

St. Anthony Retreat Center News

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LAST OPPORTUNITY!

Theme Retreat 2009

*"The Freedom of
Letting Go"*

How are we meeting the challenges of our day – with worry and fear or grounded in peace and trust? Do we hold on tighter or let go of our false securities?

This retreat will explore these questions, inviting us deeper into the experience and freedom Jesus holds out to us. Join us as we awaken to God's vision for us!

April 3-5 (Women)

April 24-26 (Women & Men)

("Sponsored" by Wausau Area)

*Healing Evening
(7:00-9:00 p.m.)
March 30, 2009*

Do you need God's healing touch? These Evenings will consist of a conference, time for private reflection, liturgy, and prayers for healing along with an anointing. All are welcome! No registration.

Coming this Fall 2009

Sept 23-27 Theme Retreat (Women)

Oct 2-4 Serenity Retreat for
Recovering Alcoholics

Oct 4-9 Elderhostel

Oct 16-18 Franciscan Living Retreat

Oct 23-25 Theme Retreat (Women
and Men)

Dec 5 Advent Day

Dec 31-Jan 1 New Years Retreat

HOW'S YOUR BELT DOING?

These are certainly belt-tightening times, aren't they? Here at St. Anthony's we pray everyday that God will guide you and all our retreatants through these difficult times, helping us all to grow in trust and peace instead of fear and anxiety.

Like you, we're tightening our belt at St. Anthony's too. When you come here, you expect true Franciscan simplicity, no frills or fluff. Our entire staff is looking at how we could become even simpler and save more money – like "Where can we get a better price on our supplies?" or "Save heat by closing doors to corridors," etc., etc. We're in this together!

One thing I'm very happy to report: even though the economy keeps going down and donations have slowed, the number of retreatants coming to our programs is going UP! That humbles us: in difficult times people must be finding that our topics and programs really speak to their experience and needs. That also challenges us to be true to our Franciscan calling: to preach and live the Gospel in solidarity with all our sisters and brothers, but especially with those who hurt.

These times challenge us, too, to explore additional ways of bringing more people to benefit from the Gospel/Franciscan spirit of St. Anthony's. I'm glad to share one new adventure we've embarked upon: we have been accepted as a site for the international group known as Elderhostel. This year we will be putting on two five-day programs for them: one in June on "Architecture and Spirituality" (using our own building as the main example) and the other in October on "Learning from St. Francis and the Autumn Beauty of Central Wisconsin." Doesn't that sound exciting to you, too??

As you look at the programs in this Newsletter, we hope you'll find one or the other that might help you walk trustingly and joyfully with the Lord during this time. Bring a new person and you both pay \$10.00 less! A final thought from all of us at St. Anthony's: what would you think about becoming one of St. Anthony's Partners in Ministry? These folks pledge \$10.00 or more each month to help us in our ministry. They're not just retreatants, they're our Partners! Talk to the Lord about this – and then let us know.

We look forward to seeing you soon. God bless you in the meantime!

Fr. Dan

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2. E-mail us at: info@sarcenter.com.
3. Visit us on the web at 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
- Massage available by appointment



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Married Couples Retreat
"Growing in the Spirituality of Marriage"
March 20-22, 2009

"And the two shall be as one." Did you know God wants this unity to occur not only on the physical level, but on ALL levels, including the spiritual? That's Marriage Spirituality! Enrich your marriage by exploring TOGETHER your truest identity in God. Presenters: Fr. Dan Crosby and Steve & Peg Vaadehey, married 37 yrs with many years of ministry with couples. Begins with 7:00 supper Friday evening and concludes with the noon meal on Sunday. Offering: \$250.00 per couple (no other discounts apply).

East Meets West Retreat
April 17-18, 2009

With the growing popularity of Buddhism and Hinduism, what do these ancient religions share in common with Christianity? Explore this question and enrich our Christian faith in the process. Presenters: Mary Testlin and Connie Sprague. Begins Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. (no supper) and concludes at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Offering: \$60.00.

Drum-Making Retreat "Giving Voice to That Within"
April 24-26, 2009

Explore a way of praying when words are simply not enough. Wayne Manthey will lead us through the sacred crafting process birthing a new voice. Tammy Barthels will weave prayer and deep listening to those expressions beyond words. Begins at 7:00 Friday evening (no supper) concluding Sunday with a noon meal. Offering includes meals, lodging, and all drum making materials. Attendance is limited to 15 participants. Offering: 13" drum \$255.00, 16" drum \$285.00.

Evening for Women "One Day at a Time"
May 7, 2009

Life is hectic. People talk of multi-tasking. Sometimes we need a few moments to quiet down to be with ourselves and with our God. Presenters: Mary Yezsa and Fr. Tom Zelinaki. Begins with a light supper at 6:00 p.m. and concludes by 9:00 p.m. Social will follow for those who wish to stay. Offering: \$25.00.

"Spirituality of Aging"
May 14, 2009

Have you noticed that a lot of us are getting older? Have you heard a lot of people say "These years are NOT so golden"? These years are our most precious; our life is being completed. Discover more deeply the spirituality that's able to discover God's hand, God's joy in this process. Presenter: Fr. Dan Crosby 10am-4pm. Offering: \$40.00.

SUMMER RETREATS & PROGRAMS



Serenity Retreat for Recovering Alcoholics
Theme: Steps 1-3 Living with Your Higher Power
June 5-7, 2009

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 consultations. Begins with 7:00 supper Friday evening and concludes with the noon meal on Sunday. Offering: \$150.00. Future dates: Theme: Steps 4-7 Living with Yourself 10/02-04/09, Theme: Steps 8-12 Living with Others 01/8-10/10.

5-Day Preached Retreat
"The Kingdom of God: Right Here, Right Now"
June 21-26, 2009

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 Testlin. Begins with 5:30 supper and concludes with noon meal. Offering: \$375.00 (\$75.00 per day).

Directed Retreats: 3-Day Directed: July 09-12, 2009
6-Day Directed: July 12-18, 2009

A director meets with the retreatant daily to listen to his/her prayer and life experiences and to assist in discerning the movement of the Spirit in the retreatant's life. Daily Eucharist & other liturgy are provided. Please call our office to stay extra days. 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: "Living With Your Higher Power"
July 24-26, 2009

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. Includes communal meals, prayer celebrations and a healing service Saturday night. Begins with 7:00 supper on Friday and concludes with the noon meal on Sunday. Offering: \$150.00.

Young Adult Retreat "Spirituality & Technology"
August 21-23, 2009

Join a young adult team as we explore the interface of God and technology asking the big life questions. See web-site for more info.

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