



JULY 2017

Letter to Our Ministry Associates

Upcoming Events

July 6: Know Your Faith
(Fr. Bob Streveler)

July 14-16: Contemplative
Photography Retreat

July 19-23: Volunteer Work Week

July 28-30: Pray It Forward
AA/Al-Anon Retreat

August 11: St. Clare Day

August 18-20: Psalms Retreat

August 25-27: Disconnect Tech &
Connect Within

September 7: Know Your Faith
(Fr. Dennis Lynch)

September 15-17: Silent Sacred
Listening and Speaking Retreat

September 17-23:

Icon Writing with Phil Zimmerman

Sept. 29-Oct. 1:

Silent Franciscan Living Retreat

Sept. 30-Oct. 1:

Moving Meditation Retreat

October 1:

Soles & Spirit 5K Run/Walk

October 1:

Centennial Celebration Kick-Off

LAST CALL!

ST. ANTHONY'S SUMMER VOLUNTEER WORK WEEK!



Join us for a day, evening, weekend, or the entire week!!

July 19 - July 23, 2017

We have work projects to accomplish around the building, grounds and gardens and we could really use your help!

There will also be evening activities, time for prayer and meditation, and time to relax and enjoy the Center and its grounds!

Check in will begin Tuesday, July 18 at 6:00 p.m. Work projects begin Wednesday morning following the 8:00 a.m. breakfast. We wrap up on Sunday, July 23 with a Mass of Thanksgiving and Safe Travels at 11:30 a.m. followed by our Volunteer Appreciation Lunch.

RSVP to Mary Maly:

- For overnight accommodations. Available starting Tuesday, July 18 at 6:00 p.m.
- For days/times you can help out, this helps for meal planning.
- For the type of work you would be interested in.
- For the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch.

*Marathon City Swim Center available for \$5/day - - bring your suits.

Our Bookstore has a fine display of Fr. Solanus articles:

Letters from Solanus Casey
The Porter of St. Bonaventure's
Thank God Ahead of Time
Meet Solanus Casey
God's Doorkeeper
An Advanced Attitude of Gratitude
Father Solanus Note Cards

Father Solanus Medals
Coloring Book of Father Solanus
Comic Book of Servant Solanus Casey
Free materials of holy cards and brochures

Bookstore is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-10:30 a.m. and by appointment.

Who Was Here

- 22 Private Retreatants
- Eagle Scout Ceremony
- June Serenity Retreat
- Transitional Deacon Retreat
- Diocese of La Crosse Curriculum Planning
- Know Youth Faith (Fr. Sam Martin)
- Divine Mercy Retreat
- Spiritual Director Reflection Day
- La Verna Regional Conference
- Red Hatters from Bevent

2ND ANNUAL

ST. ANTHONY SPIRITUALITY CENTER'S
5K
SOLES & Spirit
RUN/WALK
MARATHON, WI

Sunday, October 1, 2017

9:00 a.m. Registration | 10:00 a.m. 5K Run/Walk Begins

Registration Fees:

Adults: \$25 (includes t-shirt until Sept. 1)

Kids (Ages 12 and Under): Free

Youth t-shirts may be ordered for \$7 ea.

Course: Through the wooded grounds of St. Anthony's. Curves, hills, uneven ground and some narrow trails.

Downloadable Registration Forms and Course Map are located on the website at sarcenter.com. **Online Registration Available:** runsignup.com. Note: Additional fees per transaction when registering online. Race Held Rain or Shine. No Refunds, Exchanges, or Transfers.

Housekeeping Needs Volunteers!

Our wonderful "Monday Ladies" have volunteered many years to keeping St. Anthony's clean and inviting for guests who visit the Center. As the years go by, some of the ladies have had to cut back in what they can do and some can no longer volunteer due to health reasons. We are looking for volunteers who would like to join our Monday team! We need volunteers to vacuum, dust, and straighten bedrooms and conference rooms and clean bathrooms. You would let us know what volunteer work you are able to do. Our Monday team enjoys fellowship, friendship, worship and lunch!! Come join our team!!

Updates on Projects

Paving Project: \$13,100 to date

- Cost of project, \$50,000
- Able to pitch driveway away from building
- Rebuild/repave driveway from road to employee parking
- Pave new parking lot
- Pave expanded handicap parking

Solar Energy: 17 panels sponsored to date (25%)

- Cost of project, \$45,000
- \$13,500 grant from Focus on Energy
- Cost to purchase one panel and its structure, \$500
- Payback on investment is 10 years
- In care of our environment

Elevator/Accessibility Project:

- Cost of project, \$125,000
- Install an internal elevator allowing access to all three floors of the building
- Update our handicap entrance (ramp) door



Naturally Franciscan!

Crops growing, flowers blooming, trees covered with leaves, rain and sun in abundance, birds singing – what awesome beauty and surprises! It is what St. Francis saw, it all inspired him. The Life of St. Francis by Thomas of Celano says this:

“Who would be able to tell of the sweet tenderness he [Francis] enjoyed while contemplating in creatures the wisdom, power, and goodness of the Creator? From this reflection he often overflowed with amazing, unspeakable joy as he looked at the sun, gazed at the moon, or observed the stars in the sky... Fields and vineyards, rocks and woods, and all the beauties of the fields, flowing springs and blooming gardens, earth and fire, air and wind: all these he urged to love of God and to willing service.”(1C 80-81)

If any of these is delightful, joyful, beautiful, inspiring, and leads you to greater connection to the Creator God, then you are Naturally Franciscan!

~Sr. Jolynn Brehm, FSPA, Spiritual Leader

Join us for the first of three events celebrating our Centennial

On October 1 from 1-4 p.m., we 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. 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.

Did you know...

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

In May, 48 volunteers gave more than 1,100 hours. (That's more than 6 full-time employees!)

May God return their blessings!

