

Christ the King Retreat Center

"Come to the water..."

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Spring 2017

FR. AL SVOBODNY, O.M.I.

On February 27, Fr. Al entered Park View Care Center as a result of having suffered several falls here at King's House which affected his mobility. Knowing Fr. Al, it is no surprise that he has maintained a wonderful attitude throughout this transition. Park View is right next to the retreat center. When you are in Buffalo, please be sure to stop in and say hello to him and continue to keep him in your prayers. His new address is **200 Park Lane, Buffalo, MN 55313**. He can be reached at **(763) 951-7953**.

FR. LON KONOLD, O.M.I., CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

On Friday evening, June 10, 1977, at 7:30 p.m., I was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John Kinney in my home parish of St. Thomas the Apostle in South Minneapolis. How can it be 40 years ago already? During this time I have ministered in Norway, Denmark, and the United States in that order. There have been so many graces, blessings, and extraordinary opportunities that have come my way in these past 40 years. So many wonderful people have contributed to make this possible. I hope and pray that God has found me to be a good and

faithful servant in spite of my many faults and shortcomings.

My priestly calling is within the context of my other calling – vowed religious life as a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.). I have been an Oblate since August 15, 1971, when I took my first vows.

Because I began my ministry in Scandinavia, to serve in a totally secular culture is foundational to my priestly life. Secularity is not necessarily a negative thing; it provides a great opportunity for ongoing conversion which we are all called to. I can recognize

people's spiritual hunger, which is not always met by religion as they know it – a situation similar to St. Eugene's.

All of us are called to be ministers, each in our own way, by virtue of our baptism. "The gifts we have, we are given to share." Together we work to cooperate with Christ to actualize His Kingdom among us, especially for those who feel lost and/or abandoned.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone for your continued prayers and encouragement! Peace and blessings to you all!

Fr. Lon Konold, O.M.I.

Come celebrate with Fr. Lon

Sunday, June 4, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. Mass in the Chapel

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PRAYER SERVICE IN THE GARDEN COURT.

OUR NEW THEME: "TAKE COURAGE!" • BEGINS AUGUST 2017

Courage is a gift from God, helping us to gently say what we believe and to hold on to what we know is true. Courage is the ability to face our fears and move beyond them. The secret of courage is to remain in Jesus and allow him to remain in us.

So often we have prayed for the wisdom and courage to change the things we can. Do we have the courage to stand up for something greater than ourselves? St. Paul

reminds us, ***"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*** (Phil 4:13)

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2017 Silent Retreats

“Reawakening Hope” (Through July 2017)

“Take Courage!” (Begins August 2017)

Men & Women’s Retreats

August 25-27 *Premiere*

Men’s Retreats

September 22-24

October 27-29

December 1-3

Married Couples Retreats

October 13-15

Women’s Retreats

“Reawakening Hope”

May 19-21

June 5-8 (4-Day, \$200)*

July 11-13*

“Take Courage!”

September 8-10

September 12-14*

September 15-17

September 26-28*

October 10-12*

November 7-9*

*Denotes midweek retreat

Healing Retreat for Men and Women

HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER

Fr. Richard McAlear, O.M.I.

Fri., May 12 – Sun., May 14, 2017

As Pope Francis often reminds us, forgiveness and mercy are the keys to the Gospel. Healing, inner peace, community, and relationships are all contingent on the gift of forgiveness. The biblical foundations of forgiveness and mercy will be explored during this retreat.

Retreat Begins: Friday, May 12 at 8:00pm

Concludes: Sunday, May 14 at 12:45pm

Suggested Offering: \$175.00 per person

(A non-refundable deposit of \$30.00 per person is required.)

