

THE RETREAT HOUSE NEWS THE SPIRITUAL CENTER OF MARIA STEIN

The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

2365 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein, OH 45860



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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.

From the Coordinator...

Last year at this time we were busy cleaning up messes from construction as we renovated and added a new elevator in the front lobby. The elevator has been a great addition to our building and has made it much easier for guests to access the lower level of the building. Recently a group of high school boys

Life is full of ups & downs.
The trick is to enjoy the
ups and have courage
during the downs.

decided to misbehave in our new elevator and managed to find themselves stuck in between floors for two hours while we waited for a repairman. I joked with them as they were waiting and told them to pray to pass the time. They said they didn't know what to pray so I suggested a rosary—and they responded that they didn't have a rosary. This led into a conversation about using your fingers or knuckles and also using prayer to settle you down.

The one young man was really worked up and I mentioned that he needed to just sit quietly and have some courage—and of course we told them everything would be all right. They were fine when they were rescued and hopefully they've learned their lesson, but the whole experience made me reflect on how we sometimes forget to pray until we are stressed out—or lacking courage.

This summer the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein is focusing on offering programs that will bring participants closer to Christ, whether you are up or down. We have so much to be grateful in our lives—sometimes something as simple as an elevator going up and down, is a wonderful reminder to keep God in our lives at all times.

Have a safe and wonderful summer—and don't jump in the elevator! :) Robin

Healing Mass **Schedule**

***All Masses begin at 7:00 p.m.
in the Chapel***

May 10, 7:00 p.m.

June—no Mass

July—no Mass

August—no Mass

Sept. 13, 7:00 p.m.



May, June, July, August 2016
Summer Newsletter

Events Listing: May, June, July, August 2016

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

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

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

Tues., June 14 - Thurs., June 16, Kids for Christ Retreat "Cathletics" - see page 4 for more info.

Saturday, June 18, "Pre-Can" 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday, June 20- Thursday, June 23 "Discipleship Week" with NET Ministries netusa.org/dweek to register online.

Monday, June 27 & Tuesday, June 28 "Junior High Retreat- Shine"—see page 7 for more info.

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

Tuesday, July 5– Friday, July 8 "Praying in Color Retreat" -see page 3 for more info.

Friday, July 8 - Saturday, July 9, "Mother/Daughter Retreat"-see page 6 for more info.

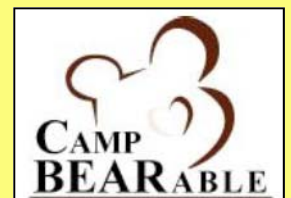
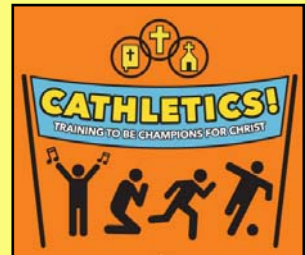
Friday, July 15-Sunday, July 17 "Camp Bearable"

More info can be found at <http://www.stateoftheheartcare.org/camp-bearable/>

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

Friday, August 12, 7:30 p.m. "Fatima USA Mass". See page 5 for more information.

Saturday, August 27, "Pre-Can" 8:30-4:00 p.m.



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

It's time for a change...

You may notice that Evening Prayer, The Rosary, and Benediction is no longer listed each month on our schedule. We have decided to not continue doing this monthly due to low participation. We hope to add something new to our schedule in the future. Until we decide what to do, we will continue praying for all of you, and ask that you do the same and pray for the Spiritual Center. Many thanks to all who have helped make these evenings happen over the years.

Life is like riding a bicycle.
To keep your balance you must keep moving.

- ALBERT EINSTEIN -



Praying in Color

Tuesday, July 5th 11 a.m. through Friday, July 8th 1 p.m.



Interested in beauty and delight?

Want to get closer and go deeper with God?

Join us for this four day retreat exploring new ways of praying.

Be assured that absolutely no artistic talent is required!

"The retreat will be experiential, reflective, and prayerful with many opportunities for both silence and sharing."

