

The Retreat House News

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Fall/Winter Edition

LET THERE BE LIGHT



By Robin Goettemoeller,
Coordinator

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Mt 5:16)

I love light! That's a strange thing to say, I know, but I really do love light. I'd rather be sitting in a bright, sunny room than a dark room. I'm not necessarily scared of the dark—I just prefer the light.

Jesus calls Himself "the Light of the World". The light in us is His light—the Holy Spirit is within us. We have His light within us for all to see.



values, and our attitudes, words and deeds are much more positive. Even in darkness, we can seek out the light. If no light shines from someone, we need to help lift that person up. That's our job as disciples and evangelists!

A few months ago as I was leaving a late meeting I was a little uneasy as I left the building because it was a very dark and foggy evening. As I drove away, I glanced over at the cross and noticed how the clouds had created a reflection of the cross in the sky. It was beautiful to see, and it was truly a reminder of how Jesus is the light of the world. We've spent a lot of time this summer putting in new, energy efficient light bulbs and lighting up our parking lot too. The Spiritual Center is striving to create a place where all are comfortable and where you can let your light shine for all to see!

One of the first songs I taught all of our children was "This Little Light of Mine". I have great memories of our first daughter singing this song at the top of her lungs in the shower when she was just old enough to talk. I encourage you all to visit us at the Spiritual Center and to let your own light shine—not just while you are here, but wherever you are—let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Healing Mass

Schedule

All Masses begin at

7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

September 13, 2016

October 11, 2016

November 8, 2016

December—no Mass

January—no Mass

February—no Mass

March 14, 2017

I've had the opportunity to learn all about light at the Spiritual Center this year in many different ways. I helped lead a junior high retreat this summer called "Shine". We talked about many things, but we really focused on the fact that no matter where you are—school, church, home, out with friends, etc.—that you need to be a guiding, shining light and make good choices. This applies to me too—not just those junior high youth that were here for their retreat. It's easy to forget how much you can influence someone by your words and actions. When we have His light in our lives, we are leading a life full of

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.

Our Mission

Events Listing: January, February, March, April, May 2016

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

Sunday, September 11 Volunteer Dinner - Lunch starts at 12:30 p.m.



Tuesday, September 13, "Healing Liturgy" 7:00 p.m. will take place in the Chapel.

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

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

Thursday, October 13, Patron Meeting 8:00 p.m. in the Upper Dining Room

Friday-Sunday, October 21-23, "Holy Cards Retreat" See page 3 for details.

Tuesdays, November 1 & 15, "Piecemakers Craft Group" 9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 8, "Healing Liturgy" 7:00 p.m. will take place in the Chapel.

Saturday, December 3, "Pre-Cana"

Register online for Pre-Cana at www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/engaged-couple-programs/ or call Dan Thimons at 513-421-3131 extension 2621

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

Thursday, December 8, "National Night of Prayer" 9:00 p.m.—1:00 a.m. See page 6 for more info.

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

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Saturday February 4, "Evening to Celebrate Marriage" 5:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m. See page 5 for more info.

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

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

Friday-Sunday, March 24 & 26, "Life in the Spirit" See page 5 more info.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

419-925-7625 office@spiritualcenter.net

STAY CONNECTED



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

www.spiritualcenter.net

Our Annual Volunteer Dinner will be held

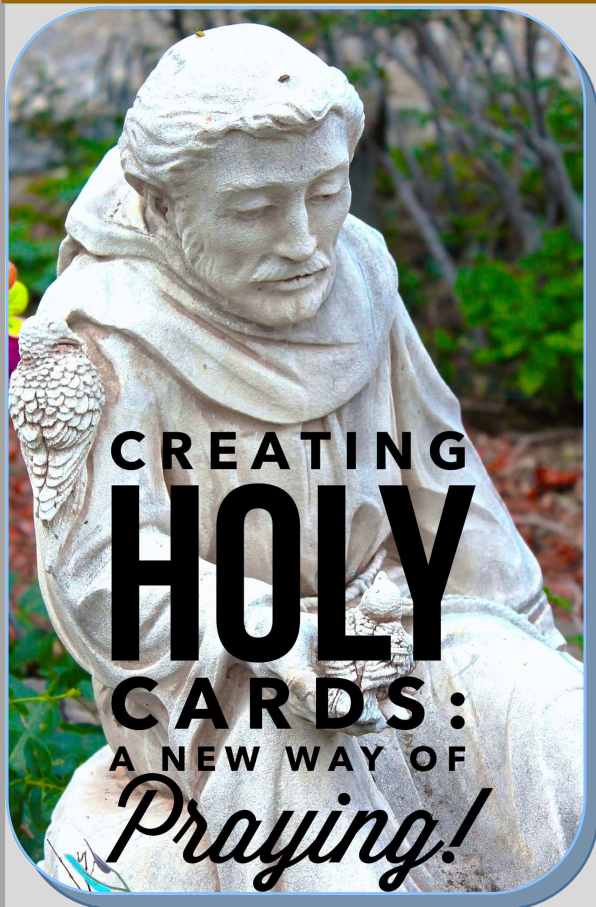
Sunday, September 11th

At the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Entertainment by NEW OUTLOOK Bluegrass/Gospel
Band will follow lunch!

We hope you will consider being a volunteer at the
Spiritual Center of Maria Stein soon, so we see you at the
volunteer dinner next year!