Marriage Encounter Retreats for 2017

July 14-16 • October 6-8

To make a reservation, call 612-756-8720

Engaged Encounter Retreats for 2017

June 24-25 • October 7-8

To make a reservation, call 651-426-9248

Mothers, Grandmothers, Daughters, Sisters, Friends Retreat

THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN HEALING A WOUNDED WORLD

Susan Stabile

Sat., May 13, 2017 • 9:00am - 3:00pm

Pope John Paul II observed that “in transforming culture so that it supports life, women occupy a place, in thought and action, which is unique and decisive,” and that “woman has a genius all her own which is vitally essential to both society and the Church.” What is this “genius of women” of which Pope John Paul II wrote, and how do we use that genius to heal our wounded world? These are some of the questions we will help each other explore during this day of retreat which will include input, prayer, reflection and small and large group sharing.

Suggested Offering: \$50.00 per person (includes lunch)

Sisters’ Intercommunity Retreats

REAWAKENING HOPE

King’s House Preaching Team

Fri., June 9 – Fri., June 16, 2017

Fri., June 16 – Fri., June 23, 2017

Retreat Begins: Friday, June 9 & Friday, June 16 at 3:00pm

Concludes: Friday, June 16 & Friday, June 23 at 10:00am

Retreat Fee: \$450.00 per person

(A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 per person is required.)

DIRECTED RETREAT

King’s House Preaching Team

Mon., June 26 – Mon., July 3, 2017

King’s House will again offer a 6-day directed retreat. Each day, besides the celebration of the Eucharist, the retreatant meets with a director to talk about his or her personal journey and experience of God. The rest of the time is spent in solitude and silence, relaxing, praying, reading and reflecting. In the extended time of quiet, one often moves into a deeper listening to God and awareness of God’s presence and action in life. The experience can clarify your dreams, purify your ambitions, expose your foolishness, and refresh your life.

Registration Begins: Monday, June 26 at 3:00pm

Concludes: Monday, July 3 at 10:00am

Retreat Fee: \$475.00 per person

(A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 per person is required.)

Healing Retreat for Men and Women

HEALING OUR RELATIONSHIPS

Fr. Matt Linn, SJ

Fri., July 21 – Sun., July 23, 2017

This retreat will focus on how to heal our relationship with God, with those who have hurt us, and at times with ourselves. Each session will end with a prayer process to heal a difficult relationship. The retreat will end with a process to heal future hurts daily and to receive all the life from each day.

Retreat Begins: Friday, July 21 at 8:00pm

Concludes: Sunday, July 23 at 12:45pm

Suggested Offering: \$175.00 per person

(A non-refundable deposit of \$30.00 per person is required.)

Men and Women’s Weekend Retreat

SIGNED AND SEALED WITH THE CROSS

Fr. Albert Haase, O.F.M.

Fri., Aug. 18 – Sun., Aug. 20, 2017

Fr. Albert Haase, O.F.M., will guide us as we explore the identity of our God proclaimed in the ancient gesture of being signed with the cross. We will also explore the challenges and responsibilities we accept when we seal our lives with the sign of salvation.

Retreat Begins: Friday, August 18 at 8:00pm

Concludes: Sunday, August 20 at 12:45pm

Suggested Offering: \$175.00 per person

(A non-refundable deposit of \$30.00 per person is required.)

WEEKEND REGISTRATIONS

BEGIN AT 4:00PM - 8:00PM

MIDWEEK REGISTRATIONS

BEGIN AT 1:00PM - 3:00PM

St. Eugene de Mazenod, pray for us!

*Men and Women's Weekend Retreat***THE PREMIERE OF
"TAKE COURAGE!"***King's House Preaching Team***Fri., Aug. 25 – Sun., Aug. 27, 2017**

We are called to be bold in living our faith, which invites us to face the challenges of life rather than run from them. Join us at King's House as we reflect on our call to *take courage* and *act* in the midst of the challenging realities of life.

Retreat Begins: Friday, August 25 at 8:00pm
 Concludes: Sunday, August 27 at 12:45pm
 Suggested Offering: \$160.00 per person
 (A *non-refundable* deposit of \$30.00 per person is required.)

