

Spring 2025

Believe, Serve, Grow

Newsletter of the Maria Stein Retreat Center

Don't miss out on upcoming events!

Click for more Information and Registration links:

[Gift of Fertility: Mother & Daughter Workshop](#) - May 10

[Eagle Eye Teen Summer Institute](#) - June 7-15

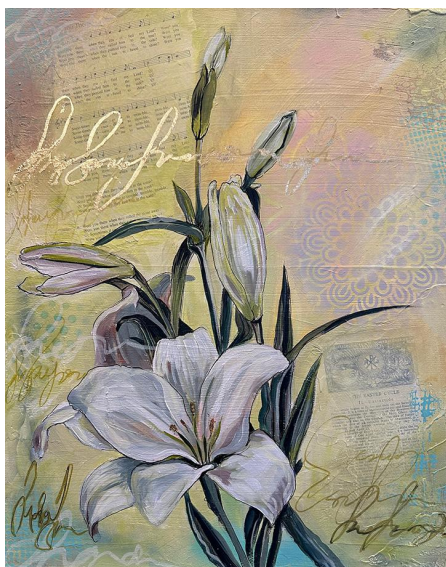
[Notre Dame Priory men's retreat](#) - July 7-12

[Notre Dame Priory women's retreat](#) - July 14-19

Fatima Mass - August 15

[St. Philomena Mother/Daughter retreat](#) - August 8-10

[Vertical Marriage Conference](#) - September 27



Apr 14, 2025 6:00 - 9:00 pm
held "at the Woods" in Maria Stein

Sacred Painting Workshop

Join the artistic experience of Sacred Painting, led by talented **local Catholic artist, Marcie Stammen**. This workshop is a unique opportunity to explore the depths of creativity while connecting with your spiritual side.

This 3-hour workshop is a soulful prelude to the beginning of Holy Week. As you create your own sacred painting, you will find yourself aligning with the spirit of the Easter season, preparing your heart and mind for the sacred journey.

All supplies, brushes and paints are provided, allowing you to focus solely on unleashing your creative spirit!

ONLY 7 Spaces remain and are going fast - sign up before April 1 to reserve your canvas! \$65 / person

[Registration Link](#)

Retreat Center Gala 2025

Mark your calendars for the second annual Retreat Center Gala on **August 26**, a night brimming with community spirit and celebration! We invite you to join us for a great

evening that promises to exceed all expectations.

This year promises to be a delightful experience enhanced by delightful touches. We even learned a thing or two from last year's event - for those who attended, does real silverware sound like an improvement?!

Come savor a delightful selection of homemade appetizers along with a freshly prepared meal, each dish made with love by our professional staff! We can't wait for you to try them!

We will again have an assortment of Raffle baskets as well as fantastic Silent and Live auction items to bid on.

This Gala is more than just an event; it is a unique opportunity to engage with the community while supporting the ongoing mission of the Maria Stein Retreat Center, which is dedicated to giving back to the high schools that hold retreats here. Don't let this chance slip away; join us for a night that will create lasting memories and warm your heart!

Click the button for the Gala website



[Gala Registration](#)



Meet the team

This month, we are excited to celebrate our newest team member, Ramsey Leverette. From Fort Recovery, Ramsey joined our kitchen staff at Maria Stein, where she brings a spirit of joy every day and shares her love of prayer with everyone!

April is the perfect month for this celebration, as it is Autism Awareness Month. The staff will be

Project Updates:

Visitors frequently share their appreciation for our beautiful facilities. Continuous improvements are vital to our future success. Here are a few upcoming projects for this year:

Maria Stein - "at the Woods"

The main driveway will be repaved to improve accessibility and enhance the overall aesthetic of the grounds. This project aims to create a smoother vehicle surface, ensuring safer navigation for visitors and staff alike.

Montezuma - "at the Lake"

The parking lot will be expanded, doubling its current

wearing special T-shirts to show their appreciation for Ramsey and her special gifts!

Let's get to know Ramsey a little better:

Tell us a little about your family. I live at home with my Mom and Dad and my brother Rex. I finished training through the 'Project Search' program at Mercer Health. I did three internships there: I started in the OB ward where I helped clean bassinets for the moms to use, I worked in the gift shop, and also did general cleaning.

What do you like doing at the Retreat Center? I like working in the kitchen with food prep and doing dishes. I really like working with everyone because they are so friendly.

