



**FRANCISCAN CENTER FOR
MUSIC EDUCATION AND PERFORMANCE**

**HOLY FAMILY
CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC**

6751 CALUMET AVE., MANITOWOC WI 54220

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**NEWSLETTER NO. 9
SEPTEMBER 2024**

The Franciscan Center is all about Education, Performance, and Venue Rentals

MISSION STATEMENT

The Franciscan Center, sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, Transforms the ordinary by Fostering the beauty and power of music and the arts through: Instruction, appreciation of skills, encouragement and performance, and acts as a venue for area groups and activities while nurturing reverence for all persons.

MUSIC EDUCATION at Holy Family Conservatory is for the whole family. From birth to adulthood, group classes and private instruction for those who are beginners to advanced musicians are valuable sources for artistic, intellectual and human growth. Music for TOTs, Handbells, Voice, Choir, Strings, Piano, Percussion and Wind instruments are areas from which to choose.

PERFORMANCE transform the ordinary at the Franciscan Center. Student music recitals, art shows, dance, plays, musical theater productions and a four-part Concert Series offer a variety of musical styles through highly talented musicians. The joy and beauty of the arts, held in the impressive Endries Performance Hall, is imparted to all persons who perform and who attend performances.

VENUE RENTALS The Franciscan Center offers limitless potential to groups who gather for events. Endries Performance Hall provides ideal space for corporate seminars, theatrical performances, recitals, concerts dance and more. The Atrium is a picturesque space for weddings, reunions, showers and Galas.

COMMUNITY EVENTS Communities of people are invited to the Franciscan Center to enjoy friendly family fun! These events offer families and friends the ability to enjoy time together in a safe and affordable way.

Interested in Organ Lessons? contact us at 920-645-6564

Organ Fun Facts:

- In many ways, a pipe organ is a one-person band. It's like all the instruments on a concert stage squeezed into one mighty instrument, all at once.
- An organ can summon a clarinet, a string section, an oboe, a fleet of trumpets or even the human voice. One key can mimic one flute, or several hundred flutes.
- The organ, adaptable for everything from congregational singing to solo recitals to epic film scores.
- The pedal board is the keyboard that is played with the organist's feet. There are fewer pedals (32), which is good because it means less fancy footwork for the organist. The pedals produce the lowest bass notes in the organ.

*“You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.”
- Alex Simon Manorek*

“Don't doubt the power of your potential.” - Joëlien C. Elibado



2024



Upcoming EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Clipper City Chordsmen Concert Fundraiser Saturday September 21 ~1:00pm
- NOAA Film Festival Friday October 4 ~ 5:00 to 9:00pm
- Concert Series Sunday October 13 ~ 3:00 pm
- Fundraiser Donor Dinner(for Franciscan Center and Holy Family Conservatory)Fri. October 25 ~ 5:00 to 9:00 pm
- **Conservatory Student Recital Sunday October 27 ~ 2:00 pm**
- Fall Festival (Annual Franciscan Fall Festival) Saturday November 2 ~ 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- **Conservatory Student Recital Sunday November 17 ~ 2:00 pm**
- Handbell Concert Sunday November 24 ~ 2:00 pm
- Treehouse Theater December 5-6 ~ 7:00 pm, December 7 ~ 3:00 pm, December 8 ~ 2:00 pm
- Manitowoc Marine Band Friday December 13 ~ 6:00 pm
- Clipper City Chordsmen Saturday December 14 ~ 3:00 pm
- Concert Series Sunday December 15 ~3:00 pm
- **Conservatory Student Recital **Saturday** December 21 ~ 2:00 pm**

See you there!

THANK YOU
in advance to the
Clipper City Chordsmen!

