

The Spiritual Center

MARIA STEIN & MONTEZUMA
RETREAT HOUSE



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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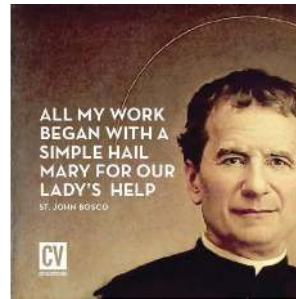
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FROM THE COORDINATOR...



Last July, the Spiritual Center purchased a local school that had closed and we have worked tirelessly since then to make it a second retreat house. While the board members were bidding on the building that summer day, I stood and prayed one Hail Mary after another asking the Blessed Mother to watch over us and be with us if this were something we should do. I have prayed many more Hail Mary's and other prayers since that day as this project was HUGE! But thanks to many hard working contractors, board and staff members, as well as volunteers who gave countless hours of their time, it is finally

complete. Our first official retreat was in March and since then there have already been over 500 people in the building!

April 12th Bishop Joseph Binzer officially dedicated and blessed the Chapel, as well as the rest of the building. We chose to name the Chapel after St. John Bosco, the patron saint of youth. While we expect the building to have a lot of young people in it because it has a full gym as well as more dorm accommodations than private rooms; it is our hope that we have created a place where people of any age feel welcome. We look forward to being able to host more retreats now that the new facility is up and running. It is our prayer that this will be a place where people come to strengthen their relationship with Christ for many, many years. We hope retreatants find both of our retreat houses, places where they can work on becoming good with God.



Please come see all that we've done at our Montezuma OPEN HOUSE Wednesday, June 20 AND Thursday, June 21 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. and see first hand what all of the excitement has been about!



Event Listings

MAY, JUNE, JULY,
AUGUST 2018



MAY

TUESDAY, MAY 15, "Piecemakers Craft Group" at Maria Stein Retreat House 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

THURSDAYS, MAY 17, 24, 31, "Al-Anon Meetings" at Montezuma Retreat House 7:00-8:00 p.m.

JUNE

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, "Pre-Cana" at Montezuma Retreat House 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Register online at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/engaged-couple-programs/>

MONDAY, JUNE 4- Thursday, June 7 "Discipleship Week" at Maria Stein Retreat House

Go to www.netusa.org/dweek to register online

TUESDAYS, JUNE 5 & 19, "Piecemakers Craft Group" at Maria Stein Retreat House 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

THURSDAYS, JUNE 7, 14, 21, 28, "Al-Anon Meetings" at Montezuma Retreat House 7:00-8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20 & THURSDAY, JUNE 21, "OPEN HOUSE" at Montezuma Retreat House 2:00-7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, "Servers Picnic" at Montezuma Retreat House 1:00-5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 25- FRIDAY, JUNE 29 "Praying in Color Retreat" at Maria Stein Retreat House

THURSDAY, JUNE 28 - FRIDAY, JUNE 29 "Bosco Boys Catholic Camp" at Montezuma Retreat House

JULY

TUESDAYS, JULY 5 & 19, "Piecemakers Craft Group" at Maria Stein Retreat House 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

THURSDAYS, JULY 5, 12, 19, 26, "Al-Anon Meetings" at Montezuma Retreat House 7:00-8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11- THURSDAY, JULY 12, "Schoenstatt Girls Retreat" at Maria Stein Retreat House

FRIDAY, JULY 13-SUNDAY, JULY 15 "Camp Encourage" at Montezuma Retreat House

More info can be found at <https://stateoftheheartcare.org/grief-loss/camp-encourage/>

SUN., JULY 21 - THURS., JULY 26 "Teen Totus Tuus" at Montezuma Retreat House 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. daily

MONDAY, JULY 22—FRIDAY, JULY 27 "Totus Tuus for grades 1-6" at Montezuma Retreat House 9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m. daily

AUGUST

THURSDAYS, AUGUST 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 "Al-Anon Meetings" at Montezuma Retreat House 7:00-8:00 p.m.

