

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



Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

*O falling leaves of autumn...
What mellow tenderness you bravely breathe
In your required surrender.
- Joyce Rupp*

As we enter this season of nourishing hungry soil, many programs are returning or beginning anew at Manresa. I hope you will find something in this issue of *Memos* that will nourish your spiritual life.

In early September, I was one of six executive directors of the retreat houses of the Jesuit Midwest Province who were invited to meet at province headquarters in Chicago. (Two of the houses are in Ohio, and one each in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan.) We enjoyed lively discussions and exchanges of ideas. I was excited about my first meeting with my colleagues.

The recently-appointed Jesuit provincial, Fr. Karl Kiser, SJ met with us to share a little about his background and ideas. He knows the Detroit area well, having served as president of University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy for 16 years. He encouraged us to find ways to spread the precious gift of Ignatian spirituality in a language that resonates with people of today. I felt really energized by his own enthusiasm.

May we bring new life and energy to others, as we ourselves are nourished!

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Weekday Masses

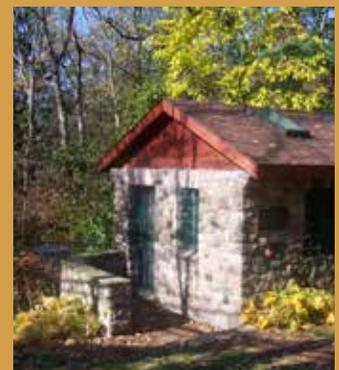
Monday to Friday
8:00 AM in the main chapel

We remember all deceased retreatants the last Friday of each month at the 8:00 AM Mass.

No Mass on Nov. 25 and 26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday (house and office closed; grounds open to the public until 6:00 PM)

Tuesday Prayer

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



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Staff News

We are happy to introduce you to our newest staff member, David Zande.

Dave runs the new Help Desk here at Manresa. He offers



Dave Zande

technical support to the Ministry Team as needed and will be focused on using

Zoom to broadcast Manresa's events and classes to the community.

"Offering the online option for classes allows people who are unable to attend our programs in person to do so virtually," said Dave.

He will also be recording and producing videos of the Ministry Team to share with our community.

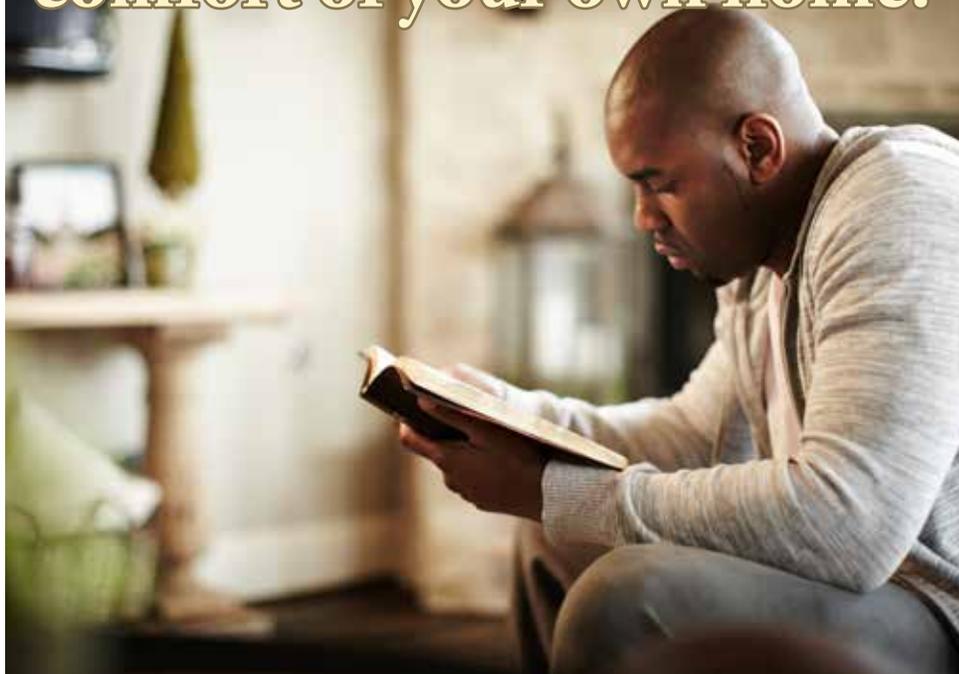
In the past, Dave worked at General Motors where he helped to make vehicle touch screens safer and easier to use, focusing on vehicle safety systems. He has a Master's degree from the University of Michigan in Information Sciences.

