



**FRANCISCAN CENTER FOR  
MUSIC EDUCATION AND PERFORMANCE**

**HOLY FAMILY  
CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC**

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## Franciscan Center Rental Spaces

### “Transforms the Ordinary”

Celebrate your special moments with us. From weddings and birthdays to bridal/baby showers, celebrations of life, galas, business meetings, reunions, and more! ... The Franciscan Center is the perfect venue for any occasion.

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(or) call (920)645-6561



# Fall 2024 Register Now!



## Programs

Private Lessons, Summer 2024, Session 2  
Sessions available from 06/03/2024 - 07/29/2024

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SECURE ONLINE REGISTRATION

Children's Choir, Fall 2024, Session 1  
Sessions available from 09/03/2024 - 10/19/2024

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## HAVE QUESTIONS?

Agency primary contact

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Group Classes, Fall 2024, Session 1  
Sessions available from 09/03/2024 - 10/19/2024

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Private Lessons, Fall 2024, Session 1  
Sessions available from 09/03/2024 - 10/19/2024

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## Class offerings

**Children's Choir** Mondays 6:00-7:00 pm

### Registrations under Group Classes

- ▶ Piano Classes for beginners Thursdays 4:30- 5:15 pm ages 5-8
- ▶ Piano Classes for beginners Thursdays 5:30-6:15 pm ages 9-14
- ▶ Piano Classes for beginners Thursdays 6:15-7:00 pm ages 15-adults
- ▶ Lakeshore Ringers Handbell/Handchimes for beginners/semi beginners Thursdays 6:15-7:00 pm
- ▶ Suzuki Violin for various ages TBA



### Ten-Week Registration

Conservatory Ringers Advanced Handbell Ensemble Thursdays (Start Date TBA)

Classes and Lessons Begin week of September 3rd  
Register at:

[ACTIVE | Holy Family Conservatory of Music](#)





## Music for TOTs Fall 2024 begin week of September 16th



**How do Music for TOTs classes help a child?** Children engage in musical play and bond with their parents/caregivers. Music classes help a child develop language skills, physical coordination, and social skills. Learning to take turns and follow directions in a nurturing environment helps the child to feel affirmed and experience accomplishment through singing and group activities. Musical skills and a love of music are developed in the young child.

**When do Classes begin?** Music for TOTs classes will begin the week of September 16th. Your child will attend one class per week for ten weeks. Please note that you can register for classes offered on either Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. Each class must have a minimum of six registered children in order to be held. There might instances when you will be asked to move to another day if the class time you registered for does not reach a minimum of six children.

**Where are Classes offered?** Music for TOTs classes will only be offered at the [Franciscan Center 7651 Calumet Ave., Manitowoc.](#)

**Register at:** [ACTIVE | Holy Family Conservatory of Music](#)

# St. John Players presents “A Little Piece of Heaven” at the Franciscan Center

<b>Performances</b>	<b>Sat. August 10</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
	<b>Sun. August 11</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
	<b>Sat. August 17</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
	<b>Sun. August 18</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>

A LITTLE PIECE OF HEAVEN by Matthew Carlin

SYNOPSIS: An unlikely relationship is forged in the quirky tourist shop called “A Little Piece of Heaven.” Restless biker Mike, who works in the shop, finds a friend in the sassy elderly Lily, although their relationship certainly doesn’t start out that way. But there’s something odd about this little shop owned by the equally odd Elizabeth and Henry. Suspicion and disagreement turn to respect and trust in this place where long lost things are finally found.



**Tickets \$20.00 (General Admission) sold at the door**

# Summer Music Camp TOGETHER 2024 was GREAT!

Time	Group/Ensemble
9:00-9:15	Opening Activities July 15-19, 2024 <span style="float: right;">Full-day</span>
9:15-10:15	Wind Ensemble (1 year of school band ensemble playing required)
9:15-10:15	Piano Ensemble
9:15-10:15	String Ensemble
10:25-11:15	Musicianship Class for all Full-Day Students
11:30-11:50	LUNCH
11:50-12:20	Recreation Activity for Full and Half-Day Campers
12:30-1:30	Handbell Ensemble for all Campers (Full and Half-day Campers)
1:40-2:40	Musicianship Class for Half-Day Students
1:40-2:40	Practice time for Full-Day Students
2:50-3:50	Choir for All Campers (Full and Half-day Campers)
3:50-4:00	Wrap-up and treat

This second annual music camp proved to be a **big success** thanks to each music camper, their parents teachers and volunteers who gave generously of their time and talent. Special thanks to Dr. Stanislava Varshavski-Camp Director, Sister Carol Ann Gambsky-Assistant, Mrs. Tami Witter-Camp Choir, Ms. Janet Tschida-Musicianship Class/Handbells, Mr. Jeremiah Willson-Wind Ensemble/Handbells. Thank you to the following volunteers: Sister Lorna Zemke, Mrs. Amber Willson, Julian Krugmann and Anthony Keoara.



