



The Retreat House News

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Fatima 2012 at the Spiritual Center is just a glimpse of what has been taking place in Fatima, Portugal since 1917. Once unknown to the outside world, Fatima is now famous for the Marian apparitions that took place there starting in the spring of 1917. The apparitions began on May thirteenth of that year when three shepherd children described seeing a woman “brighter than the sun, shedding rays of light clearer and stronger than a crystal ball filled with the most sparkling water and pierced by the rays of the sun.” During the following months, the Virgin Mary, now known as “Our Lady of Fatima” appeared to the children and exhorted that they do penance and make sacrifices to save sinners. The children followed her wishes and would go days without drinking water or tie tight ropes around their waists



to cause themselves pain. Along with saving sinners, the children were given the “Three Secrets of Fatima” and were told not to share the secrets with anyone. The children attracted attention to themselves as the Virgin Mary continued to appear to them on the thirteenth day of every month. In an effort to stop the apparitions and the curiosity being caused, authorities jailed the children on August thirteenth. While in prison, fellow inmates described the children as being fear-filled and unsure, but after a short while, the children began to lead the inmates in the rosary. The prison administration had had enough and soon took each child for questioning and demanded that they share the three secrets only they knew. Each child



refused even after brutal threats to their safety. With no success, the authorities released the children and on August

fifteenth, the Virgin Mary appeared to the children once more.

Rumors began to spread that on October thirteenth Our Lady of Fatima would perform a miracle to make all believe. On October 13, 1917, a crowd of nearly 70,000 gathered at the site the young children claimed to have seen the Virgin Mary appear for the past six months.

Witnesses at the event and for miles around claimed to have seen the “Miracle of the Sun.” They said it was like the sun spinning and giving off various colors. The “Sun’s Dance” also showed images of the Holy Family, Our Lady of Sorrows, Jesus, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and Jesus with St. Joseph blessing the children. Fatima now sees

that the apparitions took place, but year round. The event now recognized by the Catholic Church is celebrated throughout the world.

Please join us for our Fatima USA event this year on August 10th at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. We will begin the celebration with a Mass at 7:30 p.m. led by Bishop Joseph Binzer, from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. After dark, a lighted Rosary will begin on the grounds and will take form as each prayer is prayed by young and old alike. The program will conclude with a candle procession around the grounds.

We welcome you to join our celebration and bring your lawn chairs, flashlights, and rosaries for this awesome event!





Events Listing: August, September, October, November, December

Sunday, August 5, 6:00 p.m., "Prayer and Benediction" will take place in the Chapel.

Tuesdays, August 7 & 21, "Piecemakers Craft Group" 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



Friday, August 10, 7:30 p.m., "Fatima Event USA 2012" takes place by the large cross. Bishop Binzer will be celebrating the Holy Mass beginning at 7:30 p.m. After dark, a candlelit Rosary will take form on the grounds as each prayer is recited. The program will conclude with a candlelit procession around the grounds (candles and holders will be available). Please bring your rosary, lawn chair, flashlight, and warm clothing if needed. A donation will be accepted for candles, holders and other expenses. Handicap & bus parking available. No food services are available. No need to pre-register—just come and enjoy the evening. Contact the Spiritual Center for more information.

Tuesday, August 14, 7:00 p.m., "Healing Liturgy" will take place in the Chapel.

Saturday, September 1, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. "Hispanic Retreat" Contact Sr. Regina Albers at the Shrine of the Holy Relics for more information 419-925-4532.

Sunday, September 2, 6:00 p.m., "Prayer and Benediction" will take place in the Chapel.



Tuesdays, September 4 & 18, "Piecemakers Craft Group" 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 11, 7:00 p.m., "Healing Liturgy" will take place in the Chapel.

Friday, September 28, 7:00 p.m. until Sunday, September 30 after lunch, "Explore the Mystery of God in Color." See page 5 for more details and registration information.

Tuesdays, October 2 & 16, "Piecemakers Craft Group" 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 7, 6:00 p.m., "Prayer and Benediction" will take place in the Chapel.

