



WINTER/LENT 2012 NEWSLETTER

# REFLECTIONS

## Real Presence

Dear Friends of Fatima,

Friday mornings I always like to listen to a particular portion of NPR'S Morning Edition called *Storycorp*. It is a wonderful project of inviting families to record some family history that will be archived in the Library of Congress. The 3 -4 minute piece is often moving or insightful. This morning, a mother and her son who has been diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome were sharing a piece of their life. He had been resistant to going to college. His mother observed how he had often been resistant to change or to trying something new but then after embracing the change or trying something for the first time how much he enjoyed it.

I think this is true for many of us in the spiritual life. I think this is very true about silence. Years ago all the retreats were silent from start to finish. People just expected it and welcomed it. Then retreats changed and participants were invited to have small group discussion or other forms of interaction.

It was also true that there used to be more silence in our lives, but now it seems there is noise everywhere. I see the pendulum swinging back towards a willingness to embrace the silence. However, I also see how reluctant people are to step into the silence. Many seem to stand at the shore and marvel at those who step into the deep ocean of God's presence so often discovered in a time of silence.



Years ago when I directed a silent weekend retreat here at Fatima, I remember getting a note about six months later from one of the retreatants. She wrote of how upset she was when she learned that most of our time during the retreat would be devoted to silence. After all, she had come to hear me speak, to share with some of the other retreatants, to relax, to enjoy. Then she explained how the weekend went for her, how she embraced the silence and encountered God in a new and more profound way. She acknowledged that her life had taken on a new direction after that experience and it was all good. Now she trusted the silence, she welcomed it, for in the silence she met God like never before. I encourage you to try a day of silence here at Fatima, and strive to find some time for silence in your day. The rewards are well worth the effort.

Love, Father Jim

## Your Kindness Helps Us Move Forward

Every year at Fatima, we are blessed with the unexpected generosity of someone who steps in just as we need them. This year the current permanent deacon candidate class stepped forward and collected donations from the class in order to provide new hymnals for the chapel at Fatima. Another donor heard about the flood we had in the lower level and asked how much our deductible was (\$5,000) and contributed that to Fatima that very week. It is moments such as these that remind me that we are doing God's work through Our Lady's intercession. With friends in high places, hearts are moved to step forward to assist us. Our hearts overflow with gratitude. We thank you for your support whenever and however it comes.

Recently two unplanned expenses came to light, one to drill and place a new drain pipe from the building to the ravine (\$11,000), the original pipe having collapsed after 48 years; and a notice from the Water Company that we had somehow never been charged sewer usage charge for the past 47 years. Fortunately, they can only go back 6 years (\$15,000)! We are confident that God through Mary's urging will move hearts to help us pay off these debts.

Two friends of Fatima recently remembered us with generous disbursements from their IRAs taking advantage of special tax incentives this year. We thank them and all of you for such generous acts of charity. Your kindness to Fatima helps us to move forward with hope. Father Jim

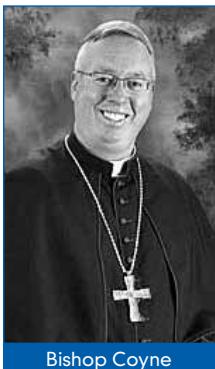
# HAPPENINGS AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA & VOLUNTEER LEAGUE

## HAPPENINGS AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA



Bishop Doherty

Since the last edition of *Reflections* there have been quite a few things going on here at the retreat house. We kicked off our 2011-2012 *Episcopal Series* with a day of reflection with Bishop Timothy Doherty in September. About 60 people enjoyed the presentation on *Made in God's Image: Does it Make a Difference in Your Life?* Bishop Doherty, Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, provided guests with some very insightful presentations mixed with his great sense of humor! Thank you, Bishop Doherty, for spending the day with us!



Bishop Coyne

As you may know, Apostolic Administrator Bishop Christopher Coyne was to be with us for the evening of October 29 but had an urgent health matter come up that day. We are happy to report that Bishop is now doing well after treatment. **We have re-scheduled his presentation on *The New Evangelization and Social Media: Using the Internet to Bring Others to the Church* for February 20, 2012.** If you were unable to join us October 29 and would like to attend, please complete the registration form on page 7 and return it to us at your earliest convenience.



