

The Retreat Center

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Living with Abundance

By Amy Hoover

On this late summer day, I am acutely aware of God's gifts of abundance. From abundant rain that has turned the retreat center grounds lush and green and provided us with abundant vegetables from our garden (some pictured to the right) to the abundance of volunteers and the hours they give in service, not to mention all of our guests and stories of graces received amidst pain and new life.

It has been an extraordinary few months at the retreat center. All of this abundance is a reminder to live life from a place of abundance, not scarcity. I have been hearing this invitation recently. When we live from scarcity, we live from a place of fear and doubt and worry. I have been noticing God inviting me to trust that what I have is enough, that what I need will be given.

To live from this attitude of abundance can help free us from fear and worry. It is a message we hear in the story of the feeding of the multitudes in the Gospels. We start with little and find we have baskets left over. My prayer for you this season is that you can notice the abundance in your life and experience God's presence and love and invitation to live from there.



Fall Silent Directed Retreat

We will have a center-sponsored **Eight-Day Silent Directed Retreat** this fall, **Oct. 21-30**. The team of directors includes Amy Hoover, the Rev. Bob Dufford, SJ, and Cindy Shaw (*pictured at right*). Cindy has recently retired as director of Emmaus House Spirituality Center in Des Moines, Iowa, and is excited to be joining us for this retreat. Prepare for the holidays



CSP Retreats

The Christian Spirituality Program at Creighton will offer two Eight-Day Silent Directed Retreats in 2019. It is not too early to reserve your spot! These retreats are directed by intern directors, supervised by Creighton faculty. The dates are: **March 8-17, 2019, and May 30-June 8, 2019**. Contact Colleen Hastings, 402.280.2303, colleenhastings@creighton.edu for registration or more information.



Private Retreats

You're invited for private retreat time!

What: Retreat time from one, two or three days. How much time do you need? Enjoy quiet time away and time for spiritual conversations between you and God.

When: Check your schedule and contact us with proposed dates.

Where: Creighton University Retreat Center, 16493 Conrail Ave., Griswold, Iowa

How: Contact us directly at 712.787.2466 or curc@netins.net



Around the Grounds

In between retreats this summer, we have continued to be busy updating and refreshing our spaces. We are in the process of replacing windows in the Daniel, Chabanel, Brebeuf and Manresa buildings. Later this month, we will be extending blacktop past Jogues Lodge and the Observatory to help decrease dust stirred by traffic.



Thank You!

It is that time of year when we welcome volunteers who help us out around the grounds. A special thank you to Dowling Catholic students for their annual "day of service" at the retreat center. Approximately 20 students and staff from Dowling helped us move furniture, tended to the labyrinth, and placed rock and stone in various garden areas. We always enjoy seeing you again and are grateful for your gift of time.

If you or your group would like to help at the retreat center, please don't hesitate to contact Director Amy Hoover at 712.778.2466 or amyhoover@creighton.edu. You can contribute online [here](#). *(Fill out your information, then scroll down to Gift Designation. In the "Other Designation - Specify Here," type in Creighton Retreat Center.)*

About the Retreat Center

The Creighton Retreat Center is located at 16493 Conrail Ave., Griswold, Iowa, 51535. The center offers eight- and 30-day Ignatian retreats upon request. Accommodations can be made based on your individual schedules. Please contact [Terri Lou](#) for more information.

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