



**FRANCISCAN CENTER FOR  
MUSIC EDUCATION AND PERFORMANCE**

**HOLY FAMILY  
CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC**

**6751 CALUMET AVE., MANITOWOC WI 54220**

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**NEWSLETTER NO. 1**

**JANUARY 2025**

# Holy Family Conservatory turns 100 in December of 2025

## Fun Trivia Questions

1. Who were the first four Sisters who started Holy Family Conservatory in 1925?
2. What was the original location of Holy Family Conservatory?
3. What else besides music was taught at the Conservatory during the early years?

1. Sister Benjamin Eriksen, Sister Davidica Beschta, Sister Celerine Diekemper, Sister Cecilia Marie Kalous  
2. 6339 S. 1<sup>th</sup> Street Manitowoc  
3. Dance

# Urgent Life or Death Request~ 51-year-old needs liver organ donation

From Dr. Stanislava Varshavski:

My brother-in-law is dealing with a very severe health problem. Please read his note below. Can you please help us to spread the word and try to find a donor? If he doesn't receive help, the doctors give him only a few months to live. Thank you so much for considering this! My email is [varshavskidma@fscs-calledtobe.org](mailto:varshavskidma@fscs-calledtobe.org)

From the Person in Need:

Greetings,

I am a 51-year-old father of 4 kids and dealing with Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis. I have been dealing with this disease since my teen's years, but I was misdiagnosed. I went to Mayo Clinic in Minnesota in 2017 where I was told that I have PSC. My condition was slowly getting worse. But 2 months ago, it started to progress at a much faster rate. Currently, I am on the liver transplant list at Northwestern Hospital in Chicago. However, it's become an urgent life or death situation for me, literally. I am looking for a living liver donor with: Blood Type O - Positive or Negative Ages 18-60 BMI should be around 25, maximum 28 All expenses will be paid including the procedure, transportation, accommodation, time off of work, and everything else. The donation procedure itself is minimally invasive and laparoscopic. After the donation procedure, donors typically spend 3-5 days in the hospital and 6-8 weeks in recovery – all paid for. Donor's liver fully regenerates and recovers completely within 6-8 weeks. You can work during the recovery process, just no excessive heavy lifting. Please respond if you are willing to be a potential liver living donor or can help me find one. Thank You so much,  
Michael

# THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

During the year of 2024 a **grand total of 1325 hours** of volunteer work has been given to the Franciscan Center by the generous hearts and hands of seventeen individuals.

We are deeply grateful to these wonderful volunteers! What are some of the things these charitable volunteers have done?

**Front Desk, Finances,  
Housekeeping, Concert Usher,  
Deliver Posters, Music Library, Work  
at Fundraisers**

Sister Joellen Kohlmann

Ann Adelman

Sister Mary Gabriel Van Dreef

Ruth Ahl

Ann Arbuckle

Ann Eisner

Rita Klein

Kimberly Krejcarek

Diana Schroeder

Alice Weyerberg

Sister Veronica Schad

Sister Ritarose Stahl

Sister Lorna Zemke

Chris Waak

Diane Cisler

Joan Fessler

Jo Ann Krejcarek

Jayne Purchetzke

Sally Wagner

# 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

# Music Party for Adult Students

JANUARY 31, 2025 @ 5-7PM  
ZEMKE-DANIEL  
REHEARSAL HALL

FREE EVENT  
Franciscan Center, 6751 Calumet  
Ave. Manitowoc, WI

Please bring: your musical  
instrument, food, soft drinks,  
smile and good vibes

Have Fun Together

Please Contact Sister Carol Ann  
920-645-6564  
scarolann@fsc-alledtobe.org



# Mark Your Calendar Now!



**Music for  
TOTs™  
Classes**

(For children  
10 month to 5  
years of age)



## **TOTS CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF JANUARY 27, 2025**

**The purpose of Music for Tots™** classes is to provide a wide repertoire of age-appropriate musical activities: songs, rhymes, movement and playing of simple instruments. Parents attending these classes learn the songs and activities and can therefore encourage and support their child in these activities at home.