Bishop Gettelfinger

Bishop Gettelfinger, retired bishop of the Diocese of Evansville, will also be with us on May 11, 2012 for a day of reflection. Please see pages 4-5 for details.

## OTHER RETREAT HOUSE NEWS:

From the wish list posted in our last edition of *Reflections* we have received several items including donations for a new priest's alb, a power washer, a digital camera and ceramic tile for our staff dining room. We also received donations to purchase other items. Thank you to all for your continuous generosity.

We want to wish Tami Wood blessings in her new adventure. She will be the manager of a new café in downtown Indy beginning in January. Thank you, Tami, for your eight years of service to Fatima!

We welcome new staff member Darrell Minch. He completed an internship here this fall through his studies at The Chef's Academy and is now part of our kitchen crew, not only cooking but helping with other duties and making sure our guests continue to receive wonderful food while they are with us! Introduce yourself to Darrell next time you are here.

The Archdiocese has generously given approval for us to complete the second phase of the HVAC project, namely the installation of new chillers to cool the building. This Archdiocesan support along with donations from our benefactors (many of you!) enable us to move forward in hopes of a May completion date. We pray that the new heating and cooling systems will not only be much more efficient than our 'dinosaurs' but that they will also save us money on our utilities! Thanks to EM Company and our maintenance staff for all of their work in getting these two phases completed.

## VOLUNTEER LEAGUE:

Welcome to our new volunteers who have joined us over the last six months. Our ministry would not be successful without the support of each and every one of our generous volunteers. We appreciate you more than you know!

We want to especially thank Deacon Tom and Donna Ward who have been co-presidents of the league for the last six years. They are very dedicated volunteers and are true supporters of Fatima. May God bless you both for your commitment to us!

We also welcome Paula Korzekwa as our new league president for 2011-2012 along with Marie Marks who is our president-elect. Both of these ladies are off to a great start in their new positions. We thank them for stepping up to the plate and continuing to guide the wonderful works of the league.



The 13th Annual High Tea was another huge success! Over 200 guests enjoyed 24 beautifully decorated tables, a scrumptious buffet, a presentation by the principal of Providence Cristo Rey High School, Sr. Jeanne Hagelskamp, and of course, hot tea! The team of many ladies organizing the Tea was expertly guided by Bea Eckert and Donna Ward. Many hours of planning and preparation behind the scenes made for a beautiful experience for all of the guests. Thanks to all of these ladies for their hard work!

Are you interested in finding out more about the Fatima volunteer family? Contact Mary Lechtanski any time at (317) 545-7681, mlechtanski@archindy.org or join us on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 for an informational evening which includes dinner and a short presentation by league members about how you can become involved. Please RSVP to Mary if you would like to join us!



All are welcome to these other events sponsored by the league and/or the retreat house:

- January 30 Friends of Fatima Mass and Social**  
9 am Mass followed by breakfast
- April 22 Spring Card Party**  
2-5 pm in the main conference room at Fatima
- April 30 Friends of Fatima Mass and Social**  
9 am Mass followed by breakfast
- May 8 Volunteer Evening of Rededication and New Volunteer Welcome**  
Liturgy followed by dinner and program
- June 14 Volunteer Evening of Reflection**



# PROGRAM GUIDE JANUARY - APRIL 2012

January 23, 2012

'Come Away and Rest Awhile:  
Silent Non-Guided Day of Reflection'

\$30 per person

February 13, 2012

'The Five Love Languages of Children'  
'A Morning for Moms Day of Reflection  
with Fr. Jim Farrell'

Fatima Retreat House Director and Pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Fr. Jim Farrell, will present this day of reflection for moms of all ages! Do you ever feel like your children don't understand you? Have you ever spent the day doing a number of things out of love for your child only to have it go unnoticed? Maybe you and your child speak different love languages! Join us for a wonderful discussion about the different ways that your child interprets love from you and how sometimes it can be lost in translation. Fr. Jim Farrell will lead a discussion based on the popular book *The Five Love Languages of Children* by Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell, M.D. We all understand the importance of making sure a child feels loved.

