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**ST. ANTHONY**  
Spirituality Center  
Marathon, WI



## THE HOUSE SERIES SPRING/SUMMER 2026



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**Immersive Workshops**

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## Mission

We are a sanctuary for peace, hope, restoration, and spiritual growth.

## Vision

To diversify programming and presenters, increase short and long term financial revenues, increase on-campus residency, and expand marketing outreach.

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## FEATURED RETREATS

- 4/16, 4/23, 4/30: Working through Fear and Anxiety Virtual Series
- 4/24–26: A Deeper Spirituality Within the Heart
- 5/4, 5/11, 5/18: Franciscan Simplicity Virtual Series
- 6/5–7: Serenity Retreat: Call to Conversion
- 6/11–16: Volunteer Week
- 8/11: Finding Wholeness in the Pieces: Spiritual Mosaic Workshop

**One Day Workshop \$70**

**Overnight Retreat \$150**

**Weekend Retreat \$260**



Weekend Retreat Schedule  
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- Friday–
- Check-in: 3:00 pm
  - Orientation: 5:45pm
  - Supper: 6:00pm

- Sunday–
- Retreat conclusion: 1:00pm

Register online, send us an email, or give us a call.

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## IN THE HOUSE...

### KADIN OLIVA



Kadin recently joined our team as the new Building and Grounds Manager and we couldn't be happier to have him as part of our St. Anthony's family! In his own words, Kadin shares how he felt called to pursue new ambitions:

"I felt an overwhelming sense that it was time to move on from my previous job and step into something more aligned with my spiritual values. I had visited St. Anthony's periodically throughout my life, and it just so happened that they were looking for a new Building and Grounds Manager. I feel blessed to be stepping into this role because, both in and outside of work, my goal is to be a supportive, honest, and compassionate individual. I strive to bring God into every waking moment; to me, God is love and as a friend once said, 'What's not to love?!!'

At home, I enjoy tending to my plants, cooking good meals, attending concerts, creating art, DJing, and learning about philosophy. Spending time in nature also helps keep me grounded and open-hearted. I am honored to have the opportunity to walk this path and especially grateful that St. Anthony's is part of this journey. Each day is a blessing and a miracle, and I hope to reflect that gratitude in every breath I take." Welcome, Kadin!

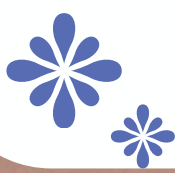
## AROUND THE HOUSE...

### VOLUNTEER WEEK

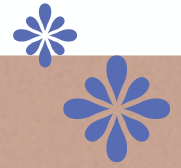
It's time to start planning for the yearly gathering of dedicated St. Anthony Volunteers! If you've never come out for this event, now is the time to join us in giving some TLC to this historical treasure of this converted monastery and the surrounding 30+ acres of woods, hiking trails, water features, prairie gardens, perennials, annuals, and outbuildings. We need your hands, hearts, and service to complete group or individual, organized projects led by St. Anthony staff.

See more on page 7.





# APRIL RETREAT



## A DEEPER SPIRITUALITY WITHIN THE HEART



April 24-26, 2026

Full weekend retreat  
includes private  
room & all meals **\$260**

Is there something keeping you from being connected to your authentic self? Are you searching for ways to reconnect, restore, heal, and grow?

This retreat is about looking inward to rediscover our light and our life goals. It's about letting go of the weight that we carry in our busy lives, releasing our grievances, and becoming more grounded. It's about community with others on a similar journey to meet in a centered, safe, and sacred space.

Some activities include, but are not limited to:

- Guided, mindful meditations and walking meditations
- Artistic expression - creative Soul Collage, 'Dear Me' journals, etc.
- Quiet reading, praying, resting
- Evening healing service in the Chapel
- Optional Group discussions and sharing

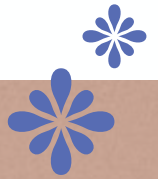


Presented by  
Tammy Barthels and  
Steven Korzinek





# VIRTUAL RETREAT SERIES



## 3 Week Virtual Series: Working Through Fear & Anxiety



Thursdays- April 16, 23, and 30  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

In this three-week virtual Zoom presentation, Michael will explore psychological and spiritual aspects of both fear and anxiety. Each session will include practical techniques that integrate wisdom from both disciplines in the healthy management of anxiety.

