



The Retreat House News

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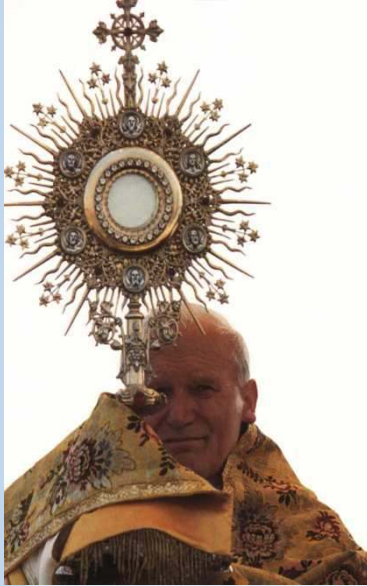
May, June, July, August, September 2014

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IHOP...
Starting this fall, the Spiritual Center, along with youth ministers from the "Northern Network", will be hosting IHOP's (Intense Hours of Praise).

Hour of Praise is a night of prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, music, reflections, Reconciliation and fellowship. For one hour a month, join us to worship our Creator in the Most Blessed Sacrament. With silence, music and reflections helping to guide you in prayer, and priests available for Reconciliation and Benediction, it's a night to grow in community with Christ at the center!

Open to everyone!!! All are welcome! Youth, parents, siblings, young and old alike. Come together with others for one hour of prayer.

Pray! Start your week off with this one Intense Hour of Prayer!

"IHOP"

"Intense Hour of Praise"

2014 IHOP Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, all IHOP's will take place the third Sunday of each month in the Chapel of the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

Starting at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 21

Sunday, October 19

Sunday, November 16

Sunday, December 1



Healing Mass

Schedule

All Masses begin at
7:00 p.m. and take place
in the Chapel

May 13, 7:00

June (no Mass)

July (no Mass)

August (no Mass)

September 9, 7:00

October 14, 7:00

November 11, 7:00

December (no Mass)

A Message From The Board Of Directors...

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, we come to realize how blessed we are. We can't count all of our blessings, whether they are big or small, because there are so many. The main thing is that we are grateful for all of them, and that we truly take the time to thank God for each blessing. We are especially blessed that God allowed His Son, Jesus, to come to Earth to suffer and die for us. We are blessed to live and live abundantly!

We at the Retreat House have been so blessed with all of your prayers, donated time, and financial support. The board and staff would truly like to take this time to thank all of you for your generosity and continued support. It is because of your help that we can continue to make a difference in this world that is trying to destroy our faith and belief in Jesus. Throughout the years, we have been blessed to receive many testimonies of how peoples lives are touched through the presence of Jesus' love as they come to spend time at the Retreat House. Thank you for being a part of the Spiritual Center Retreat House. We ask for your continued prayers, support and blessings. God Bless, Deacon Jerry Buschur, Board President

Events Listing: May, June, July August 2014

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

Tuesday May 20, "Piecemakers Craft Group" 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m..

Sunday, June 1, 6:00 p.m., "Prayer and Benediction" will take place in the Chapel.

Tuesdays, June 3 & 17, "Piecemakers Craft Group" 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. "Yard Work Volunteer Day" . See page 3 for more information.

Saturday, June 21, 8:30a.m.- 4:00p.m. "Pre-Cana". See page 3 for more information.

Wednesday, June 25- Friday, June 27 "Leaders for Christ Retreat". See page 3 for more information.

Tuesday, July 1 & 15, "Piecemakers Craft Group" 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

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

Monday, July 7- Friday, July 11, "Praying in Color Retreat". See page 3 for more information.

Thursdays, July 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:00a.m.- 3:00p.m. "Kids for Christ". See page 5 for more information.

Friday, July 11- Sunday, July 13, "Camp Bearable". See page 4 for more information.

Monday, July 21- Friday, July 25 "Holy Gastronomy" led by Fr. Al Naseman. See page 5 for more info.

Wednesday, July 23, 6:00p.m.- 9:00p.m., "Seminarian Ultimate Frisbee Tour"

Sunday, August 3, 6:00p.m., "Prayer and Benediction" will take place in the Chapel.

Monday, August 4- Friday, August 8, "If You Ask, Jesus Will Heal You!" led by Children of Mary.

Tuesdays, August 5 & 19, "Piecemakers Craft Group" 9:00a.m.- 3:00p.m.

Friday, August 8, 6:00 p.m.- 11:00p.m, "FATIMA"

Sunday, August 10, 4:00p.m.- 9:00p.m, "Sanctus 2014 Concert". See page 7 for more information.