*Serenity (12-step) Retreat***THE PEACE PRAYER OF ST.
FRANCIS: BECOMING DEEPER
CHANNELS OF GOD'S PEACE***Dick Rice & Rosemarie Whitehead***Fri., Sept. 29 – Sun., Oct. 1, 2017**

The subject of this year's Serenity Retreat will be The Peace Prayer of St. Francis, which was a favorite prayer of Bill W.'s and remains a favorite among 12-steppers. During this retreat, we will seek to improve our conscious contact with God through different ways of praying this prayer. Dick and Rosemarie will also address the Franciscan inspiration of the prayer along with the themes of forgiveness, hope, and joy.

Retreat Begins: Friday, September 29 at 8:00pm
 Concludes: Sunday, October 1 at 12:45pm
 Suggested Offering: \$175.00 per person
 (A *non-refundable* deposit of \$30.00 per person is required.)

*Hope Day Retreat***DEALING WITH LOSS***Fr. Lon Konold, O.M.I.**Sr. Brenda Rose Szegedy, O.S.F.***Thu., Oct. 5, 2017 • 9:00am - 3:00pm**

The day will include conferences, time for quiet reflection, optional sharing, celebration of the Eucharist, and the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Suggested Offering: \$40.00 per person (includes lunch)

*Married Couples Retreat***TAKE COURAGE!***King's House Preaching Team***Fri., Oct. 13 – Sun., Oct. 15, 2017**

Retreat Begins: Friday, October 13 at 8:00pm
 Concludes: Sunday, October 15 at 12:45pm
 Suggested Offering: \$320.00 per couple
 (A *non-refundable* deposit of \$60.00 per couple is required.)

DIRECTED RETREAT*King's House Preaching Team***Mon., Oct. 23 – Fri., Oct. 27, 2017**

Registration Begins: Monday, October 23 at 3:00pm
 Concludes: Friday, October 27 at 9:00am
 Retreat Fee: \$275.00 per person
 (A *non-refundable* deposit of \$50.00 per person is required.)

*Men and Women's Weekend Retreat***RESTING IN THE GOODNESS OF
GOD: THE GIFT OF THE SABBATH***Fr. Joseph Nassal, C.P.P.S.***Fri., Nov. 3 – Sun., Nov. 5, 2017**

Sabbath is a time of paying attention to our relationship with God through silence, prayer and worship, taking pleasure in the beauty of the earth, visiting with friends or family, feeding the soul, and listening and resting. Come and enjoy some time away from the "busyness" of life and explore some creative ways of praying and resting in the presence of God.

Retreat Begins: Friday, November 3 at 8:00pm
 Concludes: Sunday, November 5 at 12:45pm
 Suggested Offering: \$175.00 per person
 (A *non-refundable* deposit of \$30.00 per person is required.)

*Serra International (Serra Members Only)***PROMOTING VOCATIONS
BY LIVING OUR BAPTISM***Fr. James Kubicki, SJ***Fri., Nov. 17 – Sun., Nov. 19, 2017**

What happened when we were baptized? What does being joined to Christ – the Priest, Prophet, and King – mean? What practical implications does that have for our personal life and our parish life? How is our Baptismal identity and call nourished and sustained? These are the questions we will try to answer during this retreat.

Retreat Begins: Friday, November 17 at 8:00pm
 Concludes: Sunday, November 19 at 12:45pm
 Suggested Offering: \$175.00 per person
 (A *non-refundable* deposit of \$30.00 per person is required.)

*Advent Day of***CENTERING PRAYER
AND LECTIO DIVINA***Fr. James Deegan, O.M.I.**Sr. Brenda Rose Szegedy, O.S.F.***Wed., Dec. 6, 2017 • 9:00am - 3:00pm**

Our practice of Lectio Divina will focus on Scripture readings for the season of Advent. In addition to reflections from Sr. Brenda Rose and Fr. Jim, this one-day retreat will include opportunities to experience Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina. The sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. Our day will conclude with the celebration of Eucharist.

