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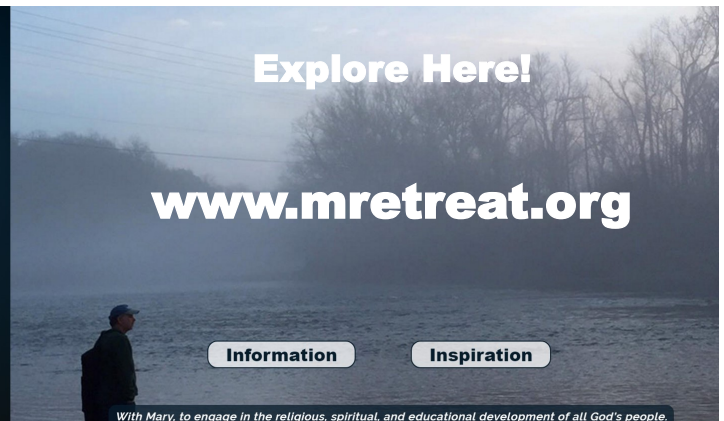
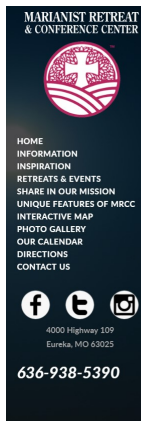
Be Still Here

Our new year is filled with religious, spiritual and educational opportunities all anchored in the challenge to “be still” in our lives. Why be still? “Silence of the heart is necessary so you can hear God everywhere.” – Mother Teresa. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!



Pray Here!

Consider signing up for an upcoming Retreat, Day of Recollection or Program. Page 3



Explore Here!

www.mretreat.org

Information

Inspiration

In August we launched our brand new website which is filled with pages of information about our mission, our programs, our people, our grounds and a growing collection of inspirational songs, artwork, articles and videos.



Support Here!

Through our Annual Appeal we invite you to participate in our mission in a very practical way. Page 2



Celebrate Here!

We are celebrating 50 years of retreat ministry on October 8 with our Marianist Family Festival. Page 4



Volunteer Here!

Next work day is Saturday, Nov. 11. Starts with breakfast at 8am. All are welcome. P. 2

Participate with us in our vision and mission

Behold "the spectacle of a people of saints." Blessed William Joseph Chaminade spoke those words in 19th century France describing his new community of believers called the Society of Mary as they rebuilt the church after the French revolution. Today the Marianist Retreat and Conference Center is continuing to work with a retreat ministry spectacle centered on prayer, community and mission. We welcome people of all faiths to experience spiritual growth through educational and spiritual programs offered for youth and adults.

We have a vision that is amazing and exciting. We are inviting you to

invest yourself through the resources that God has given you— your energy, your prayers, and your money—in this work to which God has called us. This past year donations were used to fund inner city school retreats and days of recollection,

high school retreats for students who don't go to Catholic high schools and to support parishes and organizations in their spiritual journey. As a matter of record appeal gifts have gone from \$15,000 to \$45,000 in four years and we are most grateful for this response!

St. Paul seems to be speaking to us when he wrote "And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abun-

dance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work" (2 Cor. 9:8). Challenged by our Marianist charism we are called by God, formed by Mary and sent by Christ to share the Good News through this retreat ministry.

How you can donate:

- Mail your contribution in with the envelope attached to this newsletter.
- Go to www.mretreat.org, click on the SHARE IN THE MISSION section and you can donate securely on line.

With your contribution to our Annual Appeal you will be participating in a work that is truly grand! And because of your generosity we will all benefit. "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity." (2 Cor. 9:11).

"Your hospitality is the best! I never felt so welcomed & cared for." Summer guest

Marianist Retreat and Conference Center

Four Seasons Work Day Program

Through the many years of the Retreat Center's existence, the various tasks involved in keeping the building and grounds in tip-top shape were the responsibility of the Marianist Brothers residing at Marycliff. In an effort to fill some of the gaps with their departure, it is hoped that a positive response to this new program will enable us to satisfy the needs.

As a way to organize and encourage volunteers to work on the grounds and in the building we will have 4 work days a year, one for each season. You don't need to be here the entire time. Projects may include: raking and blowing leaves, planting shrubs and plants; spreading mulch in program areas, trail repairs, cleaning statuary, painting inside, washing windows, etc. Children and grandchildren welcome. We will provide meals and a Prayer service.

Each session begins with breakfast at 8:00 am and concludes with lunch at 12:00, except for January 14, a



Sunday, which will begin with lunch and conclude at 5:00 pm

Autumn: Nov. 11, 2017

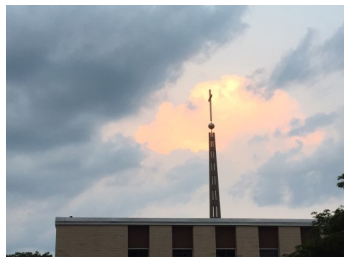
Winter: January 14, 2018

Spring: March 31, 2018

Contact us at: (636) 938-5390 or curtis@mretreat.org

Pictured above, Board member Maureen Hoock and her son, at last fall's 4 Season Program.

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Retreats & programs for 2017 - 2018

To learn more
or sign up go
to [www.
mretreat.org](http://www.mretreat.org)

THE ADVENT RETREAT

BE STILL

December 1, 2, 3, 2017. Led by Fr. Tom Santen, Lucia Signorelli and Steve Givens. Special guest David Kauffman. Includes ticket to his concert.

David Kauffman in Concert



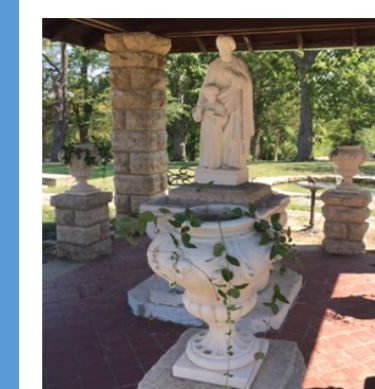
Sunday, December 3, 2017

St. Joseph Church, Manchester - 7:30pm - \$25

Hearts of Mary Retreat

January 27 & 28, 2018

*An intergenerational retreat
exploring the feminine genius*



Sons of Joseph

March 18, 2018

12:30pm to 4:30pm

*An intergenerational retreat
exploring the bond between
fathers and sons*

SAVE THE DATE:

Seven Mansions of Teresa of Avila's Interior Castle.

Feb. 2,3,4 2018 - led by Susan Komis

How to Forgive Anyone for Anything

Sunday, April 22, 2018 - 12:30pm to 4:30pm

Led by Rick Herman

The 4th Annual TRIVIA DE MAYO

APRIL 28, 2018



Palm Sunday Retreat

March 23, 24, 25

Good Friday Retreat

March 30, 2018



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"Ours is indeed a grand work, a magnificent work, universal in scope." Blessed William Joseph Chaminade

"With Mary, to engage in the religious, spiritual and educational development of all God's people." MRCC's Mission

FAMILY FESTIVAL

**Celebrating 50 years
of serving God's people in
St. Louis**

**The
SMASH
Band!**

**Over 30
Family
Games &
Activities!**

**Great
snacks!**

**Kyle Huelsing
Praise & Worship
Musician!**

**3 miles
of trails!**

**Selfie with a
Budweiser
Clydesdale!**

Marianist Retreat



Conference Center

Sunday, October 8, 2017 – 2 to 5 p.m. – Free!

4000 Highway 109, Eureka, MO – 2.3 miles north of HW 44 – rain or shine

BRING CAN GOODS FOR THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOOD PANTRY!

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