**BUTTERFLIES OF CATHOLIC ECOLOGY CENTER (DODGE COUNTY)**

**Saturday, May 25, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.– Noon**

The Catholic Ecology Center is part of a 225 acre preserve including prairies, forest, the Rubicon River, Otter Creek, a pond and organic gardening areas. Donna Williams-Richter and Ethan Brown will lead us in spotting the butterflies.  Some butterflies that we are likely to see include Eastern Comma, Gray Comma, Question Mark, Red Admiral, American Lady, Painted Lady, Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, Black Swallowtail, Giant Swallowtail, Peck's Skipper, Hobomok Skipper and Mourning Cloak. Harvesters have been seen in numbers in the past, as well as colonies of Wooly Aphids, the host for this carnivorous caterpillar. Other exciting possibilities include Arctic Skipperling or one of the Tortoiseshells.

Long pants and long shirt sleeves, a hat, insect repellent, and hiking shoes are recommended. Bring binoculars—the closer they focus, the better!

If you would like to be contacted in case of cancellation or other changes, please register your intent to attend with Donna Williams-Richter (dowin124@gmail.com).

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Trails are easy to travel, but rain may cause them to be muddy so proper footwear is encouraged.

**DIRECTIONS:** Estimated travel times are 1 hour from Madison and 45 minutes from downtown Milwaukee. Meet in the parking area.

The Catholic Ecology Center is located at W1468 County Road NN Neosho, WI 53059. Google their website to get customized directions from your location.