Suggested Offering: \$40.00 per person (includes lunch)

*Advent Silent Retreat***LIVING WITH LESS
FEAR IN OUR LIVES***Fr. Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I.***Fri., Dec. 8 – Sun., Dec. 10, 2017**

Most of us live with too many fears in our lives. All of us live with religious fears, fears about God, about life, and about our eternal destiny. What kind of fear is healthy in our lives and what kind is unhealthy? From where do our religious fears originate? How do we tell healthy fears from unhealthy ones? This retreat will examine the origins and the complexities of religious fear and, after giving fear its proper due, will examine some biblical principles which invite us to live with less fear.

Retreat Begins: Friday, December 8 at 8:00pm
 Concludes: Sunday, December 10 at 12:45pm
 Suggested Offering: \$200.00 per person
 (A *non-refundable* deposit of \$50.00 per person is required.)

Thank you, Lord, for the generosity of:

Leo Burke, Tim & Ruth Borell,
Joan Drey, Megan Doyle,
Kenneth & Helen Foltz, Patrick Garry,
Emilia Godinez, Gary & Peg Janisch,
Michelle Jobst, Patrick & Connie Lahr,
John Leddy, Kathy Lund, Dolores Merril,
Dr. Glenn & Sharon Myers,
Patricia Schreier, Louis Schroeder,
Peter Spokes, David Turk, Donna Welsh

“Wish List”

Tree trimming and removal \$3,500
Outdoor masonry repair \$5,000
New mattresses in St. Mary Hall \$7,500

A REMINDER

If you would like your name removed from the mailing list or have a change of address please call us at 763-682-1394 or e-mail us at lpolman@kingshouse.com.

PLEASE, when sending a check, put on the check if it is for a donation or for a retreat.

MEMORIALIZE A ROOM

Memorialize a retreat room here at King’s House in memory of a loved one. We will place a plaque on the door indicating that this room “has been dedicated in loving memory of _____ by their daughter, son, children, father or mother,” etc. For more information please call Fr. Jim at 763-682-1394.

REMEMBERING CHRIST THE KING...

We invite you to remember CHRIST THE KING RETREAT CENTER in your will or to remember a loved one through a memorial gift. All bequests and gifts are not subject to taxation and retain their full value.

Our legal title is:
Christ the King Retreat Center
Buffalo, MN 55313



**...A Ministry of The Missionary
Oblates of Mary Immaculate**

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

The following retreatants from Christ the King Retreat Center have died since the last listing or we have only recently become aware of their death. With faith and gratitude, we pray for our retreatants and friends that they may enter into eternal life.

**“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.”**

Audrey O’Connor	December 2015
Fr. Carroll Parker, O.M.I.	January 2017
Edith Schmidt	February 2017
Deacon Dominic Ehrmantraut	March 2017
Jo Nelson	April 2017
Zeno Schmitz	April 2017
Louise Schroeder	April 2017

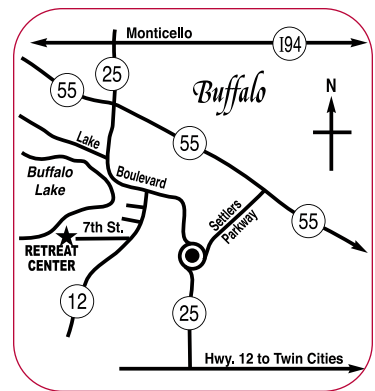


DON’T FORGET

You can always check out what’s happening at Christ the King Retreat Center online by visiting our web site: www.kingshouse.com.

It features a look at the retreat center, an introduction to our staff members, and a complete listing of upcoming programs.

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Registration Form

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Date of retreat and program you wish to attend: _____

Please submit your registration form and non-refundable deposit to
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