



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

April 9-12, 2018 @ St. John's, Cooks Valley

Everyone is invited to St. John the Baptist's four-day parish mission that follows, April 9th-12th, in Cooks Valley. Dr. Stackpole will speak three of these nights on "*Divine Mercy and the Sacraments of the Eucharist, Reconciliation, & Anointing of the Sick.*" Each evening begins in the church at 6:30 PM, concluding with socials catered by St. John's PCCW at 7:30 PM.

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.

April 13-15, 2018 @ Winona, MN

A **Grief Retreat** for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse or significant other will be held. The retreat director is Marlene Hunt who has successfully held this retreat in other areas. The retreat will be held at the Alverna Conference Center in Winona, MN, April 13-15, 2018. For more information call 507-381-1177 or email to marlenehunt53@gmail.com.

April 14, 27-29, May 18-19, 2018 @ St. Anthony's, Wausau

April 14 - "Coping with Compassion Fatigue – A Workshop for Caregivers": Presented by Elizabeth Lewis (Cost: \$65). **April 27-29** - "Medieval Women Mystics": Presented by Fr. Jim Bartelme (Cost: \$185). ent. St. Anthony's is located 8 miles outside of Wausau on 40 beautiful acres of wooded land. **May 18-19**– "Exploring Nature's Ways": Presented by Sr. Jolynn Brehm, FSPA (Cost: \$90). Contact St. Anthony Spirituality Center at [715-443-2236](tel:715-443-2236), info@sarcenter.com. Go to www.sarcenter.com to register for an upcoming event.

April 19, 2018 @ Chippewa Falls

The Chippewa Falls Knights of Columbus will be holding our annual all you can eat Smelt Feed open to the public, on Thursday April 19th, 2018 at the Chippewa KC Hall [236 Pumphouse Road](http://www.chippewakc.org) in Chippewa Falls. We will be serving a delicious meal of deep fried smelt, coleslaw, baked beans and Deacon Dan Rider's bread with refreshments for \$12.00 at the door. All who attend will be eligible for Cash drawing prizes. 1st is 1-\$300.00 cash prize, 2nd is 2-\$100.00 cash prizes 3rd is 3-\$50.00 cash prizes and 4th is 4-\$25.00 cash prizes. We will be holding several raffles throughout the evening. Smelt Feed starts at 4:30P.M. until 7:30P.M. Please plan on attending this event that helps benefit the needs of our community.

April 22, 2018 @ Benefit Dinner, St. Raymond's Parish

Benefit Dinner for Mission 2018 to Peru: Will be held Sunday, April 22, 2018 from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Evening includes displays and information about the trip with our own Father Derek Sakowski preparing his famous Bruschetta, Caesar Salad, Pasts with Cream sauce and sausage, dessert and beverages. Father Sakowski wil do the presenting during dessert. \$15.00/Adult, \$5.00/Ages 6-12, 5& under/free. Proceeds

go towards trip expenses. Please RSVP to Julie Graaskamp at 715-878-3400 or email: straymondparish@gmail.com.

April 25 - 27, 2018 @ Oconomowoc, WI

Midweek Silent Preached Retreats for Women: April 25 – 27, 2018, Theme: “Forgiveness Sets me free” ‘...and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us’~ The Lord’s Prayer
Arrive 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, orientation at 5:00 p.m. followed by evening meal at 5:30 p.m. Depart after the noon meal on Friday. Presenter: Mrs. Jennifer Christ (Fee: \$250) Forgiveness is not condoning a sinful act. It is not forgetting or denying that an offense has occurred. It is not sweeping things under the carpet. Forgiveness is a change of mind that eventually leads to a change of heart. As humans we are definitely limited in our capacity to forgive. We tend to cling to our wounds and resentments. We must ask for God’s grace to fill the gaps in our ability to truly forgive.

April 26-29, 2018 @ St. Anthony’s Spirituality Center

Take your Marriage to the next level of Happiness Want a more joyful marriage? We invite you to take part in the Domestic Church retreat at St. Anthony’s Spirituality Center on April 26-29. Couples attending the retreat will experience a renewed love as spouses together in Christ. Ask your pastor for a brochure about the DC movement. Then, register for the upcoming retreat at: diolc.regfox.com/domestic-church-evangelization-retreat-april-2018. For more information, call [608-791-2673](tel:608-791-2673).

