

# Please join us! Women's ACTS Retreat April 24-27, 2025

Members of Immaculate Conception and our sister parish Sacred Heart (Dupo), ages 18 and up, are invited to share an ACTS Retreat weekend. (Friends and family members from other churches may also be invited.)

The retreat begins on Thursday evening with check-in at 6:30pm at Immaculate Conception Church. Transportation to and from the retreat center (Kings House at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville) is provided. The retreat concludes with Mass on Sunday at Immaculate Conception Church. After you register, you will receive a welcome letter from your director 7-10 days before the retreat with additional details (what to pack, etc.).

A **minimum deposit of \$50** is requested to reserve your space, with the balance due at check-in Thursday. ***The full amount for single occupancy is \$345, or you may request to room with a designated friend for \$265 per person.*** Please do not let financial hardship stand in the way of attending this retreat. Financial assistance is available confidentially by reaching out to IC Pastor Fr. Steve Thoma, C.R., at 618-281-5105 or in person. Your retreat director can also guide you to assistance.

If you have any questions about this upcoming retreat, or need to provide a contact while you are attending, please reach out to:

**Director:** Mary Wilson, 618-920-0319, or  
auntmary60@yahoo.com

**Co-Director:** Tammy Hoeflinger, 314-265-1767, or  
tammy.hoeflinger@charter.net

You can also email the ACTS Retreat Ministry at Immaculate Conception at [iccacts.il@gmail.com](mailto:iccacts.il@gmail.com)



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## Registration Form for Upcoming ACTS Retreat

*You may also register & pay online at Immaculate Conception's website: [www.icc-columbia-il.us](http://www.icc-columbia-il.us)*

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Nickname (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_  
Month of Retreat: \_\_\_\_\_  Women's  Men's Registration:  First Time  Returning  Team  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Parish or Church:  Immaculate Conception  \_\_\_\_\_  No Current Affiliation  
Areas you may need assistance with:  Financial (see below)  Dietary  Allergy  Medical  Mobility  
Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Single Occupancy  Double\* Occupancy Room (list name of co-retreatant) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Emergency Contact Information**  
First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Phone for Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

**To guarantee your reservation, a minimum \$50 deposit is due with your registration form, with the balance due at Thursday Retreat Check-In.**

**The full amount is \$345 for single occupancy or \$265 for double\* occupancy**  
\*Double occupancy co-retreatant must also complete individual registration form.

**Make checks payable to "Immaculate Conception" and write "ACTS" in the memo section.**  
 \$50 deposit  Paid in full (\$345/\$265)  Aid requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*The ACTS Retreat Ministry relies on the stewardship of past retreatants & team members, and the Immaculate Conception faith community, to keep this program affordable and sustainable. Please do not let financial hardship stand in the way of attending this retreat. Financial assistance is available confidentially by reaching out to IC pastor Fr. Steve Thoma, C.R., at 618-281-5105 or in person. Your retreat director can also guide you to assistance.*

**YOUR PRIVACY:** I understand that ACTS Missions (national organization) may collect retreatant information (excluding financial information) for quality assurance purposes and testimonials. I also understand that ACTS Missions may contact me after this ACTS Retreat to get feedback on my experience and see if I would like to participate in and support future ACTS retreats. I understand that ACTS Missions will NOT release my personal information to outside agencies. **Initial here to OPT OUT of ACTS Mission follow-up initiatives.** \_\_\_\_\_

I further understand that the ACTS Ministry of Immaculate Conception will use my contact information for the purposes of this retreat, and to follow up with me post-retreat to keep me engaged with this local ACTS community and support future local retreats. I can disengage with this community at any time by contacting an ACTS member or the parish office.

