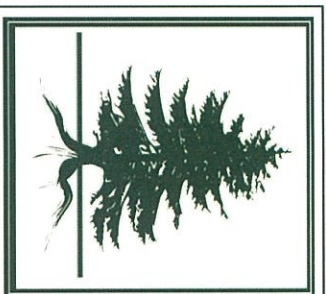




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Dear Friends,

The Pines, this winter, has been absolutely beautiful with the blanket of snow frozen in place! However, as we work our way through March, you are probably doing the same as I am, counting the days until it is spring! The thought of longer day light hours, new growth, green grass, and budding flowers is so hope-filled and so promising! Sunshine, blue skies, and warmer weather are teasers at the moment, but what an encouraging picture they provide for us.

In addition to the weather, I am excited to tell you that I am very optimistic for another reason. This March newsletter is our final issue to be sent through the US mail. In order to cut costs but keep you informed about our guests and our programming, we will be emailing the newsletter to individual email addresses OR you can find the newsletter in its entirety on our newly designed website at www.pinesretreat.org. In order to be sure you receive your copy, we need to have accurate and complete information. Please assist us with this update by taking a few minutes to complete the information needed (see below). Thank you so much for helping us to keep you informed.



"If there were no change, there'd be no butterflies." Isn't that a perfect quote? The unknown author said it quite succinctly. I, for one, am awaiting the fluttering of the butterflies.



Sister Mariella Bradley, RSM Executive Director

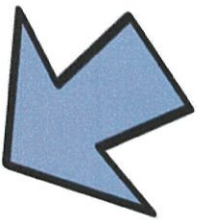
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Thank you, Everyone!



This Spring 2015 issue of Our Lady of the Pines' Newsletter will be the last one mailed to your home. The newsletter will be on our web page and e-mailed. Please contact us with your personal information; you don't want to miss your own e-mail edition.

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Around The Center. . . .

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 to make an appointment with a

Spiritual Director. 419-332-6522

Catherine would be so thrilled with people helping people grow in and develop a relationship with our loving God.

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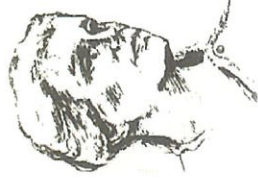


Father Mike, Father Eric, Marian Miller, and volunteers from St. Ann and St. Joseph Parishes made the Liberty Center dinner and Christmas celebration on December 11, 2014 a memorable event.



Catherine's Corner...

"Catherine's Corner" offers a space to reflect on quotes from Venerable Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas who sponsor Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center. Catherine offers both practical and profound words that teach us how to be prayerful people who respond to the Gospel and action in the everyday events of our lives. Catherine McAuley's practice of hospitality, offering a



"cup of tea", reflects the spirit of welcome that we offer at Our Lady of the Pines.

The Tree of Hope Prayer Service was followed by a social gathering of hot chocolate and cookies for all in attendance.



Anne Kemion of "Cards by Anne" will return for a day presentation on Saturday, May 16, 2015

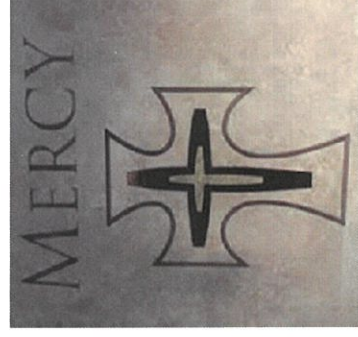
We may address God as we would a dear friend to whom we owed a great deal.

Catherine McAuley

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I was very welcomed, the hospitality was superb. Grounds were great!
 Steve H. 1-15



My God, I am yours for time and eternity. Teach me to cast myself entirely into the arms of your loving Providence with a lively, unlimited confidence in your compassionate, tender pity. Grant, O most merciful Redeemer, that whatever you ordain or permit may be acceptable to me. Take from my heart all painful anxiety; let nothing sadden me but sin, nothing delight me but the hope of coming to the possession of You my God and my all, in your everlasting kingdom. Amen.



Each day is a step we make towards eternity and we shall continue thus to step from day to day until we take the last step, which will bring us into the presence of God. Catherine McAuley

Prayer is a plant, the seed of which is sown in the heart of every Christian, but its growth entirely depends on the care we take to nourish it. If neglected, it will die.

Catherine McAuley



I had a great time. Your staff was friendly and wonderful. What a sacred place.
 Vickie K. 1-15

Our Lady of the Pines Gift Shop will continue to have Massage Therapist, Hermitage and Gift Shop gift cards for sale.

Open 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Monday-Friday
 Call 419-332-6522. for additional information on any of these items



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Please consider:

..... Remembering Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in your will.

..... Cash donations, pledges, stocks, or bequests in support of The Pines Ministry to those seeking a deeper relationship with God.

..... A charitable planned gift during your lifetime or as an estate gift.

We thank our donors for their heartfelt generosity.

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Mercy Alive...



There are things the poor prize more highly than gold though they cost the donor nothing: the kind word, the gentle, compassionate look, and the patient hearing of sorrows. Catherine McAuley



Facility is wonderful, beautiful setting and very comfortable. Great food. Loved the peacefulness and seclusion.

Marion 1-2015



I love having time to explore and pray as I am called. The whole environment speaks of quieting down and listening to God. Quilter 1-15

Recognizing and fostering the dignity of every person... Catherine Mc-Auley First Sister of Mercy



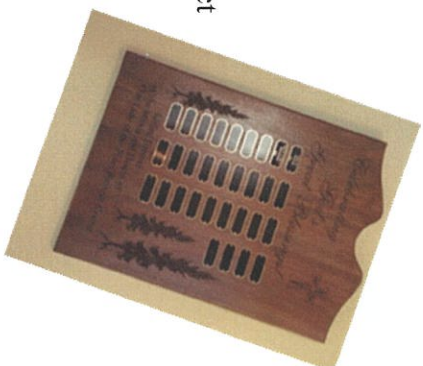
My God, I am yours for time and eternity. Lord I am yours forever.



