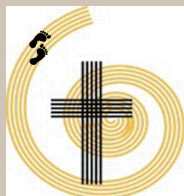


# St. Anthony Spirituality Center News



June 2010



## Theme Retreat 2010 –2011

### “Following Jesus Beyond Belief”

“This people honors me with their lips,” Jesus said, “but their hearts are far from me.” Jesus was looking for people who would believe in Him not just with their lips and heads but with their entire lives: “Follow Me!” That’s His same desire today. And of course, following Him is far more difficult and challenging than just believing in Him! This retreat will help us discover the beauty and challenge of genuine discipleship – and the fulfilling joy it opens up to us all.

September 24-26 (Women)

November 12-14 (Women & Men)  
 (“Sponsored” by Stevens Point Area  
 and Wausau Area)

January 14-16 (Women & Men)  
 (“Sponsored” by WI Rapids Area)

February 4-6 (Men)

April 15-17 (Women)

## Continued Schedule For 2010

Sept 10-12 Native American  
 Flute Making Retreat  
 Sept 13 Monthly Eve of Reflection  
 Oct 1-3 Serenity Retreat for  
 Recovering Alcoholics  
 Oct 3-8 Elderhostel on St Francis  
 Oct 5 Evening for Women  
 Oct 11 Monthly Eve of Reflection  
 Oct 15-17 Franciscan Living Retreat  
 Oct 16 Day on the Enneagram  
 Oct 29-31 Drum-Making Retreat  
 Oct 31 Afternoon on All Saints  
 Nov 8 Monthly Eve of Reflection  
 Nov 20 Day of Self-Renewal  
 Dec 5 Advent Day  
 Dec 10-11 Prayer Shawl Retreat  
 Dec 13 Monthly Eve of Reflection  
 Dec 31-Jan 1 New Years Retreat

## NEW LIFE KEEPS GROWING

You probably love spring as much as I do -- all the signs of new life and hope at this time of year; the trees budding out in all their lovely shades of light green; the varied-colored blossoms on fruit trees and bushes; the smell of spring rain and freshly-mowed grass. So many signs of life and growth! As you know, all that freshness makes St. Anthony’s even more beautiful and attractive for those who come here.

All that outside life symbolizes the freshness that’s happening inside St. Anthony’s walls. So many signs of new life. Let me share just a few. . .

New life will be coming in mid-June to St. Anthony’s when we open our doors as a site for Elderhostel (now called Exploritas). About a dozen people from different parts of the country will be coming for five days to explore the topic, “Architecture and Spirituality,” using our much-loved building as the main focus. Only ten people, but they’ll discover the beauty of St. Anthony’s – and I bet we’ll have more next year!

Be sure on your next visit to go into our Mary Courtyard. One of our wonderful Monday volunteer ladies died recently, and when her family sold her home, they wanted to remember St. Anthony’s in a special way. So they gave us enough money for the much-needed job of painting all the attic dormers and eaves in the courtyard – and to get a lovely new platform for the statue of Our Lady in the middle. Check it out!

And speaking of checking out, be sure that you get out to Mary’s Grotto in our woods. Look at the beautiful new bridge across the stream! It’s the hard work of some more wonderful volunteers along with Dale Braunel, who does such a wonderful job with our outdoors.

Finally, Jain Skaar, our dedicated housekeeper, has started a project you might be interested in. Information about this is at the bottom of this page.

Our Partners in Ministry are a source of on-going new life for all of us at St. Anthony’s. Their monthly donations, which are pledges of \$10.00 or more, help to fund our efforts to inform others about our ministry and to maintain our buildings and grounds. Partners are invited for two events a year: a celebration of the Feast of St. Francis in October and in spring, an annual meeting that presents our budget and future planning. Partners also receive a monthly newsletter to review what is happening at our Spirituality Center. If you want to be part of this new life, just call Joan!

These are just SOME of the signs of new life inside and outside St. Anthony’s. We hope that everyone who comes here will not only discover these signs, but through our prayer, silence and conferences will discover the even more important signs of new life God is planting in them. Come and be part of this new life!

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## Adopt a Room at St. Anthony’s

As you know, we have been a retreat center since 1971. Many of the furnishings in the rooms have seen better days. We want to continue to make people’s stay here as comfortable as possible. A retreatant recently suggested that she would like to donate money in memory of a loved one to refresh a bedroom with new paint, lighting, comforter and a small glider rocker suitable to the size of the room. A name plaque would be mounted on the door in memory of their loved one. With this idea, we began to think maybe other people might be interested in “adopting” a bedroom at St. Anthony’s. Based on our cost estimates, we are asking for a donation of \$400.00 per bedroom. Several people or families may join together to contribute to the cost of one bedroom. You can even choose to adopt a bedroom to honor a saint or someone whose life has inspired you. So begins our newest project. Let us know if you’re interested!



