

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—February 10, 2011

Vicar Notes:

I'll be in the Twin Cities leading a retreat this weekend and I'll also be involved in Sunday services at St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul. The following month I'll be at St. John's Linden Hills doing the same; the next month at St. Clement's, St. Paul, and the next with the women of St. Matthew's, St. Paul in Owatonna.

In doing these retreats/services around once a month for different churches, I'm following the great Grand Marais tradition of having several jobs to bring home the bacon!

But that's not all: It also turns out to be a great way to tell different parishes about what's going on here at Spirit of the Wilderness, which is a great encouragement to struggling parishes.

And it gives me an opportunity to see different ways that parishes are responding to some of the struggles they're facing. I get a unique opportunity to see what working and what's not.

Most people I meet are excited about the Spirit's work here; they are also, I suspect, a bit envious that we don't have the pressures of a building or huge traditions that weigh down so many parishes. And that reminds me, as I hope it does you, to be grateful that we can be a part of God's work here in Cook County.

Peace, Mary Ellen+



Don't forget!!!

- Saturday, February 12th, Free Church: 7:30-11:00 Pancake breakfast to raise money for Feed My Starving Children.
- Sunday, February 13th, Collection for Food Shelf at church
- Sunday, February 20th Directory pictures taken at church.
- Sunday, February 20th Care Center Service, 2-3 PM
- Friday and Saturday, February 25th and 26th Retreat: A retreat on women in earliest Christianity at WindCradle.
- Wednesday, March 9th: Ash Wednesday evening at WindCradle. 7-9
- Art Colony Collaboration, April 10-24 : April 8-9 retreat on Creativity and Spirituality; April 10th opening.