



REFLECTIONS

Now More Than Ever

Fr. Jim Farrell, Director

“Be still and know that I am God”. This familiar phrase from Psalm 46:10 is God’s clue about how we are to pray. It is both a suggestion and an invitation. When Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House first opened in 1950 as the archdiocesan women’s retreat facility, women looked forward to the opportunity to come away by themselves to rest in God. Many women in those years were at home full time and the retreat house offered a time away from their routines and an invitation to a much needed silence that allowed one to go deep within to be renewed by God’s grace.

Now as Fatima celebrates 60 years of “practicing the art of spiritual renewal” so much has changed. Fatima now serves men and women, and retreats are available for people of all ages from young teens through adulthood. Our programming used to be very focused on one style of retreat offered most every weekend throughout the year. Now there are a variety of retreat offerings serving people in many different life situations. We offer special retreats for the engaged, the married, the divorced, the grieving, those in recovery, student leaders, high school seniors, people seeking silence and those enhancing their experience of Lent. We offer mornings for moms, days of silence, days and evenings of recollections and date nights.

But we realize, too, that much has changed in society and in our communities. People’s lives are busier than they were sixty years ago. And people have so many more choices for their leisure time. Some have a “getaway place” of their own;



still others enjoy following the Colts; and the list of festivals, art shows, and other activities is endless. Yet Fatima stands in our midst to herald the ever present wisdom of the scriptures. We all need time away from our routines, time to break from the busyness of our lives. We need a place to be... with God.

So many come each year to Fatima, and as they leave they profess how glad they are that they took time for themselves and for God. They come with a question in their hearts or a hunger for something more than what the world can provide from its long list of alternatives. They come yearning for something more. And they discover that if they can turn off the phone, close the laptop, and step away from their routines, they can rediscover the gift that silence brings, the grace that prayer awakens, the peace that God offers.

We may have to work harder at finding the time now. We will have to choose this experience over many other options. When we do, we will find that coming here is its own reward. Now more than ever Fatima Retreat House and all that we offer is needed in a world that suffers from overextension, invites multitasking as the answer to too much to do, and has accepted technology’s intrusion into the whole of our lives. Choose a moment for yourself. Come to Fatima. Come to be... with God.

Come away by yourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.

-Mark 6:31

HAPPENINGS AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Strategic Planning

Recently several of the staff and board members participated in a strategic planning process that was facilitated by Bob Bailey from the Service Corps of Retired Executives. Bob Miramonti and John Post from SCORE also assisted in the planning sessions. The process was very helpful in highlighting our strengths and in bringing about some consensus about actions we need to take to continue to broaden the ministry of Fatima and increase the support we enjoy from the larger community. Thanks to the SCORE representatives for the generous donation of their time and talent.

HVAC Replacement

Greg Schaub -former board member and owner of EM Co Inc. is working diligently with Eric Atkins of the Archdiocese and others working on a plan to replace all pipes for the heating and cooling system as well as the domestic water service. The total cost of the project is over \$400,000. \$250,000 towards the project is coming from money designated for Fatima from from the Archdiocesan Legacy for Our Misison Campaign. Their contribution will cover the cost of the pipes and a new boiler. Still left to do is a new chiller and controls for the system. Contributions are still being sought for this important project.

The new system will reduce energy costs and save us a great deal on what we have been paying for repairs each year.

Annual Fund

Thank you to the more than two hundred Fatima supporters who have responded positively to our request for a financial contribution to help us to close the gap between our income and expenses. Your generous response raised \$24,000 and donations are still coming in. Thank you!

New Staff

Marcia Johnson, one of the part time office assistants at Fatima has recently assumed an additional responsibility as registrar for all Fatima Programs. Marcia will be tracking all registrations. This is a major responsibility to keep the rest of the staff abreast of the numbers expected for various programs.

We also welcome three new part time office staff: Lisa Baute, Brenna Holland, and Rita Coe.

Weekday Mass at Fatima

Mass will once again be offered at Fatima on certain weekdays. Beginning in October we will offer Mass at 7:45 am on Wednesday and Thursday. Mass dates are subject to change. Please call or check our website for the most current Mass schedule.

