



December 2017

Letter to Our Ministry Associates

Upcoming Events

December 31-January 1:

New Year's Eve Retreat

January 5-7: Serenity Retreat for Recovering Alcoholics

January 18-21: Mothers Retreat w/Fr. Eric Nielsen

February 11: Evening for Lovers

February 23-25: Silent Ignatian Spiritual Exercises Men's Retreat

March 4: Lenten Day of Prayer

March 16-18: Eucharist Retreat

March 23-25: Silent Sacred Listening & Speaking Women's Retreat

April 21: Earth Day Celebration

April 27-29: Easter Retreat

May 15: Spirituality of St. Anthony

May 18: Exploring Nature's Ways

June 1-3: Serenity Retreat for Recovering Alcoholics

June 7-10: Silent Solanus Casey Retreat w/Fr. Dan Crosby

DECKING THE HALLS

Residents Josefina (L) and Haley (R) spent two days decorating St. Anthony's with amazing gusto and seemingly endless Christmas joy. Finding more and more decorations in the basement, they asked if they could spread the Christmas cheer to more of the building! Go for it!



Who Was Here

- 26 Private Retreatants
- Diocese of La Crosse Lay Formation & Deacon Formation
- Knights of Columbus Training
- Priest Support Group Retreat
- Retrouvaille Writing to Heal
- First Call Theological Conference
- St. Lawrence Seminary H.S.
- Silent Sacred Listening & Speaking Retreat
- Covenant Community Presbyterian Church
- St. John's Lutheran Church
- Promptings of the Spirit Retreat for Women

Upcoming Book Discussion Opportunity

If you are longing for stimulating conversation, spiritual growth and the respectful sharing of various perspectives this winter, you are invited to gather at St. Anthony's for a lively discussion of Pope Francis' encyclical "**Laudato Si - On Care for Our Common Home.**"

Discussion begins on Wednesday January 17th from 9:30-11:00 am and will continue every other Wednesday. If you need a copy please contact the front office at 715-443-2236 by Jan. 8th.

Looking forward to seeing you and sharing with you on January 17th!



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THANK YOU

We Can't Stop Saying Thank You

As we catch our breath after a whirlwind and very successful autumn, we have time to stop and reflect on why we were so successful.

It's you. We literally couldn't function without you. From the hours put in as volunteers (over 1,000 in October alone from 64 individuals!) to the regular monthly pledges, and the intercessory prayers made on our behalf... It's humbling.

As we greet and get to know new volunteers, we feel our hearts expanding as our family grows. We are more than a team -- we are brothers and sisters in Christ with a common goal.

So, thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!

Update on Ministry Associates Coordinator Position

We have hired an individual for this position but do not yet have a definite start date. We look forward to our January Ministry Associates Newsletter when we can formally make the introduction!

Come Visit Our Bookstore/Gift Shop Before Christmas!

We have a wide variety of Advent items, ornaments, gifts and more! The store is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. or by appointment.



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 1:00 p.m., with benediction most days at 2:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m., **Evening Prayer** at 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

Call ahead to check for schedule changes.

We have the world's best volunteers!

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.

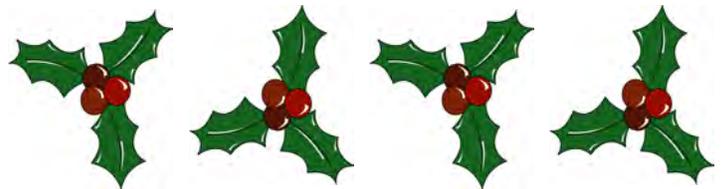
Housekeeping Ministry: Volunteers to vacuum, dust, and straighten bedrooms and conference rooms. Come join us and enjoy the fellowship and friendship!!

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

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

In October, 64 volunteers gave more than 1010 hours. (That's over six full-time employees!)

May God return their blessings!



Marathon City Holly Day

We're happy to once again host the village's holiday celebration here at St. Anthony's.

Saturday, December 9 from 5-7 p.m.

Chili cook-off, hot dog supper, holiday music, tractor rides through the grounds, live nativity, face painting, holiday crafts and a visit with Santa.

Come join the fun!