Sunday, October 7, 6:30 p.m., "Annual Patron Meeting" in the Upper Lounge.

Interested in getting away for a private retreat?

Call us today to set everything up for you!

Prices vary according to length of stay, amount of meals, and number of people staying. Take some time away for yourself this fall—to reflect and pray in the peaceful setting of The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. Call 419-925-7625 for more information.





Tuesday, October 9, 7:00 p.m., “Healing Liturgy” will take place in the Chapel.

Wednesday, October 12, 7:30 p.m., “SERRA Club Dinner” .

Saturday, October 20, 8:45 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. “Pre-Cana” will take place in the Multi– Purpose room.

Thursday, November 1, 7:30-9:00 p.m. “Evening retreat with Dr. Jim Schwieterman.” See page 5 for more details.

Sunday, November 4, 6:00 p.m. “Prayer and Benediction” will take place in the Chapel.

Tuesdays, November 6 & 20, “Piecemakers Craft Group” 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 8, 10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. “You are invited to the banquet of the Lord, RSVP” - Fall day of reflection with Father Dugal. See page 5 for more details.

Friday, November 9, 7 p.m., until Saturday, November 10 at noon, “The Perfectly Imperfect Woman”
Retreat for ladies only. Spend time with your friends at this truly unique retreat designed just for women. Presenter Jamie Schmiesing will lead us through prayer, talks, fun, and many other things. See page 6 for more information and pricing or call the Spiritual Center at 419-925-7625.

Tuesday, November 13, 7:00 p.m., “Healing Liturgy” will take place in the Chapel.

Friday, November 30, 7:00 p.m., - Saturday, December 1, 4:00 p.m. “Grace, A Practical Look at Life with God.” See page 7 for more information.

Saturday, December 1, 8:45 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. “Pre-Cana”, will take place in the Multi-Purpose room.

Sunday, December 2, 6:00 p.m., “Prayer and Benediction” will take place in the Chapel.

Tuesdays, December 4 & 18, “Piecemakers Craft Group” 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 8, 9:00 p.m.– 1:00 a.m. “National Night of Prayer” will take place in the Chapel.

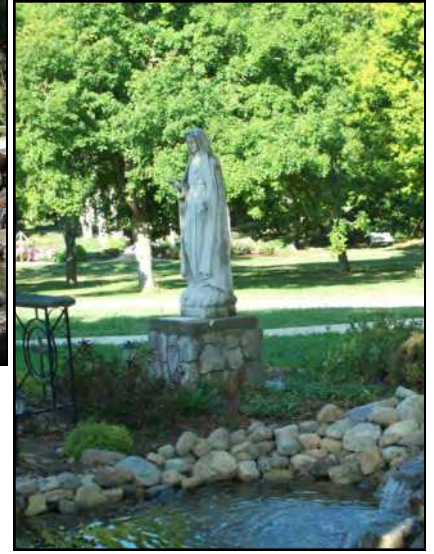
Monday, December 31, 5:00 p.m., until Tuesday, January 1 after brunch, “New Years Celebration with Fr. Al Naseman”. See page 7 for more details.

*Call the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein at 419-925-7625
to register for any event or with any questions you may have.*

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Come visit our renewed Blessed Virgin Courtyard



*CREDO
June 25-28, 2012*





***“Explore the Mystery of God in Color”
Friday, September 28 starting at 7 p.m.
through lunch on Sunday, September 30.***

***Interested in a new way to pray? Like to play with colors?
Come to this weekend women's retreat that will explore creative color prayer.
No artistic talent is needed!***

Led by Sister Wanda Smith RSM and Dr. Jane Steinhauser, this weekend will refresh your spirit and connect you deeper with the Holy Spirit.

Sr. Wanda , RSM, has been a Spiritual Director since 1992 and has experience in directing retreats at various retreat centers throughout the country. She is a potter and enjoys praying with art in its many forms.

Dr. Jane, a licensed counselor and trained spiritual director, works in campus ministry and has facilitated retreats for over 30 years.