**Signature of Retreatant:** \_\_\_\_\_

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Received \$ _____ check # _____ Due \$ _____ Aid requested \$ _____ Approval (signature) _____
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RETURN FORM TO:

Immaculate Conception Parish · 411 Palmer Road · Columbia, Illinois 62236 · 618-281-5105

**Parish ACTS Retreat inquires: [iccacts.il@gmail.com](mailto:iccacts.il@gmail.com) · National ACTS Organization: <http://actsmissions.org>**

**T**hey devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. *Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*

## The ACTS Retreat

The ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology, Service) Retreat movement began in San Antonio, Texas, in 1987, and came to the St. Louis Archdiocese in the early 2000s. It is now thriving in more than 25 parishes on both sides of the Mississippi, and beginning in many others. Popularity and traction keeps increasing with ACTS Retreats because they are parish-based, uplifting, and faith-enriching weekends.

This retreat, under the leadership of parishioners just like you, offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, strengthen your faith and its application to your daily life, and build and deepen lasting friendships throughout your parish community.

### **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?

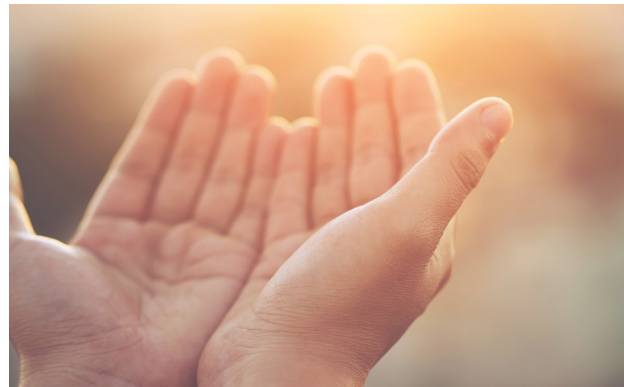
### **What are YOU looking for in your life?**

- + A closer relationship with God?
- + More meaning in your life?
- + Closer relationships with your family members?

- + To make new and closer relationships with the people in your parish?

The ACTS weekend inspires, encourages, challenges, and so much more. It is put on by lay people for lay people. Through this weekend, you will get to know others in your parish and local community 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 God through the hands of others, and enjoy some quality time with Jesus, away from the busy-ness of every day. Embrace the journey. You'll be glad you did!



**PLEASE NOTE: OTHER THAN SACRAMENTAL WINE AT MASS, ALCOHOL IS NOT ALLOWED ON ACTS RETREATS.**

## What ACTS Retreatants and Team Members say:

*ACTS family and friends allowed me to spiritually open my mind, heart, and soul to understand that what God wants me to do daily is different from the everyday routine.*

*I had been searching for ways to get closer to God on my own. The ACTS Retreat helped me to strengthen that relationship in so many ways.*

*The ACTS Retreat Weekend for me was a spiritual awakening and much needed conversion. Now I am directing my focus and energy on following Him and striving to stay on this life-long path.*

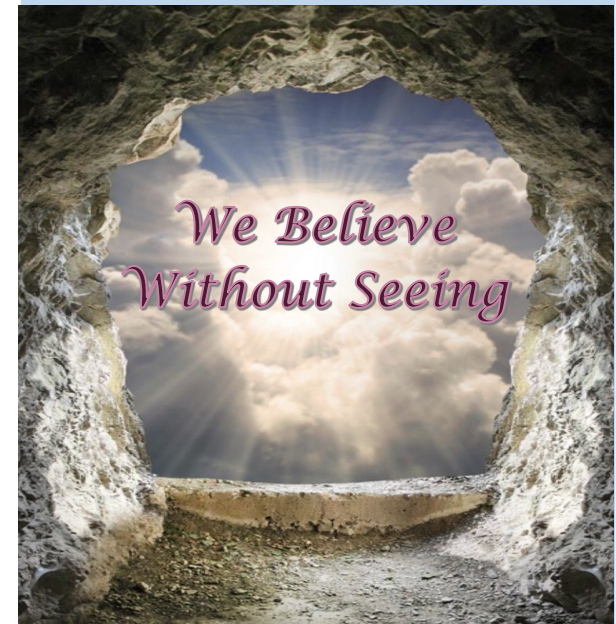
*My ACTS Retreat showed me how to listen to God's whispers, even in the most noisy day-to-day experiences.*

**Find out more about ACTS Retreats at the national organization website:**  
<http://actsmissions.org>



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