TUESDAYS, AUGUST 7 & 21 "Piecemakers Craft Group" at Maria Stein Retreat House 9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 7:30 p.m. "Fatima USA Mass" at Maria Stein Retreat House

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, "Pre-Cana" at Montezuma Retreat House 8:30-4:00 p.m.

Register online at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/engaged-couple-programs/>

SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, "Healing Mass" at Maria Stein Retreat House 7:00 p.m.

Praying in Color

Monday, June 25, 11 a.m. through Friday, June 29, 1 p.m.

INTERESTED IN BEAUTY AND DELIGHT?

Want to get closer and go deeper with God?

Join us for this five day retreat exploring new ways of praying.
Be assured that absolutely no artistic talent is required!

"The retreat will be reflective and prayerful with many opportunities for 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.

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

\$475.00 donation/person

Please register by June 17 by calling 419-925-7625 or emailing office@spiritualcenter.net

June
4-7,
2018
Mon-Thurs

Eastern Region | Ohio
**DISCIPLESHIP
WEEK 2018**
For Catholic Teens Grades 9-12 (2017-18)
"Be Transformed" (Romans 12:2)

What is D-Week?
It's the best
week of your life!
There's nothing quite like
D-Week!

It's an incredible four-day life-changing retreat experience for Catholic high school students that really is like no other.

D-Week is about one thing and one thing only: an amazing opportunity for you to experience an **ENCOUNTER** with the Living God - an **ENCOUNTER** which can forever change your life; an **ENCOUNTER** which can awaken your heart and soul to a God who loves you beyond measure!

D-Week is an **ENCOUNTER** which can fill you with the "Breath of God" - the Holy Spirit - who can make you new and set you free to fully live and witness life as Jesus promised!

**What is
D-Week like?**

Heartfelt praise and worship, dynamic presentations, having a blast with fun activities, meeting new people, and great food are all wrapped up into this week! In addition, D-Week is packed with relevant sessions for men and women, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Reconciliation, and small groups led by outstanding, young, and well-trained NET team members.



www.grandpromotions.com/netdweek

Register early!

Spaces are limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Eastern
Region**

High Schoolers
9th -12th Graders
(2017-18)

June 4-7, 2018
(Mon-Thurs)

Retreat Site:
The Spiritual Renewal
Center of Maria Stein
Maria Stein, OH
(2 hrs. north of
Cincinnati)

Cost Per Student: \$200

Register Online
by May 17, 2018 (Thurs)
[WWW.NETUSA.ORG/
DWEEK](http://WWW.NETUSA.ORG/DWEEK)

Questions? Contact
Joe Lundin:
651.450.6833 ext 203
joel@netusa.org

Healing Mass

Schedule

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

May 8, 7:00 p.m.

June—no Mass

July—no Mass

August—no Mass

Sept. 11, 7:00 p.m.

October 9, 7:00 p.m.

November 13, 7:00 p.m.

December—no Mass



Learn more & register at WWW.NETUSA.ORG/DWEEK



Bosco Boys Catholic Camp

Thursday, June 28th - Friday, June 29th 2018
Drop off Thursday at 9am and Pick up Friday 11am

What is BBCC?

A Catholic camp for boys entering 7th, 8th, and 9th grade inspired by the life of St. John Bosco and dedicated to engage young boys in the life of the Church with adventure, virtue, and brotherhood!

For who?

For boys entering 7th, 8th, and 9th grade

Where is BBCC?

Spiritual Center of Montezuma
6731 State Route 219
Montezuma, OH 45866

Cost?

\$60 per student (make checks payable to Spiritual Center of Maria Stein)
Includes t-shirt, food, and lodging

To register and receive more information contact Mark Travis at markt@stremychurch.com or contact Robin at robin@spiritualcenter.net

We have a large gym at the Montezuma location



Check out a few pictures of our new retreat center in Montezuma, Ohio.

Join us for our **Open House**
Wednesday, June 20
& Thursday, June 21
2:00 - 7:00 p.m. each day



A full kitchen & dining room that seats 120+ people

Totus Tuus

Junior High Edition: Sunday, July 21—Thursday, July 26

7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. daily \$20/child includes snack & t-shirt



TOTUS TUUS
TOTALLY
YOURS

Grades 1-6 Youth Edition: Monday, July 22—Friday, July 27

9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. daily \$25/child

Grades 1-6 are asked to pack their lunch each day—snacks/t-shirts provided

TOTUS TUUS, Latin for “Totally Yours,” is a 5 day summer program that combines Catholic religious instruction and having FUN!!!

