

## 25 YEARS OF CEW ON THE LAKESHORE

The CEW experience brings God into the heart of the individual through; witness talks, time together, prayer, sacraments, and the action of the Holy Spirit. These key elements support not only the strength of the CEW experience, but also the life-changing impact of experiencing the divine.

**One of the main gifts CEW brings to the lakeshore is forming and nurturing a relationship with Jesus that can best be experienced through community.**



## Notes from the director...

“Come back to me, with all your heart don’t let fear keep us apart...”

I remember the scene very well when some 26 years ago a youngish couple from Iowa new to Manitowoc, walked into the cavernous church that is now the Waldo site of SFA. Immediately we realized that this was not the home of the warm church family we had left behind. Inside, the walls seemed cold and unwelcoming to newcomers. Bette and I went home to pray about our dilemma...and through those prayers came courage and determination. We put out a call and folks answered...they dropped their nets and followed to an unknown encounter with Jesus that would change all of our lives forever. This small band of believers became the hands, feet and mouths of God and with the Spirit’s help, many lives have been changed forever. However, CEW was never meant to be a onetime in isolation experience, rather the Spirit works best through the many gifts of the community. Lately I have felt a renewed and strong longing for community which has brought me back to pray for us all. So...if it has been a while since you came to an event, **come back to us, we need you and believe it or not you need us!** To celebrate 25 years we are going to work hard to make more opportunities for us to gather and “rekindle in us the fire of the Spirit’s love.” So come home...we need a hug!

Blessings...Deacon Rich

### NEW TO CEW AND LOST IN TRANSLATION?

Everything you wanted to know about CEW and felt too embarrassed to ask: We’ve all been there but do we have a site for you!

**lakeshorecew.com** is our website and has all the answers about palanca, helping out, our history and much, much more. Checkout CEW 101 for answers to many of your questions and while you are there, feel free to log into our member only place with the password: **membercew**

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*...and someday there shall be such closeness that when one cries the other shall taste salt. (Anonymous)*

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## ✠ SOME FINAL THOUGHTS FROM ONE OF OUR RECENT RECTORS ✠

I want everyone to take a moment and think back to your last CEW... Can you remember the amazing feeling that overcame you when the Holy Spirit was ever present? I hope as we all go about our day to day lives we are taking time to embrace that feeling and carry it with us. We need to remember that the Holy Spirit is not only that powerful on the weekends, but in our everyday lives. We just need to make the time and reflect on that. The weekends are the great jump start we need as we move along on our journeys of Faith. We meet great new friends, we learn how and what part God plays in our own lives and we are able to strengthen our own relationship with God. God chose each one of us to be on those specific weekends for a reason. Maybe it was for your own journey, or maybe it was to be there as God crossed your path with someone else he felt needed you. Whatever the reason, what we gained from those weekends are blessings. We are all so very blessed. As we go forward from the CEW weekends, there are so many ways to stay involved with the CEW community. Look to the website for up and coming Community Renewal Events (CRE's). Put an email or text out to your table to get together for coffee, or to anyone you met on the retreat for that matter. Send a card just to let someone , and know you are thinking of them. I love seeing the social media connections made through CEW. Whatever you chose, you will be amazed at the positive responses. When you hear people talk about CEW being a family, they are correct. We are all one big family that God has brought together to share his Grace and Love. I want to wish you and your families a very Happy and Blessed Easter!

Peace & Prayers...Kathy A. Klestinski 2017 Women's CEW Rector

### **STUDY IDEAS:**

Study...hmm... to me it sounds like work. Let's look at it as a time to grow in faith or an opportunity to grow in your relationship with God or how about just a positive way to get some quiet time. It certainly means different things to different folks. So in this "SPIRIT" I'd like to give you some of the "stuff" I read that brings me closer to God.

### **BOOKS:**

**"All Saints" *Daily Reflections On Saints, Prophets, and Witnesses For Our Time***

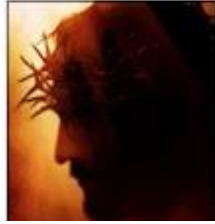
**by Robert Ellsberg** "From Therese of Lisieux to Mother Theresa, from Moses to Gandhi this is a great daily read that combines recognized saints with other spiritual giants whose lives speak to the meaning of the holiness of our time." I read this almost daily to remind me that there are always saints among us! (I grabbed this for \$0.99 at St Vincent DePaul.

**"When God Whispers Your Name" by Max Lucado...**Max Lucado is a minister who frames encounters with Christ in the everyday. For a simple guy like me who is in constant search of those "Ah ha" moments this book and almost anything by Max Lucado are easy reads that speak loudly of God's love for us...

**MUSIC:** I listen and play tons of music but what may surprise you is contemporary Christian music does not trip my "spiritual trigger"....However I love Rich Mullins and Chris Rice and lots of traditional Gospel music with it's rich history. In my opinion whatever brings you closer to God is of God!

**If you have read a book or listened to a great CD or have seen a great movie why not let the community know about it. Send you review to me at [rbahnaman@yahoo.com](mailto:rbahnaman@yahoo.com) and I'll get it into the next CEW Spirit.**

# Easter Triduum



**T**riduum commonly called Holy Week is most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it. It is a time that we do things not done at any other time of the year. If you want to experience the church in it's fullness why not try to attend all three opportunities to celebrate the complete "Paschal Mystery"...Holy Thursday, Good Friday and The Easter Vigil. There are multiple opportunities at our (SFA) sites to celebrate with one location for the great Vigil at the Waldo site. Check the SFA website ([sfamanitowoc.org](http://sfamanitowoc.org)) for times and locations.

## **APRIL COMMUNITY RENEWAL EVENT APRIL 14 4:00– 6:30 SFA WALDO SITE**

GETTING THE FEELING WE WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN? WE DO, WE REALLY DO! LETS MEET FOR 4:00 MASS AT THE SFA WALDO SITE FOLLOWED BY PIZZA AND SODA AT THE LIFETEEN HOUSE. (CEW PROVIDES THE FOOD AND DRINK) THEN WE'LL SHARE SOME GREAT SONG FOLLOWED BY AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE IN SMALL GROUPS YOUR ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS RECENTLY. WE PROVIDE THE FOOD YOU PROVIDE OPEN HEARTS, LOVED ONES AND FRIENDS AND TOGETHER WE'LL REAQUAINT OURSELVESWITH EACH OTHER AND OUR SAVIOR WHO LOVES US BEYOND BELIEF!

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