



“They 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 2:42-47

If you need further information on the retreat weekend, please contact one of the following:

Director: Beth Johns - 618-830-3623
Co-Director: Shannon Haney - 618-281-5990

The ACTS Retreat

The ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology, Service) Retreat movement began in San Antonio, Texas, in 1997 and came to St. Louis in the early 2000’s. It is now thriving in over 25 parishes and starting in many others. Popularity and traction keeps increasing with the ACTS Retreats because they are parish-based, uplifting and faith-enriching weekends.

The Immaculate Conception Women’s ACTS Retreat will be held on **September 20 – 23, 2018**.

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** for your **life**?
-**closer** relationships with your **family**?
-to make **new** and **closer** relationships with people in your parish

The **ACTS** weekend **inspires, encourages, challenges, and so much more**. It is put on *by* lay women, *for* lay women and with support from our parish priests. Through this weekend, you will get to know women in the parish 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 others**, enjoy some quality **time away** from your busy life and with Jesus, and **embrace the journey**.

You’ll be glad you did!



Women’s Retreat
September 20 - 23, 2018



We Shall be Servants of All

Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church
Columbia, IL



Please Join Us

Immaculate Conception women over the age of 18 are invited to the September 20-23, 2018 ACTS retreat weekend. This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to build and deepen lasting friendships throughout your parish community.

The retreat begins on Thursday evening, September 20th, with check-in at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. Transportation will be provided for you to and from the retreat center. The retreat concludes at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday (September 23rd) Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. A lunch reception will follow.

Approximately 7–10 days prior to the retreat, you will receive a letter describing what to bring with you (clothing, pillows, etc.) for the weekend. Come experience discovery, renewal and peace with the women of Immaculate Conception and other area parishes.

A **deposit of \$50** is requested to reserve your place with the remaining \$200 registration fee due at check-in (the full amount is **\$250**). We understand these are challenging times, so everyone will be **accommodated regardless of ability to pay**.

To register, please return your application and deposit to the parish office or contact us

“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 than 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 long-life path.”

“My ACTS Retreat showed me how to listen to Gods whispers even in the most noisy day-to-day experiences.”

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

Return your registration form and deposit to:
Immaculate Conception Parish Office
411 Palmer Rd, Columbia, Illinois 62236

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| Name (as you want it to appear on your name tag) | |
| Address (Street, City, State, Zip) | |
| E-mail Address | |
| Work Phone | Home Phone |
| Cell Phone | Parish |
| Emergency Contact Person | Relationship |
| Emergency Contact Person's Full Address | |
| Emergency Contact Phone (Home or Cell?) | |
| Any special physical, dietary, medical, allergy or other needs: | |

Make checks payable to “Immaculate Conception”, and please write **“ACTS” in the memo section**.

\$50 Deposit \$250 pd in full request aid