This retreat will be led by Sister Wanda Smith, RSM and Dr. Jane Steinhauser.

Sister Wanda has been a spiritual director since 1992 and has directed retreats at various retreat centers throughout the country. She is a potter and enjoys praying with art in many forms.

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

\$325.00 donation/person. Please register by June 27

PRIVATE RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Call us today to set up your private retreat at 419-925-7625. Rest in a private room, pray in the Chapel, walk on the wooded paths, read and watch the sun rise by the pond, pray the Rosary on our Rosary path, or simply spend time with God in a quiet, restful place.

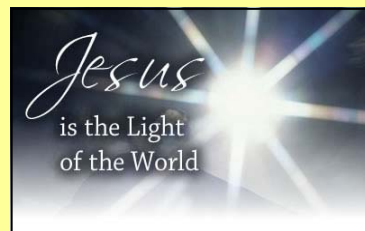
Rates vary according to type of room & meals

While here also visit the Land of the Cross Tipped Churches! Check out the new Scenic Byways story map of the Land of the Cross Tipped Churches!

<http://gis3.dot.state.oh.us/ScenicByways/LCC.html>



The board decided to install new lights in the driveway and parking lot this Spring to help people feel more secure as they come to the retreat house. In the past, we have had a lot of



suggestions to put more lights up because of how dark it is in the evenings. The darkness brought a lot of fear and insecurity to people; especially to those who weren't familiar with the place.

You know, it is amazing how light can overcome darkness. The more light, the less darkness, to the extent where darkness doesn't even exist. It is the same in our walk with the Lord. Darkness can overcome us; sometimes we allow fear, stress, and anger to overcome our lives. We can get to the point of wondering if life is worth living because of the darkness that we may have allowed in our life.

The good news is that Jesus is the light of the world, and He puts out all of the darkness. We need to realize when darkness is trying to overcome us that we simply need to invite Jesus into our hearts and He will dispel the darkness. So often we take our faith for granted and don't realize the power that Jesus can have in our life, and because of that, we have a tendency to live in darkness.

If you are struggling with some darkness in your life, I personally invite you to come to the Spiritual Center "Retreat House" and spend some time in prayer and meditation, and even some spiritual direction. Take time to renew your relationship with Jesus so that the light of Jesus may shine from your heart to the world around you. Don't hesitate, act now; Jesus is waiting.

Deacon Jerry Buschur, President

New Format!!

The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein Presents...

KIDS FOR CHRIST



Tuesday, June 14

10:00-2:00

Wednesday, June 15

10:00-2:00

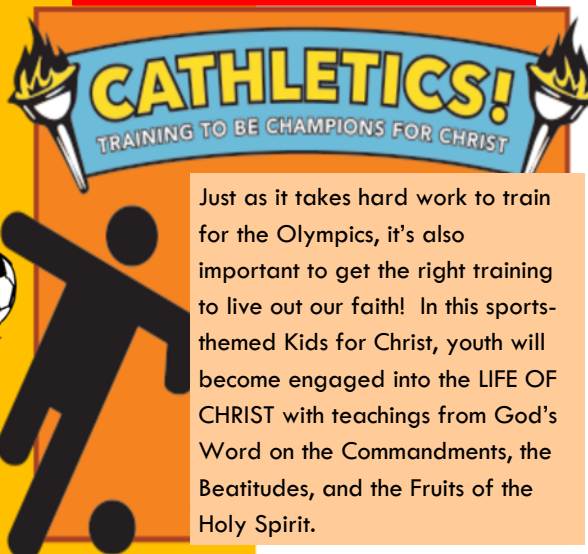
Thursday, June 16

10:00-2:00

\$40
Per camper

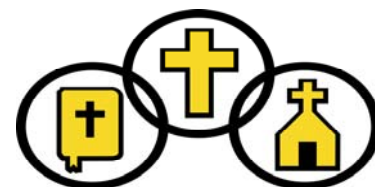
Each day will include:

- Saint of the Day
- Virtue of the Day
- Crafts
- Snacks
- Lunch
- Prayer
- Guest Speakers
- Activity/Games
- Faith and FUN!!!!!!