You may participate wholly from your own location via Zoom or you are invited to come to the St. Anthony's House to watch the presentation in our conference room and participate in small group discussions.

\$30 total for the series



Presented by  
Michael Sersch, LPC

*Michael J. Sersch, LPC is a psychotherapist at Emplify (formerly Gundersen Health System). He is a father, a husband, a pet parent, and a writer on the subject of intersections of faith and mental health.*

## 3 Week Virtual Series: Living Franciscan Simplicity



Mondays- May 4, 11, and 18  
6:00 pm- 7:30 pm

In this time of chaos and technology overload, simplicity beckons us to take a different path. Based on Franciscan writings and stories as they apply to our world today, you will explore movement to a simpler place.

This three-program series focuses on material, emotional, and spiritual simplicity. Each session invites participants to commit to one choice on their journey toward a new, simpler way of being.

Come in-person to watch the presentation and participate in small group discussions or participate virtually via Zoom.

\$30 total for the series



Presented by  
Sr. Meg Earsley

*Sister Meg Earsley is a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, living a Franciscan lifestyle in community with her sisters in La Crosse. She brings a sense of joy and curiosity to her ministry of being a loving presence in the world.*



# ANNUAL PATRON SAINT SERIES



## Bowing Heads and Breaking Bread Prayer Service & Lunch

Friday- **May 29th**  
Tuesday- **August 11**  
Monday- **October 5**

Prayer Service: 11:00 am  
Lunch: 12:00 pm

Please join us as we gather together in ecumenical prayer, honoring and celebrating our three Franciscan patron saints, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Clare of Assisi, and St. Francis of Assisi – on or near their respective feast days.

After the prayer service, we will break bread and enjoy fellowship.



### **May 29 – Friday: St. Anthony of Padua**

St. Anthony's Feast Day is June 13, during the heart of Volunteer Week; So we are celebrating one day before the memorial of his canonization date of May 30. *Prayer Service is in the Main Chapel.*



### **August 11 – Tuesday: St. Clare of Assisi**

Prayer Service in *St. Francis Chapel* just off the Solanus Center in the modern lower level.



### **October 5 – Monday: St. Francis of Assisi**

Actual Feast Day is October 4. *Prayer Service is in the Main Chapel.*

Free will offering accepted

Please RSVP to  
[Adeled@sarcenter.com](mailto:Adeled@sarcenter.com)

Presented by Adele DiNatale-Svetnicka; St. Anthony's  
Retreat & Program Coordinator



# JUNE RETREATS & EVENTS



## Recovery Serenity Retreat: Call to Conversion

June 5-7, 2026

We will look at the invitations that we receive in the process of responding to the call to conversion: the calls to **let go**, to **follow the light**, to trust, to be committed, and to **be faithful**.



Experience another milestone on your recovery journey, surrounded by the healing sounds of nature and enveloped by a group of down-to-earth fellow recoverers.

This retreat is open to all in addiction recovery.

**\$260**

\*Ask about our commuter rate

Presented by  
Sr. Elise Cholewinski

## Annual Volunteer Week

June 11 - 16, 2026

Gather friends and join fellow volunteers for this annual service event featuring **planned and organized projects** to clean, repair, and rejuvenate the sacred House of St. Anthony's, both inside and out.

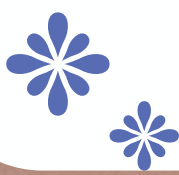
Sign up for **one day** or the **entire week!**



- Dress in work clothing.
- Bring **closed-toed shoes**, work gloves, sun protection, and a refillable water bottle.
- Daily lunch is provided for all participants. (Meals and lodging are available for those volunteering on multiple, consecutive days.)
- All tools and materials are provided.
- Perfect opportunity for **corporate, school, or religious groups** to experience meaningful contribution. (Anyone under 18 requires a parent/guardian at all times)

**Registration is requested by Friday, May 29, as this allows us to prepare rooms and meals.**

Register online under the **"Volunteer"** page or email our Volunteer Coordinator, Katherine Bailey-kbailey@sarcenter.com



# AUGUST WORKSHOP



## Mosaic Glass Art- Finding Wholeness in the Pieces

Tuesday- August 11, 2026  
4:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Choose a mosaic vase or framed picture collage to remind you of the grand mosaic of your life!

