidates Michelle Jirikowic, Patti Rathsack, Tricia Wagner, Clarice Hagen (moved to team) and Catherine Livingston (moved to team). God chose a wonderfully faith filled team who made this weekend so full of LOVE! There are so many to THANK...from all the food that was donated...the kitchen helpers who prepared the food and cleaned the dishes...the prayer warriors who prayed in the Eucharistic and speakers chapels...and the gift of all the Palancas that were written.

The ladies reunion was held on Sunday December 3. We celebrated mass together and then shared a beautiful potluck.

The men's weekend will happen soon. Please consider helping or donating. Sign up on the CEW website.

Wishing everyone a Christmas that is filled with abundant FAITH as we wait in HOPE for the coming of the birth of JESUS who is so very deeply in LOVE with us!

Blessings, Lynn Krupka

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A note from the upcoming Men's Rector, Steve Krupka

Men's CEW is February 2 – 4, 2024 at Roncalli High School.

With Advent upon us, the message is “watch”. Are you ready? If not now, when?

Now is the time to pray about joining other men on their spiritual journey. Now is the time to DO palanca, pray for team, pray for candidates.

Now is the time for preparation.

Commissioning is scheduled for January 7, 2024 at 4:00 pm in the Roncalli High School Sister's Residence Chapel. Come to Commissioning and “pray it forward” for you or someone else to answer the call.

Steve

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Community Renewal Events (CRE)

Men's CEW Commissioning- Sunday January 7th, 4:00 pm

Please mark your calendars to attend the Commissioning for the upcoming Men's retreat.

Commissioning is where we acknowledge those who are behind the scenes on team and pray to the Holy Spirit for them and for potential candidates by name.

Commissioning will be in the Chapel at the Sister's Residence (back part of Roncalli High School).

Let's fill the Chapel with people and prayers!

Future event: To be determined!

We are planning our future CRE. Some ideas include providing and serving a meal to those in need, hearing Dcn Dave's story and information about his new book, or anything else!

Please share ideas of events you'd be interested in doing with your CEW community.

Let one of the upcoming Rectors know your ideas!

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.

Men's CEW- Feb 2-4, 2024

Rector- Steve Krupka 920-905-9290

Women's CEW 2024- date to be determined

Rector- Dianne Wallander 920-629-7952





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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 of the weekend to prevent you from attending. Contact any of the Rectors listed below. All assistance stays anonymous.

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

Lynn Krupka
834 Summit Street
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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 retreat will be held at the Roncalli Franciscan Center, Mirro Drive. The CEW begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening and will continue on Saturday and Sunday with an **optional** overnight stay at Roncalli. The weekend will end approximately around 5:00 p.m. Sunday evening.

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

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Women's Rector: Lynn Krupka 920-905-9291

Assistants: Diane Wallander 920-629-7952
Amy Dose 920-255-1203



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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

Email: _____ Will you be staying overnight YES NO

Age: _____ Single Married Other: _____

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** - October 27-29, 2023
- Men's CEW** - Feb 2-4, 2024