Just as it takes hard work to train for the Olympics, it's also important to get the right training to live out our faith! In this sports-themed Kids for Christ, youth will become engaged into the LIFE OF CHRIST with teachings from God's Word on the Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

- **What's provided?**
- **Lunch daily**
- **Snacks**
- **T-Shirt**
- **Drawstring Bag**
- **Program Supplies**



Questions? Phone: 419-925-7625 E-mail: robin@spiritualcenter.net

Return this portion with payment by June 6 to:

**The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein
PO Box 95
Maria Stein, OH 45860**

Waiver:

My child _____ has permission to attend the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein Kids for Christ Camp June 14-16. I understand that reasonable precautions will be taken to safeguard the health and well being of the participants and that I will be notified as soon as possible in the event of an emergency. I hereby release and forever discharge the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein from all manners of actions or claims which I or the child named above shall, or may have for any reason, arising during my child's attendance of Kids for Christ. Unless other written instruction is submitted, I also consent to allowing my child's image to be recorded, either by photograph or video, and used during the week for future advertisement of Kids for Christ. Any other use will require further consent.

Name of youth attending camp

Signature

Date

Parents Name

Emergency Contact Person & Phone Number

Day Time Phone Number

Allergies or Medical Condition

T-Shirt Sizes: Youth XS S M L XL Adult XS S M L XL

Parent E-Mail Address

Age & Grade Completed

Have questions? Call us at 419-925-7625 or email robin@spiritualcenter.net

WINTER SPECIAL

Book your group for a
December 2016 Retreat
and receive **1/2 off**
any overnight costs!
Call 419-925-7625 for info.

save the Date!



Allen Hunt is coming to
the Spiritual Center for a
Marriage Retreat

Saturday, November 5

In June 2011, Allen joined the Dynamic Catholic Institute to partner with Matthew Kelly as a best-selling author and communicator of the beauty of the Catholic faith.

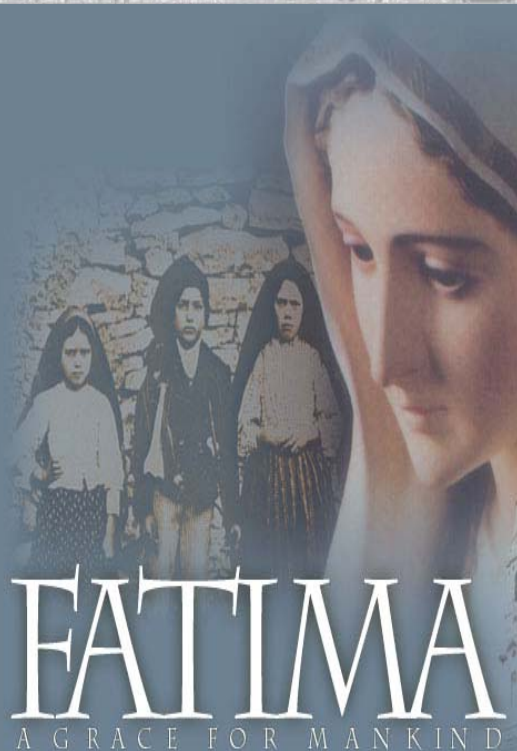
On January 6, 2008, on the Feast of the Epiphany, Allen converted to Catholicism. This transition represented the culmination of a fifteen year journey in which God began leading Allen home to the Church. In many ways, this transition was effected by the prayers of a group of Dominican sisters at Our Lady of Grace in North Guilford, Connecticut, who have been praying for Allen since he shared lectures with them during the season of Lent in 1992. Much of his journey has been chronicled in his powerful, best-selling book, *Confessions of a Mega-Church Pastor: How I Discovered the Hidden Treasures of the Catholic Church*. Allen also has authored *Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody: 11 Stories of Real People Who Discovered the Under-rated Power of Grace* and *Nine Words: A Bible Study to Help You Become the Best-Version-of-Yourself*.