Piece by piece, mindful placement will help us to be present in the moment, preparing us to step back and see the beauty of the whole.

Bring your own dinner. Complimentary cheese, crackers, cookies, coffee, tea and water will be provided.

Spiritual component led by Adele, Program Coordinator.



\$60 Includes all materials



When registering, let us know if you'd like the vase or the picture frame collage.

Register early; space is limited to 20 seats.

Project presented by  
"Sassy Glassers" KT and Juli



## Savor some solitude with a Private Retreat



only  
\$65/night

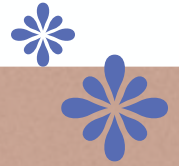
Unplug from life's distractions with no phones, no t.v., no interruptions!

Book one of 80 historic, private rooms furnished with Franciscan simplicity.

Explore 30+ acres of woods, walking trails, water features, and peaceful alcoves.



# 2026 FALL SAVE-THE-DATE



## UPCOMING RETREATS & EVENTS-

### SEPTEMBER 2026

9/25-27 Franciscan Living Retreat w/Fr. Dan Crosby

### OCTOBER 2026

10/2-4 Serenity Retreat w/Kathleen McCauley

10/16-18 A Celebration of Letting Go in Autumn w/Tammy  
Barthels & Steven Korzinek

10/17 Sassy Glassers Spiritual Workshop with Sea Glass

### NOVEMBER 2026

11/13-15 Silent Theme Retreat

11/20-22 Creative Retreat w/Tammy Barthels

### DECEMBER 2026

12/16 Sassy Glassers Spiritual Workshop with Stained Glass

12/31 – 1/1 New Year's Eve/Day (Thurs-Fri)



St. Francis Garden



St. Francis Orchard



# FROM THE HOUSE



## GET SOCIAL!



Follow us on Facebook & Instagram for updates about new retreats, events, and workshops!



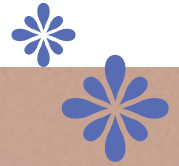
Share our posts with friends and family to spread the word about all the hope, peace, and spiritual wellness awaiting them in our House.



See what our volunteers are doing, keep informed of House happenings, enjoy photos of retreats and retreatants, and get a glimpse of the flora and fauna in our 30 acres of nature.



# IN THE KITCHEN



## DINING & FELLOWSHIP



Desserts are home-made fresh for every weekend retreat



Our team is prepared to accommodate allergies and medical dietary restrictions



Much like Mary's decision in Luke 10:42, dining together in connection at St. Anthony's is the ultimate goal of our kitchen prep and service.



Peace & All Good



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## FRANCISCAN HOSPITALITY & ACCOMMODATIONS

- Your room and all meals included with retreat fee.
- Over 80 Private bedrooms (In historic wing or modern)
- Dormitory-style bathrooms and showers conveniently located in each wing
- Limited suites available at first request with upcharge.

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## HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BECOMING A RESIDENT?

St. Anthony's is seeking individuals to share in our ministry by offering hospitality to our guests, caring for our shared home, and embracing the blessings of community life.

As a resident volunteer, you'll receive room and board in exchange for your service. Duties vary according to the needs of the Center, but we do our best to match those needs with the unique gifts and talents you bring. Each resident enjoys a private bedroom with access to shared kitchen, bath, recreation, and laundry facilities.

Please contact Jackie Kellner, Center Director, for details.

## SOFTWARE UPGRADE & TRANSITION

We're excited to share that we are transitioning to a new donor and registration system on May 1. This update will help streamline retreat registration, improve communication, and enhance how we manage donor support.

We are working to make this transition as smooth as possible and appreciate your patience during this time. We are confident this new system will create a more user-friendly experience.

Thank you for your continued support! We're grateful to have you as part of our community.

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## YOUR GENEROSITY SUSTAINS US

Meaningful retreats and welcoming gathering spaces are only possible because of your support!

As a non-profit organization, we rely in large on donations from you, our supporters. You make a difference in our community, and we truly need your help. Please call or go online to make a donation today!