Dave has recently completed the Internship in Spiritual Companionship and offers one-on-one companionship.

Welcome, Dave. We're very glad you're here.

If you need help with connecting to a program via Zoom, contact Dave at 248.644.4933, Ext. 128 or dzande@manresa-sj.org.

Make a daily retreat in the comfort of your own home.



A home retreat that starts whenever you are ready and lasts for eight weeks

Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, this retreat will help you to:

- Learn the Ignatian method of prayer and discernment
- Deepen your relationship with God
- Have a greater awareness of God's presence in your daily life

To make this retreat, you will need to pray daily for 30 minutes (in your home) and meet weekly with a spiritual director (via Zoom, Facetime, phone or in person).

After you register, Ann Dillon, Manresa's Director of Ignatian Formation, will contact you for your desired start date and preferred method of meeting before matching you with a spiritual director who will provide you with a website for the retreat materials.

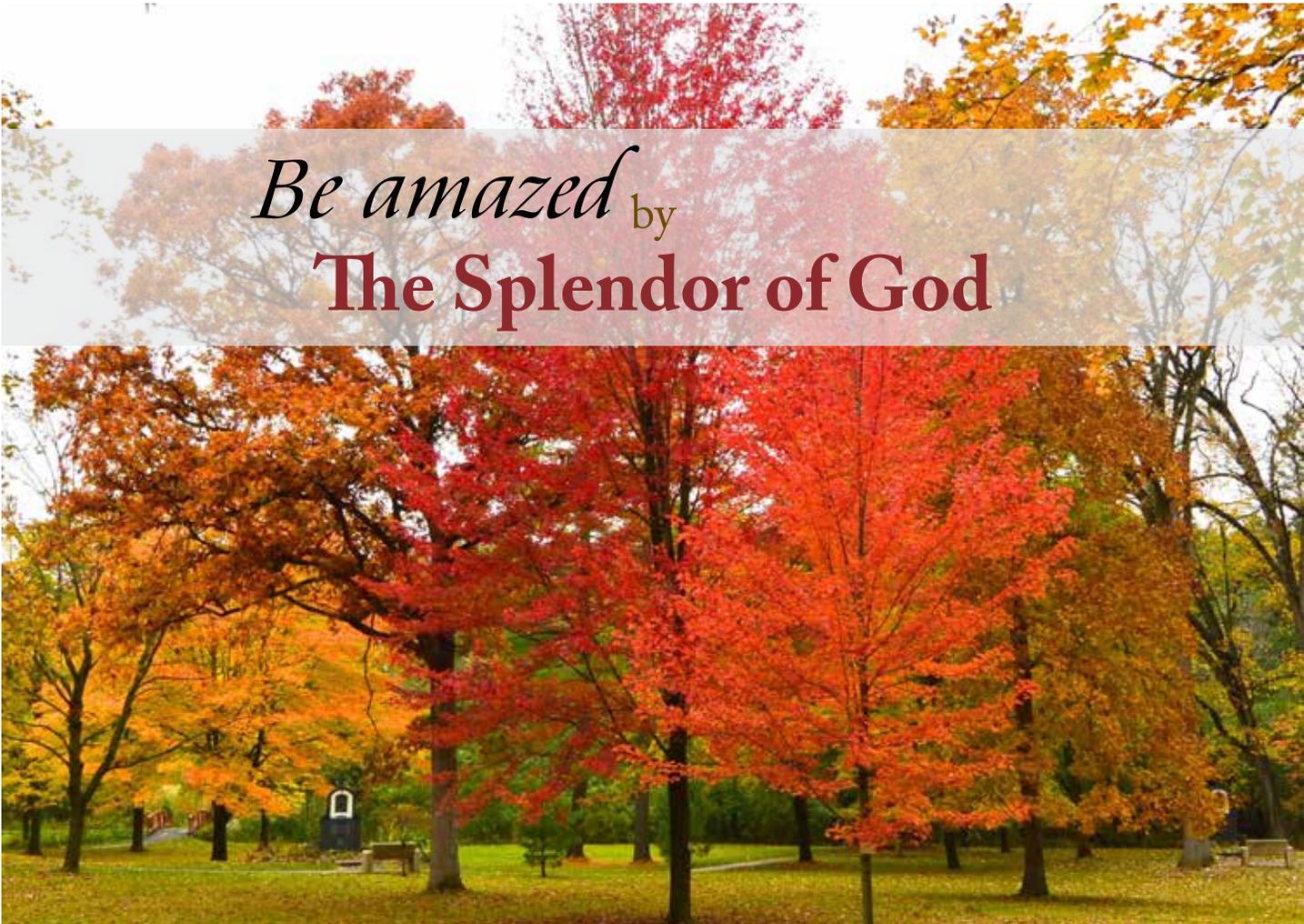
“Ignatian Spirituality has never been about ‘leaving the world.’ It has always been about finding God in our world — finding God where I live, in the midst of my problems, struggles, challenges, and desires. It is about growing in perspective, freedom, and the ability to give myself in service more generously.”

