



Franciscan Center for  
Music Education and performance

Holy Family Conservatory of Music

6751 Calumet Ave., Manitowoc WI 54220

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**NEWSLETTER NO. 2**

**FEBRUARY 2025**

# "Music Camp Together" July 14-18, 2025

Holy Family Conservatory of Music  
Franciscan Center 6751 Calumet Ave., Manitowoc, WI 54220



# REGISTER NOW

## "Music Camp Together" July 14-18



**More Info/To Register**

**Go to:**

[Home](#) | [conservatory](#)

**OR**

**scan QR code**



**The registration closes  
on June 29th**



**920-645-6565**



# Music Camp July 14-18

## Scholarships are available

- **Camp Helper Scholarships** ~ There are three (3) available Camp Helper Scholarships for applicants in grade 6-12. To become a camp helper and apply for a scholarship, complete the following by March 10, 2025. Please go to [Home | conservatory](#) to download the application/information. The recipient of the Camp Helper Scholarship (\$60) will be notified by March 25, 2025.
- **Merit Based Scholarships** ~ There are three (3) available Merit Based Scholarships. To apply for a Merit Based scholarship, complete the following by March 10, 2015. Please go to [Home | conservatory](#) to download the application/information. The recipient(s) of the Merit Based Scholarship (\$50) will be notified by March 25, 2025.

All students who participate in the Summer Music Camp TOGETHER first time receive \$30 scholarship.

Email [varshavskidma@fsc-calledtobe.org](mailto:varshavskidma@fsc-calledtobe.org) for questions.

## Plan your next Event 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!

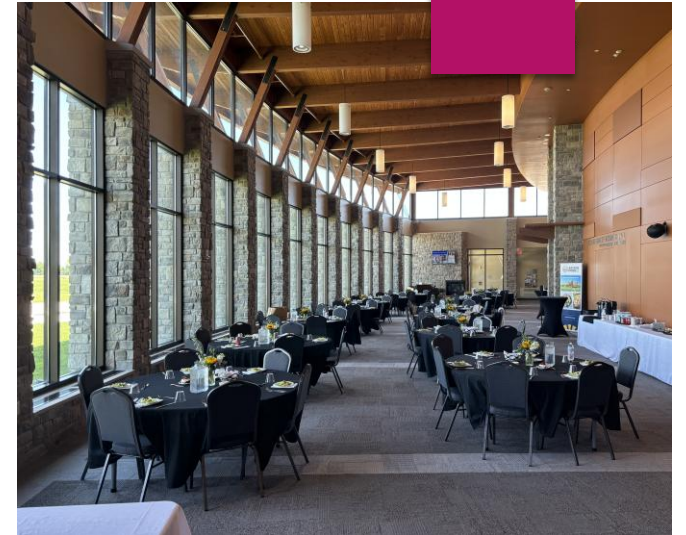
Rent one of the beautiful spaces here at  
the Franciscan Center

Contact Event Coordinator  
Charyce Welch

Email: [FCMEP@outlook.com](mailto:FCMEP@outlook.com)

or

Call (920)645-6561 to learn more!



5:00 pm Saturday February 15  
Free Concert Horns of Love

TWELVE MEMBERS of the Fox Valley Horns  
(French horns) under the direction of  
Donald D. Krause will perform at the Franciscan Center

**Hope to see you at the Concert!**

Fox Valley Horns You-Tube links:

[Moon River--Arranged Bernhard Kirchner](#)

[O Magnum Mysterium horns Fox Valley Horns](#)

If interested you may stay for the dinner after the concert.  
Dinner tickets are \$20.00 each (includes food/beverages)

Purchase your dinner tickets in person or online  
(no later than February 13). Learn more online at [FCMEP.org](http://FCMEP.org).



**FREE CONCERT**

**Fox Valley Horns**

**NEVER BEFORE** has this type of performance taken  
place in Manitowoc County!

**Come, hear twelve members of the Fox Valley Horns  
play a unique and one-of-a-kind performance.**

- Where: Franciscan Center for Music 6751 Calumet Ave. Manitowoc
- When: 5:00 pm Saturday February 15, 2025
- Who: Fox Valley Horns under the direction of Donald Krause (French horn expert)
- What: These are some of the pieces they will perform
- The Way We Were – Marvin Hamlisch
  - Titanic Fantasy – James Horner
  - Beauty and the Beast – Ashman and Menkin
  - Days of Wine and Roses – Henry Mancini
  - Dreamsville – Henry Mancini
  - Moon River – Henry Mancini
  - Send in the Clowns –arranged by Gary Pattison



**Lillie Feierabend** "Folk Dance provides an inclusive and immediately gratifying experience for all. What a wonderful opportunity to build a bridge from school to home and connect to your community in a meaningful and musical way. Wear your dancing shoes!"



