



The Latest News from St. Raymond's & Surrounding Area

January 14, 2018 @ Fall Creek

Fall Creek Lions are hosting **Dad's Belgian Waffles** on Sunday, January 14 from 9:00a to 1:00p at the Fall Creek Middle School Gym. \$8 at the door. All you care to eat!

January 17, 2018 @ Pilgrimage for Life

Diocese of La Crosse will be holding a pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. from January 17 to January 21, 2018. Anyone 13 years old to Adult are invited to be a witness in Washington, D.C. to the dignity of life for the unborn, elderly, and those who society regards as useless. Price is \$355 and deadline is January 5, 2018. Please contact Chris Rogers at 608-791-2659/crogers@diolc.org or Paula Boyle at 608-791-2652/pboyle@diolc.org.

January 18-26, 2018 @ Information

9 Days for Life is a "digital pilgrimage" of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions. Visit www.diolc.org/respect-life to learn how to join and receive the 9 Days for Life app, daily emails, or daily texts.

January 19-28, 2019 @ Panama

World Youth Day will be held in Panama on January 19-28, 2019. Fr. Don at Immaculate Conception will be leading a group to Panama to participate with millions of young Catholics from around the world in the celebration of our faith with the Holy Father. Cost of the trip is \$3,249.00, which includes travel from Eau Claire to Chicago, flight to Panama City, rooms at the Meridien Hotel (double occupancy), WD tickets, most meals and Tours of the Rainforest, Monkey Island and the Panama Canal. For more information, contact Fr. Don at fatherdonmeuret@gmail.com.

January 21, 2018 @ Sacred Heart/St. Patrick Parish

Chili/Mac & Cheese Dinner Sunday, January 21 11:30am-1:30pm Chili/Mac & Cheese cook-off/dinner. \$9 all you can eat/\$20 max per family/5 and under FREE. St. Patrick Church, 322 Fulton Street, Eau Claire. Contact Michelle at [715.835.2693](tel:715.835.2693) or michelle@shspec.org with questions or to enter your chili or mac & cheese. Entries due by 1/18.

January 26-28, 2018 @ Women's AA Retreat

4th Annual Crooked Retreat Women's AA and Al-Anon Retreat will be held at Redemptorist Retreat Center, 1800 N. Timber Lane, Oconomowoc WI. The theme is "Letting Go". To register and questions, email danann0043@yahoo.com.

January 28, 2018 @ Mid-Winter Breakfast

St. James The Greater K of C Roundtable will be serving their Mid-Winter Breakfast on Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 8:30 to 11:30am in the Parish Hall, located at 2502 Eleventh Street, Eau Claire. Scrambled eggs, ham, hashbrowns, biscuits and sausage gravy and cinnamon rolls.

February 2, 2018 @ Action City

Youth Rally will be held on Friday, February 2 at Action City, Eau Claire. Speaker: Father Billy Dodge. \$20 per person includes Pizza, Drinks, Games & Fun. Please join us and bring a friend. Doors will open from 6:00p until 10:00p. RSVP to Marianne Callaghan at macallaghan115@gmail.com.

February 7, 2018 @ New Faith Alive Book on the Beatitudes

Christopher Ruff has written a new book for small groups, titled "Blessed Are You" and centered on the Beatitudes (available Feb. 7). Like the previous books in the Discipleship Series, it includes Scripture, prayer and stories of people who exemplify each theme. It also incorporates discussion questions and a modest service component to put faith in action. To order (\$10 each), call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at [608-791-0161](tel:608-791-0161) or email ministries@diolc.org. Visit www.diolc.org/faith-alive for more information and a preview.

February 9-11, 2018 @ St. Anthony's Spirituality Center, Marathon

Retrouvaille is for couples with marital problems that want marriage help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille Program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship.

The next **Retrouvaille weekend retreat** will be held February 9-11, 2018 at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI. Space is limited. Email centralwi@retrouvaille.org for more information.

February 9-11, 2018 @ Weekend Retreat for Married Couples

Theme: Blessed are Couples Who Live in the Light This is not a silent retreat and will take place at the Redemptorist Retreat Center, 1800 N. Timber Trail Lane, Oconomowoc, WI. The retreat will consist of presentations, daily Eucharist prayer and relaxation with your spouse. To register email rrc@redemptoristretreat.org.

February 11, 2018 @ Sacred Heart/ St. Patrick Parish

Taste of Kerala, India Sunday, February 11, 4pm Social Hour, 5pm Dinner. Authentic Indian cuisine including fish curry and chicken biryani. \$20 per person/\$75 max per family. Seating is limited. Make your reservation by February 2. Contact Michelle [715-835-2693](tel:715-835-2693) or michelle@shspec.org.

April 13, 2018 @ Wisconsin Right to Life

50th Anniversary Gala will be held Friday, April 13, 2018 from 5:30p to 12:00 am at the Wisconsin Center, 400 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI. Join us for a magnificent evening celebrating 50 years of lifesaving work. For more information visit www.wrtl.org/gala or contact Maddy Laufenberg at 414-308-1058.

Ongoing @ Dove Healthcare, Osseo

Dove Healthcare, Osseo, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility with attached living residence at 51019 Ridge View road, has published a new cookbook and all proceeds will support the Resident Council Fund. The cost is \$12, and books can be purchased at the facility or at Alliance Bank in Osseo. The community is also invited to attend a free event they are hosting a Norske Nook the first Tuesday of

every month from 7:30-8:00AM. 'Coffee Chats' includes free coffee and pie with blood pressure checks by a nurse. This event is ideal for seniors, caregivers, retirees, and adult children with aging parents. Employees will present a new topic each month and be available for Q&A. No RSV required. Call Bryce or Thea at 715-597-2493 with questions or email info@dovehealthcare.com.

