



Manresa Memos

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A message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of Manresa,



Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

I would like to offer you **Summer Prayer of Inner Peace**, a prayer by one of my favorite writers, Sr. Joyce Rupp.

"Peaceful Presence,

Grant me the courage to slow down the hurried pace of life in order to be mindful of your ever-present guidance and assistance, especially when I try to go it alone...

Awaken me to a keener awareness of your light-filled presence within my being, especially when life fills with shadows of sadness and the cloudiness of concerns.

Show me how you are dwelling in those places of my life where I've forgotten to welcome you with an open heart of acceptance and hospitality.

Interrupt my self-defeating schemes and desires so I have a keener sense of how they lead me further from you and obliterate inner peace.

When you move me toward change and deeper relationship with you, show me where my resistance to that growth-filled invitation resides.

Enliven my physical senses to the beauty and wonder of ordinary moments and a resounding gratitude for your presence within those moments....

Draw me into the stillness essential for your serenity to dwell in my being, and lead me into times of solitude, even if you have to drag me there.

Come, tickle my mind and heart into restored peacefulness so I more readily and wisely welcome you to the home of my heart."

Wishing you inner peace,

Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM
Executive Director

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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.

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 26–July 12**. The house reopens and weekday Masses resume on **Monday, July 13**.

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.



New Staff Member



In April, we welcomed Monica Doneth to our front office staff as Administrative Assistant.

Monica spent most of her career in the automotive, financial and insurance services industries. She has worked for General Motors, GMAC and Mercedes-Benz Financial Services in public relations & communications, fleet management and business development supporting countries across Europe, North America and South America.

Fluent in Portuguese, Spanish and English, Monica is a valuable asset to Manresa, especially to the Spanish-speaking community that attends our retreats.

Monica hopes to use her project management expertise, strategic mindset and communication skills to help further Manresa's Mission. She is especially grateful for the opportunity to work in a place that aligns with her faith, where she can serve others while growing closer to God.

Please welcome her the next time you're at Manresa.

Sacred Encounters: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

Celebrating 100 Years of Ministry

Mark your calendar!

Live Music Concert on the Lawn

Thursday, July 30, 7:00 PM

Join us 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.



What happened to St. Ignatius at Manresa?

September 9, 7:00-8:30 PM



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. Most of us will never travel to Manresa in Spain but here is an opportunity to understand our spiritual DNA.

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 August at manresa-sj.org/100Years.



100th Anniversary Celebration Banquet

We are so grateful to all those who helped to make Manresa's 100th Anniversary Celebration Banquet on Thursday, May 7, at Shenandoah Country Club a wonderful evening.

From the lively social hour in the foyer with tasty hors d'oeuvres to the elegantly appointed banquet hall with a delicious dinner and inspiring speakers, it was a night to remember. More than 270 guests were in attendance.

Fr. Dan Dixon, SJ, President Elect,

University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy, spoke about the many ways Manresa has been an anchor in his life, and Archbishop of Detroit Edward J. Weisenburger inspired us with his message, "Building a Future Full of Hope."

Our annual banquet is one of our biggest fundraisers, enabling us to meet our operating expenses and to complete necessary maintenance projects and capital improvements throughout the year. Thanks to our very generous

sponsors and banquet guests, we exceeded our goal of \$400,000. All glory be to God!

Our sincere thanks to all who make it possible to serve our retreatants and fulfill our Mission to help people grow spiritually through the Ignatian tradition.

If you were unable to join us there, you can still make your Annual Banquet donation at manresa-sj.org/donate or by phoning the front office during business hours at 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.



See the full gallery of banquet photos on our blog at manresa-sj.org/100th-anniversary-celebration-banquet/

Urban Parish Retreat



Friday-Sunday, June 26-28

This weekend retreat in the tradition of St. Ignatius welcomes men and women from parishes in the metro Detroit area. Your time with us includes daily presentations and time on your own to pray, reflect and hear what God may be saying to you through the silence. Walk the nature trail or sit among the trees and gardens. Surrender to the solitude of your own room and enjoy delicious meals with others. Gain insight to help you grow in your relationship with God and one another. Leave refreshed and renewed in body, soul and spirit.

Directors: Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ and team. **Retreat Cost:** Suggested donation of \$325. A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$50 is due at registration. To register, go to manresa-sj.org/062626-mw or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

Married Couples Retreat



Marriage is often the most visible expression of Jesus' teaching on the meaning of sacramental love in John 15:13, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." But in our culture, the sacrificial aspect of marriage often gets overlooked, or at best, undervalued. This retreat will help traditionally married couples capture the truest essence, both practically and biblically, of what it means to live as "one flesh" with your best friend and soulmate. **Topics include:** *The Name God Wrote on Your Heart, Sacrifice Sounds Like it Hurts, Marriage as a Gift of Self-Giving, Weaving a Tapestry of Us, Navigating the Seasons Together and Missionaries of Marriage.* **Directors:** Dcn. Mike and Karin Stewart

Friday-Sunday, July 24-26

\$50 per person non-refundable, non-transferable deposit due at registration.

