

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

Dear Friends of Manresa,



Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

In early March, Fr. Karl Kaiser, provincial of the Midwest Province of the Jesuits, visited Manresa for a day. As part of his ministry of leadership, he spoke individually with each of our resident Jesuits, as well as with Board President Mike Timm and me.

To help in preparation for our visit, his administrative assistant sent me questions to reflect upon, and one stood out to me: "What did you do this year or whom did you meet that convinced you of the importance of the Mission?" (See Manresa's Mission Statement in the masthead above.) I reflected prayerfully upon this question as part of my preparation for the visit.

My response to the question is that everything we do (our Jesuits and all our staff and volunteer colleagues) convinces me of the importance of our Mission. People who come are generally looking for a deeper relationship with God, including Catholics and people of various faith traditions or of no faith tradition at this time. Especially when I meet with persons who are at Manresa for the first time, I understand anew how important our Mission is, and I see how the kindness and hospitality of each staff person or volunteer who comes in contact with our guests is very important in reflecting God's love.

I understand how blessed and privileged we are to participate in this ministry and thank God for all who come to Manresa. I notice we always learn from our guests as well as they from us.

Gratefully,

Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

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Executive Director

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, March 29, Easter Monday, April 1, and Memorial Day, Monday, May 27. 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 JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

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Meet our Newest Staff Members

We welcomed three new people to Manresa's staff in February and March to fill one open position and two newly created positions. We are grateful for the many gifts and skills they offer us and the work they will do to help us fulfill our Mission.

Madeline Bialecki

Madeline Bialecki joins the staff on a part-time basis as grant writer, tasked with writing applications for funding from public and private foundations. A graduate of Villanova University, Pennsylvania, Madeline has worked in nonprofit management for 35 years. She moved from Pennsylvania to Michigan



Madeline Bialecki

11 years ago and completed the Internship in Ignatian Spirituality at Manresa. An avid reader and knitter, she contributes articles for *Manresa Matters* and blogs regularly at madelinebialecki.wordpress.com.

Emilie Kwasniewski

Emilie Kwasniewski accepted a new position as social media assistant, working remotely on a part-time basis. She works with our publications coordinator to manage our Facebook and Instagram accounts. A full-time registered nurse with University of Michigan's Emergency Department, she is happy for this side hustle that fosters her



Emilie Kwasniewski

creative side and employs her social media skills.

Leonard Waske

Leonard (Lenny) Waske joins the staff as full-time Maintenance Associate, working alongside Facilities Manager Pete Luyckx. He brings a wealth of building maintenance experience with him, having worked most recently at a senior living center. He is also a retired police officer with Wayne County Sheriff's Department, Detroit, where he served as a court officer, jail guard and prisoner transporter. An active member of St. Marin de Porres in Warren, Lenny and his wife, Teresa, have two grown children, a daughter and son.



Leonard Waske

Join us as we celebrate the Mission and Ministry of Manresa Jesuit Retreat House.

Spirit of Manresa BANQUET

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

Cocktails 5:00 PM | Program 6:00 PM

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(NE Corner of I-696 and Evergreen)



With Keynote Speaker

Fr. Tim McCabe, SJ

President & CEO
Pope Francis Center, Detroit, MI

Finding God Among the Homeless

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Purchase raffle and banquet tickets at manresa-sj.org/2024banquet-tickets or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0

Domingo de oración contemplativa guiada

Domingo de 1:30 a 5:00 PM

21 de abril – *Meditación Cristiana, un camino interior*

19 de mayo – *Contemplación de primavera*

En la tradición Ignaciana, orar con la imaginación se llama contemplación. En los Ejercicios Espirituales de Ignacio de Loyola, **la contemplación es una forma activa de oración que involucra la mente y el corazón y suscita pensamientos y emociones.** Te invitamos los domingos por la tarde a **experimentar la oración contemplativa guiada en español.** En cada sesión tendrás un tiempo de reflexión en silencio y un espacio para compartir. Cada sesión será guiada por un acompañante espiritual con experiencia en la tradición espiritual Ignaciana.

