

St. Anthony Spirituality Center News



May 2011



Theme Retreat 2011 –2012 “Living In Difficult Times, Learning From St. Francis”

No doubt about it: we live in difficult times. Financial struggles; polarized politics; problems in the Church do not go away. Where do we look for hope and encouragement? Come to this weekend retreat! We will discover that our times are not so different from the age of St. Francis of Assisi. More importantly, we'll discover with him how he found hope and joy in the midst of the pain – and, in the midst of the difficulties, courage to keep building a world where people really are brothers and sisters. We can learn so much from St. Francis! Begins with 7:00 p.m. supper on Friday and concludes with the noon meal on Sunday. Offering: \$155.00.

September 9-11 (Women)

October 5-6 (Women & Men)

Special Short Mid-Week Begins with the noon meal on the 5th & concludes at 4:00 p.m. on the 6th.

November 11-13 (Women & Men)

("Sponsored" by Stevens Point and Wausau Area)

January 13-15 (Women & Men)

("Sponsored" by WI Rapids Area)

February 10-12 (Men)

March 30-April 1 (Women)

Continued Schedule For 2011

Sept 16-17 Retreat on Praying Always and in All Ways

Sept 29 Evening for Men Series

Sept 30-Oct 2 Franciscan Living Retreat

Oct 4 Evening for Women

Oct 6, 13 Evening for Men Series

Oct 7-9 Serenity Retreat for Recovering Alcoholics

Nov 12 Day on Grief

Nov 18-19 Evening and Morning with Bishop Morneau

Dec 4 Advent Day

Dec 9-11 Retreat for Widows

Dec 9-11 Flute Making Retreat

Dec 31-Jan 1 New Years Retreat

CELEBRATE SUMMER AT ST. ANTHONY'S!

It was a LONG winter, wasn't it? With all the snow we had – even into April, most of us have seen more than we wanted of the color white. We're LONGING to break out of our winter exile, eager to soak up God's sunshine and creation, with all its multi-colored beauty.

Do it! Pay attention to that longing; it's the Lord Himself tugging at you, eager for you to know more fully the embrace of His love. Over and over again retreatants tell us how easy it is to listen to that inner "tug from the Lord" here at St. Anthony's – especially in summer, as they walk the paths of our woods or relax contentedly on one of our swings.

And you'll be delighted to discover all the outdoor improvements that are waiting for you this year. Start first of all with our lovely Mary Courtyard on the inside of St. Anthony's. A retreatant wanted to honor her recently-deceased mother by beautifying the foundation for Mary's statue, making it blend more into the brick work of the entire building. Spend time on the glider out there; Mary has so much to teach us about listening to the Lord's "tug."

But don't stop there; go outside the building. On the paths you'll discover that Dale, our outdoor maintenance expert, has taken down trees that were ailing. More importantly, he and his group of volunteers have built a wonderful bridge over the creek by the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. I don't know about you, but that's my favorite spot to listen to God's tug. Ken, one of our many volunteers, has replaced all the railings on both sides of the bridge – so the journey coming and going is even more enjoyable. Besides that, our lovely, prayerful gazebo has been brightened up by being restained and thanks to Ken, even our fire pit area has been made more inviting.

And of course, that's saying nothing about the multi-colored beauty that Kathy and her volunteers make possible with flowers everywhere – from the Mary Courtyard to the gazebo to the little shrine of St. Francis next to the wall.

So many, many places that help us in summer at St. Anthony's to listen to God's tug. To help with all of this, we are sending you this Newsletter which describes the programs we are offering during these months. As you read them, which one (or ones) is most tugging at your heart? Listen to that tug; come to St. Anthony's this summer. Be assured of a WARM welcome from all of us! Fr. Dan

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2. E-mail us at: info@sarcenter.com.
3. Use our web-site: www.sarcenter.com for the on-line registration form.
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PRIVATE RETREATS ALSO AVAILABLE

- See our website for more information: www.sarcenter.com
- Massage available by appointment



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SUMMER RETREATS & PROGRAMS
Serenity Retreat for Recovering Alcoholics
Theme: Powerless, Not Helpless
June 3-5, 2011



Summer Recovering Alcoholics & Al-Anon Retreat
Theme: Powerless, Not Helpless™
July 22-24, 2011

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 10/07-09/11. Theme: Freedom: A 12 Step program gives me the freedom to be fully alive, fully human and fully free to be me. 01/06-08/12 (Theme To Be Announced) June 1-3, 2012.*

We are offering two anonymous retreats this weekend – one for recovering alcoholics and one for Al-Anon. Speakers for each group will alternate their talks, all to be presented in the 1st floor conference room. Begins with 7:00 supper on Friday and concludes with the noon meal on Sunday. Offering: \$150.00.

Day on Intuition
“Reclaim Your Intuition”
June 18, 2011

For anyone interested in accessing intuition for personal and spiritual growth. No background required. Experienced are also welcome. This experiential and interactive workshop will explore past experiences where intuition may have been functioning. Presented by Sr. Jean Kasparbuaer, FSPA, spiritual director. Begins at 9:30 a.m. & concludes at 4:00 p.m. Noon meal is included in the Day. Offering: \$50.00.

5-Day Preached Retreat
“Mary of Nazareth:
Gentle Woman and Revolutionary Woman”
June 19-24, 2011

Who is Mary, the Mother of Jesus? Lovely lady dressed in blue? Eyes always gazing heavenward? Or a woman engaged in the day to day “messiness” of human life? In this retreat, we will try to discover the REAL Mary of Nazareth: a woman of struggle, questions, surrender and courage, who dealt with difficulties just like our own. Presented by Fr. Dan Crosby, Fr. Ron Smith & Sr. Jolynn Brehm. Begins with 5:30 supper and concludes with noon meal. Offering: \$375.00 (\$75.00 per day).

Directed Retreats: 3-Day Directed: July 07- 10, 2011
6-Day Directed: July 10-16, 2011

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.

Special Volunteer Days
Please consider joining us
Evening of July 29- August 2

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:

Grounds	Maintenance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flower beds • Outdoor work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painting • Cleaning of heat registers


Housekeeping

- Washing windows, bath fan vents and ceiling light fixtures
- Deep clean guest rooms, bathrooms and Solanus Center
- Washing and polishing of woodwork

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

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

We need your E-Mail Address!!!



- For quicker communication
- Keep updated with our monthly and weekly E-News
- SAVE TREES! Choose to receive our newsletter and flyers electronically
- Send your E-Mail address to info@sarcenter.com

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 East Fourth St., Marathon, WI 54448 with a \$35.00 non-refundable, transferable deposit to be applied to the total fee.)