

A DISCIPLE'S RESPONSE...LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN

Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County—Hope for the Hopeless

October 30th will mark the two year anniversary of the opening of the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County. An anonymous donation made it possible for a pregnancy support center to be opened in Beaver Dam/Dodge County. It took over a year of research and working with other pregnancy centers, to come to understand what is needed to help mothers who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy. Through the work of a family and the mission began. This family continues young girls and women who find themselves



nancy situation make the right decisions about ly of dedicated volunteers the center was born, to work tirelessly to grow this center, and to help with an unexpected pregnancy.

Our mission is simple: To offer compassion themselves in this situation. Client advocates concerns and needs. The advocates work with necessities that will support her during the

and confidential assistance to those who find consciously listen to a woman to learn her con- the client to help her find services and other pregnancy and after her baby is born.

We offer classes, a goals program, and referrals. By incorporating goal setting with the classes and programs offered, mom can attain the goals she planned before she became pregnant. Clients also earn points through these programs that they can use to attain baby items. (con't on pg 2)

Scripture for thought: Matthew 19:16-21

How would you respond??

**Bringing Christ and his good news to the world
~The Beaver Dam Franciscans~**

After 3 years of formation, retreats, meetings and regional gatherings, on October 3, 2015 five parishioners made their solemn profession and one renewed her commitment to the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) bringing the Franciscan presence back to St. Katharine Drexel and our community. All Franciscans including Seculars, one of the three orders founded by St. Francis of Assisi, live simple lives centered on peacemaking, prayer and the gospel. Like our Father Francis, Franciscans are concerned with issues surrounding social justice, human dignity and equality. Like Christ, St. Francis lived for those marginalized and outcasts of society putting their needs before his own. Francis had a special place in his heart for lepers, and spent a majority of his ministry caring for and protecting them. It wasn't always that way, though. Francis grew up the son of a very wealthy fabric merchant. He had the world by a string and could have anything he wanted. He dreamed of being a knight because he was determined to have the fame and fortune of nobility. Lepers were far beneath the importance of the rich and haughty. Francis deplored lepers and actually went out of his way to antagonize and embarrass them to impress his rich friends. One day he came across a leper. In an instant he became flooded with compassion for the leper, embraced, and kissed him. This happened because Francis was open to a change of heart that only God could give him. This change of heart led to spending the rest of his life relying on God while he humbly built and glorified the kingdom of God however he was asked. Through stewardship, he cared for all of God's creation – right down to the least of these.

Up and Coming~

There's still time to RSVP for the parish retreat featuring Fr. Gary Kastl being held at SKD on November 13 & 14

Watch the bulletin for the upcoming Stewardship Harvest Weekend! This is your opportunity to put your God given Time and Talents to good use serving his church!

Do you think you might be called to a Franciscan way of life? The SKD Franciscan community will be welcoming inquiries soon. Watch the bulletin for more information!

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Parish Mission:
**Praise God, Love People,
 Equip Disciples to Trans-
 form our Community.**



Quotables

*When I stand before God
 at the end of my life, I
 would hope that I would
 not have a single bit of
 talent left, and could say
 I used everything you
 gave me."*

Irma Bombeck

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County and community support help this all-volunteer staff continue to constantly improve these services. Our existence depends on the gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure. Volunteers give their time freely to offer the talents God gave them to support those involved in crisis pregnancies. These talents range from counseling a mom through her pregnancy to simply helping her discern the right decision by praying with her. And the list goes on! Finally, through the gift of treasure – donations and fundraising - the center is supported financially. Without these gifts, this center would not be able to continue its life-saving mission.

We welcome you to stop in and tour our facility. We are continually looking for volunteers. The hours for the Center are Wednesday, 3PM-8PM. In case of an emergency, you can call the Center at 920-219-9305. Our eventual plan is to offer our services a second day a week once we have adequate volunteer coverage.



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Francis strived to live a life imitating the crucified Christ. He adored the cross, our Holy Mother and the Eucharist. It was his calling to rebuild God's church and he spent his entire ministry doing just that. But this wasn't just a physical rebuilding. He did it by living a life that Christ asks of all of us. To humbly submit to whatever it is that God calls us to. To spend time daily talking with Christ and building that relationship through prayer and thanksgiving. To honor God by living a life centered on the sacraments that Christ left us. Francis knew this was where we encounter Christ – in the quiet prayer of our souls, and through the gifts he left for us. Once we encounter him there, we find him in all things and in all people. It's then that we can build our friendship with him and begin to share him with others.

As Franciscans, the 6 of us have bonded as a family brought together in Christ based on the simple, and humble rule of Francis. We're looking forward to growing together to discover where it is God calls us as brothers and sisters working together for the glory of his kingdom, but also as individuals following the teachings of Christ through the gospels. It's our prayer that as our family grows we will be able to reach out farther to help where help is needed.

October 3rd was an amazing day filled with love, family and friends! The Holy Spirit was ever present and remains. But now that the last "thank you" card has been signed, we know it's time for us to begin working on what it is that God has called us to. One thing is for certain - Francis chose to follow Christ fully. This is stewardship in its purest form. To selflessly give of one's self to care for the least. As Christians we are ALL called to this. God will tell each of us where we fit in, but it listen to the words He speaks the Franciscan fraternity at is our hope and our prayer lives, and truly make a difference to us. As we continue to build St. Katharine Drexel Parish, it that we are able to change ence in God's kingdom.

Pax Christo~

Susan Bashynski, OFS



OFS Profession on October 3, 2015. Pictured from left to right: Jim Carlson Minister, LaVerna Region, Jeanne Heft, OFS, Janice Tischler, OFS, Fr. Mike Erwin, OFS, Coletta Cody, OFS, Susan Bashynski, OFS Mike Adsit, OFS