



Manresa Memos

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A message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of Manresa,



Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

At Manresa, we continue to enjoy our 100th Anniversary celebration with deep gratitude to God.

We're looking forward to our special Celebration Banquet on May 7 and other special events planned to mark this important milestone in our history.

To celebrate the Spring and Easter seasons, I offer some *O Antiphons for Spring*.*

O Seed Buried in the Soil,
Come! Come die to your seed-like condition.
Break through the darkness that has cradled your life.
Pierce the hard husk of all that we cling to.
Urge us to listen to the quiet sound of growing.
O Come!

O Spring Rising Out of Winter's Arms,
Come! Come melt what is frozen in us.
Open the buds of our longing with your gentle breezes.
Soften the hard earth of our hearts with your rains.
Breathe warmth upon the cold places in us.
O Come!

O Child of Resurrection,
Come! Come dancing out of winter's gloom.
Enliven us with your radiant hope.
Lure us through the closed doors of our doubt.
Celebrate with us the wonder of risen life.
O Come!

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter,

Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

Executive Director

*The Circle of Life 2005, Joyce Rupp and Macrina Wiederkehr, Ave Maria Press

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

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

The House will be closed and Mass will not be celebrated on Good Friday, April 3, Easter Monday, April 6, and Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. The House reopens and Masses resume the following business day.

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.



Manresa News

Fr. Leo Cachat has gone home to God



Manresa mourns the loss of Fr. Leo Cachat, SJ, who passed away late Saturday, March 14, 2026, following a stroke.

A beloved retreat and spiritual director, Fr. Leo came to Manresa in 2007 and left in early June 2025 to accept a new assignment at Colombiere Retreat & Conference Center in Clarkston, MI.

We thank God for the gift of his life and priesthood and the special place he held in the hearts of all who knew him. We commend his soul to the infinite mercy of the Lord whom he served faithfully.

Visitation and Funeral Mass were held on March 23 and 24 respectively at Colombiere, 9075 Big Lake Rd., Clarkston.

God, whose mercies cannot be numbered, accept our prayers on behalf of the soul of Your servant Leo, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of Your saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individuals and Businesses Support Manresa's 100th Anniversary Celebration

We are so grateful to those who have shown their support of our 100th Anniversary Celebration through generous sponsorships. As of March 15, \$285,000 has been raised toward our \$400,000 goal. Our sponsor list includes:

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Each donor demonstrates an understanding of the importance of Manresa's Mission to help people grow spiritually according to the Ignatian tradition. Their support is an investment in the ongoing work and maintenance of our historic facilities, the spiritual well-being of thousands of individuals and the health of our Catholic community.

Our sponsors receive complimentary tickets to the 100th Anniversary Banquet on Thursday, May 7; recognition at 100th Anniversary events and in print and online publications throughout the year; mention in press releases; and ad space in our banquet program. Learn more at manresa-sj.org/100Years or phone Steve Raymond at 248.644.4933 Ext. 111.

**Donor wishes to remain anonymous.*

Arbor Day Celebration: Blessing of 100 Trees



All are invited to join us on Arbor Day, **April 24, at 8:30 AM** (after morning Mass) when we'll bless **100 Trees for 100 More Years** and honor those who donated one or more trees. A total of 42 trees have been donated so far.

These magnificent trees, standing 40 to 60 feet tall at maturity, will create a natural sanctuary along our eastern property line, softening traffic noise and adding another layer of beauty to the 39 acres our retreatants cherish. Each tree represents a living legacy—a gift to future generations who will walk our grounds in prayer and contemplation.

Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to frontoffice@manresa-sj.org or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0. Donate a tree at manresa-sj.org/100Trees.

A plaque with the names of our donors will be placed near the row of trees in October.

Saturday: A Day for You



Step into stillness:
a day just for you
at Manresa.

Saturday, April 18 | 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

After a long week filled with deadlines, distractions and demands, imagine a day that asks nothing of you—except to simply be.

Come to Manresa for a day of quiet renewal, where peace meets purpose and your soul finds space to breathe. Nestled in the heart of nature, our serene grounds invite you to leave the noise behind and rediscover your center. No schedule. No expectations. Just sacred space and silence.

You'll have your own private room and a simple, nourishing lunch. How you spend the day is entirely up to you: • Walk the peaceful wooded trails • Sit in quiet reflection in the library or chapels • Pray, journal or read without interruption • Or do nothing at all—and let that be enough.

There is no morning Mass, and spiritual directors are not available or required. This is your time. Your retreat. Your renewal.

Fee: \$60, due at registration.

Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable. Pre-registration is required.

Please note: Arrival and registration at Front Office: 8:00-8:45 AM. A silent retreat will be in progress that day; please be aware of the quiet as you enter. Checkout no later than 4:00 PM.

Register at manresa-sj.org/041826-saturday or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

A Day to Call Your Own

Step away from the cares of your world for a wonderful day of peace and quiet.



Wednesday, May 27
8:00 AM-3:30 PM

Fee: \$60, due at registration.

Fee is non-refundable,
non-transferable.

Pre-registration is required.

Register at
manresa-sj.org/052726-day or
phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

What could be better than a day all to yourself? A day to do something good for your soul. A day to relax, refresh and reflect in a beautiful setting.

There's no better place to spend a day like that than at Manresa. **Enjoy the quiet, away from the busyness of everyday life.** We provide you with a private room and a simple lunch; you decide how you want to spend the day: **reflect, pray, walk the property, read or just BE.** (No director is available or required.) Mark your calendar now to take some time to be alone with God.