Tuesday, August 12, 7:00 p.m., "Healing Liturgy" will take place in the chapel

For more information call or email ...

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

419-925-7625 OR OFFICE@SPIRITUALCENTER.NET

Newly engaged couples interested in attending Pre-Cana at the Spiritual Center

are asked to register with the Family & Respect Life Office at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. You can register online at www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/engaged-couple-programs/ or contact Josh Danis at The Family & Respect Life Office in Sidney at 937-492-4449. No registrations or payments are accepted at the Spiritual Center.

2014 Pre-Cana Dates will be:
June 21, September 13, December 6

Yard Work Volunteer Day

Tuesday, June 10 9:00-3:00

Join us for an outside day of clean up! Bring your gloves, a rake, and your friends! Lunch is provided—just let us know you are coming by June 9. All are welcome!



Leaders For Christ

June 25-27

YOUTH LEADERSHIP RETREAT FOR GRADES 9-12



Learn about your own strengths and gifts, grow in your personal prayer life, have a great time, meet new friends, and participate in outdoor team building games!

Holy Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation as well as daily talks and prayer time!

Register by June 1. \$125 includes all meals, snacks and overnight accommodations. Contact your local youth minister for more information or call 419-925-7625.

Praying In Color

July 7th (11 a.m.) - July 11th (1 p.m.)

This year's "Praying in Color" retreat, led by Sr. Wanda Smith and Dr. Jane Steinhauser, will be experiential, reflective, and prayerful with many opportunities for sharing. There will be a contemplative focus with silence for the art-prayer experiences and optional silence during mealtimes. No artistic talents are required!

Sr. Wanda 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.

\$495 donation per person includes private accommodations, meals and materials. There is a \$50 non-refundable deposit required with this retreat that is used to buy art supplies.

Please register by July 1 by calling 419-925-7625





July 11-13, 2014

Camp BEARable is a weekend camp conducted at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein by **State of the Heart Hospice**.

This weekend camp is for children who have experienced the death of someone they loved and provides them a place to come together in an atmosphere of love and acceptance. The camp is open to any child age 6 to 15.



"It's easier to talk about my mom." - Zac (6 yrs. old)

"It helped me connect to my dad again because I haven't seen him in a long time. It helped me open up."
- Grant (9 yrs. old)

A variety of games, arts and crafts, music and sharing are used to help them with their grief. By spending time with youth like themselves, they discover others have the same feelings and these feelings are normal. It is important for young people to understand that what has happened to them, also happens to others.

"It let me be in an environment where everyone cared. Everyone could relate to me and they helped me answer questions." - Bethany (14 yrs. old)

Each child is paired with a trained adult Buddy who helps them explore their feelings about their loss. There is no charge for children to attend Camp BEARable.

If you know a child who is appropriate to attend Camp BEARable or to get more information about the camp, please contact Marlene Black, Grief Specialist for State of the Heart Hospice.



800.417.7535
www.stateoftheheartcare.org



"Kids 4 Christ" Returns Thursdays in July!

July 10, 17, 24, & 31

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Children in grades K-4 are invited to participate in Kids 4 Christ! Come for one or all of these days of

Faith & Fun!

Please bring a sack lunch. Snacks will be provided.

\$6.00 donation per child for supplies and snacks.



Call 419-925-7625

To register for events



Please register by July 14 by calling 419-925-7625

"Holy Gastronomy" Led by Fr. Al Naseman, C.P.P.S.

July 21, 11:00 a.m. until July 25, 1:00 p.m.

This retreat is about food and love, our two most basic needs. The Ultimate Food and Love Combo, the Eucharist, will be center table each day. Food will be the prominent starting point of every presentation—especially foods in the Bible. Surprise tastings, as well as watercolor illustrations by Fr. Al, aim to make "Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord" very vivid!

\$325 donation includes a private room, meals, & retreat.
\$145 donation for commuters includes meals & retreat.



For the fourth consecutive year, the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are traveling the Archdiocese looking for a little friendly competition on the Ultimate Frisbee field.

**They will be at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein
Wednesday, July 23rd, 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

There will be Ultimate Frisbee, a cookout, camaraderie and prayer. This tour is all about having fun with men and women of any age who want to come out and play some high-energy Frisbee. Those who don't feel up to the physical challenge are encouraged to come and watch. Those interested in coming can register with their local youth minister, or by contacting Wayne Topp at 513-421-3131 ext. 2891.

