



Creighton University Retreat Center in Griswold, Iowa.



Connections

The past couple of months I have had several experiences that remind me of the reality, gift and importance that everything is connected. I am grateful that I was able to attend the final concert of the [St. Louis Jesuits](#) at the end of September. I have described the experience as one of church. When I said this initially, I was not really sure what I meant. But as I have continued to savor and process, I can say that it was an experience of being connected with those on the stage, the music, audience and that which connects us all is Divine. The energy was palpable. I will go so far as to say, for me, it was a “thin place” experience. A place where it is easy to “touch” God. I will never forget it.

One of the side effects of this gift has been a sense of being grounded and a sense of peace even in the midst of some challenging times. Because of this, I have also been reminded of how important it is to be connected and grounded for our spiritual and emotional health. When we lose our sense of being connected, belonging or grounding we feel lost and alone. I would say that we can lose touch with the Divine.

Many have talked of the gift of the retreat center as a place where they experience being connected to the earth, to the Divine. A “thin place.” I continue to be overwhelmed with gratitude to live and work here. I hope you will take a moment to re-member, reconnect, with moments and experiences you have had of being connected whether here at the retreat center, a concert hall, a beach – wherever that happens for you. Reconnect with those moments and with God and savor them. May your day, week and year ahead be filled with many such experiences.

Blessings,
Amy



Crowdfunding Campaign to Refresh St. Kateri Chapel

We have kicked off our first crowdfunding initiative! We are raising money to spruce up St. Kateri Chapel. We hope to purchase new liturgical furniture, including an altar, ambo, tabernacle, credence tables, candle stands and presider's chair. We also need to replace the carpet. Additionally, we have taken delivery on a table for the Last Supper sculpture that currently sits in the back of the chapel. It is our hope to have the sculpture moved outside and sitting at the table with places for others by spring 2020. To help us move forward with these projects, please visit the [Retreat Center St. Kateri Chapel Refresh crowdfunding page](#) contribute and share the link on social media. Thank you in advance for supporting the Creighton University Retreat Center with your dollars, service and prayers.

The link will be live until Dec. 3, 2019.



Upcoming Retreats

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Silent Retreat: The Christian Spirituality Program at Creighton will offer an Eight-Day Silent Directed Retreat March 6-15, 2020, and May 24-June 6, 2020. These retreats are directed by students in Creighton's Christian Spirituality Program under the supervision of Creighton faculty. We would love to take your early registration! Contact Colleen Hastings at 402-280-2303, colleenhastings@creighton.edu, for registration or more information.

Private retreat: Enjoy quiet time away and time for spiritual conversations between you and God. How much time do you need? One, two or three days, or even eight or 30. Check your schedule and contact us with proposed dates at 712-787-2466 or curc@netins.net



Christmas Statue Orders

If you would like to purchase Timothy Schmalz statues for Christmas, please have your orders to Terri Lou by Nov. 29.

You can order by calling 712-778-2466 or emailing her at curc@netins.net.

Would You Like to Volunteer?

It is that time of year when we need volunteers helping us out around the grounds. If you have interest in helping with some flower beds, brush removal or general small maintenance projects, let us know. We will also be available for conversations at our Open House in July. Hope to see you there.

Support the Retreat Center

If you would like to financially contribute to the Retreat Center, please [visit us online](#).

Under "Select Your Gift Designation(s)," select "Find Area(s) of Your Choice" and "Other," and then indicate that you would like your gift directed to the Creighton Retreat Center.



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The Creighton Retreat Center

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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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