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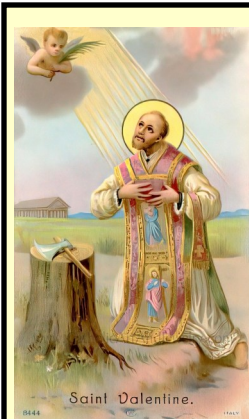


Pilgrims of Hope & the Jubilee Year

In this year of grace, the Holy Year, we are called to recognize that hope is the belief that God is present in all things. There are many situations in life where one may want to give up. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC1819) gives us the “Hope of Abraham” which is “Hoping against hope, he believed...” (Romans 4:18) which means **never giving up, even when the odds are stacked against you, or expecting a particular outcome, even when it's decidedly unlikely, describing the significance of Abraham's faith.** Abraham's faith is talked about in the book of Genesis.

Speaking about the recently begun jubilee year, Pope Francis concluded with “a wish for hope, which is a theological virtue, together with faith and charity,” praying that “the new year bring us peace, fellowship, and gratitude.” In his Christmas Day message, Pope Francis recalled, “the door of God's heart is always open; let us return to him. Let us return to the heart that loves us and forgives us.”

With the activities of life one can get caught up in the doing of chores, the constant noise of life, the demands on time and energy, sometimes bringing one to a point where they just need a rest, a quiet place to renew the spirit and soul, resting the body and mind. Since 1952, Christ the King Retreat Center has been a place of quiet and peace; a place of renewal of spirit in one's relationship with God. Our “Pilgrims of Hope” retreat is an opportunity to experience fellowship and grow in faith and spiritual renewal during this holy year of grace; praying that you find peace and hope in your relationship with Jesus, our Lord.



**One-Minute Retreat
Prayer to Saint Valentine**
Dear Saint Valentine, you championed God's love by performing marriages, against the edict of the Roman Emperor. Because of that, you were martyred and became the Patron of Love. O courageous Saint, help us to love God above all else, and to give of ourselves and

receive one another through His grace. Intercede for those who are seeking their spouse, are in marriage or the single state to lead the life of love you have prepared for them. May all of us grow to love Jesus, our true Valentine, forever. Amen.

Pilgrims of Hope—FEBRUARY WOMEN'S RETREATS

February 11-13—Midweek, starts at 3 pm

February 21-23—Weekend, starts at 8 pm

Our February Retreats are unique this year, in that they are NOT in LENT. Ash Wednesday is on March 5 which is later than usual.

We are featuring these retreats as they are coming up soon and there are several spots available for both retreats. Our Midweek Retreat has special meaning for many women as it seems to be quieter than the weekend retreat with more time for prayer and reflection.

Our midweek retreat starts at 3 pm on Tuesday and goes to just after lunch on Thursday, so there is an extended time during the week to reconnect with the Lord. We hope to see you soon.

“Be still before the Lord; wait for Him.”

Psalm 37:7

Register online at kingshouse.com/events

St. Eugene De Mazenod is the founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate and the Patron Saint of Dysfunctional Families. St Eugene, Pray for Us!

2025 Pilgrims of Hope Retreats

...and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Romans 5:5

The year 2025 is a Jubilee Year proclaimed by Pope Francis, the chief shepherd of the flock. This is a Holy Year, and a time of special grace for the church. Following the lead of our shepherd, the theme of our retreats is the same as the theme for this Holy Year, when we are called to be **Pilgrims of Hope**. For many, when they hear the word Hope they think of a fond wish. When Christians hear the word Hope we think of a firm promise. As St. Paul proclaims in his letter to the Romans, **Hope does not disappoint**. Our hope is in the person of Jesus Christ who has laid down his life and conquered sin and death. This hope is poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We invite you to come to Christ the King during this time of grace to affirm your belief in the hope that can make sense of a hopeless world.

Men’s Silent Weekends:

Mar 14-16
 Sep 26-28
 Oct 31-Nov 2; Dec 5-7

Women’s Silent Weekends:

Feb 21-23
 Mar 28-30; May 9-11
 Sep 12-14

Women’s Silent Midweeks:

Feb 11-13
 Mar 4-6 Lenten (Ash Wed)
 Jun 9-12 (4-day); Jul 15-17
 Sep 16-18; Oct 7-9; Nov 11-13

Married Couples Weekends (not silent): Mar 7-9 and Oct 17-19

Men & Women’s Silent Lenten Midweek: Apr 1-3

The value of this retreat is \$275. A registration fee of \$50 is required to reserve a room. During retreat, retreatants are asked to prayerfully consider and discern how much they can offer to cover retreat costs. Any amount given above the value helps those unable to make a full donation. We are grateful for any and all donations and keep our retreatants and their petitions and intentions in our daily prayers.

Registration form is on page 3 —>—>—>

Join us pm **Tuesday, April 8**

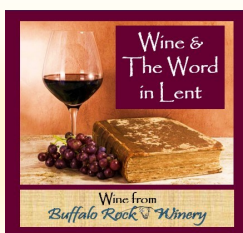
From 7 to 8 pm

621 First Ave S, Buffalo, MN

Enter at Main Entrance

RSVP to agoth@omiusa.org

Or call 763-682-1394.



March 15 Women’s Day of Reflection

The Women Who Came Before Us

9 am to 3 pm with Susan Stabile (\$60)

This retreat is built on the belief that it is valuable for us to remember the stories of the women who came before us, and to celebrate the genius they displayed, especially as they lived in times when contributions by women were not encouraged or valued. These women of our past have a lot to say to women of today. We walk in their footsteps (indeed, on their shoulders) and they can be an inspiration to us. Our time together gives us time to learn more about them and to understand what the women of yesterday have to say to the women of today.

Includes lunch.

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**CORRECTION: The
 PILGRIMS OF HOPE
 Sister’s Intercommunity
 Retreat is on
 June 3-8, 2025.**



Not June 2-7 as listed in our December newsletter.

Use the Registration form on Page 3
 or call 763-682-1394.



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DATEs**



SPRING FUNDRAISER

YOU'RE INVITED!
for a Garden Center Shopping Fundraiser with
Christ the King Retreat Center

When: Sunday, May 18 - Saturday, May 24, 2025

Born into French high society, Eugene de Mazenod experienced life in a dysfunctional family. With God's healing help, he was freed to offer his gifts and talents for the good of others. Ordained in 1811, he called together his first group of missionaries in 1816. The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, named for his profound and tender respect for the Virgin Mary and to be close to the people, they began instructing neglected workers and street people of the area.

Father de Mazenod, in his preaching and teaching, taught them about love and the healing compassion of God. He was appointed Bishop of Marseille in 1837, and Archbishop in 1851. Bishop de Mazenod was beatified on October 19, 1975, and canonized by Pope John Paul II on December 3, 1995.

His apostolate consisted in the transformation of the world by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What Saint Eugene wanted to achieve was that, in Christ, each individual could become a fully complete person, an authentic Christian, a credible saint. Saint Eugene de Mazenod, Pray for us.

REGISTER for Retreats ONLINE:
at
<https://kingshouse.com/events/>

Using your smart phone to Make a Donation:

1. Scan this QR code with your phone.
2. Open the secure link.
3. Follow the prompts.
4. Thank you!!



Registration Form: Name of Retreat and Dates: _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

PER PERSON: Deposit of \$50 enclosed _____ OR Retreat Donation Enclosed _____

___ Gluten Free ___ Vegetarian ___ Regular Menu

NOTES: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Please make Checks Payable and mail to: Christ the King Retreat Center, 621 First Ave S, Buffalo, MN 55313