



MARCH 2017

Letter to Our Ministry Associates

Upcoming Events

March 10-11: Pray One, Bead Two:
Using Beads for Meditation

March 15: Lenten Day of Prayer

March 17-19: Nothing Can
Separate Us (Healing After Suicide)

March 24-25: The Church Today
With 50 Years (Vatican II Spirituality)

March 24-26:
Disconnect Tech & Connect Within

April 7-9: Women's Silent Palm
Sunday Retreat

April 8-9: Building Resilience Stress
Management Workshop

April 21-23: Earth Day Weekend
Retreat

April 28-30: Basket-Weaving
Retreat

April 29: Stations of the
Resurrection Day Retreat

Who Was Here

- 13 Private Retreatants
- Priest Support Retreat
- Knights of Columbus
- Diocese of La Crosse Lay & Deacon Formation, Diaconate Discernment Retreat
- Franciscan Values Gathering Pt. 1
- Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat
- Continuing the Journey of Widowhood Day
- Evening for Lovers
- Diocese of La Crosse Men's Retreat
- Regnum Christi Silent Men's Retreat
- Cultivate a Vision Silent Men's Retreat
- Bethany Baptist Marriage Retreat

Naturally Franciscan!

In all the times that you come to St. Anthony's have you ever claimed that you are "Naturally Franciscan?" How? Take some time to recall all the values that are true of your life: hospitality, generosity, kindness, compassion, joyfulness, service, faithfulness, acceptance, love of Jesus, striving to live the Gospel way of life, etc. Those are the values that St. Francis and St. Clare had in their way of life.



So continue to believe that you are naturally Franciscan! And, discover more ways you are Naturally Franciscan in upcoming newsletters!

~Sr. Jolynn Brehm, FSPA, Spiritual Leader

Visit St. Anthony Spirituality Center's Bookstore for books, CDs, gifts for Sacraments and so much more...

Featured this month are books and materials for Lenten reading:

Meditations of Lent
Christ the Merciful
Between Midnight and Dawn
Small Surrenders
Following Christ
40 Days with the Holy Spirit
Bringing Lent Home with St. John Paul II
Bringing Lent Home with St. Therese of Lisieux

For Kids:

Make Room, A Child's Guide
Lenten Survival Guide
Lent and Easter for the Younger Crowd

CDs:

Maundy Thursday
Christ in Gethsemane
Easter
The Passion of Jesus Christ



The Bookstore is open every Tuesday and Thursday morning 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. and Saturday 12:30-1:30 p.m., when there are retreats.



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What our Ministry Associates have to say about St. Anthony's:

Why Volunteer? Because it feels good! When you arrive, you are greeted with a smile. Staff will match your duties to your talents. Working with friends makes the duties go quickly. Your work is appreciated and you choose when you are available. Be it weekly, monthly or for cleanup week. There is always time to visit the chapel and Mass is usually available.

I knew how much St. Anthony's has influenced my life and I wanted to give back to St. Anthony's. That is when I became a volunteer.

My first experience of St. Anthony's was as a retreatant. I came for an Al-Anon retreat, to learn tools on how to live with an active alcoholic; how to understand the illness and separate the person from his actions. I needed to regain my self-esteem; to reject blame and to accept that I was not the cause. Most of all I needed to learn how to love myself again. I came to realize I did not have the strength to do this myself; I needed to reconnect with my God. It took many retreats to work on these goals.

St. Anthony's was there for me as my life took on changes. I attended Marriage Encounters, Divorce and Separated retreats, Family retreats with my children, and Silent retreats. I found people who understood my problems. People I could talk to about my feelings and guidance on how to forgive and seek self-forgiveness. During this process, I made many friends and developed relationships with staff and fellow retreatants.

Kathy Jones – Front Office Volunteer (10 years)

Did you know...

Hundreds of volunteer hours are donated to the Center to keep it running and reduce our costs.

In January, 53 volunteers gave over 1,212 hours. (That's over 7 full-time employees!)

May God return their blessings!



Scholarships for Catholic Clergy & Religious

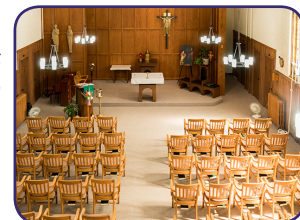
St. Anthony Spirituality Center received a financial gift to the Scholarship Fund, to provide financial assistance for Catholic Clergy and Religious persons, who would like to attend private retreats or programs offered at the Center. We appreciate this donation and pray it benefits those who need it.

Come Pray With Us

You are always welcome to join us for our times of prayer in the Main Chapel:

- Mass is celebrated Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is Monday through Friday at 1 p.m., with benediction most days at 2 p.m.
- Morning Prayer at 9 a.m., Evening Prayer at 5 p.m., Monday through Friday

Call ahead for schedule changes.



Upcoming Ministry Associate's Dates

May 3: Hosting Meeting

July 19-23: Volunteer Week

September 12: Promoter's Dinner

October 1: Soles and Spirit 5K Run/Walk



Leaving A Legacy Gift to St. Anthony of Marathon, Inc.

Leaving a gift in your will is one of the best ways to fund our work into the future – helping us meet the challenges of the years ahead. Contact your personal financial representative for information on the different ways you can leave a “Legacy Gift” to St. Anthony of Marathon Inc. If you already have included St. Anthony of Marathon Inc. in your estate plan, please let Deacon Bryan know.

Thrivent Choice®

If you're an eligible Thrivent Financial member and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please keep St. Anthony of Marathon Inc. in mind. For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice.”



Will you join our Monday cleaning team?

We are currently looking for people to join our Monday Cleaning Team. This involves; checking upstairs bedrooms (putting out clean linen, room straightening, dusting, vacuuming, etc.), vacuuming hallways, clean bathrooms and other cleaning as needed. We offer the option of coming on Sunday, to start cleaning, and stay overnight. Lodging would be provided.