**This is a fundraiser for
music education in the
Lakeshore area**

The poster is set against a light blue background with scattered musical notes. At the top left is the logo for 'Clipper City Chordsmen Barbershop Chorus'. At the top right is the logo for 'BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY'. The main title 'ONE VOICE... ALL TOGETHER' is written in large, bold, red letters. Below the title is a silhouette of a large group of people, with a line drawing of a person singing on the left. The text 'An EVENT to raise monies for Music Education on the Lakeshore Area!' is centered below the title. Underneath that, it says 'Featuring...' followed by two columns of text: 'Clipper City Chordsmen Chorus and Quartets' and 'Two Rivers High School Show Choir and Students from the Holy Family Conservatory of Music'. A photograph of the Clipper City Chordsmen in blue shirts is placed between these two columns. Below the photo is the tagline 'A story and songs of the importance of music in our lives!'. The date and time 'Saturday, September 21 1:00pm' are prominently displayed in large blue font. The location 'Franciscan Center for Music Education and Performance 6751 Calumet Ave., Manitowoc' is listed below. At the bottom, it says 'Admission: Good Will Offering' and 'Raffle Baskets... \$1,500 Challenge Grant'. A QR code is in the bottom right corner. The bottom left corner has a logo for 'Compliments of: Fricke PRINTING SERVICE'. The page number '1/1' is in the bottom right corner.

ONE VOICE... ALL TOGETHER

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Featuring...

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Chorus and Quartets**

**Two Rivers High School
Show Choir**
and
**Students from the
Holy Family
Conservatory of Music**

A story and songs of the importance of music in our lives!

**Saturday, September 21
1:00pm**

**Franciscan Center for
Music Education and Performance**
6751 Calumet Ave., Manitowoc

Admission: Good Will Offering
Raffle Baskets... \$1,500 Challenge Grant

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\$\$ Scholarships are available for students under the age of 18 at Holy Family Conservatory of Music \$\$

PRIVATE LESSONS

A discount will be applied to the shorter lesson.

- ▶ Per session, if your family has **three** registrations (any instrument), your family will receive a 30% discount on the third registration.
- ▶ Per session, if your family has **four** registrations (any instrument), your family will receive a 50% discount on the fourth registration.
- ▶ Per session, if your family has **six** registrations (any instrument), your family will receive a 60% discount on the sixth registration.
- ▶ Per session, if your family has **eight** registrations (any instrument), your family will receive a 50% discount for the fourth registration AND a 100% discount on the eighth registration.

GROUP AND PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

- ▶ Per session, if your family is registered for **one private** lessons, **one group piano**, **one handbell or choir**, your family will receive a 25% discount for one piano group class.
- ▶ Per session, if your family is registered for **two private** lessons and **one handbell or choir**, your family will receive a 100% discount for one choir or handbell registration.
- ▶ Per session, if your family is registered for **two private** lessons, **one handbell or choir**, **one Music for Tots**, your family will receive a 100% discount for one Music for Tots registration.

Scholarships are for Children of the Same Family. Please contact Dr. Varshavski for more information on how to receive scholarships.

Email: varshavskidma@fsc-calledtobe.org

**Come One,
Come All!**

Join us for family fun at our Second Annual Franciscan Fall Festival! We had so much fun last year, we had to do it again in 2024! Enjoy a bounce house, games and activities that will be sure to create memories for a lifetime! Questions?
Contact Charyce at:

fcnep@outlook.com
or
call (920)645-6561

Second Annual
***Franciscan Fall
Festival***

***November 2nd
9:00am-3:00pm***

***Franciscan Center
6751 Calumet Ave
Manitowoc, WI 54220***





2024 Sponsorship and Volunteer Opportunities at the Franciscan Center

Franciscan Fall Festival

- ▶ We are seeking Sponsorships and/or Raffle prizes for our Franciscan Fall Festival on November 2nd, 2024.
- ▶ Whether you are a business owner, employee or wish to do a personal addition, your support helps!
- ▶ Volunteers are also needed for the 2024 Franciscan Fall Festival!
- ▶ Please Reach out to Charyce at FCMEP@outlook.com to learn more!

Together We Give, Together We Grow!

- ▶ We are seeking Sponsorships for our Together We Give, Together We Grow Fundraiser on October 25th, 2024.
- ▶ This year's Fundraising event will help support all programs of the Franciscan Center and Holy Family Conservatory in funding Educational Scholarships, Venue Rentals and Performances.
- ▶ Volunteers are needed for this event!
- ▶ Reach out to Charyce if you are interested in learning more!

