



**CFM in Action:
Special Guest Attends
Our Lady of the Wayside's
Valentine's Day Celebration**

(Photos and Text courtesy of Sean Reilly)

Our Lady of the Wayside in Arlington Heights, IL was aglow with love and a special guest, the **Holy Spirit**, last February 14th. This parish wide event was sponsored by CFM for all married couples. Fifty couples from OLW and surrounding parishes came together in Church for Mass, a Renewal of Wedding Vows and Blessing of Wedding Rings. Fr. Gilbert presided over Mass.



After Mass, a catered dinner awaited the couples in the Fr. Mackin Center. Sweet-heart tables (for two) had been set up filling the gym. After everyone had their fill guest speaker Doug Hinderer, Relevant Radio Talk Show Host of "Marriage Unhindered" gave a thought-provoking presentation in a positive way, with insights into marriage and love and ways to re-energize couple closeness and intimacy each day, each week, each year. For more photos and information about this event please click on this link: [Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church | Special Guest Attends OLW's Valentine's Day Celebration](#)



**CFM in Action:
St. Raphael the
Archangel Catholic
Church
in Oshkosh, WI**



Dcn. Mark Leafgren shared that things are going well with their CFM "family of families" at St. Raphael's. They recently had an all groups social event/service project by holding one of their monthly gatherings at Fr. Carr's Place 2B, a homeless shelter/food pantry/community support mission. Kudos to those who were able to attend with donated items despite a snow storm.

**A TIME FOR SPIRITUAL
GROWTH THROUGH PERSONAL
AND COMMUNAL PRAYER**

TO SUPPORT YOU IN THIS YEAR'S LENTEN JOURNEY,
CFM IS OFFERING 4-ONLINE
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS.



WE WILL USE THE VERY EFFECTIVE
OBSERVE, JUDGE, & ACT METHOD
TO DISCOVER WAYS WE CAN GROW IN HOLINESS
AND BRING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR
ENVIRONMENTS.



ONLINE LENTEN CFM MEETINGS

GATHER, REFLECT, SHARE AND PRAY ABOUT HOW THE

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

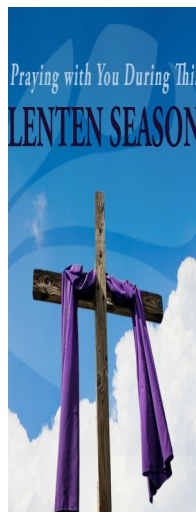
MIGHT BECOME TRUE ACTS OF LOVE TOWARD OUR
FAMILIES, OUR CHURCH, AND OUR NEIGHBORS



Blessed

Let today be the
day you give up
who you've been
for you who can
become.

Ash Wednesday



Praying with You During This
LENTEN SEASON

MARCH 11

INSTRUCT THE
IGNORANT &
COUNSEL THE
DOUBTFUL
COMPASSION

MARCH 18

PRAY FOR THE
LIVING &
THE DEAD
**PRAYER & THE
COMMUNION OF
THE SAINTS**

MARCH 25

ADMONISH THE
SINNER. FORGIVE
OFFENSES WILLINGLY
& BEAR WRONGS
PATIENTLY
**RECONCILIATION
WITH GOD & OTHERS**

APRIL 1

COMFORT THE
SORROWFUL,
BURY THE DEAD
SOLACE

TUESDAYS, 8-9:30 EST

7-8:30 CST, 6-7:30 MST, 5-6:30 PST

ATTEND 1 OR ALL 4 MEETINGS

PLEASE JOIN US!

RSVP: bjthelen@gmail.com





A CFM Love Story **Part 2**

Dave and Lisa **Przybysz**

At the 2024 CFM 75th anniversary celebration in Mundelein, IL, young Ava and Ivan attended with both sets of grandparents whose children, Dave Przybysz and Lisa Simcoke, then pre-teens, met 31 years ago at another CFM nationwide event. Dave shared Part 1 of their CFM love story at last month's ACT newsletter. Now, let's continue with Part 2 of their journey...

"As we navigated the uncertainty of long-distance beginnings, attending my college friends' wedding weekend in Pittsburgh together changed everything. Something about all the romance of the occasion got me to finally ask Lisa to be my girlfriend. We dated long-distance between DC and Atlanta for about a year. She told me if she got her doctorate before she got married she would keep her maiden name. After knowing each other for half our lives, we finally lived in the same town. We went ring shopping. I proposed to her in 2004 on a hike of Virginia's tallest mountain, Old Rag, and got married in 2006."



"Now, let's bring back our pet pig Burger into our story. After we managed to keep him alive for a few years, we felt ready to try taking care of a human child. Our daughter, Ava, was born in 2008, just a few weeks

after Lisa graduated as a Doctor of Chiropractic. Lisa started her practice at Family Chiropractic of Fairfax, Virginia, where she still works focusing on maternal and pediatric care. Our son, Ivan, was born in 2013. Both our kids are homeschooled. I am a craft chocolate maker at River-Sea Chocolates in Chantilly. We were blessed to be able to attend the 2024 CFM reunion convention in Mundelein, Illinois with our kids and both sets of their grandparents. Without CFM, none of us would be here. Thank you CFM for so many years of blessings and support."



CFM Annual Membership

To continue fostering spiritual growth, community service, and family enrichment, the Christian Family Movement must ensure it has the necessary resources to support its mission. Beginning this year, 2025, CFM annual membership will increase to **\$25 for each new family & \$50 for each returning family**. This modest adjustment will help sustain our movement's outreach efforts and ensure we can continue to serve our members and communities effectively. The chaplain's membership will remain complimentary. Since materials are free to members, membership dues are a person's investment in exploring or affirming the Observe—Judge—Act method/way of life. All funds that are raised help support the work of the Christian Family Movement. No one is refused membership due to financial hardship. Additional donations ([Support CFM - Christian Family Movement](#)) are appreciated & help advance the mission of the movement & to offset the increased costs of printing, marketing, communications, administrative, & operations.



Being a family is a call from God. The Christian Family Movement is a perfect way to put the gifts of the family into action. By registering with the national movement, we ensure you receive all the benefits of CFM which include:

Belonging—You and each member of your group are a welcome and valuable addition to the CFM family, a community of families dedicated to promoting Christian values within the family and in society – locally, nationally and internationally! Together we make a difference!

Materials—CFM social inquiry meetings, program books and leader guides, print or digital, are free with membership.

Support—Real people in the national office and within the movement answer your questions.

Connections—Stay connected with what groups across the country are doing through the monthly ACT e-newsletter and our social media platforms.

Ideas—Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers are weekly emails with tips for strengthening your marriage and family relationships.

For more information about joining or renewing, please go to: [Join/Renew CFM Membership](#)

In Memoriam



[Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church | Rest In Peace, Deacon Tom Corcoran](#)

[Thomas Corcoran Obituary - Arlington Heights, IL](#)

[Madeline Cavenagh Obituary - Clarendon Hills, IL](#)

