



Friends of the Center Newsletter

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St. Scholastica Retreat Center

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COMING UP! THE RETREAT CENTER GARAGE SALE

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." - Luke 12:34

One man's trash is another man's treasure. And, keeping that in mind, the Retreat Center is preparing to hold a giant Garage Sale March 7. The sisters gave our inventory a jump-start on their annual Goodwill Day, January 3, and are now asking us to do the same, gathering up those treasures we no longer use to help the Center.

Sister Madeline will be accepting your donations from March 2 through 6, and will need help with pricing that week between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you can donate items, help the Center price items, or help on sale day, call Sister Madeline at 739-7786.

We won't be selling clothing or shoes, but will happily take other donations, including plants.

WISH LIST

The Center is looking for alarm clocks--any kind, electric or wind-up. If you have any, please call Sister Madeline.

NEW COLOR COPIER DELIVERED JANUARY 31

The Retreat Center was able to purchase a high quality color copier at an excellent price. Donations to help defray the cost of the new copier will be gratefully accepted.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Delores Neumeier would like to coordinate a volunteer availability list so that Center personnel and retreat hospitality ministry could see at a glance who might be available to call on a particular date. The system she would like to set up has been used very successfully in her home parish, St. Mary, Altus. Please contact Delores at (479) 667-3292 if you can find time to help the Center.



ANGELS AT THE TABLE

February *Horizons* will honor some of the Center's most dedicated volunteers, the "Angels at the Table Ministry," about

whom Australian retreatant Sarah Kirsop wrote:

"I bow to the loving kindness, the radiant servant heart and the treasures of Christ in you."

The Center staff appreciates all of the generous volunteers who help in the office, during retreats, at special events, and by promoting retreats in their home parishes and congregations.

HELP US PROMOTE OUR RETREATS

Maryanne Meyerricks, our Communications Director, will be assembling an e-mail list of people willing to promote retreats.

If you sign up for this e-mail list, you will receive timely flyers and brochures of our upcoming retreats. Please print them out and place them on church bulletin boards or other places in your community. To participate, e-mail Maryanne at maryanne@stscho.org

DOLLHOUSE ON EBAY

Joe Wasson is getting ready to put the dollhouse Fr. Joseph Milan, our chaplain for 30 years, lovingly built, along with 8 pages of inventoried furniture and accessories handcrafted or donated by the sisters. All of Joe's research is indicating that this is a one of a kind treasure.



UPCOMING RETREATS

A complete list of 2009's Retreats appears on the flyer printed on the back of this newsletter. Several people are registered for our first "take-home retreat" on January 31.

Sister Rachel will be releasing details on a Spiritual Direction Training program in the near future. The 30 Week Retreat in Daily Life, which is being presented for the second time this year, can be taken alone or serve as the first step in this training.

For the most up-to-date information on the Center, visit our website at www.stscho.org.

2009 Retreats

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January 8-11	Silent Directed Retreat Directors: Rachel Dietz, OSB and Msgr. Scott Friend
Feb. 20-22	Thomas Merton Presenter: John King
March 13-15	Sing a Melody of Blessing With Your Life Presenters: Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB and Velma Frye
March 21	Lenten Day of Recollection: Rolling Back the Stone: Preparing Our Hearts for Easter Presenter: Rev. Rebecca Spooner, LAC
April 9-12	Triduum Retreat
April 25	Create Your Own Gourd Prayer Bowl Presenter: Melissa Ann Letts, OSB
May 2	Caregivers Retreat Presenters: Rachel Dietz, OSB, Kathy Lyon, Vicki Wilke
May 29-30	Dios Y Yo: Hispanic Retreat Presenter: Deacon Marcelino Luna
June 12-13	The Letters of St. Paul Presenters: Clara Jane Rubarth and Therese Moreno, OSB
Jul. 31-Aug. 2	Walking Barefoot on Holy Ground: The Essentials of Living Authentically Presenter: Paula D'Arcy
Sept. 11-13	Let Go and Let God Presenter: Linda Fischer, ASC
Oct. 2-4	The Poem of Your Life Presenter: Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB
Oct. 30-Nov. 1	Fully Living the Second Half of Life: A Retreat to Reverse the Aging Proces Presenter: Fr. Matt Linn, SJ
Nov. 20-22	Soul Writing Presenter: Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB
Dec. 3	A Journey With Isaiah and Mary in Preparation for Christmas Presenter: Maria DeAngeli, OSB

**For more information, or to register, call (479) 783-1135,
For more detailed descriptions of each retreat, visit www.stscho.org**