

What do people say

... I know retreats should not be fun, but this one was. **Lots of laughs** mixed in with lots of spiritual learning. **I loved it.**

... I enjoyed the **friendship and camaraderie** that was present that weekend and have enjoyed its benefits ever since.

... I was able to **wind down** and step away from my hectic business schedule. It afforded me the disconnect, **peace and quiet** I needed for so long.

... A great weekend of **fellowship with other men.** We are all dealing with the same gifts and the same problems in our everyday lives. A terrific reminder that our own **life is easier if we allow God to be in control.** The weekend reminds us that **God answers our prayers,** but not always with the answer we are hoping for. More importantly, **He gives us the strength** to deal with His answers.

... I truly **cherished the weekend.** Spending time with spiritual men was a true joy. If you haven't been on our parish retreat, **I highly recommend it!** .. Before I went on, Sunday Mass was a duty and sometimes a chore. **After this retreat, I now see Mass as an honor and a privilege!**

... I never really knew the men I saw at Mass. Now when I go to Mass, I feel like **I'm going with friends.**

... I didn't realize **my relationship with Jesus** was so personal. This retreat helped me to know that **my faith is more important** to me than I realized. Our parish has some awe: men of faith. Wow!

... Whatever you're looking for in life, **a retreat can help.** It sure helped me! I not only feel **closer to God,** I feel **closer to my wife and kids.** What an awesome gift it is!



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Our Parish Retreat for Men

... Every once in a while, a man needs to sit under a shade tree and consider.

Where is my path in life going?

What do I want for my life?

What is truly important to me?

... What are **you** looking for in your life?

a closer **relationship** with God?

more **meaning** for your **life**?

closer relationships with your **family**?

to make **new** and **closer** relationships with people in your **parish**?

... The weekend **inspires, encourages, challenges, and so much more.** It is put on by lay men, for lay men and with support from our parish priests. Through this weekend, you will get to know men in the parish who are searching for the same things you are. **Won't you join them on the journey?**

... Take a **leap of faith,** put yourself in the **hands of others,** enjoy some quality **time away** from your busy life, and **embrace the journey.** **You'll be glad you did!**



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH ~ MEN'S RETREAT Pallottine Retreat Center ~ APRIL 26-29, 2018

The parishioners of Mary Mother of the Church are pleased to present this weekend retreat. The retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality and prayer life, strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and build lasting friendships with other members of our parish community. It is presented by members of our parish with spiritual direction from our parish priests and pastoral associates.

The retreat begins Thursday evening with check-in at 6:15 pm at Mary Mother of the Church, and ends Sunday with a reception in the parish hall following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Transportation to and from the Marianist Retreat Center will be provided for all retreatants.

Cost for each retreatant is **\$255; a \$100 deposit is due with this registration form.** The remaining \$155 is due by Apr. 12, 2018. With a deposit check, we accept 30 reservations on a first-come, first-served basis in the following priority: 1st: Mary Mother Parishioners; 2nd: persons from other parishes who intend to bring ACTS to their home parish; 3rd: non-parishioners. **PLEASE NOTE: Financial difficulties should not prevent parishioners from attending the retreat; simply append a note to our Pastor as to what you are able to pay.** Call anyone listed below, if you have questions:

Ted Montoia (Director)
314-779-8093

Ron Werner (Co-Director)
314-221-7387

Fr. Chuck Barthel (Pastor)
314-894-1373 x205

Ed Lewandowski (Parish Liaison)
314-894-1373 x218

Put the Retreat Dates on your calendar. Approximately two weeks prior to the retreat, you will receive a letter describing what to bring with you for the weekend (clothing, reading material, etc.).

Please complete this form in its entirety and submit with your deposit check of \$100 payable to: Mary Mother of the Church (in the memo section: "ACTS Retreat"). Send to: Mary Mother of the Church, 5901 Kerth Road, St. Louis, MO 63128 attn: Ed Lew

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INFORMATION & REGISTRATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____

PRINT e-mail: _____

Name as you would like it on your name tag: _____

Street Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Dietary Restrictions, please specify: _____

Medical needs / Physical restrictions (ex. Assistance with medical care needed, difficulty with stairs or walking, etc.) please specify:

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Add a Close Friend/Family: _____

(name of someone other than Emergency Contact Above)

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

I am a member of: _____ Parish

_____ I am not Catholic Denomination? _____

For Office Use: Deposit Amt. \$

Check Date:

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