*Please note: It is not necessary to read the book ahead of time, but if you are interested, the book is available for purchase in the Fatima book store.*

Childcare included but space is limited! Please register your children by contacting Cheryl McSweeney @ (317) 545-7681 ext 15 or [cmcsweeney@archindy.org](mailto:cmcsweeney@archindy.org)

\$31 per person

February 17-19, 2012

'Tobit Marriage Preparation Weekend Retreat'

To find out about our Tobit Marriage Preparation weekends visit our website.

February 19, 2012

Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program

To find out more details about our Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation program visit our website.

1:30-6:00 pm

February 20, 2012

'A Day of Reflection with Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Schaedel'

\$38 per person

February 20, 2012

'An Evening with Bishop Christopher Coyne: The New Evangelization and Social Media-Using the Internet to Bring Others to the Church'

This evening fund raiser for Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House is re-scheduled from October 29 since Bishop Coyne was unable to be with us. All are welcome! Those who were unable to attend October 29 are invited to join us for a suggested donation of \$35 per person. Appetizers and beverages will be served. 7:00 pm social followed by the presentation.

February 22, 2012

'Come Away and Rest Awhile:  
Silent Non-Guided Day of Reflection'

\$30 per person

February 24-26, 2012

'Retrouvaille Weekend: A Lifeline for Marriages'

Read more about the weekend as well as find out how to register by visiting their website at [www.retroindy.com](http://www.retroindy.com) or call (317) 489-6811

March 2-4, 2012

'The Desert Calls: A Weekend Lenten Retreat  
with Sr. Catherine Griffiths, SND'

In the Old Testament we read, "I will allure her: I will lead her into the desert and speak to her heart." What is God calling me to as God speaks to me during these Lenten days? Is it a call to give myself over, to depend totally on the One who draws me to God's self? Lent is a time of conversion, a time to look more deeply at my life with God and others. Come join us as we pray, reflect, and share on the presence and wonder of God in each of our lives. Sr. Catherine Griffiths, SND is an experienced retreat presenter and spiritual director who has directed retreats in Africa, Europe and the U.S. For the past 35 years she has been praying with people for inner healing.

Check-in will begin at 7:00 pm Friday with the program starting at 8:00 pm. The retreat will conclude by 1:00 pm on Sunday.

\$153 per person, \$286 per couple

March 4, 2012

Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program

To find out more details about our Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation program or to register visit our website.

1:30-6:00 pm

March 5, 2012

'An FBI, Fatima & Benedict Inn, Evening of Reflection  
with Sr. Carol Falkner, OSB'

Sr. Carol Falkner, Director of the Benedict Inn, will be with us at Fatima for *Hospitality: A Doorway to Lent*.

\$30 per person

March 12, 2012

'Come Away and Rest Awhile:  
Silent Non-Guided Day of Reflection'

\$30 per person

March 16-18, 2012

'Less Talk, More Prayer:  
A Weekend Lenten Retreat with Fr. Jim Farrell'

Often people come to a retreat house to learn about prayer, to hear about prayer but miss the opportunity to pray. On this weekend we will experience a few more prayer experiences and have one or two fewer conferences than in a typical Fatima weekend retreat. Saturday will be a day of silence. The weekend will be facilitated by Fatima's director Fr. Jim Farrell.

\$153 per person, \$286 per married couple



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## **March 16-18, 2012**

### **"Be Still...and Know that I am God"**

A Silent Directed Retreat facilitated by Mary Schaffner. Within the context of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, take time to "Be Still..." (Psalm 46:10) The primary purpose of a silent retreat is to foster an atmosphere in which retreatants may be led to a personal encounter with God. In meeting with a spiritual director once a day and through the use of Scripture and their own story, retreatants are offered the opportunity to deepen their relationship with God and grow in an awareness of the Holy Spirit working in their lives. Mary Schaffner is the DRE/Pastoral Associate for St. Anthony and Holy Trinity Parishes of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Mary holds a Masters of Theological Studies degree from St. Meinrad School of Theology and a graduate certificate in Spiritual Direction and silent directed retreats from Creighton University's Christian Spirituality Program.

