



Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Human Concerns Commission

Monthly Digest - July 2017

C²E on the Town



Cathedral Squared Enterprises (C²E) made its public debut last year at Bastille Days, selling the picnic mats our artisans had learned to make by upcycling plastic grocery bags. Since then, our artisans have developed several kinds of products - bags, baskets, bowls, placemats, coasters being the most popular. And in the MOST recent news, given a donation of material destined for the landfill salvaged by parishioner Erin Ormsby, the C²E artisans sewed up some beautiful cloth totes which will also be for sale - to encourage all of us to get in the habit of carrying reusable bags instead of relying on single-use plastic!

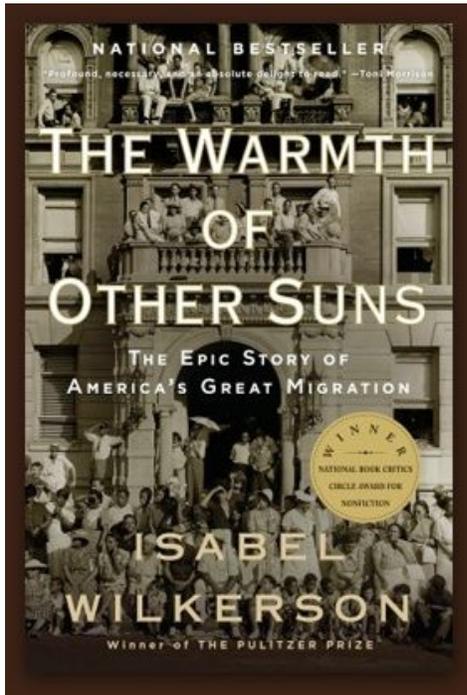
Visit us at our summer events to meet the artisans, buy our products and support our effort to “challenge our throw-away culture by empowering people to create a world where no one and nothing is seen as disposable.”

C²E artisans will be selling products at the following events:

- Bastille Days: Sat/Sun July 15-16, 9 AM - 5 PM, Cathedral of St. John Prayer Garden (812 N. Jackson)
- Wehr Nature Center: Tues July 18: 6:00 - 8:30 PM, 9701 W. College Ave, Franklin
- Oconomowoc Festival of the Arts: Sat/Sun August 19-20, 10 AM - 5 PM, Lake Fowler (specifically at 519 N Oakwood Ave Oconomowoc)

SERVE at the Open Door Cafe! Upcoming Service Sundays - , August 13, September 10, October 8 from 11 -12:30 PM. Sign up by calling 414-276-9814 x308 to ask Rachel to volunteer. Special thanks to those serving today (July 9): Cindy Barnicki, James McFarland, the Olen family - Jill, Mike, Miles, Spencer and the Ketterhagen family - Susan, Sara and Leo.

Summer Racial Justice Book Discussion:



As a part of our Racial Justice Book Discussions, we are encouraging all parishioners to read “The Warmth of Other Suns” by Isabel Wilkerson (copies available through Shelly’s office for \$12-15). This award winning book is a history of the Great Migration - black Americans migrating West and North from 1915 - 1970. We will gather these days and times throughout summer to discuss:

- ★ Sunday, July 16 from 1 - 3 (during Bastille Days): Discuss Parts 1 and 2.
- ★ Thursday, August 10 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM (during Jazz in the Park): Discuss Parts 3 and 4
- ★ Saturday, September 9 from 3 pm - 5 pm (Mass for National Day of Prayer for Peace in our Communities at 5:15 PM at Cathedral) Discuss Part 5... then stay for Mass and Reception!

*****Please RSVP to Shelly for discussion dates you can attend - parking spots will be reserved for the first 5-6 people to RSVP (if needed). *****

Contemplative Prayer for Reconciliation and Healing from Racism

Fridays from 12:15-12:45 PM in the Cathedral

“Contemplative prayer is like striking a tuning fork. All you can really do in the spiritual life is resonate to the true pitch, to receive the always-present message. Once you are tuned, you will receive, and it has nothing to do with worthiness or the group you belong to, but only inner resonance, a capacity for mutuality (see Matthew 7:7-11), which implies a basic humility. We must begin with the knowledge that the Sender is absolutely and always present and broadcasting; the only change is with the receiver station, you and me.” -Richard Rohr, OFM

Join us in person at the Cathedral on Fridays at 12:15 PM for this 30 minute communal contemplative prayer with the intention of reconciling and healing racism in our city. Feel free to pray privately wherever you are in solidarity with those gathered at the Cathedral if you are not able to join in person. To receive our weekly email reflection to prepare for or join from afar in the Friday prayer, please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/healracism>