Please welcome Hayley Rathmell New Cello Instructor at Holy Family Conservatory of Music



Hayley Rathmell is the current director of orchestras and jazz at Lincoln High School. In 2021, she graduated from the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse with a Bachelor's of Science in music education, performance emphasis, after completing her student teaching with Audrey Nowak at Bayport High School. Soon after graduation, she pursued a graduate certificate in ethnomusicology. Hayley is in the process of completing her Master's Degree in orchestral conducting at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. During her time in school, Hayley served as the principal cellist of the UW La Crosse Symphony Orchestra for two years, as well as took on the role of student conductor of the orchestra, debuting her conducting career with *Night on Bald Mountain* by Modest Mussorgsky. She also participated in the Screaming Eagles Marching Band, serving as the head drum major of the 2020 season. Hayley earned the Thomas Annett Outstanding Senior in Music award in her final year of undergraduate studies. In her time at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, she served as the teacher's assistant and student conductor of the University of Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, working under the direction of Dr. Jun Kim. This year, she earned a nomination as a WMEA Emerging Leader in Music Education. Along with teaching, Hayley is currently playing for the Manitowoc Symphony Orchestra and the Manitowoc Marine Band, as well as working gigs around the area and with several youth theater programs in Sheboygan.

Welcome Lisa Van Sickle New Flute Instructor at Holy Family Conservatory of Music



photo credit Abby Hoban Photography

Hello my name is Lisa Van Sickle. I am a Manitowoc native and I have been playing flute for over 25 years, 7 of which included private instruction. I play in several local groups, including the Lakeshore Wind Ensemble and the Manitowoc Marine Band. My husband, Corey, is a band teacher and we have two children, Lillian and David. My favorite part of music is how musicians can convey such a varying array of emotions and images through music.

Events and Lessons have kicked off for 2024-2025

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Voice Thomas Pibal, Lydia Fogeltanz, Dr. Engin

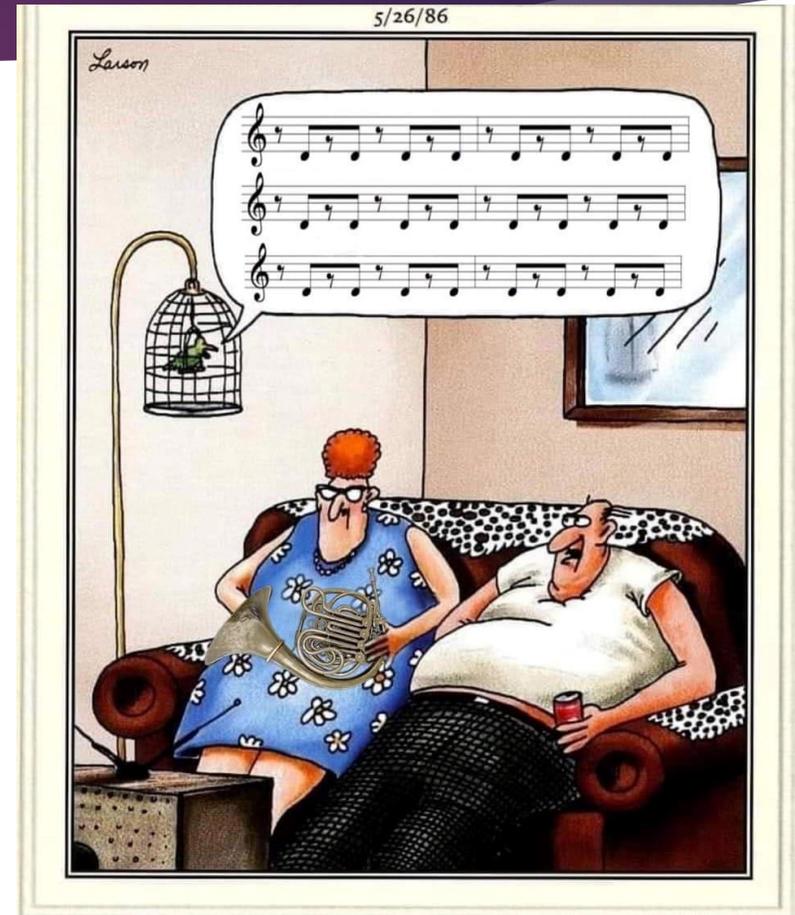
Woodwinds Julie Koenig, Lisa Van Sickle



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The Music Department is an alternate universe where pupils are often unrecognisable from who they are outside of it. The shy become confident. The agitated become calm. The lonely become included. The quiet become heard. And the lost become found. Music reveals the real child.