JESUS THE HEALER

There's so much work to do.
It is a work of love.
"The smallest movement of pure love is worth more to the Church than all works put together."
(St. John of the Cross)

A Week Long, Silent Retreat...

"If You Ask, Jesus Will Heal You"

Monday, August 4, 1:00 p.m. until Friday, August 8

Join the Sisters of the "Children of Mary" for this week long retreat that ends with our annual Fatima USA Mass. The Children of Mary is a community of Sisters that is being established to proclaim that "God incarnate dwells among us in the Holy Eucharist, and he LONGS for our love!" This silent retreat will include time adoring Christ, Mass, private time, as well as daily talks by the Sisters on healing, grace and prayer. \$315 donation includes a private room, meals, and the retreat.

\$135 donation for commuters includes meals and the retreat.

Please register by July 30 by calling 419-925-7625

Fatima

Outdoor Mass will be held at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

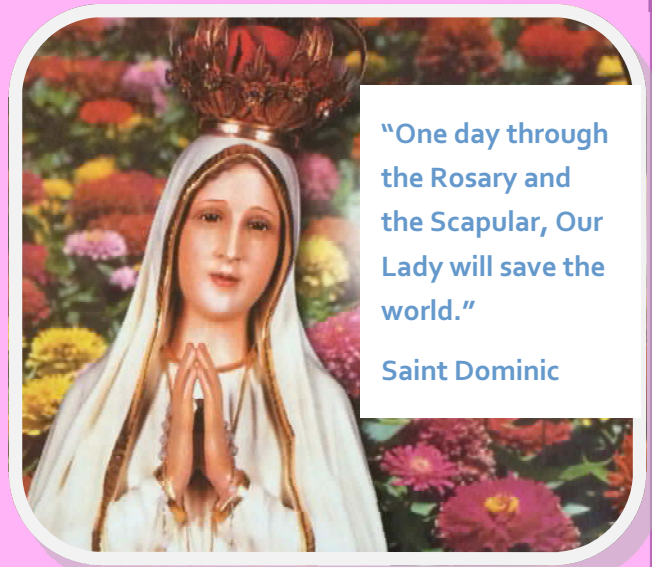
Friday, August 8, 2014.

Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, newly appointed Archdiocese of Cincinnati Vocations Director, will be celebrating the

Holy Mass beginning at 7:30 p.m.

After Mass a Rosary, lit with candles, will take form on the grounds as each prayer is recited. The program will conclude with a candle lit procession around the grounds. Candles and holders will be available.

What to bring: Rosary, lawn chair, flashlight, warm clothing.



"One day through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the world."

Saint Dominic

Guest column by
Dr. Jim Schwierman

Prayer

This word alone conjures up many opinions and approaches. Over the years I have realized that my Prayer Life has certainly taken many twists and turns. At times I feel I am "in the zone" and my Prayer groove is excellent. I can harness the power and love of our Lord Jesus Christ and those days I feel invincible.

Then life happens....again. Unknowingly, I drift off course and find myself in a funk. My first egoic human reaction is "God, why have you abandoned me." I displace my responsibility, as we all want to do, and start pointing fingers elsewhere. Then Jesus gives me that parental look and he gives me the body language that only a parent can give. Without a word I imagine Him crossing His arms and giving me a stern pose and implying, "really." Reality finally arrives...again. I collect myself and take down my pointing finger and get back on my knees and allow the Lord to infuse his Love back into my life. Sometimes slowly and other times instantly I come back into the fold.

Thomas Merton's famous prayer includes:

"But I do believe the desire to please you does in fact please you."

Like a lost puppy I come back into the fold and Jesus embraces me...again...and whispers in my ear,

Welcome Back My Friend

I will stray...again... and I will return...again.

Someone once said, "Holiness is the willingness to struggle." If that is true, then virtually all of us are going to struggle for Holiness and Prayer. For prayer isn't for the Lord's benefit. It's sole purpose is to connect us to his Infinite Love.

And when we do...

we can sense a glimpse of Heaven...on Earth ...again.

SANCTUS '14

★ FEATURING ★



JACOB AND MATTHEW

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MILLER

Sponsored by the Northern Network of Catholic Youth Ministers and the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2014
4PM Gates Open, 6PM Show Starts

Tickets available online @ www.itickets.com \$20, at gate \$25
Food and drinks will be available for purchase, Lawn chairs
and blankets welcome, COOLERS ARE PROHIBITED

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Picture taken at Spiritual Survivor 2014 where over 550 junior high youth participated in high energy catechetical games throughout the Spiritual Center grounds.

Visit our website at www.spiritualcenter.net

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