A team of college-age students and seminarians are coming to the *Spiritual Center Montezuma Retreat House* this July to lead these awesome retreats! The youthfulness and energy of the teachers is an inspiring way to share the faith and their enthusiasm is contagious, **so come out and join us!!!**

To register visit our website: www.spiritualcenter.net or pick up a permission form at either retreat house location

**Dorm accommodations
at Montezuma for
52+ guests**



Join us for the

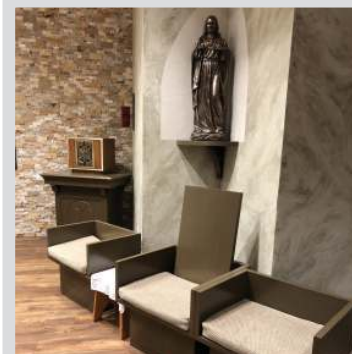
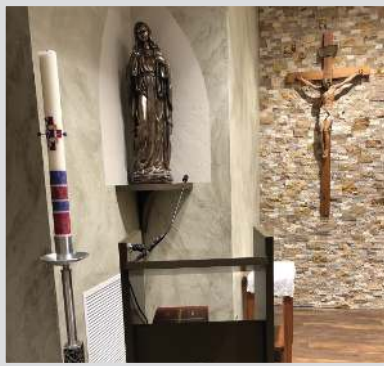
Fatima USA Mass

Friday, August 10, 7:30 p.m.

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

Thank You!

Many thanks to all who donated to our Montezuma Retreat House Chapel! Almost everything in the Chapel has been donated—the altar, ambo, statues, candles, presider chairs, the stone wall, a large crucifix, processional cross, tabernacle, pews, stained glass windows, holy water fountains, communion cups and bowls, and many other things! All of these donations together create a beautiful, blessed worship space.





Montezuma Retreat House

Next door to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

Refreshments

Open House



6731 State Route 219, Montezuma, OH 45866

Wednesday, June 20 AND Thursday, June 21

2:00-7:00 p.m. each day

Come see our new retreat house and join us in celebrating the completion of the renovations!

Our Montezuma location offers...

6 private bedrooms with private bathrooms (full & twin beds)

2 dorms that sleep up to 52 people with shower facilities

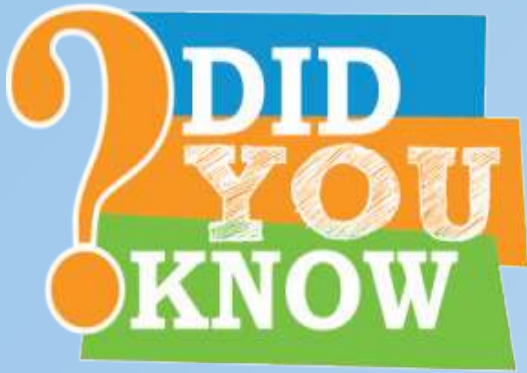
3 large conference rooms, a full gym and stage, seating areas throughout the building

A large Chapel that seats up to 120 people

A fully staffed kitchen and large dining rooms for meals

5 acres of land with ample parking & miles of paved paths that lead to the lake

A place of quiet where guests can grow closer to their faith



The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein was purchased from the Sisters of the Precious Blood August 13, 1998 and became its own 501c-3 non profit organization. Before the change of hands in 1998, the Sisters ran both the retreat house and the Shrine of the Holy Relics. The Board of Directors who decided to re-open the retreat center spent approximately two years completing repairs and getting the building ready for guests. Since the re-opening the Maria Stein Retreat House has run

independently from the Shrine of the Holy Relics by its own staff and board members. The Spiritual Center focuses on offering a place for guests to get away for day or overnight retreats to help them grow in their faith. The Spiritual Center has continued to grow over the years to the point that we decided to expand to Montezuma. This new retreat house will allow us to offer a place for even more people.

