

Rockford Vacation Bible School (VBS) Registration “Rocky Railway” event will be held June 7-11 from 9am to noon (lunch to follow) for kids age 3-5th grade. Registration forms available in the lobby or online at <https://www.nhcrockford.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/452695>. This is open to anyone, even if you have no church affiliation. Volunteers and donations are needed—sign up sheet is in the lobby.

Women’s Group **Spring Flower Fundraiser** event is being held. If you haven’t received a coupon, extras are available in the lobby for hanging basket, a flat of flowers or vegetables from A & A Greenhouse, Rockford. Redeemable by May 31, 2021.

Volunteer ministry schedules for June are available in the lobby.

Rockford Community Days will be held June 17-19 at Shane's Park. St Teresa will be holding a hamburger stand as in the past. Volunteers and donations are needed, sign up sheet is in the lobby. For questions, contact Kristi Schaefer.

Is God calling you to something new? Lay Pastoral Ministry Program (LPMP) will be held at St Mary Deanery Center this fall. Come and see how lay Catholic Studies through Mount St Mary’s School of Theology can help you grow in faith, knowledge and skills. We are offering the entire Non-Degreed Certificate option at St Charles Center in Carthagena for two years, beginning in August, 2021. Classes meet in Saturday morning and/or Saturday afternoon and include Discipleship, Scripture, Basic Doctrine, Church History, the Catechism and more. Courses are taught at the undergraduate equivalency level and may be taken for credit or audit. The full program includes formation components for those preparing for ministry or for application to the permanent diaconate. Graduate options are available at the main campus in Cincinnati. Call 513-233-6127 or email smcgurgan@athenaeum.edu to learn more or schedule a virtual interview.

Maria Stein Shrine event June 4th is the deadline for **Art Show Registration**. The Shrine is currently accepting submissions for the Art Show and Sale, June 26-July 23. The event is open to the public during normal Shrine hours. Media categories accepted include: Painting (oils and acrylics, water media, watercolor and aquatic medium), Drawing (graphite, charcoal, colored pencil, pastels, and pen/ink), and Three Dimensional (glass works, ceramics, and sculpture in the round or relief format). Registration deadline is June 4, 2021. The detailed prospectus and entry form can be found on the Shrine’s website mariasteinshrine.org/art-show-sale.

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2021 will occur on Monday, May 31. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

Did you know?

Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. And some records show that one of the earliest Memorial Day commemorations was organized by a group of formerly enslaved people in Charleston, South Carolina less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