Spring, 2018 @ Fall Creek Community Cupboard

Are you busy spring cleaning? Do you have items you no longer want or need, clothes you no longer wear? Plan ahead and set these things aside to donate to the Fall Creek Community Cupboard. We will once again be having a Thrift Sale/Bake Sale. We will be accepting donations on Wednesday, July 25th at the Fall Creek Village hall. Please be watching for further announcements regarding more information on drop-off times, accepted item donations, etc. 100% of proceeds will go to the Food Pantry. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Peterson at 320-587-3036 or sandrapeterson100@hotmail.com.

May, 2018 @ Oconomowoc, WI

Weekend Silent Preached for Men, May 4 - 6, 2018. Arrival/Check-in begins at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, followed by welcoming/orientation at 7:30 p.m. and Mass. The retreat concludes after the noon meal on Sunday. (Note: No evening meal is served on Friday) Cost: \$205 includes room, board and materials. To register by phone call 262-567-6900. To register by email rrc@redemptoristretreat.org
Theme: “Blessed Are Those Who Live in the Light: Matthew 5: 1-16”. The Beatitudes are at the heart of the teaching of Jesus. The Gospel explains that the Kingdom of Heaven begins on Earth. When we embrace the promises of God with hope, all areas of our lives are affected. Those who embrace the promises of God will show forth God’s blessings in good works that give glory to God. In this way, we are called to be salt of the earth and light of the world. The retreat will consist of presentations, daily Eucharist, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and plenty of free time for private prayer and relaxation in the quiet and beautiful grounds of the retreat center. The retreat is designed to be experienced in an atmosphere of silence
Presenters: The Retreat Team

May, June, July 2018 @ Oconomowoc, WI

Annual Silent Preached Retreats for Women Religious and Associates. Tuesday, May 29 – Sunday, June 3, 2018. Monday, June 11 – Saturday, June 16, 2018. Monday, July 23 – Saturday, July 28, 2018. Monday, July 9 – Monday, July 16, 2018. Presenter: Fr. Donald Willard, C.Ss.R. Arrival/Check-in: Between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. with welcome at 5:00 p.m. followed by the evening meal at 5:30 p.m. Departure: Following noon meal on the day of departure. To register by phone call 262-567-6900. To register by email rrc@redemptoristretreat.org Theme: “Religious Life: A Spring of Water Welling up to Eternal Life” We all know that water is essential to life. But, did you know that water is directly referred to over 700 times in the Bible? In fact, the Gospel of John is drenched with the image of water. Twenty-three times, the word “water” appears in the Gospel of John, along with more than seventy allusions to water. Why are there so many references to water in the Gospel of John? Using “water” as our guide, we will dive into the depths of the Gospel of John to discover the meaning and significance of water. And as we drink from that wellspring of delight, we might discover a river of living water that was already flowing through our religious life and welling up to eternal life. The retreat will consist of presentations, daily Eucharist, opportunity for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, great meals, and plenty of time for private prayer and rest. The retreat is designed to be experienced in an atmosphere of silence.

June 2 @ Carson Park, Eau Claire

Faith Night is once again on the schedule for this coming baseball season! We have it planned for Saturday June 2nd, which will be our second home game of the season. We're inviting all church groups, family and friends to join us for a fun night of Express baseball! A \$12 Ticket Package Includes: 1 General Admission Ticket, 1 Hot dog, 1 Small beverage.

August 13-17 @ St. Mary's, Altoona

The Eau Claire Deanery is offering a "Totus Tuus"-like experience hosted by Savannah Siegler, DRE & Campus Minister at Newman Parish, and Kristin Betlej, Eau Claire Deanery Youth Ministry Coordinator & Campus Minister at Regis Catholic Schools and adult volunteers from our Parishes. August 13-August 17, 2018, at St. Mary's in Altoona. Children entering 1st-5th grade are welcome from 9-3pm and children entering 6th grade through 12th grade are welcome from 7-9pm. Please call Kristin Betlej at 715-830-2271 x 1021 with any questions.

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 @ 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 nit 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