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Dear Friends,

Punxsutawney Phil, the groundhog who ‘predicts’ the weather for the next six weeks, did not see his shadow this year, meaning spring is just around the corner. It has been a mild winter here in our part of Ohio, but nevertheless we are still waiting for warmer weather and green buds to sprout through the cold earth. But does this mean we are in for harsher weather this spring? What does it mean for our farmers and their crops this summer? How will it affect the autumn colors on the deciduous trees? So many questions that will have to wait to be answered.

Waiting is difficult. We live in a society that demands immediate gratification - smart phones, drive-thru coffee shops, video on-demand. It’s part of our culture, and it seems as though waiting is being pushed out. Waiting has never been easy, but it’s even more difficult when it’s not practiced on a regular basis.

You may have heard the sentiment, “We are human BEINGS, not human DOINGS.” If we truly are human beings, we must learn to wait. To just be. To be present in the moment. To WAIT for the outcomes. How do we do this, especially when there seems to be movement and noise surrounding us all of the time?

Here at the retreat center, we do our own waiting. We wait for each group to arrive, eagerly anticipating their arrival. Who will come? When will they arrive? Why are they here? We can’t wait to share our sacred space with those who come seeking deeper relationships with God, self, others, and all creation.

Our Lady of the Pines offers a sacred place to wait. Whether you come for a half hour to sit under one of the pine trees, or you take a weekend out of your busy-ness, we will be here ready to wait with you for whatever your future holds. God is here too, anticipating your visit. What are you waiting for?

Blessings,

Heidi Chew Osborne
Executive Director



GENERAL INFORMATION

Business Hours

Monday—Friday from 9:00 AM—4:00 PM
For weekend hours, please call 419-332-6522

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center provides the perfect setting among 68 acres of beautiful pine trees, walking paths and a peaceful atmosphere for your retreat and conference needs. The Pines provides state of the art conference rooms, a variety of meditation/reflection spaces, a large and small dining room and several meditative tools.

Call us today at 419-332-6522 and let us help you plan for your retreat.

Hosted Retreats

Are you looking for space to host your group on retreat?
Or perhaps you're looking to get away for some personal time with God?

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center is happy to host you!

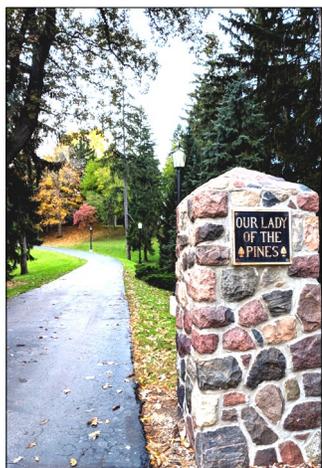
To schedule, or for pricing, please contact Marissa Mills, Operations Manager,
at (419) 332-6522 ext: 101 or by email MarissaMills@pinesretreat.org

Sponsored Retreats

Are you interested in attending a sponsored retreat held by OLPRC?

Go to www.pinesretreat.org/programs to register or...

Contact Sister Wanda Smith, RSM, Sponsored Retreat Coordinator
at (419) 332-6522 ext: 104 or by email WandaSmithRSM@pinesretreat.org



Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, offers a space for all seeking a deeper relationship with God, self, others and all creation. The spirit of hospitality, a Mercy charism, pervades the place, welcoming all who come.

Have you thought about a donation to Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center?

Unique ways to donate...

Amazon Smile

Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and select Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center as your recipient charity and we receive 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

PayPal.Me

Go to [www.PayPal.Me](https://www.paypal.me) and you can donate directly at any time!
Great for donations in honor of birthdays, jubilees and anniversaries.

Kroger Community Rewards

Link your Plus Card to Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center and then all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card!

Donate Online

Visit <https://www.pinesretreat.org/charitable-gifts> and give a gift of cash to support our mission; offering space for all seeking a deeper relationship with God, self, others, and all creation

Previously at the Pines...