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**SUMMER RETREATS & PROGRAMS**

*Serenity Retreat for Recovering Alcoholics*  
**Theme: Twenty - Four Hour Living**  
**June 4-6, 2010**

This retreat is open to all recovering alcoholics (men and women) of any denomination. We gather to discover and share the joy and serenity of the spiritual substance of the A.A. program through talks, discussions and opportunities for private consultation. Begins with 7:00 supper Friday evening and concludes with the noon meal on Sunday. *Offering: \$150.00. Future dates: Theme: Safety (Serenity) Lies in Surrender 10/01-03/10, Theme: Humility 01/07-09/11.*

*Healing Retreat*  
**"Sleeping with Bread"**  
**June 18-20, 2010**

This retreat will focus on examining and deepening the life in our past, present and future lives. We will deepen our positive memories and grieve the losses that we need to accept and can't change. Then we will focus on healing the present where we feel ashamed or stuck. Guest speakers: Fr. Matt Linn, SJ who since 1970 has led retreats and co-authored 21 books and Dr. Jeanne Jones who is a licensed practicing psychologist and has been collaborating with Fr. Linn in his retreat ministry. Begins Friday evening with 7:00 supper and ends with the noon meal on Sunday. Offering: \$150.00.

*5-Day Preached Retreat*  
**"To Pray As Jesus Prayed"**  
**June 20-25, 2010**

The heart of Jesus' preaching of the gospel was always about the Kingdom of God. What did 'kingdom' mean to the people of Jesus' day? What fire did Jesus hope to light through the Kingdom and how can we catch that fire ourselves? Presented by Fr. Dan Crosby & Mary Testin. Begins with 5:30 supper and concludes with noon meal. Offering: \$375.00 (\$75.00 per day).

**Directed Retreats: 3-Day Directed: July 08 - 11, 2010**  
**6-Day Directed: July 11-17, 2010**

A director meets with the retreatant daily to listen and to assist in discerning the work of the Spirit in the retreatant's life. Daily Eucharist provided. *Please call for a list of directors.* Begins with 5:30 supper; concludes with noon meal. Offering: 3-Day \$225.00; 6-Day \$450.00.



*Summer Recovering Alcoholics & Al-Anon Retreat*  
**Theme: "Twenty - Four Hour Living"**  
**July 23-25, 2010**

We are offering two anonymous retreats this weekend – one for recovering alcoholics and one for Al-Anon. Both programs will run at the same time but in different areas of the facility and have the same theme. Begins with 7:00 supper on Friday and concludes with the noon meal on Sunday. Offering: \$150.00.

**Special Volunteer Days**  
**Please consider joining us**  
**Evening of July 30- August 3**

How would you like to stay at St. Anthony's for free? Every summer we invite volunteers to spruce up the place inside and out. In gratitude for your services we'll provide room and board, spiritual reflection and social gatherings. Come for the whole time or even just for a day.

We need help in these areas:

<b>Grounds</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flower beds</li> <li>• Pruning shrubs and hedges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Painting</li> <li>• Cleaning of heat registers</li> </ul>
<b>Housekeeping</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washing windows, bath fan vents and ceiling light fixtures</li> <li>• Deep clean guest rooms and bathrooms</li> <li>• Washing and polishing of woodwork</li> </ul>	

In gratitude for the work of our volunteers each day we'll offer:

- Spiritual reflection each evening
- Social gatherings—meet other great volunteers

- There are 4 Ways to Register or get information for our Programs**
1. Complete the registration form and mail or fax (715-443-2235).
  2. E-mail us at: [info@sarcenter.com](mailto:info@sarcenter.com).
  3. Use our web-site: [www.sarcenter.com](http://www.sarcenter.com) for the on-line registration form.
  4. Phone us at (715) 443-2236.

- PRIVATE RETREATS ALSO AVAILABLE**
- See our website for more information: [www.sarcenter.com](http://www.sarcenter.com)
  - Massage available by appointment

**Registration Form**

Program Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street City State Zip  
Parish/Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_ Interested in Carpooling?\_\_ Need a ride?\_\_ Can give a ride?\_\_

How did you hear about this retreat? \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please return to St. Anthony Spirituality Center, 300 E. 4th St., Marathon, WI 54448 with a \$35.00 non-refundable, transferable deposit to be applied to the total fee.)*