

The ACTS Retreat

The ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology, Service) retreat movement began in San Antonio, Texas, in 1997 and came to Saint Louis in the early 2000's. It is now thriving in nearly 20 parishes and starting in many others. In Saint Louis alone, there are 70 men's and women's retreats scheduled for 2011, with 20 of these for parishes just beginning ACTS. Immaculate Conception is having its first Men's Retreat, December 1-4, 2011 and will be having its second Women's Retreat, February 23-26, 2012. The second Men's Retreat is scheduled for June 28 - July 1, 2012.

... Every once in a while, we need to consider ...

Where is my path in life going?
What do I want for my life?
What is truly important to me?

... What are **you** looking for in your life? ...

-a closer **relationship** with **God**!
-more **meaning** for your **life**?
-closer relationships with your **family**?
-to make **new** and **closer** relationships with people in your **parish**?

... The **ACTS** weekend **inspires, encourages, challenges, and so much more.** It is put on *by* lay women, *for* lay women and with support from our parish priests. Through this weekend, you will get to know women in the parish who are searching for the same things you are. **Won't you join them on the journey?**

... Take a **leap of faith**, put yourself in the **hands of others**, enjoy some quality **time away** from your busy life and with Jesus, and **embrace the journey.**
You'll be glad you did!

To learn more about ACTS, please visit the National ACTS Mission and the Saint Louis Chapter web-sites:
www.actsmissions.org



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Women's ACTS Retreat

February 23-26, 2012

Sojourn Retreat Center, Dittmer, MO



Adoration Community Theology Service

Please return your registration form and deposit to:
Immaculate Conception Parish Office
117 E. Madison, Columbia, IL 62236



"The ACTS retreat gave me a new perspective: I walked away knowing that I wasn't alone in trying to deal with the problems of faith and everyday life. There's something very reassuring about finding out we don't have to make this journey alone."

*Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
teach me your paths.*

"My eyes and heart were treated to the openness, to the genuineness, to the generosity, to the happiness of my sister companions as we walk our faith journeys. Truly, a joyous weekend!"

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"ACTs is a unique way to experience and renew your faith. The sense of fellowship and community is truly remarkable. When you surrender to the experience, you end up giving yourself, your loved ones and those around you a real gift."

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"I was really anxious before I went on the ACTS retreat, but the experience was terrific. The women on the retreat and on the team are all genuinely and joyfully working to deepen their spiritual lives. It inspired me to try to live out my faith more fully."

Please Join Us

Immaculate Conception Women over the age of 18 are invited to the Winter 2012 ACTS retreat weekend. This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to build and deepen lasting friendships.

The retreat begins Thursday evening, February 23, with check-in at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. Transportation will be provided to and from the retreat center. The retreat concludes at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at Immaculate Conception. A lunch reception will follow. Approximately 7-10 days prior to the retreat, you will receive a letter describing what to bring with you (clothing, pillows, etc.) for the weekend. Come experience discovery, renewal and peace with the women of Immaculate Conception and other area parishes.

A **deposit of \$50** is requested to reserve your place with the remaining \$162 registration fee due at check-in (the full amount is **\$212**). We understand these are challenging times, so everyone will be **accommodated regardless of ability to pay**. To register, please return your application and deposit to the parish office or contact us if you need financial assistance.



YOUR 2012 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TEAM:

Lauren Powers Christine Matrisotto
 Maria Renner Marilyn Frasure
 Fran Kellett Mary Anne Moses-Farley
 Glenda Sexauer Patrice Thebeau

Generously Lead and assisted by Amazing Women from 14 additional St. Louis area Parishes.

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Make checks payable to Immaculate Conception, and please write "ACTS" in the memo section.

Name (as you want it to appear on your name tag)

Parish

Address

Email address

City, Zip

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

Emergency Contact Person

Relationship

Emergency Contact Person's Address

Emergency Contact Home Phone and Cell Phone

Any special physical, dietary, medical or other needs for the retreat weekend

Allergies, if any

If you need further information on the retreat weekend, please contact one of the following:

Patti Rose: Director, 314-602-1634

Maria Renner (IC): Co-Director, 314-750-3577

Lauren Powers (IC): Spiritual Companion, 618-281-8422

IC Parish Office: 618-281-5105

___ \$50 Deposit ___ \$212 pd in full \$ ___ pd (request aid)