The League of Volunteers

The League held a very successful evening in April wherein members were invited to renew their membership in the League. Four powerful and inspirational witness talks were given from the viewpoint of people who have experienced Fatima in different ways. Deacon Tom Ward who came here almost monthly as a deacon candidate, Ian Hackett who experienced the student leadership program, Nancy Lee who has been League President, board member, volunteer and retreatant, and Mary Jane Owens who is a long time retreatant and volunteer. The evening was a great affirmation of the 50 plus years of the League's service to Fatima and 66 renewed their membership in the League with 25 new members joining the League.

New Floors

Thanks to the generosity of the League a new tile floor was recently laid in the food service area of the dining room and in the men's and women's bathroom on the lower level. In addition, some of the other items we were able to purchase were outdoor maintenance equipment, dining room linens, and bed linens and towels. We are grateful for the continuing support of the League of Volunteers here at Fatima.

Credit Card Machine

The Fatima Bookstore& Gift Shop is now accepting credit cards for purchases. The addition of the service has really helped make the items in the bookstore more accessible to our retreatants.

Fatima's 60th Anniversary

In 1950, Fatima Retreat House opened its doors and now this fall we have the

joy of celebrating sixty years of retreat ministry through Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House. On October 23, 2010 at the northside K of C. Father Keith Hosey, long time director of John XXIII Retreat House and well known retreat master will be the keynote speaker for the the Gala. We hope you will be able to join us. Call for more information.

Missions helping Missions Bazaar & Family Picnic Day at Fatima

Once again this year a good time was had by many -people who stopped by Fatima on August 14th to support the many vendors who had a chosen charity they were supporting by the sale of their crafts and baked items. Several missions were represented from Uganda, Peru, El Salvador, and many other developing countries in addition to local charities such as IWIN Foundation and Our Lady of Lourdes Seniors in Action. Over \$220 in donations at the door was sent to The Lord's Pantry and Anna's House, two Indianapolis inner-city ministries started by Lucious Newsom.

Alongside of the bazaar was a wonderful meal prepared by our kitchen staff with the assistance of the Mattingly family from Good Shepherd Parish who roasted the hog over an open fire.

In Residence

Father Bill Munshower, chaplain of Cathedral High School who has also served at nearby parishes St. Thomas Aquinas and Holy Spirit lives here on the Fatima grounds. Father Bill is always happy to see his many friends who come and go from the Fatima events.

Summer Maintenance

Summertime always lends itself to some spring cleaning and sprucing up around the retreat house. Our maintenance and housekeeping staff members have been hard at work: detailing bedrooms, painting doors, mulching trails, cleaning out storage areas and more. Thanks to Karen, Mike, Greg, Sam and our maintenance volunteer, Walt Wheeler. Jan Townsend our very dedicated volunteer gardener and groundskeeper has kept our flower beds beautiful, even in the extreme heat this summer—not an easy task! We appreciate all of you



FATIMA VOLUNTEER LEAGUE

please see more updates on page 6

Our volunteer league has been busy over these last 6 months. They began working with a consultant on plans to revitalize the league with the goal of gaining new members in order to keep the league strong for the future.

The league continues to be a vital support to the retreat house not only through the sharing of time and talent but through raising funds for much needed updating and replacement of equipment. This past year the league has made possible the purchase of many items.

We are grateful for all the work that goes into raising funds so that we can make the experience here the best possible for our guests.

We invite anyone interested in learning more about the Fatima Retreat League to call or email volunteer coordinator Mary Lechtanski at the retreat house or league president Donna Ward at 823-2308.

Volunteer League Schedule

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| OCT 7 | • High Tea Fund Raiser |
| NOV 22 | • Evening of Reflection for all volunteers
Invitations with more info will be coming soon |
| DEC 5 | • Winter Card Party
Invitations will be sent soon.
We hope you can join us! |



PROGRAM GUIDE OCTOBER – DECEMBER, 2010

October 5, 2010

“Drinking from the Well: Renewing Our Desire for Eternal Life with the Women of John’s Gospel”

Morning for Moms Day of Reflection open to moms of all ages!

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House welcomes back Sr. Kathleen Yeadon, OSB and Reverend Callie Smith for this special day of reflection for moms. Sr. Kathleen and Rev. Callie will look at various spiritual practices for delving deep into God’s word including Lectio Divina, journaling with poetry, and use of quiet time. Rev. Callie will also present a dramatic interpretation of one of the women of John’s gospel. Don’t miss this unique and engaging presentation!

The day begins with continental breakfast and registration/check in from 8:30-9:00 am and will conclude at 1:00 pm.