Advent Overnight Retreat
Catholic Student Association Women's Retreat - Corpus Christi
Centering Prayer
Chapel Men's
Cursillo Secretariat
Deacon Formation (Year Three)
Healing Journey Support Group
Liberty Center Dinner
Loose Thread Quilters
Men's ACTS (Sandusky & Huron)
Men's ACTS (St. Aloysius-BG)
Mercy Volunteer Corps Winter Retreat
Ordained Deacon Retreat
Sacred Heart Men's ACTS Retreat
SCCVB Tour
Secular Franciscans
St. Joseph Parish Fremont -
Men's & Women's CRHP
St. Philomena Deanery Meeting
Taize Prayer Service
Tree of Hope
Women's ACTS (St. Aloysius-BG)
Women's Winter Retreat

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Thank you to all the amazing souls who came out during our Open House and thank you for allowing us to share more about the wonderful ministry of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas with you.

An additional thank you to Fremont First for sharing a video of our wonderful Retreat Center with the community on Facebook. We also offer our congratulations to Midge Ludwig who won the \$100 gift certificate!

We are forever grateful to you all!



Sponsored Retreat Information

Lent by Candlelight

Begins Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 6:00pm

Concludes Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 7:30pm

We don't always associate joy with Lent but that might be exactly what we need to do. St. Benedict in his writing insist that our prayer, fasting, alms giving and acts of mercy should be made "with the joy of the Holy Spirit." Lenten joy frees us from the traps that our workaholicism and self centeredness set for us. So comb your hair and wash your face, as Scripture tells us to do, and come share an evening of Lent by Candlelight with us.

We are in need of people to host a table of 6-8 individuals of your choosing. Hosting entails inviting you table guests and providing a simple soup and bread supper for them. While you also bring the tableware (bowls, plates, spoons), we will provide the table decorations and evening reflection. Pitchers of water will also be available.

Cost: Free-Will Offering

To host a table, email heidiosborne@pinesretreat.org or call 419-332-6522 x102

Praying in Color, a Creative Prayer Retreat

Available March 31, 2020 | 9:00 A.M.—12:30 P.M.

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Available April 1, 2020 | 6:30 P.M.—9:00 P.M.

Registration Deadline: Sunday, March 22, 2020 or after 24 registrations

Are you looking for a fun and creative way to spice up your prayer life? Well we're happy to announce that Sr. Wanda and Marissa will be teaming up to bring you an all new retreat titled Praying in Color that will help you do just that!

Join Sr. Wanda as she leads you through the process of praying creatively, and put the technique to use as Marissa leads you through how to create your very own silk scarf using the colors that speak to your soul.

Cost: March 31—\$65.00

April 1—\$55.00

Both Sessions—\$110.00

To register visit: www.pinesretreat.org/praying-in-color

Springtime of the Soul, a SoulCollage® Weekend

Begins Friday, April 17, 2020 at 7:00pm

Concludes Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 1:00pm

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, April 6, 2020 or after 18 registrations

Join us for a weekend that invites you to tap into your inner wisdom and spirit by creating, exploring and playing with thousands of amazing images using your own imagination and intuition. During this springtime retreat we will explore praying in new ways using this delightful and fun process.

Cost: \$240.08 for a Standard Room

\$250.38 for a Select Room (room with a bath attached)

\$160.00 to Commute

To register visit: www.pinesretreat.org/SoulCollage-Spring

Spa Retreat

Begins Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 11:00 AM

Concludes Saturday, May 17, 2020 at 11:00 AM

Registration Deadline: May 6, 2020

Do you find yourself in need of a little 'me time'? Or perhaps your body and soul are getting a little weary and in need of a recharge? We' have just the thing for you! Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center is offering a Spa Retreat where you can experience the wonders of a little pampering and spiritual rejuvenation.

This retreat will be led by Heidi Osborne, a wife, mother to four kids, and full-time executive who knows that all women need to be pampered on occasion, prayed for daily, and given the opportunity to rest and restore one's spirit regularly. She is joined by Marissa Mills, a licensed Advanced Esthetician and Operations Manager of the Retreat Center. Marissa believes in being present with each and every one of her clients so she can offer the ultimate facial experience that focuses on stress relief, relaxation, and glowing skin. *Additional techs. to be announced at a later date.