Jane enjoys discovering grace in real life by finding colorful ways to get closer and go deeper with God.

\$195 donation per person includes cost for retreat, overnight accommodations and all meals.

Call the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein at 419-925-7625 to register by Sept. 21st or go online at www.spiritualcenter.net



***“Do not be afraid that your life will end, be afraid that it will never begin!”
An evening of renewal for all led by Dr. Jim Schwieterman
Thursday, November 1, 2012 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.***

This evening will be spent discussing positive ways to live our lives without letting the negativity of society cast a destructive light within us. While working through life's pessimism, we can learn to love ourselves and what we have been offered. Ending the night with Adoration and a chance for meditation will give the opportunity to remember that through our prayers, God will always be there to help throughout our lives.

\$5.00 donation per person

Please register by Wednesday, October 31 by calling 419-925-7625



Most of us have been “going to Mass” for years. But, have you been enriched by it?

That is what the Second Vatican Council said should happen.

“Do this in memory of me”, Jesus tell us – and we do.

How can we be more aware that He is present there with us?

Together let's search for ways that the Mass can mean more to us, and have a greater effect on our lives.

During our Fall Day of Reflection, we will turn to Scripture, stories, and prayer to grow in our appreciation of this great gift!

**Join Father James Dugal, C.P.P.S FOR A FALL DAY OF REFLECTION
“YOU ARE INVITED TO THE BANQUET OF THE LORD—R.S.V.P!”**

Thursday November 8 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$15.00 donation, includes lunch

Please R.S.V.P. by November 5th by calling 419-925-7625

The Spiritual Center at 419-925-7625

The Perfectly Imperfect Woman

Come and relax before the craziness of the holidays!



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November 9-10; 7 pm Fri.-noon Sat.

A fun, relaxing evening to interact with other imperfect women — and give yourself the tools you need to accept who you are as a Child of God (Commuter & Overnight Options Available!)

Sponsored by

- **The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein**
- **Catholic Social Services**

Questions?
419-925-7625

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Email _____
Phone _____

Please choose from the following breakout sessions:

Friday: Four Ingredient Meals
 The Holy Spirit had TIME for MOM
 Photography Workshop
 Family Activities for Feasts and Seasons

Saturday: Quiet Prayer Time College Bound
 Infants 0-6 yrs Grandparenting
 Tweens The Sandwich
 Teens Generation

I have included my family's favorite recipe!

Cost: (All options includes breakfast)

Commuter: \$20/person
 Overnight Private Room \$60/person (1 full size bed)
 Overnight Double Room \$35/person (1 full size bed)

Roommate Preference _____
 Cash Check Charge (will show as CSSMV)

Register by October 31! Send registration to: The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, PO Box 95, Maria Stein, OH 45860
Or email Robin at robin@spiritualcenter.net

FRIDAY RETREAT SCHEDULE

7:00 pm Registration/Shopping
8:00 pm Welcome Mass, Fr. Kevin Scalf, C.P.P.S Celebrant

Fr. Kevin is currently the Director of Campus Ministry at St Joseph's College in Rensselaer, IN. In his homily Fr. Kevin will feature the "Perfectly Imperfect Women" in scripture.

9:00 pm "The Modern Day Perfectly Imperfect Woman" – Kimi Cole Brown and Pam Kaiser

9:30 pm Breakout Sessions:
• Four Ingredient Meals
• The Holy Spirit has TIME for MOM
• Photography Workshop
• Family Activities for Feasts and Seasons

10:30 pm "Winey Women Time"
Sponsored in part by Gordon Orthodontics and the Winery at Versailles — Take some time to socialize, shop and enjoy some wine from the Winery at Versailles, chocolates from Gyshlain Choclatier and cheese from Winner's Meat Market.

11:30 pm Quiet Time

SATURDAY RETREAT SCHEDULE

8:00 am "Waking up with God" — A spiritual side of cooking with Jamie Schmiesing, wife and mother of 11 children and one in heaven.
Find out how Jamie accepts her "Perfectly Imperfect Woman" title.

