



Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Human Concerns Commission

Monthly Digest April 2018

Inspired to Serve



Meet Gavin. Gavin is a Cathedral parishioner, a fifth grader at Ronald Reagan Elementary in New Berlin, the eldest of four brothers and a brave and generous soul! Last April, when we launched Service Sunday, asking parishioners to serve in the Open Door Café, Gavin and his dad Michael were the first people to sign up. Since that Sunday, Gavin and Michael have returned to serve in the Café at least 4 times - and brought with them their mom, Jill and Gavin's three brothers - Spencer, Miles, and Luke.

But that wasn't enough for Gavin - inspired by his dad's Uncle Pete, who made bag lunches for people living on the street, Gavin and his dad decided to do this as well - so Café guests could have a lunch "to go" after their Sunday meal - in case they needed dinner that night or a lunch the next day. The Olen family provided more than 200 bag lunches over the winter months to our neighbors, all because of Gavin's desire to "bring someone's day up". Gavin said that when volunteering at the Open Door Café, he remembered one guest who made an effort to get to know Gavin. "He asked me all about my life - what I liked to do, how I enjoy school - you know, basic conversation. And it brought my day up. And I realized I can do that for other people, too."

Today, we honor the Olen Family as the Open Door Café "Stars of the Month" for their extraordinary commitment to service. They all indeed lift the spirits of many through their efforts and kindness. THANK YOU, Olen Family, for being inspired to serve - and in turn, inspiring us all to follow in your footsteps!

Be like the Olen Family: All parishioners are encouraged to sign up for serving on any second Sunday of the month. Today, we thank the Cathedral Men's Group for stepping up to help serve! Contact Rachel Egarczynski at 414-276-9814 x308 or at RachelEgarczynski@stjohncathedral.org to sign up for serving on May 13 or June 10 from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (or any other second Sunday of the month in 2018).

APRIL OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED!

**The Legacy of Archbishop Oscar Romero: Teach & Learn to Inspire - April 12, 2018
at 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

A social justice advocate of and for our times. Who was Oscar Romero? Why is he still relevant years later?

Join Casa Romero and Alverno College as we: TEACH each other about the issues of our day. LEARN which issues were important to Romero and how he spread his message. INSPIRE each other to do something about the injustices we see around us. Alverno College - La Verna Commons, 3400 S 43rd St, Milwaukee, WI 53234, USA

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/casaromero2018>

SPRING MAKERS MARKET - Sunday, April 29 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Join Cathedral Squared Enterprise artisans in welcoming people of color and women- owned businesses selling homemade wares at our Spring Maker's Market! Perfect place to shop for Mother's Day, graduations, First Communion or other spring-time celebrations! To participate as a vendor, contact Sarah at guestservices@stjohncathedral.org for an application!

Film Screening: MILWAUKEE 53206, Monday, April 30th - 6:00 PM

Come learn about the way incarceration affects Milwaukee's poorest zip code, 53206, by watching this powerful documentary by Keith McQuirter with a conversation following about how our faith community can work toward transformational change in our City as it relates to incarceration. Come to learn specifically about Transitional Jobs! RSVP to ShellyRoder@stjohncathedral.org and check April bulletins for more information.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

PARTICIPATE in Contemplative Prayer for Reconciliation and Healing of Racism Fridays from 12:15-12:45 PM in the Cathedral (812 N Jackson Street) Sign up for weekly email to join the prayer wherever you are at: <https://tinyurl.com/healracism> or follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/prayersforreconciliation/>

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