Ongoing @ St. Henry Parish, Eau Galle

Volunteer for mission trip to rebuild after Hurricane Harvey A group of volunteers from St. Henry Watermark Mission, an ecumenical initiative from St. Henry Parish in Eau Galle, will be traveling to Houston, TX, this spring to help with rebuilding efforts for residents most in need in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. The group will assist with carpentry, sheetrock, mud, tape, insulation, some electrical/plumbing, paint, flooring, finish work, and landscaping. For more information, contact Gary Asher at [715.283.4451](tel:715.283.4451) or rasher@wwt.net.

Ongoing @ Catholic Charities

Are you looking for a place where you can volunteer for a couple of hours a week and make a difference in the lives of people in need in our community? Catholic Charities is in need of front desk volunteers to help with a variety of tasks that include answering incoming phone calls, greeting clients, answering questions about Catholic Charities programs, processing mail, receipting mail, receipting donations and assisting staff with projects as needed. We are able to work with your schedule to find a day that works best for you! We have open shifts Monday through Friday and from 9:00a to 12:30p or 12:3p to 4:00p. We also offer an "on call" position to someone with a flexible schedule that would be available to come in as needed. If you would like to learn more, please email Sr. Laurie at lsullivan@cclse.org or call Melissa at 715-832-6644 ext. 1513. Join us in service to others today!

Ongoing @ St. Francis Food Pantry

Holiday Greetings from the St. Francis Food Pantry! We are the largest provider of groceries to those in need in Eau Claire County. All donations to us stay 100% local. Approximately 500 families visit St. Francis each week to "shop" for groceries to help make ends meet. Our goal is to offer the best nutrition possible. This couldn't be done without the generous support of our community. If you are able to help stock our shelves for the Holiday Season, please mail a check payable to St. Francis Food Panty, 1221 Truax Blvd., Eau Claire, WI 54703 or visit stfrancisfoodpantry.org to use PayPal.

Ongoing @ Catholic Order of Foresters

St Raymond's Fraternal Legacy Rider: Create a legacy for your family and your favorite Catholic Charity at no additional cost. When you purchase a Single Premium Universal Life, with a death benefit of \$50,000 or more from Catholic Order of Foresters, we offer to add a rider to your policy and provide an additional 5% death benefit at no additional cost to you. This extraordinary benefit is payable to the recognized Catholic charity of your choice. You can designate St Raymond's, Regis or spread it across multiple qualified Catholic charities. All monies are invested with Catholic values. Catholic Order of Foresters is the only Catholic company that provides this fraternal legacy benefit. Call Geoff Wolterstorff 715 839 8004 for free quote.

Ongoing @ Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting

All scouts wishing to earn their Religious Emblem for the 2016-2017 year should be working on them at this time. All applications are due by May 1, 2018. If you are a Catholic Scout in a non-Catholic chartered unit and need information, please contact the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting at catholicscoutslacrossediocese@gmail.com or call 608-782-4911.

Befriender Ministry

Jane Mueller and Penny Lannigan currently lead the **Befriender Ministry** at St. Raymond's and St. Mary's. There are a great number of folks that are in nursing homes or homebound that are asking for a 'Friend' to visit them each week. If you would like to learn more, please contact Jane at 715-878-4058 (janefm84@aol.com) or Penny at 715-456-3921 (mgsi4yo@yahoo.com).

Community Service

We provide volunteer opportunities to serve at the Sojourner House and Hope Gospel Mission--if anyone would like to get involved, please contact Tammy Smith at 715-835-8685 or jtbcsmith@sbcglobal.net.

Clothing Donations Needed

Clothing Donations Needed: King's Closet on Barstow in Eau Claire I open on Thursdays from 10:00a until 4:00p and on the first Saturday of the month. They are looking to receive any donation of good, clean clothing. If you cannot make it to Eau Claire, just drop your clothes at the side door of St. Raymond's Church, mark the box for King's Closet and Carol Gallick will make sure the items get delivered. Thank you.

Ongoing @ Fall Creek

Fall Creek Community Cupboard is available to all residents of Fall Creek and the Fall Creek School District. Call for more information: 715-835-8090. FCCC is located at the Faith Evangelical Free Church in Fall Creek.

Ongoing @ Osseo

Ruby's Pantry is open the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 4:30 to 6:00 PM at the United Church of Christ, Osseo. If you have any questions, please call 715.597.2485. For a \$20 cash donation, you will receive high quality surplus food.

Ongoing @ Azura Memory Care

Are you looking for a speaker for your next community program or employee in-service? Azura Memory Care would be honored to assist you in educating, engaging and invigorating your audience by providing a free presentation for your group or organization. Contact Katie Fennell at 715-563-2618 or email her at Katie.fennell@azuramemory.com to schedule your presentation today. Topics include: Normal Aging; Brain Healthy Eating; Secrets to Boost Your Noodle in Minutes; Environmental Difference in Dementia; healthy Body, Healthy Brain; Capturing Life's Stories; Living a Life of Positivity; Brain Basics and Dementia Specifics; What is Dementia; A Day in the Life of Memory Loss; Dementia Tricks and Triggers; Alzheimer's for First Responders; Alzheimer's Association's – 10 Warning Signs; Alzheimer's Association's – The Basics. www.azuramemory.com

