

**This is a retreat that can benefit anyone,
no matter where you are in your
relationship with God.**

*"The only regret that I have is that it took
me 6 years to say YES to making a CEW. It
has enhanced my relationship with my
family, my friends, and my GOD!"*

*"I didn't know that I would benefit from a
CEW before I went, given I was a cradle
Catholic strong in my faith. But, I found it
to be something I needed in my faith life
and challenged me to live the life that
Christ called me to."*

*"I believed that I was already living a good
Christian life. I did not necessarily need
CEW. After attending a CEW weekend, I
discovered much more about myself. I also
made new friends that I could relate to. I
have continued to grow closer to God and
increase my faith ever since."*

*"CEW is a chance to spend a weekend on
'God's Time' and reflect on where you are
and where you want to be. Each individual
will benefit from it differently and God
willing, it will be life changing."*

Christian Experience Weekend
(CEW) is for Men and Women
18 years of age or older.

Our CEW theme this year is inspired by the song
"These Days" by Jeremy Camp.

Lyrics to "These Days":

These days, my heart's always on the run
These days, the world's spinning out of control
These days are fast and they're furious
Feels like the worst is ahead of us

Sometimes it's hard to feel at home, but

I believe that you and I
Are in the right place at the right time
God called us by name
And He doesn't make mistakes
I know we were born to shine bright
In a dark world that needed some light
Don't have to be afraid
Maybe we were made for these days
Maybe we were made for these days

What if the beauty isn't crushed?
It just needs the hope that's inside of us
What if it's more than a destiny?
What if we're part of a masterpiece?

Until our Father brings us home

I believe that you and I
Are in the right place, at the right time
God called us by name
He doesn't make mistakes
I know that we were born to shine bright
In a dark world that needed some light
Don't have to be afraid
Maybe we were made for these days
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'Cause staying when it gets hard
To love with open arms
It's something to embrace
Maybe we were made for these days

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Are in the right place, at the right time
God called us by name
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I know that we were born to shine bright
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OLV CEW 2025

***"Made For
These Days"***



WOMEN'S WEEKEND

February 7, 8, & 9, 2025

MEN'S WEEKEND

Feb 28, Mar 1, & 2, 2025

Our Lady of Victory Church
4105 North Division Street
Davenport, IA 52806
Phone: 563-391-8384

“Come near to God and He will come near to you.”

James 4:8

The Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) is a spiritual retreat that offers you an opportunity to take a break from the demands of everyday life and look at who you are and where you are going. It is an opportunity to rediscover yourself, your faith, and connection with God.

The weekend includes talks, small group discussion, private reflection, liturgy and plenty of time for fellowship. It is conducted by a team of laypeople, a priest and spiritual director. It's a weekend to listen, pray, learn, relax, and be refreshed.

CEW welcomes all Christians regardless of where they are in their spiritual lives. As Jesus said to his disciples, so He calls to us today: “Come, follow me.” (Matt 4:19). Please prayerfully consider joining us to rejuvenate your spiritual life.

CEW Information

TIME: Arrive no earlier than 7:30 PM on Friday. CEW ends about 4:30 PM on Sunday

PLACE: Our Lady of Victory Parish Center/JFK School where all meals and sleeping accommodations are provided. Special arrangements can be made for those with medical conditions.

COST: \$40.00 which is due before the start of the weekend. The deposit will be returned to you if you are unable to attend. Make checks payable to: Christian Experience Weekend—OLV

How do I register?

Simply complete the registration form on this brochure and mail it with your deposit to the lay director:

Women's weekend:

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Davenport, IA 52804
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Men's weekend:

Karl Stratman
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(563) 210-2724
kjstratman@msn.com

CEW Registration

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Birthdate _____

E-Mail _____

Home Parish/Church & City:

Religious Denomination:

Who or what influenced you to attend CEW?

Do you have any medical condition(s) that we should be aware of: (Diabetes, Seizures, Heart Condition, CPAP, mobility issues, etc?)

Do you have any food allergies? Please list:

It is recommended to bring your own air mattress. ____ I will bring an air mattress ____ Please provide me with an air mattress

In case of an emergency, notify:

Name _____

Phone _____

Relationship _____