9:15 am "God has a plan" — Kim Poepelman
Kim shares her and her husband Darrin's journey to being the parents of three very special children.

10:00 am Breakout Sessions: You are not alone! — Generational discussions with people living the same Perfectly Imperfect life you are!
• Quiet Prayer Time
• Infants 0-6 years Panel
• Tweens Panel
• Teens Panel
• College Bound Panel
• Grandparenting Panel
• The Sandwich Generation Panel

11:00 am Closing Prayer and Reflection

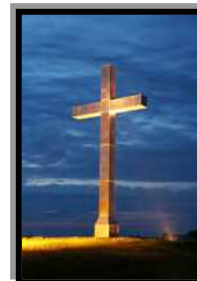
VENDORS of all types will be available for you to do some Christmas Shopping!

DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS all night!

MANI'S AND PEDI'S (\$10 each on Friday — sign up early for your time slot!)

RECONCILIATION will be available throughout the retreat.

NEW THIS YEAR! Please share your favorite family meal! Email us the recipe (spiritualcenter@watchtv.net) or send it with your registration and we'll put it in the "Perfectly Imperfect Woman" cookbook for you to take home as a gift from other imperfect women!



Grace: A Practical look at life with God

Friday, Nov. 30 7:00p.m.- Saturday December 1 4:00p.m.

Interested in a new way to pray? Like to play with colors?

Join us for an overnight women's retreat that will explore Grace in our lives.

Through journaling, sharing, and prayer we will refresh our faith lives.

Led by Dr. Jane Steinhauser, this retreat will explore spiritual 'secrets' from the mystics that are practical ways to go deeper with God.

Dr. Jane, a licensed counselor and trained spiritual director, works in campus ministry and has facilitated retreats for over 30 years. Jane enjoys discovering grace in real life by finding colorful ways to get closer and go deeper with God.

Cost of \$110 covers the retreat and supplies, private room, and all meals.

Call the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein at 419-925-7625 to register.



A New Year's Retreat led by Fr. Al Naseman

"The Book of Proverbs: Compact Wisdom"

Monday, December 31, 2012 5:00 p.m. – Tuesday, January 1 after brunch

Come join us for reflection just in time for the New Year.

This retreat offers a chance to reflect on one's own life and the way it is being lived.

\$150/couple; \$90/single; \$40/commuter

New Year's Eve

5:00— 5:30 p.m. - Check in

5:30 p.m. - Prayer in the Chapel

6:00 p.m. - Dinner

7:30 p.m. - Presentation

10:30 p.m. - Mass in the Chapel

New Year's Day

8:30 p.m. - Coffee/cereal available

9:30 p.m. - New Years Day Mass in the chapel

10:15 p.m. - Presentation & Blessing

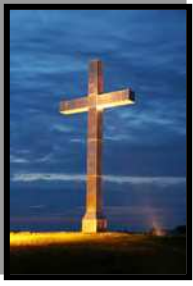
11:00 p.m. - Brunch



A message from the Spiritual Center Board of Directors...

The renovations downstairs are complete and we are now using the new area of our facility. During these renovations we also had the opportunity to renew the Blessed Virgin courtyard. It has new plantings, a fountain and new lighting. We hope that you will have a chance to check it out the next time you visit. There are now even more beautiful and peaceful settings throughout the property to get connected with God. Through this year's upcoming programs, we hope that you will have an opportunity to join us in uplifting and hope filled activities. As always, we depend on your prayers and involvement. Thank you to all who help in talent and treasure. God bless us all.

Deacon Greg Bornhorst, President, Board of Directors



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Spiritual Center of Maria Stein Mission Statement

We are Christians dedicated to serving the Lord, each other, families, parishes and communities.

We believe in God the Creator, His son Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, who guides us through the magisterium of the Catholic Church with its scripture and traditions and through the intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Through the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, we provide opportunity for spiritual growth, social development and community service. We will do this through facilities, staff, and programs.

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