\$30 per person includes continental breakfast, Mass, lunch and the program. Babysitting is provided at no additional charge, however space is limited! Please contact Cheryl McSweeney at cmsweeney@archindy.org or (317) 545-7681 ext. 15 to register your children.

October 11, 2010

“Recycling God’s Word: A Day of Reflection with Fr. Clem Davis”

Fatima Retreat House is pleased to welcome Fr. Clem Davis, pastor of St. Bartholomew in Columbus, for this reflection day.

How can I possibly use Scripture that is 2,000 years old? Fr. Clem will look at the bible and show us how we can make it new again. We will look at Scripture from both the Old and New Testaments to see how we can make it work for us in today’s world.

\$35 per person includes continental breakfast, lunch, Mass and the program. The day will begin with registration, check in and continental breakfast at 8:30 am followed by the program which will conclude no later than 2:30 pm.

October 15-17, 2010

“Being and Belonging: A Retreat for Separated & Divorced Catholics”

Being and Belonging retreats are designed to be a safe place to wrestle with feelings about divorce, questions about where you belong, and finding ways to heal and grow. The team consists of men and women who have experienced divorce, are active in divorce ministry, and will share their stories with you. The retreat also invites you to relax while you journey with others, exploring a common loss, deepening your understanding of the healing process and increasing your sense of belonging as you hear these and other stories. Come and meet others who will listen without judgement and walk with you on your journey!

Fr. Jim Farrell, Director of Fatima Retreat House and Pastor of St. Pius X Parish, is also part of the retreat team.

For questions regarding this weekend retreat, please call Marilyn Hess at the Archdiocesan Office of Family Ministries at (317) 236-1586.

Cost is \$150 per person and includes all meals, snacks, accommodations, the program and all materials. Mass will be offered.

October 18, 2010

“Come Away & Rest Awhile: Silent Reflection Day”

Join us for another opportunity for a silent non-guided reflection day. Relax in your own private room, read a book, walk the grounds, pray the labyrinth or the stations of the cross. The day is yours for reflection and time with God.

The cost is \$25 per person and includes continental breakfast from 8:00-9:00 am, lunch at 12:00 noon, and a room to use for the day. The day concludes at 4:00 pm.

October 25, 2010

“Friends of Fatima Monthly Mass & Social”

All are welcome to join us for this monthly Mass celebrated at 9:00 am in our chapel with breakfast to follow. There is no charge but goodwill offerings are graciously accepted. Join us and bring a friend or family member! No registration required!

November 8, 2010

“Annual Day of Reflection on the Psalms with Fr. William Munshower”

Fr. Munshower will be with us again for this very popular annual day of reflection.

\$35 per person includes continental breakfast, lunch, Mass and the program. The day will begin at 8:30 am with check in, registration and continental breakfast and will conclude by 2:30 pm.

November 18, 2010

“An Evening of Reflections with Clay”

“Rise up, be off to the potter’s house; there I will give you my message.” (Jeremiah 18)

Sr. Karen Vandewalle will use this passage as a foundation for this fun hands-on program. Join us as we use clay to look at the ways God has spoken to us during the course of our daily lives. Together we will enjoy the exploration of using clay as a way of prayer and to incite God’s presence.

Sr. Karen is a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph and has received a Master of Fine Arts from Indiana State University. She participated in the Shalem Institute Spiritual Formation program and has taught in parochial schools in the Lafayette diocese and also at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College. Currently, Sr. Karen is a Spiritual Director and studio potter.

Cost is \$30 per person. Registration and check in begin at 6:00 pm. A light dinner is served at 6:30 pm, the program begins by 7:15 pm and will conclude by 9:30 pm.

November 19, 2010

“Come Away & Rest Awhile: Silent Reflection Day”

Join us for another opportunity for a silent non-guided reflection day. Relax in your own private room, read a book, walk the grounds, pray the labyrinth or the Stations of the Cross. The day is yours for reflection and time with God.

The cost is \$25 per person and includes continental breakfast from 8:00-9:00 am, lunch at 12:00 noon, and a room to use for the day. The day concludes at 4:00 pm.



November 29, 2010 "Friends of Fatima Monthly Mass & Social"

All are welcome to join us for this monthly Mass celebrated at 9:00 am in our chapel with breakfast to follow. This is the last Friends of Fatima Mass for 2010! There is no charge but goodwill offerings are graciously accepted. No registration required!

November 30, 2010 Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House & the Benedict Inn (FBI: Faith Building Institutions) join together to present...

