

# The Retreat Center

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HERE IS THE LATEST NEWS  
AND INFORMATION FROM  
THE CREIGHTON  
UNIVERSITY RETREAT  
CENTER.

## My Prayer

*By Amy Hoover*

As I write on this feast of St. Ignatius, I am filled with gratitude and am reminded to be aware of God's presence in all things.

It has been a busy time at the retreat center, with groups large and small staying for periods from two to eight days. The kitchen staff has been consistently busy and our housekeeping staff seems to be able to ebb and flow with our feast or famine needs.

We have also had many individuals here for retreats these past few months. Their stays range from two to 30 days. It was as I was sitting with these retreatants each day that I realized how grateful I am.

I generally begin each meeting with a period of silence and then prayer. The weather has been so beautiful that the windows are open. As we sit in silence, I become intensely aware of God's presence in our world.

My prayer goes something like this: "Good and gracious God, we come to You grateful for this new day, another opportunity to encounter You. We are aware of Your presence in the bright sunshine (or rain), the gentle breeze, the singing birds, the mower and those riding it, the joyful squeals of children, in every person and situation we encounter today. Please grant us open ears and open hearts so that we can hear and understand Your presence and invitation to us this day."

I have found that this simple moment of silence and prayer each day is enough to fill my heart with gratitude. May your day be filled with the awareness of God in your surroundings and those you encounter. May God open your hearts and ears to help you be aware of God's presence in all things.



## Center Hosts Silent Retreats

Feeling called to some silence? We still have a couple of openings for our eight-day Ignatian Silent retreat **Aug. 14-23**. We are now taking reservations for our three-day Ignatian Silent Retreat **Oct. 23-26**.  
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## Around the Grounds

There are many projects under way at the retreat center. We are starting the **Loyola Dining Hall expansion** this month. We have recently **replaced the carpet in Brebeuf**, begun exterior painting of various buildings, converted our exterior lighting to energy-efficient lights and added some poles. When you visit, you will also notice the addition of **more benches** around the grounds. We are hoping to add benches in the woods by the river and at the overlook soon. With the installation of the **new exterior lights**, we were also able to finally paint the flagpole and add a topper. We will soon begin to re-side, insulate and replace windows of **Jogues Lodge** and will continue this project as funds allow.



## Thank You!

We have many people to thank this quarter. A huge thank-you to **Dale Naylor, Marge Brown, Carly Thompson** and **Dowling Catholic High School students**. All have spent hours here this summer helping with painting, trail work, deck staining and various other projects on the grounds. We really appreciate all your hard work. Thank-you to the **Greenberg and Rourick families** for your generous donations to the retreat center. Thank-you as well to **Steve and Jayne Powell** for your gift of an American flag and eagle to top our pole.



## Can You Contribute?

We are currently accepting donations to furnish the Loyola Dining Hall with tables and chairs. If you would like to contribute, please [visit us online](#). To donate, fill out your information and then under gift designation/other designation, please type in Creighton Retreat Center. Or simply contact Amy Hoover at the retreat center. If you or your group would like to help with maintenance or trail work, please don't hesitate to contact Amy Hoover at 712.778.2466 or [amyhoover@creighton.edu](mailto:amyhoover@creighton.edu).



## 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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