Your whole life should be a continual act of praise and prayer. Catherine McAuley



If a prudent, cautious beginning is made, there is every prospect of success. Catherine McAuley



We should implete the assistance of the Blessed Virgin in all our duties. Catherine McAuley



Your Ministry of Hospitality is a wonderful blessing. Thank You! Deacons Retreat 2015



Mothers' Day Chicken Barbecue Dinner



Sunday, May 10, 2015 Noon to 4:00pm

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center 1250 Tiffin Street Fremont, OH 43420

PLEASE COME!

Menu

- BBQ Grilled 1/2 Chicken
- Roasted Red Potatoes
- Buttered Corn
- Applesauce
- Roll and Butter
- Homemade Cookie
- Lemonade/ Coffee

Eat In

Adult Tickets: \$10.00

Children: \$5.00

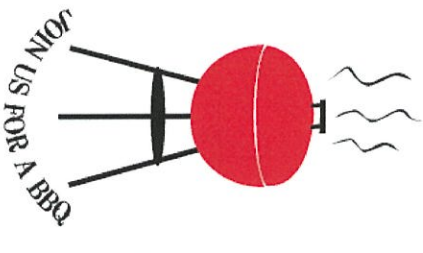
Take Out

\$12.00



Mission Statement

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, 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.



PROGRAMS FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE AND SUMMER



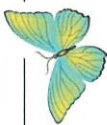
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REGISTRATION REQUESTED FOR MOST

PROGRAMS

Centering Prayer with Fran Benlein
Tuesday, April 7, 2015 7:00pm

EVENING PRAYER:

PRAYING WITH THE PSALMS Sr. Breta Gorman, RSM
 Wednesday, April 27, 2015 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Refresh Your Spirit Day

The Labyrinth: Meditation in Motion
 with Sister Karen Zielinski, OSF/S

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 \$25.00 (includes morning snack and lunch)

Centering Prayer with Fran Benlein

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 7:00pm

Reflection with a Cup of Tea

'Tis the Mary Month of May

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Facilitator: Fran Benlein Cost: \$7.00

SPRING DAY RETREAT:

EMBRACING OUR IMPERFECTIONS, ENHANCING OUR CREATIVITY

Saturday, May 16, 2015 9:30 – 3:30 PM

Presenter: Anne Kertz Kernion of "Cards by Anne"
 Cost \$35 (includes retreat, snack, and lunch)

Evening Prayer: Gift of Time by Sr. Marianne Longo, RSM

Monday, May 18, 2015 7:00pm

JUST FOR MEN

Barbecue Spirituality: SINNERS AND SAINTS

Thursday, May 21, 2015; 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Presenter: Father Ed Schleter

Cost: \$15 (Registration is required. Includes dinner)

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SUMMER PRIVATE RETREAT

DAYS

From June 8-13, 2015

During these days, you are welcome to stay overnight at the Pines for prayer and personal time with God. Our 63 acres of gorgeous pine trees are conducive to reflection and spiritual growth. Meals will be provided.

(If rooms are available, private retreats can also be scheduled during our week long retreats and weekend retreats.)

Directed Retreat

Monday, July 6 to Sunday, July 12, 2015

Begins 5:30pm with Supper on Monday and ends Sunday at 10:00am

With the assistance of a spiritual director, the Retreatants are aided in noticing God's presence in their life. Scripture, nature, and other prayer resources allow Retreatants to listen for God's activity in every day events. An environment of silence is an important part of this retreat.

Cost: \$460 (Non-refundable Deposit: \$25)

Directed Retreat Directors:

Sr. Patricia Meyer, OSF

Sr. Breta Gorman, RSM

Sr. Peggy Duffy, OSU

Sr. Stephanie Helfrich, OSU

Sr. Marianne Longo, RSM



WHAT ON EARTH IS DISCIPLESHIP?

Father Anthony Gittens, CSSP

July 27-August 1, 2015

Fr. Anthony Gittens has taught Theology and Cultural Anthropology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago since 1984.

In this retreat, we will explore Jesus' understanding of, and invitation to Discipleship, which includes any and all of the baptized living today. Then we will go into the New Testament looking for examples of discipleship from 'ordinary' women and men, and by no means only the Twelve. The critical issue for us will then be to determine how the New Testament examples apply to our own lives today.

Retreat begins with Dinner at 5:30 Monday; ends at 10:30 AM on Saturday.

Cost: \$495.00 (Commuter \$265.00 includes meals)

Overnight Retreat on Thomas Merton and Your Journey from Self to God and Everything Along the Way

Friday/Saturday, September 25 & 26, 2015 begins with Supper (5:30) and ends Saturday at 3:00pm Do you want to be fully awake, fully active, and fully aware? Let Merton help ignite your awe, gratitude and joy for the extreme privilege of being human. Let him help you fulfill your desires through contemplation. Learn how this modern day monk can help you become all you want to be and can be. See how you already are shining like the sun.

Leader: Marilyn Kaiser's mission is to bring people closer to God, to help them access their own wisdom, the wisdom of the Holy One.

Cost: \$90.00 (includes overnight and meals)



Lent by Candlelight

Changed from Feb. 22 to March 22.

You still have time to register!