

The Retreat House News

The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, 2365 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein, OH 45860

January, February, March, April, May

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Healing Mass

Schedule

All Masses begin at

7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

January (no Mass)

February (no Mass)

March 10, 7:00 p.m.

April 14, 7:00 p.m.

May 12, 7:00 p.m.

"What's your job description?"

by Robin Goettmoeller, Coordinator

Not too long ago someone called in sick and I had to help out in the kitchen here at the Spiritual Center. As luck would have it, I didn't mind because I love to cook. The group that was having lunch jokingly asked me if cooking was in my job description, which made me laugh, but then think about the fact that I really don't have a job description. I just try to do whatever needs done to help make things run as smoothly as possible.



However, the question about a job description got me thinking...not about my own job here at the Spiritual Center, but what if Christians had an actual job description? Wouldn't that make our life easier? It works in the marketplace—so why not in our personal lives?

2 Corinthians 5:20 says "We are ambassadors for Christ; God is making his appeal through us." The Apostle Paul tells us, "We are to represent all that God is, all that God provides, and be active

participants in His purpose". We are "authorized representatives. We are God's messengers." Maybe we do have a job description and just didn't fully realize it?

As Christians, it's easy to forget what our job is both at work and at home because we get distracted by both good and

bad things. Maybe every once in a while, we just need to be reminded that we are being asked to be an Ambassador for Jesus. No matter where we are and what we do, all we need to do is to find a way to live our lives in a way that others know we are ambassadors for Christ. Perhaps this is easier said than done because we are broken and imperfect people. But the reality is that God wants to use us, flaws and all. God does not need perfect people—just willing people. The next time someone asks me what I do or if something is in my job description, at least I can say I'm an ambassador for the Spiritual Center AND I'm an ambassador for Jesus—I just try to do what I need to do—flaws and all.

Spring forward with another "Prayer, Wine, and Canvas" event!

Our fall "Prayer, Wine, and Canvas" received such great reviews that we've decided to host another session this spring! You can find more information on our website at www.spiritualcenter.net.

Be sure to mark your calendars now for this relaxing evening with friends and family! If you are a little nervous to paint - Don't be! No talent or experience is necessary! The talented instructors will guide you step-by-step! You will be amazed at your very own work of ART! **Join us for "Prayer, Wine, and Canvas"**

Thursday, April 9

6:00-9:00 p.m.



Events Listing: January, February, March, April, May 2015

Sunday, January 4, There will be no Evening Prayer, and Benediction on this date.

Tuesdays, January 6 & 20, "Piecemakers Craft Group 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 6 , Life Screening 9:00 a.m.– 9:00 p.m. See page 3 for more info.

Saturday, January 31, "Pre-Cana" 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 1, "Rosary, Evening Prayer, and Benediction" starting at 5:45 p.m.

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

Saturday February 14, "Evening to Celebrate Marriage" 5:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m. See page 3 for more information.

Sunday, March 1, Annual Volunteer Dinner & Rosary, Evening Prayer, and Benediction starting at 5:45 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

Monday, March 2, Youth Ministry Retreat 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. See page 4 for more information.

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

Sunday, March 8, "Cast Your Nets" 5:00– 9:00 p.m. See page 4 for more info.

Tuesday, March 10, "Healing Liturgy" 7:00 p.m. will take place in the Chapel.

Friday-Sunday, March 20-22, "Life in the Spirit" contact Kelly Horstman at 419-678-3821 to register or for more info.

Sunday, March 29, "RCIA Retreat" 2:00-6:00 p.m. see page 4 for more information.

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

Thursday, April 9, "Prayer, Wine, and Canvas" 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 11, "Pre-Cana" 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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

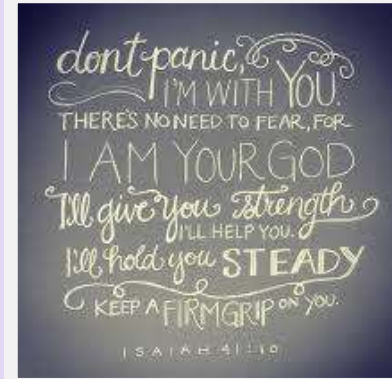
Wednesday, April 22, "Spiritual Survivor Junior High Event" 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 23 "Spring Day of Reflection" 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. See page 5 for more information.

Sunday May 3, "Prayer and Benediction" 5:45 p.m. will take place in the Chapel.

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

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



STAY CONNECTED

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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Please continue to stay connected with us through Facebook, Twitter and our website for more information on this and other events.

www.spiritualcenter.net

LIFE LINE SCREENING
The Power of Prevention



Do you know how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke? If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the below symptoms, call 911 right away. It is important to seek medical treatment immediately.

- Sudden Numbness
- Difficulty Speaking
- Severe Dizziness
- Loss of Coordination
- Sudden Loss of Vision
- Sudden Intense Headache
- Brief Loss of Consciousness

Protect your health by finding out your risk of having a stroke by participating in the Life Line Screening that will be at

The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke.

Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit

www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

In addition, please take just three minutes to learn more about Life Line Screening by watching this short three-minute video: <http://www.lifelinescreeningblog.com/introduction/>

What can you expect?

Candlelight Dinner

Speaker

Marriage Renewal

Mass

Fun & Games

Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

An Evening to Celebrate Marriage

Saturday, February 14

For more information or to register please call **Connie Buschur** at **419-678-8644**

Volunteer Dinner

Sunday, March 1, 2015

Join us at 5:45 for the Rosary in the Chapel, followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and entertainment will follow. This year's entertainment will be the St. Augustine Men's Choir. Join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun! RSVP by February 25 please.

"Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

"RCIA, Preparing to Live the Faith"

R.C.I.A. Retreat

Sunday, March 29 2:00-6:00 p.m.