Para registrarse, envíe un correo electrónico a ignacianosdemanresa@gmail.com o al teléfono 248.385.3537.



Mother's Day Weekend Retreat for Women

Windows into the Heart of Mary

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

This Mother's Day weekend would be a good time to spend with Mary, the mother of us all, and she would like that, too. Take some time to listen to her story, and to ponder it in your heart as she used to do. Come to know, appreciate and love her even more. Realize how much she was like you, and you are like her. It's also a great time to get away from the stresses of daily life and to enter into the silence of Manresa and of your own heart. Besides presentations illustrated with art, there is ample time on your own to rest, relax, reflect, pray, walk or just be.

Retreat Director: Fr. Peter Fennesy, SJ

Non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$50 due at registration.
Register at manresa-sj.org/051024-w or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.



Day of Reflection

Facets of Grief

Sunday, April 14 | 2:00–7:00 PM including dinner
Topic: Grieving a Sudden or Violent Death

Each Day of Reflection on Grief has focused on a different type of loss. In April we'll focus on grieving the sudden or violent death of a loved one. As with previous sessions, there will be time for prayer, input from faith and psychological perspectives, quiet reflection time and sharing with other participants.

Group Leader: Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

Fee: \$50 due at registration.
Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable.

**Register at manresa-sj.org/041424-dor-grief
or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.**



Christian Meditation Retreat

A silent retreat for men & women

The Christian Meditation Retreat offers the experience of meditation, the opportunity to better understand our growth in the Christ-life and instruction on how meditation helps us be transformed in Christ.

Talks will draw upon the Scriptures and the specific form of the mantra prayer taught by Fr. John Main, OSB, founder of the World Community of Christian Meditation, Fr. Lawrence Freeman, OSB and Fr. Anthony de Mello, SJ. The practice, rather than the teachings, will be emphasized.

Please wear loose clothing, bring a pillow if you plan to sit on the floor and a yoga mat if you plan to join one of the Christian yoga sessions. Be prepared to spend time privately—sitting or walking the grounds or praying at the Labyrinth or Stations of the Cross—and in group meditation. *Retreat Directors: Fr. Leo Cachat, SJ, DiAnne Patterson Schultz and Mary Gresens*

Friday, May 3, 7:30 PM–
Sunday, May 5, 1:00 PM

Non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$50 due at registration. (Meals begin Saturday with breakfast.)

Register at
manresa-sj.org/050324-mw
or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.



Spiritual Freedom in the Second Half of Life

A Retreat for Men & Women

Friday, May 31, 6:30 PM–
Sunday, June 2, 12:30 PM

Our focus in the first half of life is building—relationships with God and others, family, career, our image as we and others see it and a faith life to sustain us.

Somewhere in the second half of life, we find many of our dreams aren't realized or those that are no longer satisfy in the way we thought they would. Sometimes circumstances change everything. The need for a different way of seeing ourselves, others and the world presents itself with all its uncertainty and possibilities.

Navigating this new landscape with all we have learned along the way and an awareness that we may need to let go of some things is the adventure of growing spiritual freedom.

This retreat will explore the opportunities and Ignatian practices that can bring spiritual freedom in the second half of life. *Retreat Leader: Rosemary Insley*

Non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$50 due at registration. Register at manresa-sj.org/053124-mw2 or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

A Day to Call Your Own



Step away from the cares of your world.

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; the rest is for you to decide how you want to spend your day. So many options: **reflect, pray, walk the property, read or just BE.** (No director is available or required.) Mark your calendar now to take some well-deserved time for yourself.



8:00 AM–3:30 PM

Tuesday, April 23

manresa-sj.org/042324-day

Wednesday, May 8

manresa-sj.org/050824-day

Fee: \$50, due at registration.

Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable. Pre-registration is required. (Space is limited.)

To register, go to the links above or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

Individually Directed Retreats



Session 1–May 13-22 | Session 2–June 10-19 | Session 3–July 15-24 | Session 4–August 7-16

In summer, Manresa reserves four blocks of time for individual retreats, with the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a Jesuit or trained lay person. The experience can help you slow down, become more aware of God's love and presence in your life, and help deepen a loving relationship with God. There's a special atmosphere in the house when people come together for a shared purpose, growing closer to the Lord and to one another in silent, prayerful communion.

"In-session" dates allow for eight-day retreats as well as retreats of shorter duration (four-day minimum within session dates/times). Arrival time begins at 5:00 PM on the opening date of the retreat session, dinner is at 6:00 PM and the retreat itself begins at 7:30 PM. The retreat ends at 10:00 AM on the closing date of the retreat session. Alternately, individuals may choose "out-of-session" dates for individually directed retreats between September and April each year.

In-session Retreat Cost: \$90/day with \$90 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit. Register at manresa-sj.org/retreats/individually-directed-retreats or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

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Manresa's
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- _____ 4x8 Bricks surrounding fountain @ \$300
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Plaques are custom designed. Sizes may be approximate. Bricks include up to three lines of copy with up to 16 characters/spaces per line. We will contact you about the specific engraving.



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Upcoming Conference Retreats



Retreats are not restricted to the groups named. All are welcome.

Retreats for Men

Friday-Sunday, Apr. 12-14

Patron: Blessed Francis Page, SJ **Groups:** Grand Rapids/Metamora; St. Ignatius of Loyola; Wyandotte **Director:** Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Apr. 26-28

Patron: Our Lady of the Way **Groups:** Detroit Police & Fire Fighters; Gaylord; Men of Manresa; Mt. Pleasant; St. Mary Magdalen **Director:** Fr. Steve Hurd, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 2-4 **(Men in Recovery)**

Patron: Fr. Jack Schuett, SJ
Director: Mr. Terry Sullivan

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 23-25

Patron: St. Stephen Pongrácz, SJ **Groups:** St. Bede; Leonard Stumm; The 12 Steppers
Director: Fr. Robert Flack, SJ

Retreats for Women

Friday-Sunday, May 10-12

(Mother's Day Weekend Retreat)
Patron: Mary, Mother of the Society of Jesus **Director:** Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ

Friday-Sunday, May 24-26

(Women in Recovery)
Patron: Fr. Fred Kammer, SJ
Director: Deacon Tony Maciorowski

Friday-Sunday, June 21-23

Patron: Sr. Mary Ward, IBVM
Director: Fr. Fran Daly, SJ and Sr. Kathie Budesky, IHM

Retreats for Men & Women

Friday-Sunday, Apr. 19-21

Patron: St. Peter Canisius, SJ
Groups: St. Frances Cabrini; St. Hugo
Director: Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ

Friday-Sunday, May 3-5

(Christian Meditation)

Patron: Fr. Roberto de Nobili, SJ **Directors:** Fr. Leo Cachat SJ, DiAnne Schultz and Mary Gresens

Friday-Sunday, May 31-June 2

(Urban Parishes Retreat)

Patron: St. Peter Claver, SJ **Directors:** Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ and Retreat Team

Friday-Sunday, June 7-9

(Retreat for Spanish-speaking Adults)

Patron: St. Alberto Hurtado, SJ **Directors:** Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ and Retreat Team
Note: Ends at 3:00 PM on Sunday

Friday-Sunday, July 26-28

(Married Couples Retreat)

Patron: St. Ignatius of Loyola **Directors:** Deacon John and Laura Manera **Note:** For traditionally married couples; \$100 deposit per couple required.

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 30-Sept. 1

(Christian Yoga Retreat)

Patron: Fr. John LaFarge, SJ **Directors:** Fr. Leo Cachat, SJ, Mary Gresens and DiAnne Schultz