

# The CEW Spirit Newsletter

Summer 2025

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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 Mark**

*“Now”*

Recently, I was hanging out with my granddaughter, and she wanted to play a game with me. I was caught up on my phone, answering emails and checking messages, and I guess I didn’t respond quickly enough. She looked at me and said, “Opa, put down your phone and sit by me.”

Being present in the moment is a simple but powerful way to connect with life. When we take a deep breath, feel the sun’s warmth or the cool air, we’re touching something sacred that’s always here. The past is gone, the future’s unknown, but right now is where everything happens — where we’re truly alive and connected to something bigger. Staying grounded in the present helps us appreciate the gift of life and trust that each phase brings us closer to understanding ourselves and “BE” so we can truly appreciate all the blessings God bestows on us. Embrace the moment!

~Deacon Mark

*P.S.* Please join me in welcoming our new men’s and women’s rectors: Bob Wallander and Erin Place. They join the team in leading us all closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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## **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](http://www.lakeshorecew.com) for details.

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## **Rector's Corner**

### ***A note from the upcoming Women's Rector, Amy Dose***

The Halloween decorations in the stores have me starting to think about fall. Which I am not ready for as I want to enjoy more 'sunny summer days' that might still happen. Fall is on the way, along with our Women's CEW Retreat on October 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. I am humbled and amazed at the faith of those who have said 'Yes' to being a part of the weekend. I am trusting that the Lord will guide all of the planning that still needs to be done and will put us all where we need to be. Be sure to answer my phone call- really God's call- by saying "yes" to where He's asking you to serve.

Please participate in our **Commissioning on Sunday, September 21st at 3:00 pm at St Peter the Fisherman in Two Rivers** to pray for those that God is calling to be on the weekend, both as participants and Team Members.

Blessings!

### ***A note from the upcoming Men's Rector, Paul Karbon***

#### **Join Us for the Christian Experience Weekend: Strive – Jesus Is Waiting for You**

Men of faith, mark your calendars for an unforgettable spiritual journey at the **Christian Experience Weekend**, happening **November 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2025**. This transformative retreat is designed to inspire, challenge, and renew your walk with Christ, surrounded by a community of brothers striving for a deeper connection with God.

Under the powerful theme "**Strive – Jesus Is Waiting for You,**" this retreat invites men from all walks of life to step boldly into their faith. Inspired by Hebrews 12:1-2, which calls us to "run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus," this weekend will encourage you to press forward, overcome obstacles, and draw closer to the Savior who is waiting with open arms.

Whether you're seeking spiritual renewal, longing for authentic fellowship, or looking to grow in your relationship with Christ, the Christian Experience Weekend offers a sacred space to reflect, recharge, and recommit to living a life rooted in faith.

## **Community Renewal Events (CRE)**

### **Sunrise Mass- Monday, Sept 1st at Neshota Beach (Two Rivers)**

All are welcome to join us on Labor Day at Neshota Beach in Two Rivers for Sunrise Mass. What could be more beautiful than watching God's creation open up to a new day as the mass unfolds?

Be sure to arrive before 6:00 am to the pavilion. Remember to bring a lawn chair, and sunglasses if desired. Folks are encouraged to stick around afterwards for conversation.

Questions contact: Lynn Krupka 920-905-9291.

### **Commissioning on Sunday, September 21st at 3:00 pm at St Peter the Fisherman in Two Rivers**

Please join us for Commissioning, with a social to follow.

#### **Past events:**

Priest Farewell (June): As part of the St Francis of Assisi 20-20-20 events, CEW community members helped serve pizza, dessert and drinks to say farewell to Fr Jason Blahnik and Fr Matt Colle. The event was well attended. CEW Community thanked the priests and pray that their new parish assignments are welcoming them with open arms.

Brewer's Baseball Game (June): CEW members and their families enjoyed a beautiful day starting with mass prior to the game, and then enjoyed tailgating with food and beverages- even a special Pope Leo beer! Fun was had by all and we had a Brewer's win to top it all off!

Lumen Christi Farm- Part 2 (May): We had a wonderful showing of people that were willing to get their hands dirty. We planted gardens, pruned trees, cleaned stables, and picked rocks. The gardens will provide produce for those in need.



### **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.





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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:

**St Peter the Fisherman Parish**  
**3201 Mishicot Road, Two Rivers, WI.**

The CEW retreat begins on Friday evening and will continue on Saturday and Sunday with an optional, but encouraged overnight stay. The weekend will end approximately around 5:00 p.m.

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 "Lakeshore CEW" and mail to:

**Lynn Krupka**  
**834 Summit St**  
**Manitowoc, WI 54220**  
**(920) 905-9291**

After you have mailed in your registration form and deposit, a phone call will be made confirming it was received.

In addition, 1 two weeks before the scheduled weekend, you will receive a letter via mail or email with more information from the weekend rector.

Contact any of the following people with questions:

**Men's Rector:**

Paul Karbon 920-682-0245

**Assistants:**

Mike Reel 920-323-4978

Bob Wallander 920-905-5680

**Women's Rector:**

Amy Dose 920-255-1203

**Assistants:**

Deb Schmidt 920-851-7899

Erin Place 920-629-1971

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 Retreat** - October 24-26, 2025 ☐ **Men's Retreat** - November 7-9, 2025