What do you like to do in your free time? I like to pray and go to church. I also like going to the fair and to dances with my friends.

size to accommodate the growing number of visitors. This enhancement is crucial for managing peak times and will include improved lighting.

A new metal roof will be installed to replace the existing leaky roof. This upgrade will enhance durability and prolong the structure's lifespan.

We are excited to announce these updates as part of our commitment to improving our facilities and ensuring an exceptional experience for everyone who visits. Our goal is to create a welcoming environment that meets the needs of all our guests!

Life changing moments happen here!

Carroll High School

We were thrilled to host Carroll High School's March PATS retreat! An incredible group of **70 students** came together to pray and learn more about each other and their relationship with God. This is a great example of how our **"Youth Giving Back" fund** positively impacts youth!



She said, "Yes"

The Maria Stein Retreat Center offers a perfect location to alter the course of one's life. Two young people took it to another level by taking their first step in marriage!

Whether "at the lake" or "at the woods", both locations can be part of your special moments!

[**Watch the Proposal**](#)

Sandusky Central Catholic

Shout out to Sandusky's Kairos retreat team for traveling the longest distance of any high school visiting the Retreat Center: **146 miles!**

This group of energetic youth trekked 2 1/2 hours one way to experience the beauty of the Maria Stein Retreat Center "at the Woods"!





Life in the Spirit

Both Life in the Spirit seminars were held March 21-23 at both of our locations "at the woods" and "at the lake".

The weekend consists of seven testimony sessions accompanied by small group discussions, time for Praise and Worship, Adoration, Reconciliation, Holy Mass, and many other activities.

"The Holy Spirit is at work changing us and enabling us as the church to change the world. As we choose to grow in personal relationships and join ourselves ever more closely to the body of Jesus, we will bear fruit. We must persevere in this work despite trials and difficulties."



Winter statistics

We thought that you might be interested to hear about the number of people who visit our two locations. Over the **four months from November to February**, we welcomed many guests, each with their own unique story and reason for being here. Spring is a wonderful time to reflect upon those we serve and the importance of the Retreat Center!

November - February		
Total Guests	Overnight guests	Meals served
6,810	1,932	11,250

Did You Know that...

During the week of March 22-28, if you drove by, you would have noticed that the parking lots were nearly empty. It might seem reasonable to conclude that the facilities themselves were also empty; however, most high schools arrive on chartered buses, which do not stay on site.

During those **7 days with "empty parking lots"**, we hosted

300 overnight guests and

served an **astonishing 1,700 meals!**

We can't wait to share more inspiring stats and the meaningful connections we've fostered along the way!

Adopt-a-Flowerbed Program

The Retreat Center appreciates God's beauty



and we know that you do too!
Many people who enjoy the walking paths throughout the wooded grounds, have also noticed flowerbeds that need a little attention.
Now is your chance to **help make a difference!** We hope you consider adopting a flowerbed in the "Adopt-a-Flowerbed" program. This is a volunteer-based activity that allows a group or family to maintain their own selected bed, with a little guidance from the Retreat Center staff.

[Download information / application](#)

Spring Sale at the Gift Shop - 20% off until April 14



We have a wonderful selection of Easter basket goodies! Soaps, bath gels, colognes, lotions, and more!



Check out our cuddly stuffed toys, books and t-shirts that are perfect gifts for all ages!



So much to choose from - it's impossible to list them all! Drop by to see for yourself and take advantage of this sale!

Join our team at the Retreat Center!



Looking for a fun part-time job?

We are hiring kitchen staff for both day and evening shifts. No previous experience is necessary - we offer training! If you like to cook, give us a call!

Looking to volunteer a few hours a week?

We are always in need of help with housekeeping, landscaping, lawn mowing, and kitchen staff.

call 419-925-7625 or
email: robin@spiritualcenter.net

We hope that you prayerfully consider helping us in our mission to: **Believe, Serve, Grow**



Our Mission:

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 Maria Stein Retreat Center, we provide opportunities for spiritual growth, social development, and community service. We will do this through facilities, staff, and programs.

I believe in the mission of the Maria Stein Retreat Center:

Do you want to support this ministry? Giving is now easier than ever - just click the 'Donate now' button. All donations are tax-deductible. The Retreat Center is a 501-c3 Non-profit Organization.

[Donate now](#)

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

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"at the Lake" schedule

(Montezuma location)

Healing Mass schedule:

Mass begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

March 11
April 8
May 13
September 9
October 14
November 11

American Red Cross blood drives for 2025:

April 8
June 3
July 29
September 30
November 25

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