Watch our website and the fall newsletter for more information about Allen Hunt coming to the Spiritual Center!

Join us for the 2016 FATIMA USA MASS Friday, August 12, 7:30p.m.

The Fatima USA Holy Mass will begin outside by the pond at 7:30 p.m. After dark, a candle lit Rosary will take form on the grounds as each prayer is recited.

The program will conclude with a candlelight procession around the grounds. Handicapped parking is available and be sure to bring a lawn chair, rosary, and flashlight. A donation will be accepted for candles, holders, and other expenses.



FATIMA
A GRACE FOR MANKIND

The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

“The Retreat House” Presents...

LOOK TO HIM AND BE RADIANT! MOTHER-DAUGHTER RETREAT

Friday, July 8— Saturday, July 9

Girls going into grades 1-5 are invited, with their moms, to attend this overnight retreat!

Retreat begins Friday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m. & ends at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, July 9.

Commuter: \$65.00

Includes meals and all activities for mom and daughter.

Private Room: \$125.00

Includes private room with 1 double bed, private bathroom, all meals and activities for mom and daughter.

Jack & Jill Room: \$100.00

Includes private room with 1 double bed & shared bathroom, all meals and activities for mom and daughter.

Convent Room: \$90.00

Includes private room with 1 double bed and sink in room, shared bathroom in hallway & all meals and activities for mom and daughter.

****Have more than one daughter in this age range?**

It is \$40 for each additional child.

****There is a limited amount of each room type available.**

Friday, July 8

- ◇ 7:00 p.m. Welcome & Introductions
- ◇ 7:30 p.m. Speaker: Miss Mansfield & Miss Ohio Contestant, Lexi Richter—Topic: Modesty & Radiant Beauty
- ◇ 8:00 p.m. Fashion Show—learn how to dress modestly while being fashionable!
- ◇ 8:30 p.m. Activity
- ◇ 9:00 p.m. Movie by the campfire outside with snacks (weather permitting)
- ◇ 10:30 p.m. Rosary Walk outdoors on the Rosary path
- ◇ 11:00 p.m. Bedtime



Saturday, July 9

- ◇ 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- ◇ 9:30 a.m. Stations (1) Nail painting & Face painting; (2) Cards for the Homebound; (3) Make a Chaplet; (4) Pray the Chaplet
- ◇ 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- ◇ 12:30 p.m. Cookies and Canvas—paint a picture with your child while being led by a local artist!
- ◇ 3:00 p.m. Closing Prayer and Goodbyes





Junior High Retreat

Shine

Matthew 5:16

Monday, June 27
10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

&

Tuesday, June 28
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

At the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

All junior high youth from area parishes are invited to join us this summer for “Shine”!
This two day retreat will take place at the **Spiritual Center of Maria Stein**

2365 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein, Ohio 45860.

***Participants will spend time playing games, listening to great music,
praying, hearing inspiring talks, laughing, and eating!***

Talks include:

“Bring Jesus Everywhere”

“Do Your Best at All Things”

“Being Christian in Competition”

“Losing with Dignity”

Register by calling the
Spiritual Center at
419-925-7625 by June 20

\$25 per person includes
retreat, supplies, lunch
daily, as well as a t-shirt!

Sponsored

By:

The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, Robin Goettmoeller

NFL Region Youth Ministry, Kevin Schulze

Sacred Heart Youth Ministry, Jodie Blindauer

Contact your youth minister or
Robin at the Spiritual Center to register or
with any questions you may have.
When registering be sure to let us know
your t-shirt size!

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A few pictures from the Women's Evening Retreat "Sweet Comforts"

140 women attended "Sweet Comforts" for a night of food, friendship, faith, and fun!



Thank you to all who
participated!
We look forward to
planning the next retreat!

Watch our website and next
newsletter for information about
our next women's event!