Below are some fun facts about us that you may not have known about the Maria Stein Retreat House...

- ⇒ *Yearly we greet over 10,000 guests*
- ⇒ *We serve approximately 20,000 meals each year. Our average sized group is about 40 people*
- ⇒ *Breakfast and lunch are the most served meals*
- ⇒ *Maria Stein has 60 private bedrooms and 11 semi-private rooms; and 3 dorms that hold up to 80 more people. We also have 4 large conference rooms and dozens of smaller meeting rooms, as well as a large, beautiful chapel*
- ⇒ *We average 1-4 retreats every weekend throughout the year and each weekday there are different groups as well*
- ⇒ *Most of our guests are not from the Maria Stein region—most come from an average of an hour or more away*
- ⇒ *Although we are considered a Catholic retreat house, we welcome guests from all mainstream denominations*
- ⇒ *Sometimes our parking lot is empty, but we are filled to capacity inside. Many of our guests come in by charter or school buses*
- ⇒ *We try to give back to the youth of the community by offering places for youth ministry meetings and discounted retreats. We also work with local Scouts to complete projects and offer space for their campouts*
- ⇒ *We employ 42 people between both buildings—we have housekeeping, office staff, maintenance, and kitchen staff*
- ⇒ *We have dozens of volunteers who help with housekeeping, lawn maintenance, woods upkeep, and misc. tasks*
- ⇒ *Our operating costs are offset by donations that we receive on a regular basis from patrons*
- ⇒ *We have a yearly volunteer dinner and a yearly patron meeting that donors are welcome to attend*
- ⇒ *Every year we try to focus on updating something major either in the building or on the grounds*

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RETREAT HOUSE



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MONTEZUMA RETREAT HOUSE

6731 State Route 219
Montezuma, OH 45866

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm

419-925-7625

WWW.SPIRITUALCENTER.NET



WHAT IS SPIRITUAL DIRECTION? Spiritual Direction is an ancient ministry in the church. From the earliest days of Christianity, believers have found it to be a benefit and a joy to discuss their spiritual life with another Christian on the journey. Just being able to articulate to another believer our experience of life in the Lord is of immense value in itself, as it is not everyone with whom we can share such an intimate part of who we are, and know that it will be respected and received.

I THOUGHT SPIRITUAL DIRECTION WAS FOR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS ONLY? Any person who is serious about learning to pray and live a prayerful balanced life is welcome to seek spiritual direction. And yes, every priest and religious must have a spiritual director during their time of formation.

WHAT DO YOU TALK ABOUT? Certainly your prayer life. Your director will eventually want to know what prayer means to you, how you pray, do you pray, when and for how long, what it's like for you, what happens when you pray, how God seems to you when you pray, how you address God, how you imagine God, etc. Your director might have suggestions for you, and can help you find a way of prayer that is right for you. Any decisions you may be facing, helping you with spiritual discernment, and teaching a person to pray are major roles of the spiritual director.

IS SPIRITUAL DIRECTION & COUNSELING THE SAME MINISTRY? No, Spiritual Direction and counseling are very different. The primary work of Spiritual Direction is to understand the movement of the Holy Spirit in our everyday life. Counseling is often problem solving or dealing with mental health.

WHERE DO I FIND A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR AND WHAT IS THE COST? The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has a list of spiritual directors. You might also talk to your parish priest. You may also contact Father Donald Gibbs, a local Benedictine monk and priest from Conception Abbey that is new to the region. Having worked with seminarians, his ministry has concentrated on male spirituality. He has practiced the art of spiritual direction and facilitated retreats for many years. If you would like to consider spiritual direction, please contact Father Donald at 660-243-0001 or dgibbsosb@gmail.com. Father Donald's approach to cost is a sliding scale. If you do not work or can't pay, there is no charge. The fee should never be the reason to not seek Spiritual Direction.

**CONSIDER A PRIVATE RETREAT AT THE SPIRITUAL CENTER AND MEET WITH A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR EACH DAY.
CALL 419-925-7625 FOR MORE INFORMATION.**