Oración Contemplativa

Pase una tarde de domingo en Manresa escuchando y reflexionando sobre aspectos de la espiritualidad ignaciana mientras disfruta de la tranquilidad y la belleza de nuestras instalaciones y jardines. La sesión está guiada por un equipo de acompañantes espirituales con experiencia en la tradición ignaciana. Esta tarde le ayudará a profundizar su fe mediante la oración, la meditación de las escrituras y el discernimiento, a medida que aprende a conocer, amar y servir mejor a Dios en su vida diaria.

Domingo, 12 de abril | 1:30 a 5:00 PM

Costo: Tu donativo es bienvenido

Se alienta a los participantes a donar a Manresa Jesuit Retreat House en apoyo de su Misión.

**Para registrarse, llame al 248.644.4933 Ext. 128
o correo electrónico
ignacianosdemanresa@gmail.com.**

Contemplative Prayer for Spanish Speakers

Spend a Sunday afternoon at Manresa listening and reflecting on aspects of Ignatian spirituality while enjoying the quiet and beauty of our facility and grounds. The session is guided by a team of Spanish-speaking spiritual companions with experience in the Ignatian tradition. The afternoon will help you to deepen your faith through prayer, Scripture meditation and discernment as you come to know, love and serve God better in your daily life.

Sunday, April 12 | 1:30-5:00 PM

Fee: Donations gratefully accepted

Participants are encouraged to donate to Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in support of its Mission.

**To register, phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 128 or email
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Mother's Day Weekend Retreat for Women

Journeying with Jesus

The Gospels tell the story of Jesus, accompanied by His disciples, taking His final journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are stories of teaching and healing, of parables and miracles, as well as of invitation and challenge.

On retreat, we will enter into the events of the journey and reflect on what they have to say to us, Jesus' disciples of today.

**Friday, May 8, 6:30 PM –
Sunday, May 10, 12:30 PM**

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

Register at manresa-sj.org/050826-w
or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

Facilitators: Fr. Fran Daly, SJ has extensive experience teaching Ignatian spirituality and leading the Spiritual Exercises and retreats. **Sr. Kathie Budesky, IHM** is the Director of Visitation North Spirituality Center in Bloomfield Hills.

Christian Meditation Retreat for Men and Women



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

Register at manresa-sj.org/050126-mw
or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

**Friday, May 1, 7:30 PM—
Sunday, May 3, 1:00 PM**

The Christian Meditation Retreat offers the experience of various forms of meditation, the opportunity to better understand our growth in the Christ-life, and reflection on how meditation helps us be transformed in Christ. Presentations draw upon Scriptures and forms of meditative prayer. Practice sessions and group meditation provide opportunity for learning and exploration.

Please wear comfortable clothing. The schedule allows time for private reflection, walking the grounds or praying at the Labyrinth or Stations of the Cross. Meal service begins with breakfast on Saturday and concludes with lunch on Sunday. Mass will be offered on Saturday evening.

Facilitators: **Mary Gresens, DLS** is a professor, lecturer and yoga teacher. **Dr. Tim Hogan** is a psychologist specializing in the impact of technology on our nervous system, spirituality and relationships. **DiAnne Patterson Schultz** completed Manresa's Internship in Ignatian Spirituality.

Retiro de silencio

Basado en los Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio de Loyola

Silent Retreat for Spanish-speaking Men & Women

Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola



Viernes 29 de mayo 5:00 PM–Domingo 31 de mayo 3:00 PM

El costo del retiro son \$200. Se requiere un depósito no reembolsable y no transferible de \$50 al momento de la inscripción. Debido al número limitado de habitaciones, debe registrarse antes del 22 de mayo.

Regístrese en manresa-sj.org/052926-mw, llame al 248.644.4933 Ext. 128 o envíe un correo electrónico a ignacianosdemanresa@gmail.com.

Friday, May 29, 5:00 PM– Sunday, May 31, 3:00 PM

The cost of the retreat is \$200. A \$50 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit is required at time of registration. Due to limited rooms, you must register by May 22.

Register at manresa-sj.org/052926-mw or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 128 or email ignacianosdemanresa@gmail.com.

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100th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendar!

Live Music Concert on the Lawn

Thursday, July 30, 7:00 PM

Join us on Thursday, July 30, at 7:00 PM for an inspirational Christian music concert on the lawn. Invite family and others who may not know about Manresa to join you. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on, along with your own beverages and snacks, and enjoy an evening of uplifting and worshipful Christian music with others.

Outdoor Mass & Picnic

Sunday, September 20, 2:00 PM

If you attended the Outdoor Mass we had to kick off our year-long 100th Anniversary Celebration, you know what a beautiful time of worship and fellowship we all had. And we're doing it again to close out the celebration of our Centennial. The Mass will be followed by a picnic. Make plans now to be a part of this historic event at Manresa. Registration opens in June at manresa-sj.org/100Years.

What happened to St. Ignatius at Manresa?

Coming Fall 2026

As Manresa celebrates 100 years of offering sacred encounters, we want to reflect on our historical namesake's roots in Spain. To that end, we've invited Fr. Tom Florek, SJ to tell us about his recent experience at Manresa in the Catalonia region where St. Ignatius of Loyola stayed in 1522. He will talk about the significance of St. Ignatius' time there and his own insights during his travels.

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Thursday, May 7, 2026 | 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Shenandoah Country Club
5600 Walnut Lake Rd
West Bloomfield Township, MI 48323



Keynote Address
Archbishop Edward J. Weisenburger

Banquet Tickets \$150 per person

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Purchase banquet and raffle tickets by April 22 using QR code or at manresa-sj.org/2026banquet-tickets. You may also call 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