Two options are offered:

March 25 (6:30 pm) -March 28 (departure after lunch)-\$210 per person  
 March 25 (6:30 pm) -March 30 (departure after lunch)-\$350 per person  
 Registration fees include a private room, all meals and one meeting with a spiritual director each day. To register, contact Mary at schaffner.mary@gmail.com or (317) 459-6070

## **March 26, 2012**

### **'Forgiveness: It Has Nothing to do with the Offender: A Day of Reflection with Jay Landry'**

Have I experienced alienation or pain in a relationship in my life? Have I been holding a grudge against someone for a while, maybe a long time? In this day of reflection we will spend time in retreat and prayer wrestling with Jesus' notion that if I have been hurt or offended by someone, He invites me to offer forgiveness to the one who has hurt me. Jesus means that I don't need the offender to do anything for me to forgive him or her, keeping in mind that forgiveness and reconciliation are two different things. On this day we will explore this journey of forgiveness. Jay Landry is a pastoral associate at Little Flower Catholic Church in South Bend. He has been a retreat presenter for 14 years throughout the Midwest and in Louisiana. He received a Masters of Divinity from the University of Notre Dame in 1997.

8:30 am continental breakfast; program at 9:00 am; conclusion by 2:30 pm.  
 \$38 per person

## **March 30-April 1, 2012**

### **'Transformation: Change that Let's Your Soul Grow Up-A Weekend Lenten Retreat with Fr. John Mark Ettensohn, OMI'**

The process of Transformation is one of becoming truly and fully you. It is the journey of a lifetime as God keeps calling to our hearts in ways of which we are both aware and unaware. This retreat will take a closer look at what this transformation entails--longing, waiting, desert, silence, awareness, true self, faith, hope, love, God-centeredness, control, change--all part of allowing our souls the opportunity to grow up. Ever so gradually we become who we truly are, less concerned about using God ('do this for me, do that for me') and more concerned about being available for God to use us. Fr. John Mark Ettensohn has been a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate for twenty-six years. Ordained in 1989, he has served in ministry as a pastor, retreat/renewal preaching team member and director, spiritual director, writer/producer/director in television for Oblate Media Productions,

and Director of Christ the King Retreat Center Buffalo, Minnesota. Fr. John Mark's education included a Masters in Telecommunications, and a Master of Divinity degree with emphasis in Word and Worship from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. The Oblates recently concluded the Mission with Secularity initiative in Indianapolis of which he was a part. He has now begun a new assignment of giving retreats and parish missions around the country. Check-in at 7:00 pm Friday; retreat begins at 8:00 pm. The weekend concludes by 1:00 pm Sunday.

\$153/person, \$286/married couple

## **April 1, 2012**

### **'Outdoor Stations of the Cross'**

No charge but goodwill offerings are gratefully accepted.  
 4:00 pm in our chapel. Weather permitting we will move outdoors to our trails where we will walk the Stations of the Cross.

## **April 1-5, 2012**

### **'Come Away and Rest Awhile: Silent Non-Guided Days/Evenings of Reflection for Holy Week'**

Join us for one or more days or evenings for our holiest time of the year--preparation for the resurrection of our Lord. Create your own personal silent retreat by joining us for one or more days or nights from Sunday evening April 1 through Thursday afternoon April 5. \$30 per day includes two light meals, a room to use for the day and access to all of the common areas of the retreat house and chapel; \$25 per night includes a light supper and the aforementioned.

## **April 13, 2012**

### **'Finding God in the Garden: A Day of Reflection with Fr. Michael O'Mara'**

" And he spoke to them at length in parables saying: 'A sower went out to sow..... But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred- or sixty- or thirty-fold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.' ~Matthew 13:1-9  
 Fr. Michael O'Mara has bee a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for 23 years. Originally from Greensburg Indiana, Fr. Michael has served nearly all of his priestly ministry in the city. He has been pastor of St. Mary Parish, downtown Indianapolis, for 14 years, but has found ways to keep his hands in the earth through gardening and backyard poultry. Fr. Michael finds that gardening and taking care of his hens keeps him rooted in basic values and constantly reminds him of those who work in the fields to keep our grocery stores stocked. In this day of reflection he will seek to share some of the 'secrets' of the Scriptures that he has found through gardening and backyard poultry. The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with continental breakfast, the program at 9:00 am and conclusion by 2:30 pm. Lunch, Liturgy and the materials are included in the registration fee.