Cost: To be announced at a later date

To register visit: www.pinesretreat.org/spa-retreat

Centering Prayer is also held at the Pines Retreat Center on the first Tuesday of the month from 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that allows us to rest in God's presence and consent to God's action within.

Open to the public. Questions? Please contact Fran Benlein at fbenlein@woh.rr.com or 567-201-2286. Free will offering

Silent, Directed SoulCollage Retreat Week

Begins Friday, June 5, 2020 at 7:00pm

Concludes Friday, June 12, 2020 at 11:00am

Registration Deadline: May 25, 2020

Come into God's presence and enter the silence of your own heart as you pray in a unique way by creating SoulCollage® cards with images that speak to your soul. Use this visual prayer as a way to listen and reflect on how God is present and active in your life. Lisa Heckaman, a certified SoulCollage® facilitator will guide you in the creation of your cards. Meeting daily with a personal spiritual director will help you listen well and be attentive to your own relationship with God and how it is revealed through your cards.

Cost: \$622.21 for a Standard Room

\$651.05 for a Select Room (room with a bath attached)

\$375.00 to Commute

To register visit: www.pinesretreat.org/SoulCollage-Summer-Directed

Silent, Directed Retreat Week

Begins Friday, July 10, 2020 at 7:00pm

Concludes Friday, July 17, 2020 at 11:00am

Registration Deadline: June 29, 2020

Come into God's presence and enter the silence of your own heart as you pray, listen and reflect on how God is in your life. The personally directed retreat is designed to meet the spiritual and personal needs of each individual retreatant. Meeting daily with a spiritual director will help you listen well and be attentive to your own relationship with God.

Cost: \$572.21 for a Standard Room

\$601.05 for a Select Room (room with a bath attached)

\$375.00 to Commute

To register visit: www.pinesretreat.org/Silent-Summer-Directed

The Soul in Autumn, a SoulCollage® Weekend Retreat

Begins Friday, October 9, 2020 at 7:00pm

Concludes Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 1:00pm

Registration Deadline: September 28, 2020 or after 18 registrations

Join us for this Fall weekend that invites you to tap into your inner wisdom and spirit by creating, exploring and playing with thousands of amazing images using your own imagination and intuition. In this season of letting go we will explore praying in new ways using this delightful and fun process.

Cost: \$240.08 for a Standard Room

\$250.38 for a Select Room (room with a bath attached)

\$160.00 to Commute

To register visit: www.pinesretreat.org/SoulCollage-Fall

Save the Date | Friday, October 30 | Annual Fall Fundraiser

In the Fullness of Time, an Advent Overnight Retreat

Begins Friday, December 11, 2020

Concludes Saturday, December 12, 2020

Times to be announced

Registration Deadline: December 1, 2020

In the busyness of the season take time to reflect on the wonder of the Incarnation, God with Us.

Cost: \$60.52 for a Standard Room

\$63.87 for a Select Room (room with a bath attached)

\$35.00 to Commute

Registration Coming Soon



Dr. Jane Steinhauser, a beloved SoulCollage® Retreat Leader, died February 14, 2020.

She touched many lives here at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center through her kindness, honesty, and unwavering support of retreat ministry. She will be dearly missed by our staff, past retreatants, and all who knew her.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

The Lunch & Learn Series Returns

Presented by Sr. Pat Schnapp, RSM

Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12:00 P.M.—2:00 P.M.

Is Jesus Your BFF?

What does it mean to “follow Christ”? Am I committed to Him?
How do I know I love Him? How does He influence my life?

Cost: \$20 per person, includes lunch

**Registration closes Sunday, April 12, 2020*

Thursday, June 18, 2020 12:00 P.M.—2:00 P.M.

Guilty as Charged

How do you deal with feelings of guilt? We tend to associate them with actions we fell bad about, even ashamed of. But how about thinking of “good guilt”? Or even “holy guilt”?

Cost: \$20 per person, includes lunch

**Registration closes Monday, June 8, 2020*

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 12:00 P.M.—2:00 P.M.