For R.C.I.A. Candidates, Spouses,
Sponsors, Leadership Teams, Deacons, Pastors.
All are welcome!



Presented by:
Scott Frey

\$15.00 donation per person

Please register by March 20
by calling

The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein at

419-925-7625 or

emailing: office@spiritualcenter.net



"Living the Beatitudes in your Life and Ministry"

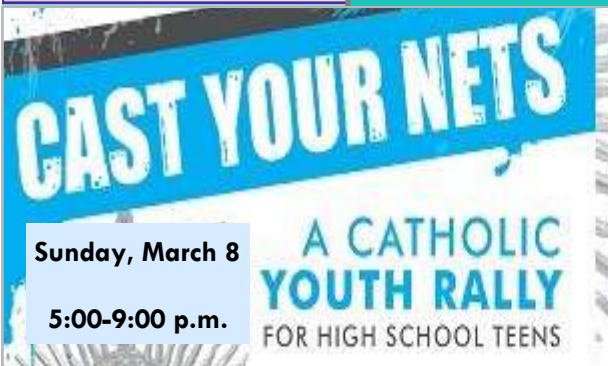
A Day-long Retreat for Youth Ministers

Monday, March 2, 2015 9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Retreat Master: Fr. Nathan Cromly



Register by contacting the Archdiocese
of Cincinnati Office of Youth and Young Adult
Ministry at aparker@catholiccincinnati.org



Sunday, March 8

5:00-9:00 p.m.

A CATHOLIC
YOUTH RALLY
FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Spiritual Survivor 2015 Junior High Youth Event

Wednesday, April 22
(Registration at 6:30 p.m.)

Event begins at 7:00 and
ends at 8:30 p.m.



Contact any area youth minister to register or call Robin
Goettemoeller at 419-925-7625 for more info.

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 spiritu-
al growth, social development and community service. We will do this
through facilities, staff, and programs.

Our Mission



Picture submitted by Archdiocesan
Seminarian, Scott Brand

Spring Day of Reflection with Fr. Naseman C.P.P.S. and Fr. Dugal C.P.P.S.

Thursday, April 23 10:00-3:00 p.m. Theme: "God BUGS Us"

"God Bugs Us" suggests God's push within us to everything deeper and more loving. Getting to know bugs better is getting to know God better at one of the most mysterious levels—At the very deepest level is this reality...no bugs = no us! We are dependent for our existence on God and Bugs! A little gallery of paintings of bugs by Fr. Al, both pretty and pretty revolting, that will be referenced during the retreat will be on display. Fr. Al has chosen the human skin mite as the poster bug for the retreat, not cute, but one of our best friends both physically and spiritually. He'll explain!!

Join us for great talks, prayer, lunch, and Mass!



\$15.00 donation per person

Register by calling 419-925-7625 no later than April 20



Have you been to the Spiritual Center and have pictures you are willing to share?

We love seeing pictures that are taken here and will post them on our website and in the newsletter with permission.

Email your photos to robin@spiritualcenter.net

A Message from the Board...by Deacon Jerry Buschur

As we look back and reflect on our last year here at the Retreat House; we realize how

blessed we have been. What a blessing for all the young kids that came here and experienced the power of our faith. So often we take our faith for granted and because of that we lose out on so many blessings that God has in store for us. I just talked with a Mother who was so concerned with her daughter who had just gotten married. She felt that her daughter had lost her faith and was being led astray by the ways of the world. This got to the point where the Mother couldn't even sleep at night, because she was always worrying about her daughter. I began to share with her the power that lies within each one of us; when we allow our faith to come to life through the body and blood of Jesus. So often we get to the point where our judging and criticizing get so bad; that our prayers can't be answered. After we were done talking; we then prayed together; praying an Act of Contrition, and we invited Jesus to come and renew us; that we may be empowered by the Holy Spirit to come against the ways of the world that was destroying her and her daughter. Within a few minutes her faith was restored, and her fear and anxiety left her. Because of that, she had a knowing that God was with her. Peace came into her heart and she was a new person. That is the power of our faith and the power of the body and blood of Jesus when we allow it to come to life through reconciliation. We invite all of you to come and spend some time with us at the Retreat House; just to relax, take a step back and reflect on the resurrection of Jesus, and receive the beautiful peace he has to offer us. Won't you join us, and open the door to God's blessings to start the new year?



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The Schoenstatt Picture of Grace was crafted by the Schoenstatt Brothers of Mary in German. The picture of Grace then went on pilgrimage to Weisskirchen, Pfaffenhofen, Dachau, Munich, Memholz, Liebfrauenhohe and Frankfurt in Germany plus Mols and Quarten in Switzerland. In July of 1989 the picture traveled to Wisconsin where it was blessed before arriving in Sidney, Ohio on July 12. Since arriving, the Schoenstatt picture of Mother and Child has visited many churches, Catholic centers, schools and Marian conferences in Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia. In the year 2000, the picture was in the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The Schoenstatt Movement has brought the Picture of Grace to its' annual weekend retreats at the



Spiritual Center of Maria Stein and was one of the first groups to reserve the center when it reopened. On Sept. 21, 2014 Fr. Gerold Langsch officiated as the Picture of Grace was enthroned in the chapel at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein as a source inspiration and grace.

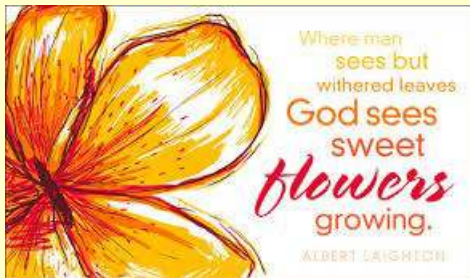


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