

Manresa Memos

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Our Mission is to help men and women grow spiritually through prayer, reflection, guidance and teaching according to the Ignatian tradition.

A message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of Manresa,



Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

This beautiful quote, to me, describes a vital aspect of our ministry at Manresa. We witness this light being called forth in people who come here for retreats, classes and prayer.

We try to nurture it with truth and care and kindness. Nearly all of our weekend (or longer) retreats include a healing prayer service.

Of course, Manresa is not the only place where this kind of care can happen. It can be anywhere the sacred calling is respected, perhaps in our homes, churches, workplaces and relationships.

May we take these words to heart and pay attention to the light, looking for it in others from where we stand. May we call it out, gather it up, and in so doing, help repair the world.

We rejoice in our new Pope Leo XIV, our first Pope from the United States, and promise to support him with our prayers and love! May our God enlighten and strengthen him in the many challenges he faces.

With gratitude for all God is doing at Manresa,

Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

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Executive Director

In the beginning of creation, the light of the universe was shattered into a million pieces, which lodged as shards inside everything and everyone. Our calling, as human beings, is to look for the light from where we stand, to call it out, to gather it up—and in so doing, to help repair the world."

From an ancient Hasidic story

JOIN US

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday
8:00 AM in the main chapel
We remember all deceased retreatants the last Friday of each month at the 8:00 AM Mass.

Make a Note of It

Manresa will be closed for our annual Summer Shutdown June 29, 1:00 PM–July 13.

The house reopens and weekday Masses resume on Monday, July 14, 8:00 AM.

Tuesday Prayer

Stay for 30 minutes of private Christian meditation following 8:00 AM Mass on Tuesdays.

Learn More

Visit manresa-sj.org/events for a full listing of our programs and retreats.



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Spirit of Manresa Banquet 2025

The annual Spirit of Manresa Banquet was held on Thursday, May 1 at THE MINT at Michigan First Conference Center. We are grateful for everyone who helped make this year's fundraising event an enormous success! More than 260 people came to affirm their love and generous support of Manresa's Mission and Ministry. We are so thankful for your generosity.

After a lively social hour, Marie Osborne, WJR's senior news analyst and Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening, welcomed guests to the dining room where a delicious dinner was served by an outstanding staff and followed by dedicated giving. Afterwards, Br. Jim Boynton, SJ, President, University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy, introduced his good friend and keynote speaker, the V. Rev. Karl Kiser, SJ, Provincial, USA Midwest Province, who gave an inspiring message titled "Hope Does Not Disappoint."

It was a fabulous celebration of God's faithfulness to Manresa.

Our thanks to Paul Seibold for capturing all the smiling faces at the banquet. More photos at manresa-sj.org/spirit-of-manresa-banquet-2025



Care of Earth: The Call to Love the Created



Weekend Retreat for Men & Women | Friday, June 6, 6:30 PM–Sunday, June 8, 12:00 PM

This weekend retreat invites participants to integrate the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola with the Catholic Church's mission to Care for Our Common Home.

Conference retreat talks will draw from Scripture, St. Ignatius, Pope Francis and more. We will focus on nurturing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ while also exploring ecological themes. This retreat is for anyone seeking to draw closer to Christ and cultivate a deeper love for God's creation, offering a chance for personal renewal and spiritual growth.

Retreat Director: Mr. Mark Blancke, SJ

Non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$50 due at registration.

Register at manresa-sj.org/060625-mw or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

Individually Directed Retreats



SESSION II-June 9-18 | SESSION III-July 14-23 | SESSION IV-August 6-15

Individually Directed Retreats provide a quiet space to pray and reflect on God's Word at your own pace and schedule. This is a time of sacred silence, an invitation to step away from the demands of daily life to become more aware of God's love and presence in your life, and help deepen a loving relationship with God. You are accompanied by a trained spiritual director who will meet with you daily during the retreat, offering guidance for the next day's

prayer based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius.

"In-session" dates allow for a four-to-eight-day retreat (minimum of four full consecutive days/maximum of eight days within session dates/times). Arrival time begins at 5:00 PM on the opening date of the retreat session; dinner is at 6:00 PM and the retreat itself begins at 7:30 PM. The retreat ends at 10:00 AM on the closing date of the retreat session.