All French horn players will relate to this...or any band member familiar with the march repertoire.



"Ruth, you can't play Sousa around the bird anymore."



**UW-WHITWATER
FACULTY PIANO
TRIO**

**3:00 PM
OCTOBER 13
2024**

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OCTOBER 13, 2024**

UW-WHITWATER FACULTY PIANO TRIO

UW-Whitewater faculty members, Diana Shapiro - piano, Benjamin Whitcomb - cello, and Leanne Kelso - violin, will present romantic, late romantic, and 20-century music. The trio will perform Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel's powerful piano trio in D minor. Other works will include Dmitri Shostakovich's first piano trio and two works—"Soir" and "Matin"—by Mel Bonis. All three works show off the versatility, range, and interplay of which piano trios are capable.

Concert Series at the Franciscan Center

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\(fcmeep.org\)](#)**

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person to purchase tickets please
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SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

**3:00 PM
DECEMBER 15, 2024**

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Come and enjoy a traditional celebration of Lessons and Carols. Local schools' choirs, local professional musicians, and other guest artists will perform beautiful Christmas music of the season. The audience will be invited to sing along with some of the traditional Christmas carols.



WISCONSIN BRASS QUINTET

2:00 PM

MARCH 15, 2025

This concert features the Wisconsin Brass Quintet (WBQ) faculty ensemble-in-residence at the Mead Witter School of Music, UW Madison. At the forefront of brass chamber music since the group's founding in 1972, the WBQ has offered countless concerts, clinics, workshops, residencies, and other educational services throughout Wisconsin and the nation. Current members of the Wisconsin Brass Quintet are Jean Laurenz and John Wagner, trumpets; Daniel Grabois, horn; Mark Hetzler, trombone; and Tom Curry, tuba

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HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE CONCERT

Then they came for me
And there was no one left
To speak out for me.

(Martin Niemöller)

This concert is dedicated to the Holocaust Remembrance Day and 80 years of liberation of Auschwitz (Oświęcim), Nazi's concentration camp in Poland. Stanislava Varshavski & friends will present music by Jewish composers who were killed in concentration camps or were Holocaust survivors. Honoring the Victims of Holocaust is away of paying respect to the six million Jews and millions of others who were murdered. It serves as a powerful reminder of what can occur when prejudice and discrimination remains unchallenged.



HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE CONCERT

3:00 PM
APRIL 27, 2025

Plan your next Celebration to be at the Franciscan Center!

Whether it be a Birthday Party, Wedding, Graduation, Anniversary and more, we would love to help make your day special!
Rent one of the beautiful spaces here at the Franciscan Center

Contact Charyce Welch

Email: FCMEP@outlook.com or

Call (920)645-6561 to learn more!





FREE
**COMMUNITY
BABY SHOWER**

for those expecting & families with
at least one child under 3

What to Expect

- Kids Play Zone
- Raffle Prizes
- Community Resources
- Free Books & Giveaways
- Free Family Photos

Registration



Registration encouraged, but not required!

[healthiestmc.org/
communitybabyshower](https://healthiestmc.org/communitybabyshower)

JOIN US!

OCTOBER 4 | 4-7PM

Two Rivers Community House
1710 W Park St. Two Rivers

Two Rivers Community House
Event October 4, 2024

Take advantage
of this great
opportunity in Two Rivers
for young families
with children
ages three and younger.

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Feedback on your rental experience

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In order to best serve you, we are hoping you will take a moment to take a quick survey about your recent experience with the Franciscan Center. Your feedback will help us to better serve you in the future and improve the overall experience.

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TOGETHER 2025

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will be
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