Our Catholic tradition has long honored various virtues
of the many saints who have added insight and
wisdom to our faith lives.

This weekend retreat is a chance to explore the grace in
your own life through the making of collage cards
focusing on virtues such as strength, courage, imagination,
and beauty, and then using these in prayer.

All supplies will be provided and
no artistic talent is required.

The retreat begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, October 21 and
ends after lunch (1 p.m.) on Sunday, October 23.

Retreat leader: Dr. Jane Steinhauer is a licensed
counselor and certified Spiritual Director.

\$200 donation per person includes a private room,
retreat and supplies, as well as all meals.

Limited space available for the Holy Cards Retreat—be sure to call early to reserve your spot. Registration deadline October 14.
Call 419-925-7625 to register or email robin@spiritualcenter.net for more information.

Looking for a little something to do with your time? We are always looking for more volunteers
to help with housekeeping chores on our busy days. Volunteers help make beds, dust mop floors, vacuum,
and do other small tasks as needed. We even provide snacks and lunch!

Give us a call at 419-925-7625 or stop by for more information!



We are looking for **Businesses or Individual Sponsors** for our annual "Kid's for Christ" Summer Retreat! **

In 2016 we hosted over 40 kids ages 6-12 at our "Cathletics" three day retreat. The kids were taught to use their spiritual and physical talents together to be good disciples of Christ. We are seeking additional funding so

that we can continue to offer this great retreat at a low cost for families in our communities. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please contact Robin at robin@spiritualcenter.net or 419-925-7625!

Please consider sponsoring to help us continue help these children become **"Kids for Christ!"**

**All donations are tax deductible



SAVE THE DATE!

For the 18th Annual

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR



MARCH, 24-26



**Spiritual Center
of Maria Stein**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Kelly Horstman at
419.678.8649

OR VISIT:

www.LifeInTheSpirit-Seminar.com

ANNUAL PATRON

MEETING

Thursday,
October 13

8:00 p.m.

Donors and volunteers
are invited to attend,
ask questions, and hear
about the goals of the
Spiritual Center of
Maria Stein.



An Evening to Celebrate Marriage

Marriage Prayer

*Lord, help us to remember when we first met
and the strong love that grew between us,
to work that love into practical things so nothing
can divide us. We ask for words both kind &
loving and hearts always ready to ask forgiveness
as well as forgive. Dear Lord, we put our
marriage into your hands.*

Saturday, February 4

Registration at 4:30 p.m.

Dinner served at 5:00 p.m.

\$50/couple

***The evening will include:
Candlelight dinner at 5:00 p.m.***

Mass

Marriage Renewal

Guest Speaker

Fun & Games

Snacks & Drinks

For more information or to register
please call Connie Buschur at
419-678-8644 or 419-305-3058

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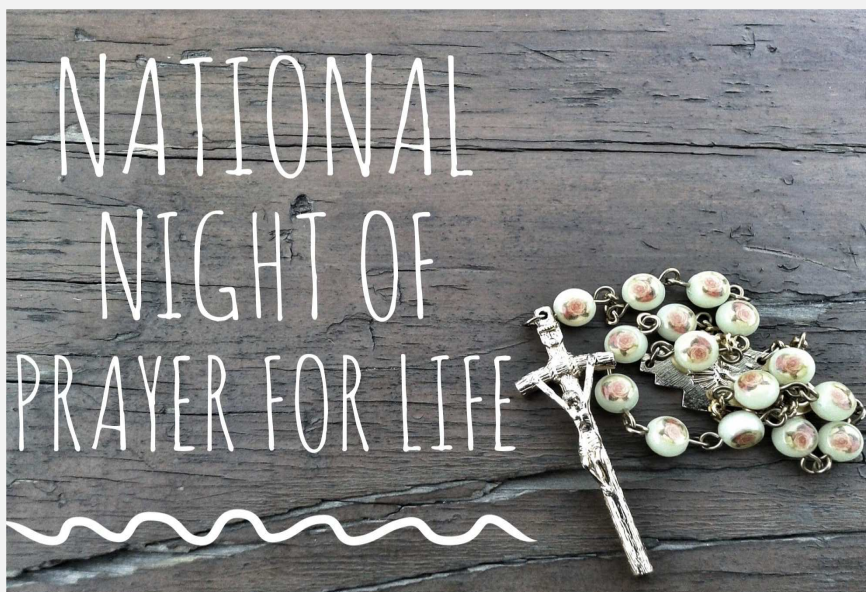
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Walk gently and
lightly on your path...
And leave a trail of
light so others may
find their way.

The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein



Thursday, December 8

9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

In the Spiritual Center Chapel

**There will be confession,
Eucharistic Adoration,
and the Rosary will be
prayed throughout the night.**

On December 8 from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. parishes throughout the country will be participating in the National Night of Prayer. The purpose is to unite our prayers with others in an effort to help bring an end to abortion and to restore God's blessings of Life and Religious Liberty in America. The event takes place every year to coincide with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The hours of 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. were chosen to coincide with the time in which Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego. The four hour time frame was chosen because of the four time zones in the United States. The event comes to a close as parishes around the country join in an "Hour of Unity" from midnight to 1:00 a.m. To learn more about this event and see how it reaches our whole country, visit www.nationalnightofprayerforlife.org.

We hope you will join us for this prayerful event—come for just a little while, or stay for the whole evening.