In-session Retreat Cost: \$90/day with \$90 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit. Register at manresa-sj.org/retreats/individually-directed-retreats or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.



A home retreat that starts whenever you're ready

The Spiritual Exercises, developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola, offer a way to grow in prayer and develop a real and personal relationship with God. Through them, you will see more clearly God's presence in creation, your personal life story and current life circumstances, and you will come to know Jesus more intimately, love Him more deeply and follow Him more closely.

At Manresa we offer several ways of praying and reflecting on the meditations and themes of the Spiritual Exercises in the midst of your daily life. Each experience requires a significant commitment of time for daily prayer on specific Scripture selections and weekly meetings with a director. *An offering of \$25 per session is appropriate.*

Choose the format that works best for you:

- **Eight Weeks** — Pray daily for 30 minutes for eight weeks using retreat content offered online.
- **12 Weeks** — Pray daily for 30 to 45 minutes for 12 weeks using a prayer workbook/journal with daily Scripture and reflections.
- **30 Days** — Pray daily for 30 to 45 minutes aided by 30 sequential reflections for prayer and meditation available in a book or online.
- **10 Months (19th Annotation Retreat)** — A daily commitment of 60 to 90 minutes of prayer and reflection centered on the themes of the Exercises for approximately nine or 10 months.

In addition to praying with the materials, home retreatants meet weekly with a spiritual director in person or via Zoom, Facetime or phone. Retreatants are also responsible for the cost of materials as required.

If you are interested, contact Ann Dillon, Director of Ignatian Formation, at adillon@manresa-sj.org or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 107.

Upcoming Conference Retreats



Retreats for Men

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 1-3

Men in Recovery

Patron: Fr. Jack Schuett, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 22-24

Patron: St. Stephen Pongrácz, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 5-7

Patron: Blessed Sebastian Kimura, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 26-28

Patron: St. Francis Borgia, SJ

Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 2-5 (4 Days)

Patron: St. John Ogilvie, SJ

Director: Fr. Daniel Kennedy, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 17-19

Patron: St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 24-26

Patron: St. Stanislaus Kostka, SJ

Director: Fr. Dan Dixon, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 31-Nov. 2

Patron: Blessed Rupert Mayer, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Dec. 5-7

Patron: St. Francis Xavier, SJ

Retreats for Women

Friday-Sunday, June 20-22

Mary, The Model of Discipleship

Patron: Sr. Mary Ward, IBVM **Director:**

Fr. Bob Ytsen, SJ

Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 9-12 (4 Days)

Patron: Blessed Dominic Collins, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 7-9

Patron: Blessed Miguel Pro, SJ

To register for retreats, go to manresa-sj.org/events or call 248.644.4933 Ext. 0. A non-refundable, non-transferable \$50 deposit per person is required for all retreats. Retreat format is silent except where noted.

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 21-23

Women in Recovery

Patron: Fr. Edward Dowling, SJ

Retreats for Men & Women

Friday-Sunday, June 6-8

Cave of Earth

Format: Silent and some sharing

Director: Mr. Mark Blancke, SJ

Friday-Sunday, June 27-29

Urban Parishes

Patron: St. Peter Claver, SJ **Format:** Silent

with some sharing **Directors:** Team led by

Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ

Friday-Sunday, July 25-27

Traditionally Married Couples

Patron: St. Ignatius of Loyola

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 29-31

Gift and Gratitude: Finding God in All Things (Christian Yoga)

Patron: Fr. John LaFarge, SJ | **Note:** No

dinner on Friday; ends after lunch on

Sunday

Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 9-11

(Midweek)

Patron: Blessed Francisco Gárate, SJ

Note: Ends after lunch on Thursday

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 12-14

Healing

Patron: St. John de Brebeuf, SJ **Directors:**

Fr. John Esper and Debbie Tourville **Note:**

Dinner on Friday at 6:00 PM

Retreats for Religious Sisters

Sunday-Friday, Sept. 21-26

Patron: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, VHM

Directors: Fr. Fran Daly, SJ and Sr. Kathie

Budesky, IHM | **Note:** 3:00 PM arrival on

Sunday; Ends after lunch on Friday

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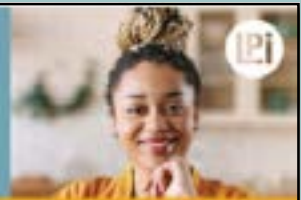
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