~ Creighton University
Online Ministries

Retreat Fee: \$120, payable upon registration.

Non-refundable and non-transferable.

Register at manresa-sj.org/home-retreat or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.



Be amazed by
The Splendor of God

Fall Outdoor Meditation

Sunday, October 24, 2021 | 2:00-6:00 PM

Fall's inviting aroma permeates the air. A cool breeze brushes across your face as the sound of leaves crunching underfoot signals the end of a season and the beginning of something new. Painted with a palette of nature's richest colors, the trees call your attention to the splendor of God's beauty and presence. This is the backdrop for the Fall Outdoor Meditation at Manresa.

Please join us for a Sunday afternoon outdoors (rain or shine) and discover what nature teaches us about God's splendor. You'll have time for reflection, journaling and group sharing.

Dress for your comfort outdoors and bring a journal. Dinner will be served at 5:00 PM. (COVID protocol will be observed.)

Fee: \$40 due at registration (*non-refundable and non-transferable*).

Register at manresa-sj.org/102421-om or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

Your Guides



Grace Seroka

Grace Seroka completed the Internship in Ignatian Spirituality and the Spiritual Exercises at Manresa in 2004. She volunteers in spiritual care at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. Her greatest joy is in discovering God in the Word, people and cultures, and the outdoor world.



Joe Olesnavage

Joe Olesnavage has been a spiritual companion and facilitator of the Spiritual Exercises since completing Manresa's Internship in Ignatian Spirituality in 2008. He serves as a supervisor for the Manresa Internship program and a spiritual director in an inner healing ministry. He recently spearheaded the Pedal and Pray Retreat in Conway, MI.

Advent Day of Reflection



Deepening our Personal Prayer

Talking with God in prayer is a cornerstone of our faith walk. Our prayer can usher us into God's presence in a way that inspires and empowers us. Other times, our prayers become rote and lifeless, leaving us feeling spiritually dry and distant from our Lord.

Wherever you are in your prayer life, you won't want to miss the Advent Day of Reflection at Manresa. Through short presentations, times for individual prayer and reflection, and group discussions, you are sure to experience new insights and understandings about prayer. You will find inspiration for a deeper prayer life through heart-to-heart conversations with God.

Presenters:

- Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM, Manresa's Executive Director
- Ann Dillon, Manresa's Director of Ignatian Formation

Monday, December 6, 2021
10:00 AM–3:30 PM

(Check-in with refreshments at 9:30 AM)

The day is open to men and women and includes lunch. COVID protocols will be observed.

Fee: \$40

Non-refundable, non-transferable fee is due at time of registration.

Seating is limited.

Early registration is recommended.

Register soon at manresa-sj.org/120621-advent or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

A Seminar in Ignatian Spirituality



Mini-Course I: Introducing Ignatian Spirituality

This course is for ordinary people living ordinary lives. It is a pathway to deeper prayer, good decisions guided by discernment, and a life of service to others. Ignatian Spirituality sees God in all things and desires to develop a real and personal relationship with Jesus, living as His companion in service.

