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The Easter Season

By Fr. Bob Dufford, S.J.

Each season of the liturgical year has its blessing and its challenge. During the Easter season, the blessing is joy in the mercy of God made so evident in the risen life of Jesus. Ignatius bids those in the Fourth Week of the Exercises to ask for the grace to rejoice and be glad intensely because of the glory and joy of Christ our risen Lord. The focus here is not so much on our glad feelings as on the glory and joy of the Lord.

The challenge of this season is to be open to finding this joy while dealing with the losses of this world. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus were caught in their loss of Jesus and their disappointment at not being on-board with the promised Messiah. As they walked along, they did not suspect that Jesus could possibly be walking with them. He was gone. Dead. But gradually they came to see that the story of Jesus among them was much bigger than they thought – a story that included his rejection and death, but also his resurrection. The gift that had been rejected by Jewish authorities was now given back again to those who would trust in God.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Dufford will be joining the Retreat Center staff in July. He will be directing retreats, presiding at liturgy and available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We hope he will find his time with us filled with many graces.



8-Day Retreat

An 8-day Ignatian retreat is scheduled for July 21-30. Come to the quiet for reflection and deepening of your relationship with God. You are invited to contemplate, relax, revel, and enjoy God's working in your life. Directors for this retreat will be Amy Hoover and Fr. Bob Dufford, S.J.

[Learn more and register](#)



Scheduling a Retreat

One of the great gifts of the Creighton University Retreat Center is to be able to offer eight- and 30-day Ignatian retreats year-round. Please try to schedule these retreats at least 30 days in advance. Small groups wishing to schedule retreat times at the center will find better availability three to six months out. Large groups are asked to schedule a year in advance.



Outdoor Prayer Deck

A dream of the Creighton Retreat Center is to put a three-season Prayer Meditation Deck in the woods. This space would be just past Mary's Garden overlooking the ravine. It will be screened in and also have sliding windows. The anticipated cost to purchase and install is between \$15,000 and \$20,000. About two-thirds of the \$20,000 construction goal has been raised. The center hopes to fund this project through donations and to have the prayer space in place before Summer 2016. Can you help? Contact Amy Hoover at 712.778.2466 or amyhoover@creighton.edu.



Grounds Projects

The windows in the Lalemant Apartments will soon be replaced. This will require the rooms to be vacant for a week in June. Also planned: more remodeling in Loyola Dining Hall and Isaac Jogues Lodge. We are happy to announce that the lodge can boast air-conditioning for the first time, making this space usable during the summer months!



Telescope Coming

Creighton's College of Arts and Science will be building a new observatory for a telescope at the retreat center. This telescope will be connected to the University by the internet, allowing students to request nighttime pictures. The telescope will activate, take the images requested and send them by the internet to classes the next morning. We are excited to be partnering in this endeavor. Keep watching for community outreach sessions.



Visit the Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is growing and has been moved to the new space in Loyola Dining Hall. Come enjoy the space that houses our books, rosaries, sculptures and other special treasures. Be sure to stop by during your next visit.



New Promotional Video

Thank you to Nico Sandi who has been working with the Division of Mission and Ministry at Creighton University to put together a new promotional video on the Retreat Center. [Click here to watch.](#)



Thank You

A special thank you to all who have visited (and will be visiting) during the Retreat Center's construction projects. Your patience and flexibility as the center grows and facilities are updated are very much appreciated. We do our best to be mindful of your valued silence.

If you or your group would like to help with maintenance or trail work, 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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