Camp Choir concert day



Musicianship Class



# Summer Music Camp TOGETHER 2024



Handbells for Half-Day Campers



Handbells for Full-Day Campers

# Summer Music Camp TOGETHER 2024



Campers in Recreation Room



Piano Ensemble Rehearsal



# Summer Music Camp TOGETHER 2024



Camp Choir Rehearsal



Musicianship Class



# Summer Music Camp TOGETHER 2024



S'Mores at the end of a full and fun day of learning



End of the Day Water Balloon Activity



# Summer Music Camp TOGETHER 2024



Wind Ensemble Rehearsal



String Ensemble Rehearsal



# Summer Music Camp TOGETHER 2025



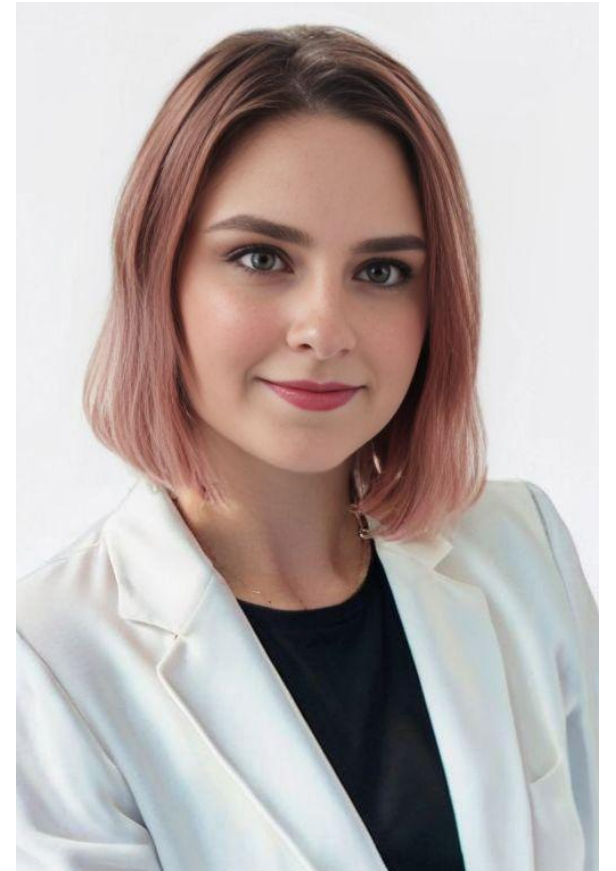
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your  
calendar!**

Summer Music  
Camp TOGETHER  
2025  
will be  
July 14-18, 2025

# Welcome Cello Teacher Hayley Rathmell

**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 Flute Teacher Lisa Van Sickle

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.



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# Attention Home School Families

As homeschool parents are you looking for ways to provide your children with a music curriculum?

The Academy of Excellence is a private online school. The Academy has been able to provide music education to students through collaboration with Music Conservatories.

For more information about how the Academy of Excellence could collaborate with Holy Family Conservatory please reach out to Mr. Ahanger, Principal of the Academy.

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/aoeonlinefamilies>



# Are you thinking about Organ Lessons? contact us at 920-645-6565

## **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.



# Seeking Volunteers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Festival

If you are interested to assist as a volunteer for the Franciscan Fall Festival please contact Charyce Welch, Event Coordinator.

Call:

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E-mail:

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# Upcoming 2024 Events at the Franciscan Center

- ▶ July 28 Last day of Holy Family Conservatory Summer Session II
- ▶ August 10-11 St. John Players Theater performances
- ▶ August 17-18 St. John Players Theater performances
- ▶ September 3 Holy Family Conservatory Fall Session I Begins
- ▶ September 16 Week of 9/16/24 Music for TOTs begin
- ▶ September 21 Clipper City Chordsmen Fundraiser Event
- ▶ October 4 NOAA Film Presentation
- ▶ October 21 Holy Family Conservatory Fall Session II Begins
- ▶ November 2 Franciscan Fall Festival

# Come One, Come All !

Join us for family fun at the Second Annual **Franciscan Fall Festival!** Questions? Contact Charyce at [fcmeep@outlook.com](mailto:fcmeep@outlook.com) or call (920)645-6561



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## Learn more about...

- ▶ Concert Series
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# Phone numbers for the Franciscan Center

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▶ Charyce Welch	Event Coordinator	920-645-6561
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▶ Lorna Zemke, Dr. (Sister)	Music Specialist /Receptionist	920-645-6597
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▶ Julie Koenig	Teacher	920-645-6567
▶ Stanislava Varshavski, Dr.	Director of Music Ed./Teacher	920-645-6565
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