

**CFM in ACTION: Our Lady of the Wayside Parish ,
Arlington Heights, Illinois**

(Thank you Katy Baumgartner for sharing this! For more photos, visit [Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church | CFM Chili Cookoff: Great Eats, Fun Times! \(olwparish.org\)](#)



*CFM Chili Cookoff: Great Eats, Fun Times!
(Parish bulletin article by Sean Reilly)*



The Christian Family Movement (CFM) Chili Cookoff at the Our Lady of the Wayside Parish in Arlington Heights, IL was a fantastic event! Our bellies were filled and our hearts were left overflowing with the joy and community of this wonderful ministry. This year's CFM chili cook-off might have been the best yet! The paraliturgy, complete with musical accompaniment, truly elevated the atmosphere.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the Loy and Sutter groups for planning, organizing, and hosting such a fun and memorable evening! Congratulations to **Tom and Carla Walloch** for taking home the **chili cook-off champion title** and honorary chili pot. Bravo! It fills our cup to see new members getting involved; making friends, making disciples, and making a difference!!



Thank you to all who brought winter coats, boots, and cold weather gear for the CFM event action. We filled an SUV with clothing and your generosity was met with much gratitude at Ascension and St. Edmund Catholic Parish where they run The [Migrant Ministry](#).



**CFM Winter Board Meeting January 26-28, 2024
Queen of the Holy Rosary—Wea**



CFM's National Board held its Winter Board Meeting in Missouri/Kansas from 1/26-1/28, 2024. Thank you to the CFM groups led by **Deacon Tom and Kathy Rothermich** of the [Queen of the Holy Rosary—Wea Parish](#), Bucyrus, KS for hosting the board with an array of sumptuous food and drinks plus endless conversations and testimonies. Please check out CFM's [Facebook Page](#) & [YouTube Channel](#) for more photos and video testimonies.



Growing CFM

CFM as grassroots movement has adapted to the times. Here is just a partial list of our affiliations/participation:

- CFM is listed in the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life Directory for Associations & Movements under ICCFM, the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements.
- CFM is listed in the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Directory of Lay Movements, Organizations, and Professional Associations.
- CFM maintains a cordial and productive relationship with the staff of the U.S. Bishops' Secretariat for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth.
- CFM National Presidents served as advisors to the Bishop's Committee on Marriage & Family (2002-2005).
- CFM has been an active participant in the National Pastoral Initiative on Marriage, which began in 2005.
- CFM leaders were invited by the Pontifical Council for the Family to present models of effective action for evangelization in 2009, in Rome. Of the programs considered, The Grand Adventure: A New Call to Grandparenting, by Deacon Gary and Kay Aitchison, past presidents of CFM, was honored in 2010. The Grand Adventure is available to CFM members as a digital program.
- CFM participated in the 2012 Summit on Marriage organized by the U.S. Bishops to promote a coordinated effort among Catholic lay organizations.
- In response to the Synod on the Family in 2014-2015, CFM-USA partnered with the Diocese of Lansing, MI to create a bilingual (English/Spanish) program entitled Man, Woman, and the Domestic Church.
- In 2020 CFM created a parenting seminar for the Archdiocese of Washington using CFM materials.
- 2021 - During the Covid pandemic, CFM-USA's creativity helping families to accompany one another warranted an interview by the international TV news agency, Rome Reports.
- 2021-2023 - CFM participated and shared information in the formal process for the Synod on Synodality.

Corporal Works of Mercy



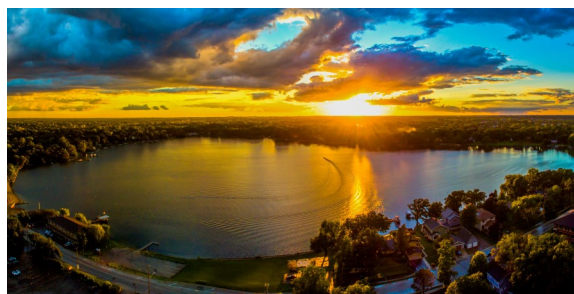
LENT: FOCUS ON THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY, FAMILY STYLE!

Two more sessions are left in the CFM online small group discussions on the corporal works of Mercy using the observe/judge/act method. It is held 8:00-9:30pm EST. We hope you can join us! Please rsvp to bjthelen@gmail.com.

Mar 4, Monday - Discussion 2: Clothe the Naked

Mar 18, Monday - Discussion 3: Shelter the Homeless

154 days till our CFM 75th Anniversary Celebration



[The Village of Mundelein in Lake County, IL - Visit Lake County - Official Travel Site](#)

There are many things to see and do in Mundelein, IL and you can incorporate a grand summer vacation with CFM's 75th year anniversary celebration from August 3-4, 2024 @ Mundelein Seminary in Illinois. Please visit our website at [75th Anniversary -CFM-USA](#) to register and for additional details.

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WHILE SHAPING THE FUTURE!**

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75th Anniversary Celebration
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August 3-4, 2024
Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL

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★ Family Fun
★ Big Band Dance Gala
★ Keynote Speaker: Dr. James Healy

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FR. LOUIS GOLAMARI
DCN TOM & KATHY ROTHERMICH
DAVID THOMAS, PH.D
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**PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

Saturday Night Dance Gala
at the DoubleTree Hotel

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Fun for the entire family!

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