# Family Folk Dance

## led by Lillie Feierabend

Monday March 3, 2025 6:00-7:30 pm

Come, learn dances from around the world  
and bring the whole family!  
No experience necessary!



Family Folk  
Dance is a  
free event  
for all  
families!

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CONCERT SERIES AT THE  
FRANCISCAN CENTER

3:00 PM  
MARCH 15, 2025

WISCONSIN BRASS QUINTET



Tickets/Information:

Events and tickets |  
Franciscan Center



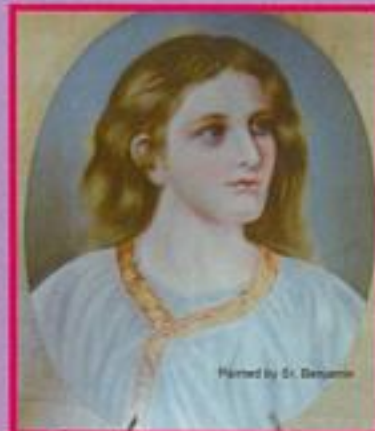




Sr. Davidica Beschta came from Saukville, Wi. She was born Oct. 17, 1870 and entered at age 14 July 3, 1885. Her talents were music and art receiving degrees in both fields. She was one of the first three Sisters to open the Conservatory. She taught piano and organ, played the harp, and gave painting lessons. She painted until a few days before she died December 12, 1953 at age 83, professed 64 years. Her paintings grace the walls of many of our missions and convent. Here are some of her porcelain pieces from the conservatory.



Sr. Benjamin Eriksen came from Oslo, Norway when she was two years old. She was born Dec. 23, 1882. After graduating from nurse's training, (did you know??) she entered the convent 11-27-1910, age 27. When Sr. Davidica heard her play the violin, she suggested she change professions..and so she did!! In 1924 she played her violin here for Midnight Mass. She, too, was one of the first sisters at the Conservatory and taught there for 28 years. When Sr. Celerine transferred to Zanesville, OH, Sr. Benjamin followed her because "Sr. Celerine was her accompanist on the piano" when she played her violin. She is best known for her gorgeous outdoor



scenes of Manistique, Michigan, but I found this beautiful portrait on porcelain that speaks of her spirituality as well. She died in Zanesville August 19, 1973, age 90, professed 59 years.

Holy Family Conservatory turns 100 in December of 2025.

Enjoy a little history written by Sister Caritas (FSCC Archivist)

# Music Party For Adult Students was held on January 31, 2025



Ashley Reif-former teacher



Noah Schaffrick- violin teacher  
Stanislava Varshavski-piano teacher



Ann Wolf-piano student



Lilyann Burmesch-adult guitar student



Thoams Pibal-piano teacher



On Friday January 31st we had a wonderful potluck music party for our adult students and teachers. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. The sharing of music, food and comradery made for a delightful evening!

# KMEA Auditions March 22 all day KMEA Recital April 26 at 2:00 pm

## Keyboard Music Educators Association (KMEA) Auditions March 22, 2025 all day Honors Recital April 26, 2025 at 2:00 pm Registration form

The deadline for registration and payment is March 14, 2025.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**THE COST IS \$10.00 PER PERSON (10-minute audition)  
REGISTER EARLY TO RECEIVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE YOUR PREFERRED AUDITION TIME.**

**Please make check payable to KMEA**

**Return this form and \$ fees to the audition chairperson: Sister Carol Ann Gambsky, 6751 Calumet Ave. Manitowoc, 54220**

# Searching for an Organist

## First Lutheran Church

of Manitowoc is searching for an organist  
for their worship services.

Please call if you have any questions.

(920) 682-7742

521 N 8th St

Manitowoc, WI 54220

<http://flcmanitowoc.org>



## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Recipients must contact  
Dr. Varshavski before  
each session to receive  
Scholarships.  
These scholarships are  
available for children  
under the age of 18 of  
the same family  
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 lesson, 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 BEFORE each session to receive scholarships.

Email: [varshavskidma@fscs-calledtobe.org](mailto:varshavskidma@fscs-calledtobe.org)

# Front Desk Volunteers Needed. Please consider helping.

We are in need of Front Desk volunteers to assist at the Franciscan Center. Your service includes monitoring the front door and providing assistance to those who enter the building. Please contact Sister Carol Ann if you can help for an hour or more. 920-645-6564