\$38 per person

## **April 13-15, 2012**

### **'Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend'**

A weekend of discovery for those who want to enrich their marriage. Find out more by visiting [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

## **April 29, 2012**

### **'Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program'**

To find out more details about our Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation program or to register, visit our website.

1:30-6:00 pm

# WISH LIST & LENTEN PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## WISH LIST FOR FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE

- 30 hand held shower sprayers for guest bedrooms (chrome/stainless, approx \$30 each)
- Holy water sprinkler and bowl (\$125)
- Two new calendar boards for the front office (\$130 each)
- Laptop carrying case (15 inch-\$50)
- Donations to our Genesis Fund any amount

*(a scholarship fund for those unable to afford the entire amount of a retreat)*

Questions? Contact Sandy Pasotti at (317) 545-7681 or [spasotti@archindy.org](mailto:spasotti@archindy.org)

### **“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” (Matthew 3)**

## LENTEN PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Check your calendars and make some time during Lent to enhance your spiritual journey by spending a few hours or a few days in the peace of Fatima Retreat House. We are offering three Lenten retreat weekends designed to not only bring some experienced retreat facilitators to you but to offer you a variety of topics from which to choose. We are also pleased to offer a variety of days of recollection as well as several opportunities for silence. What better way to ‘unplug’ from the world than to spend time at our house!



Sr. Griffiths

- Are you looking for help in examining what role God is playing in your life, what he might have in mind for you? Sr. Catherine Griffiths returns to Fatima to guide us on this journey of opening ourselves up to God, giving ourselves to Him for guidance and conversion of heart. March 2-4



Fr. Ettensohn

- Fr. John Mark Ettensohn received high marks from our retreatants last year when he was with us and so we welcome him back for this weekend on ‘Transformation: Change that Lets Your Soul Grow Up’. These 40 hours will focus on allowing ourselves to become who we are truly meant to be, making ourselves available for God to use us as his instrument. March 30-April 1



Fr. Farrell

- Are you interested in more prayer, quiet and solace—time away from our daily distractions and the constant exposure to technology in our world? Step away and join Fr. Jim for ‘Less Talk, More Prayer’ March 16-18.



Mary Schaffner

- Certified Spiritual Director, Mary Schaffner, will be with us March 25-30 for a silent directed retreat. You may choose from either a 3-day or 5-day retreat, meeting with Mary each day of your stay as she guides you on your journey of deepening your personal relationship with our Lord.



# FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Join us at 7:45 am for Mass on most Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please check the website or call us for the most up-to-date schedule. If you have a Mass intention, please contact Mary in our front office for available dates and more information. We would love to have you join us.

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# Our Lady of Fatima Event Registration Form

Now Available: Online Registration! Please visit our website at [www.archindy.org/fatima](http://www.archindy.org/fatima)

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](http://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!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional donation to OLF \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount paid \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions/Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_ Balance due \_\_\_\_\_

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## What is Pathways to Prayer?

Fr. Jim Farrell has recorded four guided meditation CD's over the past several years. These meditations are a unique form of prayer, each with Fr. Jim leading you to a one-on-one encounter with Jesus.

The CD's make a great gift for yourself or a friend and can enhance your prayer life as well as help you navigate through some of life's challenges. You can learn more about each CD as well as listen to a clip from Volume II by visiting our website at [www.archindy.org/fatima/cd.html](http://www.archindy.org/fatima/cd.html). Purchases can be made online as well as at the Fatima Retreat House Bookstore and Gift Shop. Each CD is \$10 when purchased at the retreat house or \$12 when purchased online (includes S & H) OR take advantage of our special offer:

**Enjoy Volume III for half price when purchasing any one CD or at no charge when purchasing any three CD's (plus shipping & handling for online purchases)!**



### *From one of his listeners:*

'I was moved and humbled by the meditation. I felt a true connection to Jesus for the first time in my life. I opened my heart and just waited for his response. His response was overwhelming but at the same time very calming. Thank you so much for sharing your time and talent in this form of prayer.'