Register at
manresa-sj.org/072426-mw
or phone 248.644.4933
Ext. 0.

Religious Sisters Retreat



The Paschal Mystery in the Life of Religious Sisters

Sunday-Friday, June 21-26

It is within the Paschal Mystery of Jesus that we live and move and have our being, that we make and carry out decisions great and small, and from which we derive the strength to do so. Many religious women have experienced participation in this Paschal Mystery in a profound way, individually and as congregations. This retreat offers the opportunity to reflect on these experiences of suffering, death, resurrection and ascension and their meaning. We invite you to rest in the gift that is yours, appreciate it and open yourself to its great influence in your religious life.

Directors: Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM and Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ.

Retreat Fee: \$450. Register at
manresa-sj.org/062126-rs
or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

100 Trees for 100 More Years

Manresa celebrated Arbor Day on April 24 with the dedication and blessing of "100 Trees for 100 More Years" and all those who donated a tree for this 100th Anniversary Celebration campaign.

The celebration took place just outside the library after the 8:00 AM



Mass on what was a beautiful, warm day with sunny skies. Manresa's Operations Director, Mike Rhadigan,

offered words of gratitude to our donors while Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ, assisted by Fr. Robert Flack, SJ, said the blessing.

In her comments that day, Executive Director Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM, said, "In our centennial year, these trees represent our gratitude for the past 100 years and our hopes for the blessing of another 100 years to come."

Guests were invited to add dirt around a beech tree planted for the occasion and enjoyed coffee and a continental breakfast in the library afterwards. Others took a walk guided by Mike to see the new row of Green Giant Arborvitae planted along the east end of our property, which will soften traffic noise from Woodward Avenue and offer a beautifully natural screen of privacy adding another layer of beauty to our grounds that will last well into our future.

There's still time to add your name to the donor plaque that will be placed near the row of trees in October. We have just 46 trees left for purchase. To donate a tree, go to manresa-sj.org/100trees.

Arbor Day Celebration: Blessing of 100 Trees



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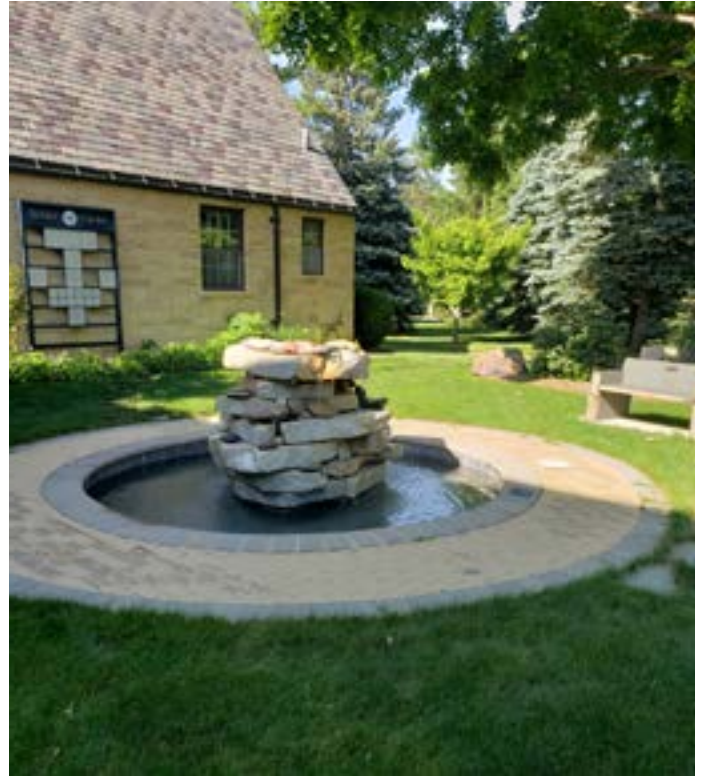
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Celebrating the Feast of St. Ignatius & 150 Years of Jesuit Ministries in Detroit

The Detroit Jesuit Community and Detroit Jesuit Ministries invite you to an evening celebrating the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola and 150 years of Jesuit Ministries in Detroit.

Mass will be concelebrated by His Eminence Joseph William Cardinal Tobin, CSsR, Archbishop of Newark and Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger, Archbishop of Detroit. A reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres follows.

The event is free, but advanced registration is required and expected to sell out. Visit jesuitsmidwest.org/detroit-jesuits for more information and to register.

Event Parking is in the UDM Law School Parking lot across from the Courtyard entrance of the church on Larned Street (one-way eastbound).

If you would like to donate to support this event, please see the bottom of the registration form.



**Friday, July 31, 2026
5:30 PM**

Ss. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church
438 St. Antoine
Detroit, Michigan

