# CRAIG & EMILY DOMEYER

Hello! Our names are Craig and Emily Domeyer. We live in Dyersville and belong to St. Francis Xavier parish. We have three sons, Will (11), Max (10) and Jack (6). We attended our first CEWs last January 2023. Emily attended the women's weekend and came home and (highly) suggested that Craig attend the men's weekend. Both of us had an amazing experience that we didn't even know we needed. Sometimes when life gets busy, God sends the Holy Spirit to let us know we need to take a break and put Him first. We are so glad we listened to that call.



The CEW was full of surprises, talks, laughs, tears, and best of all, community. Our family has grown in our faith since we attended CEW. We both were able to put things into perspective and set our priorities towards God and family. We want our boys to feel the sense of community we felt at CEW and we know that their home and their parish are great places to start.

We all know that life will always be busy. Please take a minute and consider time away from all of the distractions that are keeping you from God. You will not regret it. We also know that all relationships take work. We work on the ones right in our homes and families by talking, listening, and spending time with each other. It is just as important to practice these things in your relationship with God.

We hope you sincerely consider attending CEW. What a beautiful difference it has made in our lives. Please reach out if you have any questions! We can't wait to see you there!



# TED RECKER

Hello, my name is Ted Recker. My wife Meg and I have 6 boys and farm Northwest of Dyersville. I made my first CEW in 2020. Although we attend mass weekly, I feel it was something that I was "getting done" before we attended whatever sporting event we had going on that day. The fact is, in the day to day grind of life, I was not giving God my undivided attention. Making my CEW gave me the time and let me hit the PAUSE button on life and focus solely on myself and my relationship with God. It was an amazing experience and one that plan on doing many times in the future.

# JILL KLAREN

Hello! My name is Jill Klaren. I live in Worthington, Iowa and belong to St. Paul's Parish. I attended CEW in January 2023. When I was approached, there was no hesitation on my part. I unexpectedly lost my husband mid-year of 2022 and I longed for the closeness I knew a weekend with God would give me. We all get busy doing life and don't realize how fast we can put God on our back burner. Having a whole weekend dedicated to fellowship and time with God launched me back into the relationship Jesus wants for all of us. To be the person he created us to be and bask in his unceasing and merciful Love. I hope you say yes to his call, yes to a weekend with Him.



# 2024 Garley-Epworth CEW

#### What is a Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)

A CEW is a renewal weekend for adults, designed to enable you to more deeply experience yourself and your relationship with God and the Christian community.

#### How is the weekend structured?

The CEW weekend is held at the Seton Catholic School & St. Joseph Church in Farley and begins on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and ends around 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. In order to maximize the CEW community experience, the team conducting the weekend and the candidates spend the entire time together, in one building, sleeping on mattresses and using sleeping bags.

#### What happens on a Christian Experience Weekend?

A series of talks and activities are conducted by both religious and lay persons who enhance your awareness of God in your life and in the Christian community.

#### Who should attend?

Anyone wishing to grow stronger in their faith, their personal relationship with God, and their Christian community. Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome.

#### Location of the CEW Retreat is: Seton Catholic School

210 2nd Ave SE – Farley, IA

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