



La Vista

Ecological Learning Center

A ministry of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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E-Newsletter

We invite you to keep up with La Vista long distance by viewing pictures of recent events on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/EcologicalLearningCenter/>

Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day - May 10

This day was initiated in 2006 as an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.

Over half of migratory birds travel the Mississippi river route each year, making this area key to their successful migration.



We encourage you to visit the Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary in West Alton, MO, or find another way to celebrate these unique members of our Earth Community.

Prayer and Action for People & Planet - June 12

Six months after world leaders reached the Paris Agreement, communities around the world will come together in a day of commitment and blessing for Earth. *Sacred*

Earth, Sacred Trust is a worldwide, multi-faith day of prayer and action for the planet and a call for world leaders to commit to a 1.5 degree limit on global temperature rise. Learn more and take part: <http://sacredearth2016.org/index.html>.

Summer Solstice: Honoring an Oblate "Caveman" Paul Wightman, OMI

*Friday, June 17 7:00 - 9:00 pm

(*Note the day and time-not our usual Saturday afternoon timing.)



Some ancient caves around the world are aligned with the Summer Solstice sunrise, providing a gathering point for celebrating this celestial event.

La Vista's version of this phenomenon is to celebrate the beginning of summer by honoring Paul Wightman, OMI, a long-time spelunker who is recognized as the earliest surveyor and explorer of the Fogelpole Cave System in Monroe County, Illinois. Recently the land around the cave has been purchased for preservation and in honor of Father Paul's work has been named the *Paul Wightman Subterranean Nature Preserve*.

Father Paul's presentation will be an opportunity to expand appreciation of our planet to include the underground realm in our local bioregion. We'll learn about caves in Southern Illinois and Missouri and the large and diverse animal population they support.

The presentation will be followed by a reception. Suggested donation: \$10.

Registration is requested and can be done by calling 618-466-5004 or by e-mailing info@lavistaelc.org.

Authentic Indian Food Cooking Series

Saturday, June 25 and Saturday, October 1 10:30 am - 12:30 pm



Bring your appetite and enthusiasm for a fun-filled culinary experience. The class includes an introduction to Indian ingredients, hands-on food preparation, and the enjoyment of eating delicious Indian food.

Menus:

June 25: Indian curry, Aromatic rice, Indian flatbread

October 1: Menu to be announced

Cost: \$15 per class

Registration: Send your payment to La Vista,

4300 Levis Lane, Godfrey, IL, 62035.
Deadline for the first class is June 22; for the
second, Sept. 28.

Please indicate which class you are attending and include your e-mail address;
confirmation will be sent via e-mail.

