



SEPTEMBER 2017

## Letter to Our Ministry Associates

### Upcoming Events

**September 7:** Authority of the Church vs. Personal Conscience (Fr. Dennis Lynch)

**September 12:** Promoters Dinner

**September 15-17:** Silent Sacred Listening and Speaking Retreat

**September 16:** Continuing the Journey of Widowhood

**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

**October 5:** What are Homilies

Supposed to Be? (Fr. John A. Schultz)

**October 6-8:** Serenity Retreat for Recovering Alcoholics

### Who Was Here

- 30 Private Retreatants
- Know Your Faith (Fr. Bill Menzel)
- Diocese of La Crosse Leaders of Prayer & Stewardship Committee
- Knights of Columbus
- Priest Support Group Retreat
- Saint Clare Day
- Central WI Retrouvaille
- WDFEF
- St. Paul Center Leadership Team
- Retreat with the Psalms
- Chronic Illness or Pain Day
- Community Foundation
- FSPA Affiliates Retreat

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

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#### 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.

Downloadable Registration Forms and Course Map are located on the website at [sarcenter.com/5k](http://sarcenter.com/5k).

**Online Registration Available:**  
[runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).

## HUMBLE & KIND

MUSINGS BY MARY

I recently read an article about Francis of Assisi, Theresa of Avila and St. Teresa of Calcutta, stating that for all their "humility", they had strong "egos", meaning they each had a clear sense of their identity, their giftedness, and even of their own importance. The article went on to say that what made their "egos" different, than the modern dialogue we have today about "ego" being a bad thing, is that they understood that their gifts did not originate with themselves

and were not meant for them; their gifts were not intended for themselves but for (and in service to) others.

Ego is part of our natural makeup, so it should never be the intent to eliminate that part of ourselves. Rather we should strive towards giving our egos its proper, mature place by recognizing our gifts, where our gifts came from, and what they were intended for. A healthy, mature ego is always concerned for others rather than themselves.

Here at St. Anthony's, I have had the pleasure of watching our wonderful volunteers, who give wholeheartedly of themselves in service to others – never looking for recognition. They give of their hearts and hands in service to others and I am so blessed to continue to learn by their example. These wonderful people are true examples of servant leadership.

"We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh. Rather we must be simple, humble and pure. We should never desire to be over others. Instead, we ought to be servants who are submissive to every human being for God's sake. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on all who live in this way and persevere in it to the end. He will permanently dwell in them. They will be the Father's children who do his work. They are the spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ."

This excerpt from a letter by St. Francis of Assisi (Opuscula, edit. Quaracchi 1949, 87-94)



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### Updates on Projects

#### **Paving Project: \$13,100 to date - First phase completed!**

- 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: 34 panels sponsored to date - Installed!**

- 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

### Ways to help sustain St. Anthony's financially

Honor or Tribute Gifts: "In Memory Gifts" are received most often in the passing of a loved one. With these types of donations, we will send a letter to those you designate to notify them of your gift in their honor.

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.

### Promoter's Dinner

#### Please RSVP by September 4

You are the face of St. Anthony's and we "thank you" for the personal connection you provide in promoting the programs offered at the Center. Many of you support St. Anthony's by promoting our programs to the area churches, businesses, and organization. We would like to show our appreciation for all that our promoters do for us!! Join us Tuesday, September 12, dinner at 5:30 p.m. There will be a short introduction/question/answer session to follow. **Please RSVP by September 4.** Let us know if you need overnight accommodations at no cost to you.



#### **Naturally Franciscan!**

St. Francis and his Brothers, St. Clare and her Sisters, frequently met together for conversation and a sense of community. They spoke of what was important in their lives. As our volunteers come and go, they too take time for meaningful conversations. Hopefully St. Anthony's is a place where a sense of community is experienced and evident. It is actually Naturally Franciscan.

~Sr. Jolynn Brehm, FSPA, Spiritual Leader

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Hospitality Ministry:** Couples and/or individuals who would enjoy spending an occasional weekend at the Center to host retreat groups. Stairs and the ability to lift up to 15 lbs. are involved. Lodging and meals are provided. Weekday and evening opportunities are also available. Those interested in hosting can choose a weekend to "shadow" an experienced host to see if it would be the right fit for you.

**Housekeeping Ministry:** Volunteers to vacuum, dust, and straighten bedrooms and conference rooms. Come join us and enjoy the fellowship and friendship!!

For our October 1 Centennial event we still need 4 or 5 guides. The Guides will be responsible for leading groups through the eight walking tour points.

If you would be interested in hearing more about this or other opportunities at the Center, please contact Mary Maly.

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

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

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

In July, 57 volunteers gave more than 920 hours. (That's almost six full-time employees!)

**May God return their blessings!**