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**Walleye Weekend 2018: Two Sunday opportunities for outdoor worship**

*FOND DU LAC*—The beautiful scenery of Lakeside Park will be the setting for two religious services during Walleye Weekend 2018 on the morning of Sunday, June 10. Worshipers will have the choice of an ecumenical Christian service and a Catholic Mass.

“After all of the excitement on Friday and Saturday, Sunday morning worship services are a beautiful opportunity to bring people together in a more reflective way, with gratitude,” said Fond du Lac Festivals Executive Director Leanne Doyle.

The Spectrum Sunny 97.7 East Stage will be the site for a 9 a.m. ecumenical service coordinated by several local evangelical and protestant churches.

Essential Rock Church Pastor John Slotten will preach the Sunday message from the stage, with support of a service music team comprised of local vocalists and musicians. Slotten has 27 years of leadership in both denominational and nondenominational churches, including two he helped start. He has led trips to Israel, dialogued for peace, and worked in stewardship.

“Bring your bibles and get ready for a great word from God through ecumenical efforts from area churches,” Slotten said. “Grab your lawn chairs and join us for church as community in God’s beautiful outdoor creation, and then make it your day in the park with your neighbors, enjoying concerts and festivities.”

Following the ecumenical service, at the same site, contemporary Christian recording artist Matt Kolb will perform.

The Holy Family Catholic community will hold Mass at 9:30 a.m. at the gazebo on Fountain Island in Lakeside Park. Father Ryan Pruess will be the celebrant, and all are welcome to attend.

“This is a gorgeous and serene setting for Mass,” Doyle noted, “by the gazebo, with benches for seating.”

Participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. A shuttle service is available for transportation for the aged and those with disabilities.

Catholic Financial Life is sponsoring the space, and providing coffee and donuts for after-Mass fellowship. Contact Director of Liturgy and Music Paul Thelen at [pthelen@hffdl.org](mailto:pthelen@hffdl.org) with questions.

For complete details of Walleye Weekend festival events and schedules, including music performances and tournament registration information, go to [www.walleyeweekend.com](http://www.walleyeweekend.com).

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