Topics include:

- The Life and Spirit of St. Ignatius
- Praying with Ignatius
- The Spiritual Exercises: An Overview
- The Dynamics of the Exercises and Ignatian Prayer

Synthesis Facilitators



Fr. Steve Hurd



Ms. Ann Dillon

Fr. Steve Hurd, SJ has been on the Manresa staff for the last nine years. He is Co-director of the Internship in Spiritual Companionship and a popular retreat director. Ms. Ann Dillon is Co-director of the Internship in Spiritual Companionship and a trained spiritual director. She guides retreatants through directed retreats and the Spiritual Exercises.

Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021

1:00-4:00 PM

Participants view four to five pre-recorded presentations prior to meeting via Zoom* for a half-day synthesis.

Course Fee: \$125

Fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.

To allow time to view presentations, register no later than Nov. 12, 2021.

* Zoom instructions will be provided after paid registration.

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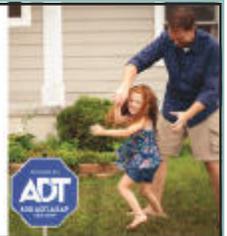
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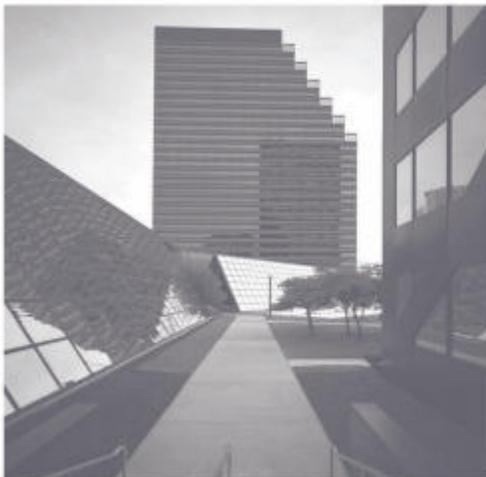
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Those who have remembered Manresa in their will or trust are invited to join the St. Ignatius Legacy Society. Among other benefits, members will be listed on a special plaque in the garden. Check box if you are, or wish to become, a member.

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2021/22 Conference (Preached) Retreats

Unless otherwise listed, these retreats are not restricted to the groups named. All are welcome.

DATE	RETREAT NAME	DIRECTORS
Oct. 22-24	WEEKEND RETREAT for MEN [Patron: St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, SJ] Catholic Lawyers & Physicians; Ford Tractor; Oakland St. Vincent De Paul; St. Robert, Ada/Grand Rapids	Fr. Steve Hurd, SJ
Nov. 5-7	WEEKEND RETREAT for MEN [Patron: St. Rupert Mayer, SJ] Ascension; Holy Name, Birmingham; Immaculate Conception, Ira Township; St. Boniface, Oak Harbor, OH (Toledo Diocese); St. Clement, Center Line; SS. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church	Fr. Robert Flack, SJ
Nov. 12-14	WEEKEND RETREAT for WOMEN IX [Patron: Blessed Miguel Pro, SJ]	Fr. Leo Cachat, SJ & DiAnne Patterson Schultz
Nov. 26-28	WEEKEND RETREAT for WOMEN IN RECOVERY only [Patron: Fr. Edward Dowling, SJ] \$50 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit required.	Sr. Diane McCormack, IHM
Dec. 3-5	WEEKEND RETREAT for MEN [Patron: St. Francis Xavier, SJ] Bayer, Toledo-Defiance	Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ
Jan. 7-9	WEEKEND RETREAT for MEN [Patron: John Courtney Murray] Bishop Gallagher K of C; Fatima/St. James; Our Lady of Refuge; Orchard Lake; Prince of Peace, W. Bloomfield; St. Perpetua, Waterford; St. Thomas (Chaldean)	Fr. Robert Flack, SJ
Jan. 11-13	MIDWEEK RETREAT for WOMEN I [Patron: The Archduchess Joan of Austria]	Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ
Jan. 14-16	WEEKEND RETREAT for MEN [Patron: Fr. Jacques Marquette, SJ] Alhambra, Grosse Pointe Vicariate, Hengstebeck, Palms	Fr. Bob Ytsen, SJ

Retreats that are already at capacity are not shown above. For a complete list of 2021/22 retreats or to register, please visit manresa-sj.org/upcomingretreats/ or call Manresa's front office at 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.