**"Exploring the Joyous Mysteries in our Lives:
An Advent Evening of Reflection with
Rev. Msgr. Paul Koetter"**

**This evening of reflection will be presented at
the Benedict Inn Tuesday, November 30, 2010.**

Join the sisters for evening prayer (optional) at 5:15 pm followed by dinner (6:00 pm) and the presentation by Fr. Paul Koetter. The evening will conclude at approximately 9:00 pm. Fr. Paul will explore the five joyous mysteries of the rosary reflecting on what they say about Mary and about the relevance to our lives. He will discuss the role of Mary as mother of Jesus and how that experience ties into the role of parenting today.

Cost is \$30 per person or register together with a friend and save \$5 each. For more information or to register, please contact the Benedict Inn at (317) 788-7581 or email benedictinn@benedictinn.org.

December 3, 2010 "Come Away & Rest Awhile: Silent Reflection Day"

Join us for another opportunity for a silent non-guided reflection day. Relax in your own private room, read a book, walk the grounds, pray the labyrinth or the stations of the cross. The day is yours for reflection and time with God.

The cost is \$25 per person and includes continental breakfast from 8:00-9:00 am, lunch at 12:00 noon, and a room to use for the day. The day concludes at 4:00 pm.

December 3-5, 2010 "Grief: From Darkness to Light"

A weekend retreat with Mary Weber, Grief and Consolation Minister, and Fr. Jim Farrell, Director, and Pastor of St. Pius X Parish.

Grief often plunges us to the depths of darkness. Uncertain of the way through, we look for a path forward, hoping to find our way. Our loneliness is crushing and our emotions overwhelming. And where is God in all of this pain? This retreat will offer an opportunity to explore the grief that shadows your life presently. Here we shall offer consolation, a listening ear and the comforting light of Christ.

\$150 per person includes accommodations, all meals, materials and the program. Mass will be offered. The retreat begins Friday evening with registration and check in from 7:00-8:00 pm and will conclude Sunday by 1:00 pm.

December 14, 2010 "Pathway to Bethlehem"

Please make plans to join us for dinner and this special Advent evening of guided meditation with Fr. Jim Farrell, Director.

Registration/check in will begin at 5:30 pm with dinner served at 6:30 pm and the program to follow.

Cost is \$35 per person. Seating is limited! Register early.

December 31, 2010-January 1, 2011 "Annual New Year's Eve Retreat with Fr. Jim Farrell & Fr. John McCaslin"

\$135 per person/\$250 per married couple. More details soon! Please check our website.

Marriage Preparation, Marriage Enrichment and Assistance for Marriages in Crisis

Tobit 2011

Jan	14-16
Feb	18-20
May	13-15
Jun	3-5
Jul	29-31
Sep	16-18

Marriage Encounter

May	20-22
Nov	4-6

Pre-Cana 2011

Jan 30	Jun 5
Feb 27	Jul 10
Mar 20	Aug 14
Apr 3	Oct 2
May 1	Oct 30
May 15	

Retrouaille

Mar	4-6
Aug	5-7

For more information on any of these pre- or post-marriage programs, please visit us at:

www.archindy.org/fatima

You will be directed to the proper contacts for all programs and how to register through our 'calendar of events' or 'marriage preparation' links.

WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT OUR LADY OF FATIMA?

"Excellent food, staff and beautiful setting."

–Brothers of the Poor of St. Francis

"I always find an answer to God and serenity here."

–Women's Twelve Steps
To Recovery Weekend Retreat

"Perfect combination for hard work during the day and rejuvenation in the evening for the day's work."

"Beautiful place to collaborate and plan for the future."
–Indiana School Counselor's Association

"Great facility—updates each time we return. Looks great."

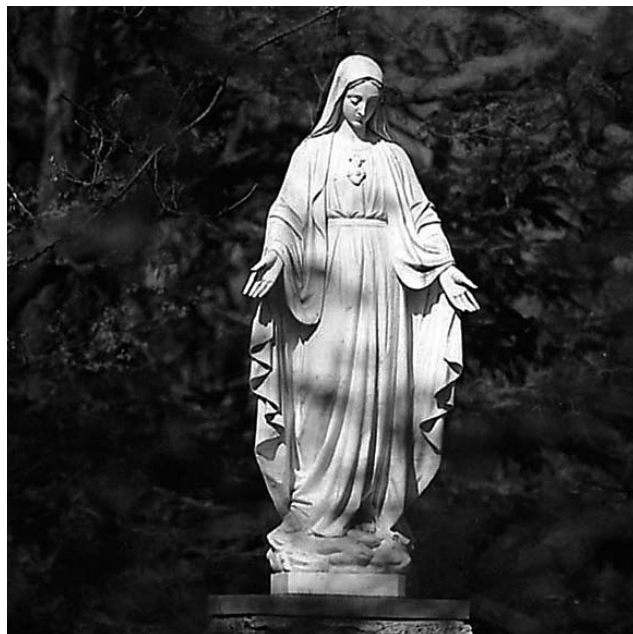
–Christ the Savior Lutheran Church women's retreat weekend

