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APRIL 2017

Letter to Our Ministry Associates

Upcoming Events

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

May 18: Know Your Faith (Fr. Al Burkhardt)

May 19-21: Sorrows of Mary, Sorrows of the World

May 19-21: Re-Writing Our Stories Retreat (Tom Roberts)

May 21: Together with Family Series

June 2-4: Serenity Retreat for Recovering Alcoholics

Who Was Here

- 25 Private Retreatants
- Priest Support Retreat
- Knights of Columbus
- Diocese of La Crosse Lay & Deacon Formation
- Franciscan Values Gathering Pt. 2
- Retrouvaille Team Meeting
- Pray 1, Bead 2 Workshop
- Wausau Deanery Marriage Preparation
- Retiree Mass & Luncheon
- Lenten Day of Prayer
- United Methodist Women
- Nothing Can Separate Us Retreat
- Together with Family
- Wisconsin Vicars
- Christ Church Retreat

Join us for St. Anthony Spirituality Center's Annual Meeting, Sunday, April 30.

- 11:15 a.m. Mass
 - Noon lunch
 - 1:00 p.m. Annual Meeting
- Please RSVP for the lunch.

Naturally Franciscan!

Love of creation, connection with nature, thanking God for sunshine, rain, gardens, fields, birdsong and baby animals are all truly how we have the Franciscan Spirit! St. Francis and Clare celebrated God in all of nature and creatures. The daily prayer of St. Francis was Psalm 148. St. Francis related to all aspects of our universe, our earth, as brother and sister: Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wolf, Sister Cricket, Brother Fire, Sister Water, etc. Each of us has our own special relationship with nature, creation, earth, the universe. In many ways we can continue to claim that we are **naturally Franciscan**.

~Sr. Jolynn Brehm, FSPA,
Spiritual Leader

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-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.



These wonderful ladies have put in countless hours (and years) volunteering at St. Anthony's! From making sure every inch of the building is clean and in tip top shape to helping with food prep in the kitchen, the gift of their time is immeasurable. We give thanks for each and every one of you!

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

Featured this month are the CDs available in the bookstore:

Maudy Thursday, Gregorian Chant Christ in Gethsemane, Gregorian Chant Easter, Gregorian Chant Celtic Twilight
Thistle & Shamrock
Feather on the Breath of God
Gentle Sounds by Carey Landry
Healing Comfort by Sister Malinda Gerke
Come to the Water by St. Louis Jesuits

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

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

My life's journey has so fortuitously led me to this special place. A very special place indeed! At a time in the not so distant past I was searching for some much needed peace in my chaotic life and I found just what I was looking for. St. Anthony's has become a place of profound spirituality for me. From my very first visit, I have felt right at home. That feeling grows deeper and stronger with each new experience. I cherish the time I spend here. Times of quiet reflection and contemplation, times of fellowship and laughter, times of helping others and being helped at the same time. All are opportunities of amazing growth for my heart and soul.

I am learning so much about kindness, caring and humility from my many new teachers at St. Anthony's. St. Anthony of Padua once said, "The spirit of humility is sweeter than honey, and whoever is fed by this sweetness produces fruit." He also so eloquently stated that, "Actions speak louder than words." Having been given so much, I decided I would take action by giving back to others. I can't keep what I don't give away. Volunteering here has already gifted me many smiles and I look forward to so many more. My days are now filled with wonderful happiness, peace and hope. That truly is a "God thing" to me.

So to all of my St. Anthony's family – have your stories ready to share, the yummy cookies baked and the coffee hot and inviting. I shall see you soon and I can't wait. Peace and blessings always.

Tracy Hoefs – Volunteer Host and Greeter (4 months)

Did you know...

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

In February, 46 volunteers gave 1,093 hours. (That's almost 7 full-time employees!)

May God return their blessings!



Join us on Sunday, October 1, from 1-4 p.m. for the first of three events celebrating the Centennial of St. Anthony Spirituality Center.

On October 1 we will commemorate the purchase of the 40 acres of land by the Capuchins in the fall of 1917. The afternoon will consist of guided tours of the property, giving folks a chance to walk our beautiful grounds and learn some of its history. Concessions will be available. Several Capuchins who spent years at St. Anthony will be joining us to share their stories.

Request for Centennial Volunteers:

We will need artists, builders and helpers to build a float which we will use to promote St. Anthony's centennial events at area parades this fall and over the following two summers. For our October 1 event we will need about 10 guides (walk from site to site with a small group of people), 4-6 helpers for a concession stand, and 5-6 re-enactors (docents) who will make scripted presentations about various sites on the grounds.

Upcoming Ministry Associate's Dates

May 3: Hospitality Meeting, for Hosts and Greeters – 1:00 p.m. in the Front Lounge. Those interested in learning more about our Hospitality Ministry are welcome to join us!

July 19-23: Volunteer Week

September 12: Promoter's Dinner

October 1: Soles and Spirit 5K Run/Walk

Do you enjoy gardening?

Would you like to be a part of the beautification and bounty at St. Anthony's? The planting dates are: May 22-25. We need help in the flower beds and in the vegetable garden. We will be doing transplants and seeds. You will need to bring your own gloves, trowel/shovel and cultivator (both large and small), and knee pads if you need. There is some equipment here, but not in the best shape. If you need overnight accommodations, please call ahead for room availability.



We are always on the lookout for people who would like to spend time at the Center and lend a helping hand! We are currently looking for people to join our **Monday Cleaning Team** and we are looking for a **Tuesday Front Office Volunteer**. If you would be interested in hearing more about these or other opportunities at the Center, please contact Mary Maly.