

## 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 30 parishes and starting in many others. In Saint Louis alone, there are 100 men's and women's retreats scheduled for 2017, with 20 of these for parishes just beginning ACTS. The Immaculate Conception Women's ACTS retreats will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> – September 24th, 2017.

... 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 websites:

[www.actsmissions.org](http://www.actsmissions.org)

[www.stlouis-acts.org](http://www.stlouis-acts.org)

Or the ICC ACTS Webpage:

[www.icc-columbia-il.us/acts-retreats](http://www.icc-columbia-il.us/acts-retreats)



## Women's ACTS Retreat

September 21-24, 2017

King's House Retreat Center,  
Belleville, IL



Adoration Community Theology Service

Please return your registration form and deposit to:  
Immaculate Conception Parish Office  
411 Palmer Rd., 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.”

*Seek the Lord*

“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.”

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## Please Join Us

Immaculate Conception Women over the age of 18 are invited to the Fall 2017 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, September 21st, 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 \$200 registration fee due at check-in (the full amount is **\$250**). We understand these are challenging times, so everyone will be **accommodated regardless of ability to pay**. To register, please return your registration and deposit to the parish office or contact us if you need financial assistance.

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Name (as you want it to appear on your name tag)	
Parish/Church	
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 and Email	
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: <b>Christine Matrisotto (IC)</b> Director 618-541-9184 <b>Sharon Nealon (IC)</b> Co-Director. 314-954-7739	
Make checks payable to Immaculate Conception, and please write <b>“ACTS” in the memo section.</b>	
_____ \$50 Deposit    _____ \$250 pd in full    \$_____ pd (request aid)	