**Classes are scheduled (M–TH) in the following locations:**

Franciscan Center for Music Education 6751 Calumet Ave., Manitowoc WI 54220

Visit: <https://www.hfconservatory.org/> for information and on-line payment

Questions: 920-645-6564

# February 15, 5:00 pm Horns of Love Concert 6:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner

Come hear TWELVE MEMBERS of the Fox Valley Horns (French horns) under the direction of Donald D. Krause. Join us at the Franciscan Center for the Horns of Love Concert and Spaghetti Dinner. Enjoy an unforgettable evening of love and music, featuring a performance by twelve French horn members of the Fox Valley Horns followed by a delicious spaghetti dinner. The concert is absolutely free to attend, with tickets required to attend dinner after. Dinner tickets are \$20.00 each and include food and beverages; purchase your tickets in person or online (no later than February 13). Learn more online at [FCMEP.org](http://FCMEP.org).





# 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**

## 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@fsccl-calledtobe.org](mailto:varshavskidma@fsccl-calledtobe.org)

## Plan your next Event to be at the Franciscan Center!

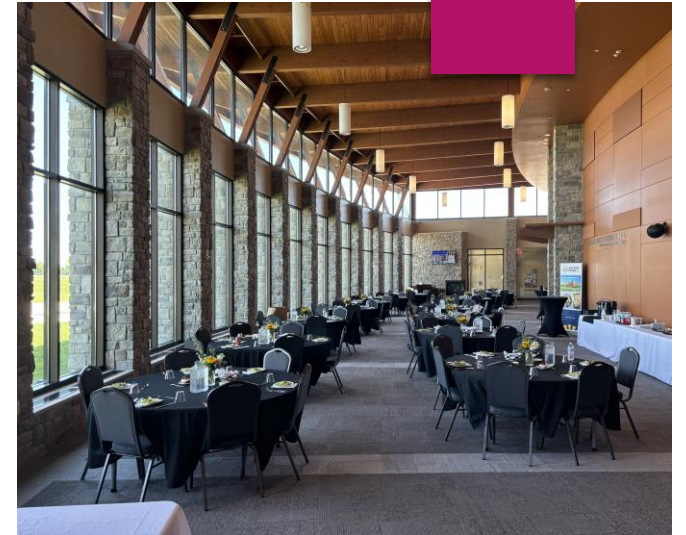
Whether it be a Birthday Party, Wedding, Graduation, Anniversary and more, we would love to help make your day special! Rent one of the beautiful spaces here at the Franciscan Center

Contact Event Coordinator  
Charyce Welch

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

or

Call (920)645-6561 to learn more!



# 2025



**Upcoming  
EVENTS**  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Music Party for Adults** Friday January 31~ 5:00-7:00 pm
- **Horns of Love Concert and Spaghetti Dinner** Saturday February 15 ~ 5:00-8:00 pm
- **Conservatory Student Recital** Sunday February 16 ~ 2:00 pm
- **Wisconsin Brass Quintet Concert Series #3** Saturday March 15, 2025 ~ 2:00 pm
- **Conservatory Ringers Handbell Concert** Sunday April 6, 2025 ~ 3:30
- **Conservatory Student Recital** Saturday April 26~ 2:00 pm
- **Holocaust Remembrance Performance Concert Series #4** Sun. April 27, 2025 ~ 3:00 pm
- **Conservatory Student Recital** Sunday June 8 ~ 2:00 pm
- **Summer Music Camp TOGETHER 2025** will be July 14-18, 2025



# Ways to Support the Franciscan Center



Thank you for helping!

Link: <https://square.link/u/i1hjeZv2>

Call 920-645-6561

## ~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



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

- ❖ Students under the age of 16 should have an accompanying adult with them.
- ❖ When coming to the Franciscan Center please sign in at the welcome desk.
- ❖ All payments should be completed before the 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