

The CEW Spirit Newsletter

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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 Bob

The Spirituality of the CEW weekend

When I attended my first CEW, I felt like my faith was "woken-up." It wasn't a new faith, but Sometime during the weekend, something happened and I felt on fire. I had no idea what to do with this. What I have found since that moment years ago is an insight into the elements of what sets us on fire. The three elements are Prayer, Community and Time. I pray now each morning, but I have found I pray better with others. But I need my private prayer too, that I might see what is inside of me. The magic of CEW is time. When people get together for a whole weekend and talk and pray, it has a transformational effect. But after a weekend, I easily drift. I have never turned away, it's just that I don't feel the fire. I believe that praying for at least a half hour helps a lot. I heard we should pray a half hour a day, unless we are really busy. Then we should pray an hour. When we give up on doing it all we begin to let God in on that job.

Deacon Bob

Rector's Corner

A note from the Men's Rector, Jerrod Jirikowic

I was meeting with Deacon Bob in mid-November and I expressed to him my reluctance to lead the weekend due to being in a spiritual desert. His advice was simple. The fact that I recognized I was not where I wanted to be Spiritually was a good thing. Because at our core we were made to be in Communion with God. He mentioned St. Augustine's famous quote, "My heart is restless until it rests in You." That really made me think and hit home. About a week later I thought what a great theme for the weekend. How many of us can relate to this quote? I still may have one foot in the desert but the fact that realize it and want to move past it is a good thing and gives me hope. I am looking forward to the weekend. We still have many spots available. Please invite your friends.

A note from the past Women's Rector, Eileen Zdanowski

November 11-13, 2022, 39 women gathered at the Grand Ave social hall of St Francis of Assis to grow their faith. By the end of Friday night, these women had formed their own community. The talks were excellent and by the Grace of the Holy Spirit carried through the theme of "Trust in the Lord". The Women's Reunion was held on December 4th starting with the 9:30 Mass at the Waldo site and then a brunch potluck followed at the EMMAUS Center. More than half of the women who attended the weekend were present at the reunion. Many of the women who attended the weekend will be working in the kitchen for the upcoming Men's retreat. We welcome all of the newest members to the Lakeshore CEW!

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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Community Renewal Events (CRE)

Soup and Stations, March 19, 2023 at 3:00 PM, SFA Grand Worship Site

All are welcome, as the St. Francis of Assisi and the CEW community host an afternoon of reflection, remembrance, and fellowship. The event will begin in the Grand Worship site as we follow the sacrifice of our Lord through His crucifixion and hear a brief personal reflection, song, or prayer in relation to each station. Afterwards, we will share soup and fellowship with each other.

Sign-up sheets for stations and soup will be available at the Men's CEW closing on Sunday, February 5th. After that it will be on the CEW website. If you have any questions call Diane Wallander at 920-629-7952 or Mike Dose at 920-323-2028

Save the Date: Sunset Prayer (with social to follow)

Mark your calendars for a Sunset (evening) prayer time, with a social to follow, happening on **Saturday, July 1st**. More details (specific time & location) will be forthcoming.

All CEW members and their families are invited to attend!

Thank you for giving to Christmas Outreach!

For the Christmas Outreach in 2022, the Lakeshore CEW was very generous! In all, over \$2,000 of donations were given to our CEW family in need. The family opened the gift on Christmas morning surrounded by their children and were amazed and grateful beyond words. Thank you!

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- February 3-5, 2023

Rector- Jerrod Jirikowic 920-574-1638

Women's CEW- date TBD

Rector- Lynn Krupka 920-901-9291





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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 CEW weekend is designed as an overnight retreat and sleeping/showering accommodations are provided at the Roncalli High School Convent. Please indicate on the registration form your preference in regard to an overnight stay.

The retreat will be held at the Grand Avenue Worship site, 1415 Grand Avenue. The CEW begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening and will continue on Saturday and Sunday. The weekend will end approximately around 5:00 p.m. Sunday evening.

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 to prevent you from attending. Contact any of the Rectors listed below if you need any assistance.

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

Eileen Zdanowski
611 N 6th St
Manitowoc, WI 54220

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

Women's Rector	Eileen Zdanowski	920-629-3905
1st Assistant	Lynn Krupka	920-905-9291
2nd Assistant	Diane Wallander	920-629-7952
MEN'S RECTOR	Jerrold Jirikowic	920-574-1638
1st Assistant	Steve Krupka	920-905-9290
2nd Assistant	Mike Dose	920-323-2028

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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

Email: _____

Age: _____ Will you be staying overnight: Yes No

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** - November 11-13, 2022
- Men's CEW** - February 3-5, 2023