



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

Spring, 2018 @ Fall Creek Community Cupboard

Farmers' Hotline: With historically high numbers of farmers declaring bankruptcy, there is also a high amount of distress. There is HELP. We offer two helplines: The Farmers' Hotline in Madison is 800-942-2474, Organic Valley farmer hotline number is: 888-809-9297

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 15, 2018 @ Rural Life Day

Celebrate Rural Life on May 15th - the Feast Day of St. Isidore, patron of farmers. Please consider reciting the Novena for St. Isidore, either in your parish or home with family. Click [here](#) to download a version for easy use. On the feast day itself, recite [this](#) Litany in Honor of St. Isidore. Or find them by visiting <http://diolc.org/social-concerns/rural-life/> and clicking on the links under "Preparation for Your Family and Parish." US Bishops Urge Legislative Support for Religious Freedom. The First Amendment Defense Act (S. 2525) would bar the federal government from discriminating against individuals and organizations based upon their religious beliefs or moral convictions that marriage is the union of one man and one woman. The Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act (CWPIA) protects the religious liberties of child welfare service providers regarding the placement of children, including adoption and foster care agencies. To make your voice heard in support of these bills, click on the "Action Alert" link at www.diolc.org/social-concerns.

May 18-20, 2018 @ St. Olaf Parish, Eau Claire, WI

St Olaf Fun Fest coming up May 18-20th. We will kick off the weekend with a "bonus" Men's Club Fish Fry Friday May 18th from 4-7pm. [This is our first-ever all-you-can-eat fish fry in the month of May. The Fun Fest is Sunday May 20th, beginning with the charcoal chicken dinner at 11:30am. The band 40 Fingers will play from 12:30 to 4:30pm. We'll also have a classic car show, volleyball tournament, family & kids games, beer garden and raffle prizes. Jay Bouley, Marketing Director, St Olaf Fun Fest - 715-579-5790.

May 27, 2018 @ La Crosse, WI

Please join us for the Mass celebrating the closing of the investigation of Father Joe's life and cause for sainthood on Sunday, May 27, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. If you are unable to attend, you can watch the Mass live online at www.diolc.org/live. Please continue to keep the Cause in your prayers.

May 31, 2018 @ St. James Preschool, Eau Claire, WI

Jump Frog Jump. Thursday, May 31 | 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, June 1 | 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. St. James Preschool | [2502 11th Street, Eau Claire](#). Jump on in to try our 'frog'-tastic activities, geared towards children ages 2-5. Early learning resources and door prizes will be available. RSVP online at www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/rsvp/ or call (715) 830-2277 by May 30.

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.

June 4-12 @ La Crosse, WI

ANOINTED: Are you a high school girl looking for something to renew your faith? Are you interested in learning what it's like to live as a religious Sister? If you are 14-18 years old, we have a week planned for you! Come join the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation! The week includes daily Mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recreation with the Sisters and time spent serving others. You will also have time for individual meetings with the Sisters and instruction in topics related to prayer and the religious life. For more information and registration please visit www.materredemptoris.org or contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or [608-788-4530](tel:608-788-4530).

June 6 @ Immaculate Conception, Eau Claire WI

Vocations Guild Dinner at Immaculate Conception in Eau Claire, on Wednesday, June 6. It's a great way to support our seminarians - and Fr. Meuret will be showcasing his fabulous cooking skills! Adoration at 5:00p, Social at 5:30p and Dinner at 6:00p. For more information contact Renee Orth at 608-791-2667 or rorth@diolc.org.

June 12-13 @ La Crosse

Come, Follow Days: Young girls ages 9-13 are invited to Mater Redemptoris House of Formation in La Crosse! Come spend time with the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George learning more about your faith. You will enjoy prayer, food, fun activities and more! For more information and registration, please visit www.materredemptoris.org or contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or call 608-788-4530. Registration is open until filled with 30 girls.

June 20-22 @ St. Paul, MN

Human Trafficking Conference: [Shared Hope](#), a leading expert on the issue of anti-trafficking legislation, education and service provision, is hosting a national 3-day conference in St. Paul, Minnesota, to equip, connect and inspire faith leaders and communities. The [JuST Faith Summit](#) will be held June 20-22 at Bethel University and will include nearly 50 plenary sessions and workshops with leading experts from across the nation, featuring a keynote address by Eric Metaxas, radio host and New York Times #1 bestselling author. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.iustconference.org/faith-summit/>.

July 3 - 20 @ Pacific Northwest

Pacific Northwest Pilgrimage. What: Come join Mater Redemptoris House of Formation for an 18-day pilgrimage to four different religious communities, various shrines, National Parks, and maybe a beach or two along the way! **Who:** Young women ages 18 – 28. **Dates:** July 3 - 20, 2018 (arrive in La Crosse on July 2nd). **Where:** Out to the Pacific Northwest and back. **Registration:** Space is extremely limited, so registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information see www.materredemptoris.org or call Sister Mary David at 608-788-4530.

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 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