Wise Guys & Wise People

Does wisdom come, as many cartoons show, from a bearded guru sitting cross-legged on a mountain top? If not, then where? Let’s kick this around together!

Cost: \$20 per person, includes lunch

**Registration closes Sunday, September 6, 2020*

Thursday, November 5, 2020 12:00 P.M.—2:00 P.M.

Joy & Happiness

Is there a difference between joy and happiness? If so, what is it? Some may claim joy is more “spiritual”. But what does it mean to us earthlings/?

Cost: \$20 per person, includes lunch

**Registration closes Monday, October 26, 2020*

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Check out these other great opportunities available at OLPRC!



Are you looking for a way to deepen your prayer life, engage in discernment of your call from God and to integrate more fully your spiritual life with your personal life?

We offer spiritual direction with trained directors who are good listeners and wonderful guides to help you explore and grow more deeply into your own spiritual life.

For more information or to schedule an appointment contact Sr. Wanda Smith, RSM at (419) 332-6522 ext: 104 or email her at WandaSmithRSM@pinesretreat.org



We also have a partnership with licensed Massage Therapist, Lori Price in order to offer a powerful tool to aid our retreatants in finding balance and relaxation.

Cost: 60 Minutes-\$61.00 30 Minutes-\$42.00

All appointments must be made in advance in order to coordinate scheduling. Spaces are limited.

To book an appointment go to www.pinesretreat.org/massage-therapy

Are you looking for the perfect place to come away to God? Our hermitages may be just what you're looking for!

OLPRC currently offers two cabins centered in our Evergreen forest, available to individual retreatants age 18+.

Each cabin includes heating, A/C, a full bath, kitchenette (with pots, pans, utensils, coffee pot, hot plate, mini refrigerator, microwave, toaster and sink), a table, a twin bed, and a porch for taking in the wildlife and enjoying the fresh air.

While in the cabins you are welcome to spend time in the main Retreat Center during business hours. Available for your use is the art room, library, chapel, spiritual reflection rooms, the balcony, the exercise room, and the guest laundry area.

Price:

2020 - \$82.40 per night (includes SC Bed Tax)

To reserve a hermitage today, go to:

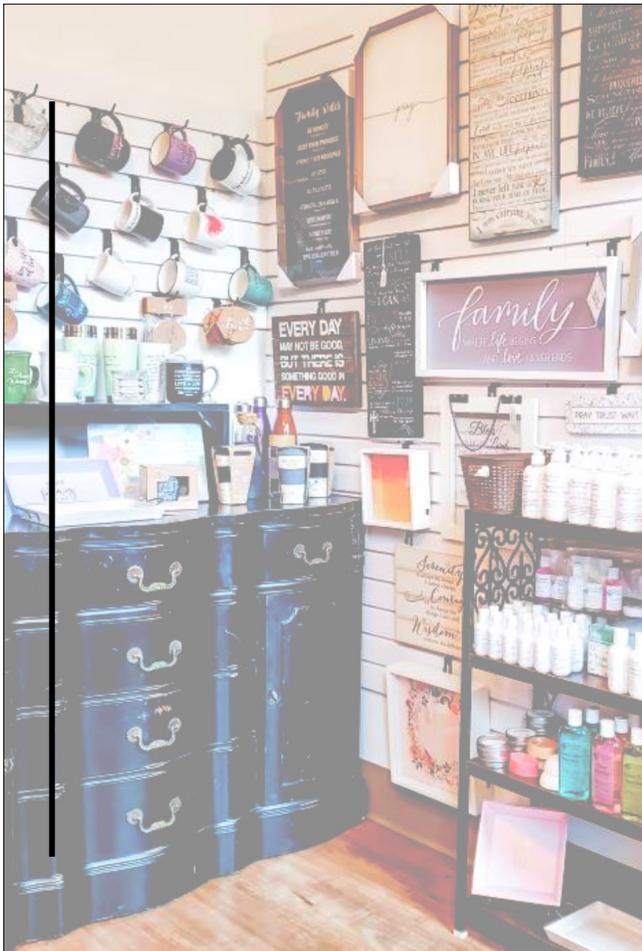
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