This is a retreat that can benefit anyone, no matter where their relationship currently is 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 "Hands of Jesus" by Crowder

Lyrics to "Hands of Jesus":

Little boy with a little smile
Mom and Dad with a little child
Hand in hand for a little while
Picking up his daddy's tools
Hands hammering nails in wood
Wonder if he understood
His hands were more than skin and bone
They'd soon be open, vulnerable
Son of God but somehow fully man

The hands of Jesus
So precious and strong
They can calm the seas
They can right your wrongs
The hands of Jesus
Holding everything
If they can take a nail
They can take your shame
So bring your hurt and
All your broken pieces
And put them in the miracle-working hands of Jesus

Touching the untouchable
Loving the unlovable
Forgiving unforgivable
Breaking bread and pouring wine
Pick up a cross that should be mine
Arms open, palms stretched wide

The hands of Jesus
So precious and strong
They can calm the seas
They can right your wrongs
The hands of Jesus
Holding everything
If they can take a nail
They can take your shame
So bring your hurt and
All your broken pieces
And put them in the miracle-working hands of Jesus

They keep picking me up again and again
Taking me in just as I am
All of me, all I have
All I need is in the hands of Jesus
So precious and strong
They can calm the seas
They can right your wrongs
The hands of Jesus
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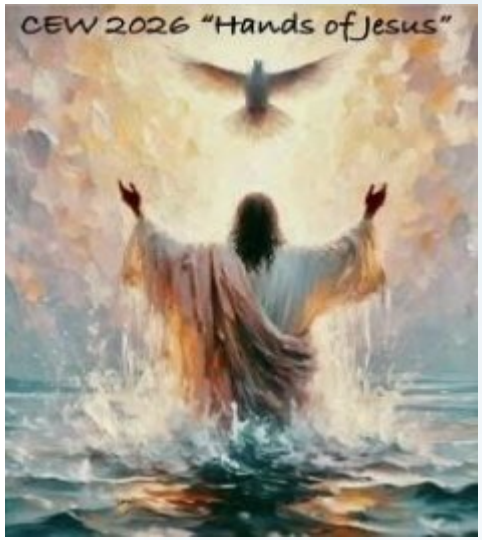
OLV CEW 2026

"Hands of Jesus"



WOMEN'S WEEKEND

February 20, 21, & 22, 2026

MEN'S WEEKEND

March 6, 7, & 8, 2026

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

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” - Matthew 11:28

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 lay people, a priest, and a 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.” (Matthew 4:19). Please prayerfully consider joining us to rejuvenate your spiritual life.

What are the specifics?

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 prior to 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 payment to the lay director:

Women’s weekend:

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Eldridge, IA 52748
(563) 508-6055
amandamae86@gmail.com

Men’s weekend:

Greg Wright
6102 Christie Ct.
Davenport, IA 52807
(563) 299-6402
gnkwright@msn.com

CEW Registration

Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Phone Date of birth

E-Mail

Home Parish/Church & City:

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Religious Denomination:

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What or who influenced you to attend CEW?

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

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Do you food allergies? Please list:

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It is recommended you bring your own air mattress. Please respond below:

Yes, I will bring my own _____
Please provide one for me _____

In case of an emergency, notify:

Name

Phone

_____

Relationship