



The CEW Spirit

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A Note from the 2014 Men's Rector

God truly does not call the prepared but he prepares the called. My time as rector has been a blessing in so many ways. One of those blessings has been the relationships forged and grown through Christ with so many as we prepared for the weekend and as the weekend unfolded. I thank Him for all the help and direction that was given to me through the Team He assembled and All those He called to serve on the weekend. God's hand is always so visible to me on a CEW weekend. The Spirit removes my blindness and softens my heart. As Lent moves on towards Holy Week and then through Easter may we all be more aware of His hand in our lives.

Please join me in welcoming our new brothers in Christ: Tim Burns, Rick Conrad, Bill Gasparek, Dustin Johanek, Neil Kowalski, Dave Neuser, Dan Niquette, Joe Pozorski, William Prijic, Terry Reynolds, Mike Teshima, Tom Tomaszewski, and Jeff Wallander.

Peace,
Mike Cisler

Note from the Current Rectors

"Will winter ever end?" How many times have you thought, uttered or heard this phrase over the past several months? If you're like us, we're sure it's been a time or two...or two hundred. But we DO know spring is coming, signs of it are all around us: longer days with a sun that feels warmer, robins flitting around the yard, rivers and creeks swollen from snowmelt, etc.

What season do we see ourselves as being in with our spiritual life? The highpoint of the liturgical year is upon us, the season of Easter, celebrating the Risen Christ! Are we ready to be fully engaged with Jesus in our faith, striving to follow in His footsteps? Do we look for those signs of Christ which are all around us? Do we project Christ to others as we interact with them?

As the rectors for the Women's 2014 and Men's 2015 retreats, we ask for your prayers so we can loosen our grip on the controls, and rely on the Holy Spirit as we start preparations for the weekends. By doing so, we pray that we and the entire CEW community truly are a reflection of Christ.

God Bless You,
Dawn and George Jacobsen

Newest Rectors:

The CEW Community extends warmest welcome to Lisa and Mark Knipp, who will be 2nd Assistants for the upcoming weekends! We are blessed that you have accepted God's call to serve! May the Holy Spirit guide you as you make this journey with us!

>The Women's Weekend will be held November 7 – 9, 2014

>The Men's Weekend will be held February 13 – 15, 2015 (Yes, this means we have to do something special for our spouses / significant others!)

From the Spiritual Director:

" When the world hands you lemons...Make Lemonade!"

Deacon Bob Beehner

Often I am tempted to say, "If only,..." as life does not go the way I would like it and yet it's a great reminder that I was never in control. What happens, happens, but I can decide how to react. Recently, Mary Jane and I went down to Louisiana for a warm weather camping outing, pulling our camper behind us. In Mississippi, 40 miles south of Jackson we broke down and ended up spending 4 days in a Wal-Mart parking lot. We laughed a lot and even made a silly video of the event to show our kids. On seeing the video, they were amazed at our way of handling the calamity. But the greatest calamity ever faced, was the passion and death of Jesus, the Christ. How could God's coming to us go so badly? And yet, He turned the worst of events into the great Easter event when His rising from the dead changed everything,... including you and I. Our problems pale by comparison and our Joy is complete.

Soup and Stations Recap

A special word of thanks to all those who attended and helped put together this year's Soup and Stations event at the SFA - Grand site on April 6th. The event was very well received by our parish community and over 125 people were able to join us for an evening of remembrance. It was an incredible experience and all were moved by the sincere and moving reflections on our Lord's love and sacrifice. Equally fantastic were the conversations and connections that were made over the abundant soup options that people so generously donated. (I had no idea there were so many different recipes for Chicken Soup and Chili?) We are hoping to continue to grow this amazing event with each year and we encourage everyone to attend and to remember to invite others.



Community Renewal Events (CRE's) Update



All of us who have been on a CEW weekend can clearly remember the powerful impact it has had on our faith life. Unfortunately, many of us can also relate to how easy it is to slip away from that deep connection with God as we are whisked away by the rush of the "real" world and its hectic pace. That is why both community and renewal are essential to our spiritual health. Thanks to the incredible leadership of a core group of CEW rectors and attendees we are looking forward to a revitalized CRE schedule for the upcoming year. Although some of the details are still in the planning stages we have been blessed that a group of former CEW rectors and attendees have volunteered to help organize and plan some new and exciting CRE's for the upcoming year. Look for updates and invites in your email box, and consider helping to plan these events or just bring a friend or fellow parishioner.

May CRE - Prayer is Possible Day Retreat

For May's CRE we are encouraging everyone to consider attending the "Prayer is day retreat sponsored by our parish on **May 17th at the Grand Worship Site.** promises to be filled with insight, quiet meditation, keynote speakers, and a reflection options that allow each individual to tailor the retreat to their own [Click Here to Register Online](#) or [Here to Download a Printable Registration](#).



Possible' The day variety of needs.

If you have an idea for a CRE or would like to help, please contact Mick and Joyce Rolland (mijoy2@sbcglobal.net), or Duane and Stephanie Simmons (simmonsdu@sbcglobal.net, 920-629-8355).

Upcoming CRE's

- May 17th - **Prayer IS Possible Day Retreat**, (Parish committee, Scott and Kim Reel)
- June CRE – **Prayer Walk** (Ellen Wilhelm & Ann Dolezal, specific date TBA)
- July CRE - TBA
- August CRE – **Sunrise Mass** (Char Haug, Candy Trochil, Deb Miller, specific date TBA)
- September CRE - **Commissioning & CRE social gathering** (Current and Future Rectors)
- October CRE – **Respect Life**, (Mark Knipp, Rose Marie Derks & Ellen Wilhelm, date TBA)
- November CRE - **CEW Closing & CRE social**, (Current/Future Rectors, date TBA)
- December CRE - **Soup & Cookies Outreach**, (Current/Future Rectors, date TBA)

“Spirit” Editor Reflection

I believe that all of us have at least one material thing in common – we all like a meal of comfort food.

As I sat “watching” following the Holy Thursday service I was enveloped in an overwhelming feeling of comfort, calm and relaxation. God and Church are comfortable sources to me and are the best comfort food. If we keep this in mind all will be better.

Website & CEW Information

Don't forget to “bookmark” under “favorites” www.lakeshorecew.org/members. Contact, weekend, help, and team information is available just a few clicks away. Once you are on email, you will get all of your CEW information electronically only...unless you specifically request otherwise. So it is very important **when you change your email address to let us know.**

If you are not online or not getting information calls (or you know of someone) and you would like to, feel free to contact any current or past rector or Terry Guay @ 629-9614 with any requests or information change. Recently, we have had a few newsletters returned as undeliverable.

We do not want to become your “junk mail” so at anytime, you may request to be listed as inactive.

Easter Blessings