"Great place to pray, meditate, learn, rest and relax."

–Archdiocesan Pastoral Musicians Retreat

We enjoyed "...spending time alone together, reflecting, meeting other couples and making new friends."

–Tobit Marriage Preparation Weekend



Meditation and Prayer
Stillness and Peace
Silence and Presence

If you desire these, come to Fatima.
A Place to Be...with God!

–Cathy Dearing

WISH LIST FOR FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE

- Painting of the stairway to the lower level as well as the library and gathering space \$750
- Tile for the areas in front of the lift on all three floors \$600
- Two large vases for the chapel
- Two matching plant stands for the chapel statues of Mary and Joseph
- Two large pump pots for coffee service in our conference rooms \$170
- Liturgical banners for the chapel (approx. \$100 each)
- 2-way radios for the maintenance and housekeeping staff (\$100 for 2 sets)
- Desktop computer for our Registrar \$500



FALL/WINTER 2010

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Our Lady of Fatima Event Registration Form

Now Available: Online Registration! Please visit our website at www.archindy.org/fatima

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>AMOUNT ENCLOSED</u>
"Morning for Moms: Drinking from the Well"	Oct 5	\$30 per person	_____
"Recycling God's Word"	Oct 11	\$35 per person	_____
"Being and Belonging: A Weekend Retreat for Separated & Divorced Catholics"	Oct 15-17	\$150 per person	_____
"Silent Non-guided Day of Reflection"	Oct 18	\$25 per person	_____
"The Psalms"	Nov 8	\$35 per person	_____
"An Evening of Reflections with Clay"	Nov 18	\$30 per person	_____
"Silent Non-guided Day of Reflection"	Nov 19	\$25 per person	_____
"Silent Non-guided Day of Reflection"	Dec 3	\$25 per person	_____
"Grief: From Darkness to Light"	Dec 3-5	\$150 per person	_____
"Pathway to Bethlehem"	Dec 14	\$35 per person	_____
"New Year's Eve Retreat"	Dec 31-Jan1	\$135 per person \$250 per couple	_____

Our website is updated weekly! Check it regularly to see new events as they are added!

Fill out the registration form below and return with your payment by check or register online with a credit card at www.archindy.org/fatima

A deposit of \$50 is required for all programs over \$100. Full fee is requested for programs of \$100 or less.

Call 545-7681 with questions!

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E-mail: _____ Phone: _____ Total amount paid _____

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2011 WINTER & LENT PROGRAM PREVIEW

January 10
Silent Non-guided
Day of Reflection

January 26
Evening of Reflection
Fr. Mike McKinney

January 27
Day of Reflection
Fr. Mike McKinney

January 31
Friends of Fatima
Monthly Mass & Social

February 1
Morning for Moms
Mary Schaffner and
Fr. Peter Marshall

February 4
Silent Non-guided
Day of Reflection

February 4-6
A Post CRHP Lenten Retreat

February 7
Day of Reflection
Mary Schaffner and
Fr. Peter Marshall

February 26
Date Night
Fr. Todd Goodson

February 28
Friends of Fatima
Monthly Mass & Social

March 11-13
Lenten Weekend Retreat
Fr. Adrian Burke

March 14
Silent Non-guided
Day of Reflection

March 18-21
Lenten Weekend Retreat
Fr. Ted Haag

March 23
Day of Reflection
Fr. Christopher Weldon

March 24
A Lenten Evening of Reflection
Presented by the
'FBI: Fatima & Benedict Inn'

March 28
Friends of Fatima
Monthly Mass & Social

April 1-3
Lenten Weekend Retreat
Fr. Jim Farrell

April 12
Morning for Moms
Lori Borgman

April 18-21
Holy Week
Silent Non-guided
Days of Reflection