## The times we are in need of helpers are:

Tuesdays: 4:00-7:45 pm

Wednesdays: 4:30-7:00 pm

Thursdays: 6:00-7:00 pm

Fridays: 4:30-5:30 pm

# 2025



**Upcoming  
EVENTS**  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Horns of Love Concert (Fox Valley Horns)** Saturday February 15, 2025 ~ 5:00-6:15 pm
- **Family Folk Dance** led by Lillie Feierabend Monday March 3, 2025 ~ 6:00-7:30 pm
- **Conservatory Student Recital** Sunday February 16, 2025 ~ 2:00 pm
- **Wisconsin Brass Quintet Concert Series #3** Saturday March 15, 2025 ~ 2:00 pm
- **Studio Recital (Varshavski Students)** Saturday March 29, 2025 ~ 2:00 pm
- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** Friday April 4, 2025 ~ 5:00 pm
- **Conservatory Ringers Handbell Concert** Sunday April 6, 2025 ~ 3:30
- **Clipper City Chordsmen "Over the Sea"** Friday April 11, 2025 ~ 7:00 pm
- **Clipper City Chordsmen "Over the Sea"** Saturday April 12, 2025 ~ 3:00 pm
- **Conservatory Student Recital** Saturday April 26, 2025 ~ 2:00 pm
- **Holocaust Remembrance Performance Concert Series #4** Sunday April 27, 2025 ~ 3:00 pm

# Holy Family Conservatory~ Friendly Reminders for Everyone... Thank you for helping.

- ❖ Students under the age of 16 should have an accompanying adult with them.
- ❖ All teachers, students and guests, please sign in and out at the welcome desk.
- ❖ All payments should be completed before each session begins.

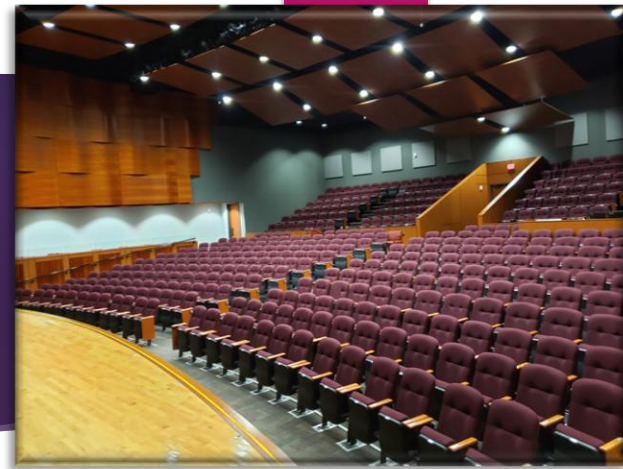
## PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR PRIVATE LESSONS AND GROUP CLASSES 2024-2025

SESSION TO BE PAID	PAYMENT DUE DATE
Fall Session I (Sept. 3-Oct.19)	No later than Sept. 2, 2024
Fall Session II (Oct. 21-Dec. 16)	No later than Oct. 20, 2024
Spring Session I (Jan. 6-Feb. 22)	No later than Jan. 5, 2025
Spring Session II (Feb. 24-Apr. 12)	No later than Feb. 23, 2025
Summer Session I (April 21-June 7)	No later than Apr. 20, 2025
Summer Session II (June 9-Aug. 4)	No later than June 8, 2025





# Donate by Naming A Chair in the Endries Performance Hall at the Franciscan Center



**I want to name a chair in the Endries  
Performance Hall.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**All gifts are tax deductible to the extent  
allowed by law.**

- I would like to specify my chair number(s):
- I would like you to assign my chair number(s).
- I would like to be noted in donation lists.

Name to be engraved on name plate is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**\$500.00 Gift payment per chair is made by check.**

**Payable to: Franciscan Center INC**

**Mail to: Franciscan Center, 6751 Calumet Ave., Manitowoc WI 54220**

A name plate will be attached to the chair arm according to the donor's request. Seats will remain named for their lifetime. Please note that naming a chair does not guarantee or reserve that seat for performances or events.

**Questions? Contact Sister Carol Ann Gambsky Phone: 920-645-6564 Email: [scarolann@fscs-calledtobe.org](mailto:scarolann@fscs-calledtobe.org)**

# Ways to Support the Franciscan Center



## ~Name a Chair

Leave a lasting legacy by naming a seat in the Endries Performance Hall. Seats are available in various locations of Endries Performance Hall.

## ~Leave an Enduring Gift

Establish a lasting impact by contributing to the Franciscan Center Endowment Fund or to the Scholarship Foundation. Your gift will help sustain the arts in our community for generations to come.

## ~Sponsor an Event

Become a valued Partner or Sponsor and gain recognition while supporting our mission to enrich our community through the arts.

## ~Individual Support



# Donate by Naming A Brick at the Franciscan Center



## I want to name a Brick.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be engraved on Brick

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be noted in the donation lists. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**All gifts are tax deductible to the extent  
allowed by law.**

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**\$200.00 Gift payment per brick is made by check.**

**Payable to: Franciscan Center INC**

**Mail to: Franciscan Center, 6751 Calumet Ave., Manitowoc WI 54220**

A brick will be engraved with the name of donor's choice according to their request. Bricks will remain named for its lifetime.

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