

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of ACTS is to build community within our parish by helping others experience the love of God, and foster intentional discipleship to our Lord Jesus Christ through the ACTS Retreat experience.

ACTS

Adoration

The call, acceptance and response to God.

Community

Love and caring for each other as members of the body of Christ.

Theology

Study of our faith through scripture.

Service

To God, each other and our parish family.

Core Team

Jerry Willick, Facilitator
Angie Burton, Co-Facilitator
Peg Palacios,
Social/Fundraising
Traci Winnon,
Communications
Pat Burke, Finance
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UPCOMING RETREAT

Men's Retreat – August 2-5, 2018

Aaron Pollard, Director

Names have begun to be pulled from the Holy Bowl. If you are called, please prayerfully consider saying "Yes" to serving on the next Men's Retreat Team.

The Women's Retreat was held on January 18-21, 2018, led by Tammy Hampton, Director, Mary Gerwitz and Emma Espinoza, Co-Directors, Leigh Dohack, Spiritual Companion, Vanessa Ferguson, Music and 29 wonderful ladies from the ACTS community. Welcome to Cheryl Schnell, Kelly Mullins, Nikie Wiley, Michelle Defel, Lois McDonald, Nancy McEnery, JoAnn Auer, Jennifer Meehan, Mary Goldkamp, Diane Limmer, Vanessa VanDyke and Joanie Peroutka who attended this retreat. This year's theme was "The Kingdom of God is at Hand" Mark 1:1:15.

We hope you stay involved in the many ACTS activities and fund raisers leading up to our **next Women's Retreat that will be held on September 5-8, 2019**. St. Simon ACTS parishioners will be invited to participate as a team member in the next retreat if your name is chosen from the Holy Bowl.

PARISH MISSION

The Parish Mission will be held March 11-14. Mr. Frank Runyeon, Actor and TV Star, will be the presenter. He will bring the Scripture to Life and it's for all ages. The Mission starts every evening at 7 p.m. with most nights lasting 80 minutes with no intermission followed by a social time. See the Bulletin for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

ACTS, along with Simon Says, will be hosting the Social after the final talk on Wednesday, March 14. We need 2-3 volunteers each before the Mission during the Social and after the Social to set up, clean up and/or cover the Welcome Table. Please contact Peg Palacios at 314-306-0183 if you can help!

HOME BY ANOTHER WAY

The St. Simon Spiritual Band that plays during Mass on the first Sunday of each month at 11:00 also plays at Double D's Pizza on Tesson Ferry on the first Tuesday after the first Sunday of each month (upcoming dates 3/6 and 4/3). All are invited to purchase dinner and enjoy Christian and Contemporary Music.

Attention ACTS Sisters...**Invitation to P.A.L.S. (Praying in Adoration with Loving Sisters)**

A small Faith Sharing Group was formed and on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, begins with Eucharistic Adoration from 6:30 p.m., The Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song at 6:45 p.m., and we then go out for dinner at O'Charley's in South County. At this time, during dinner, we do a 5-minute check in with who are present in order to share what is going on in our busy lives. If you are interested in attending, contact Mary Karen Willick at maryk325@yahoo.com.

ACTS Brothers:

The men meet every Wednesday morning in a Prayer Group at 7 a.m. at the St. Louis Bread Company in South County Mall. All are welcome.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Besides hosting the retreats, ACTS also participates in and/or sponsors the following events. The Rummage Sale and Black Light Bingo & BBQ are our two largest fundraisers.

Annual Rummage Sale supports ACTS***THIS IS OUR BIGGEST FUND-RAISER!***

Many thanks to Peggy Maassen and all who donated time and goods to make this fundraiser a success.

\$4,973 was raised in 2017.

The Annual Rummage Sale will be held on July 27 and 28, 2018. We will be forming a Planning Committee this year and will be scheduling a meeting in May to start the ball rolling. We will be looking for volunteers to lead and/or participate in a specific function of the Rummage Sale. These rolls include and not limited to Accepting items, Set Up, Experienced Taggers, Check Out Table, Clean Up, Food/Drink for volunteers, Advertisement. Please consider joining the Rummage Sale Team this year! Watch your e-mail for future information. If you have any questions, please contact Peg Palacios at 314-306-0183.

The St. Simon Black Light Bingo Bash and BBQ scheduled for August 18, 2018.

Queen of Hearts – The **ACTS Community** volunteers to help with the selling of tickets for the Queen of Hearts raffle and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** By helping out with the selling, we will get a portion of the profit that will be used towards our retreats. For each week that we are scheduled to sell, we will need one to three workers (depending size of pot) at the Wednesday night Bingo and for the 5 pm, 7 am, 9am, and 11 am masses. You will need to be available to help sell before and after mass. If it is your first time to sell, someone will be available to help you out. Please consider giving some time to help out. All time slots are for two hours but it is 30 minutes before and after mass and you will be able to attend mass.

Day of Reflection – take time for fellowship and reconnect with our Lord (every other year).

Progressive Dinner – Participate with other parish ministries. Focus is to meet new parishioners and reconnect with old friends. The ACTS community is assigned to provide a specific food item; i.e. appetizer, salad, dessert...

THE ACTS TRIBUTE FUND

The ACTS Tribute Fund was established to recognize a friend or family member for their birthday, anniversary, job promotion or important event in their life. An acknowledgement of the gift is sent to the person receiving the tribute and to the person making the contribution.

The ACTS Tribute Fund is also a way to memorialize someone who died. You can request that contributions be made in memory of the deceased in lieu of flowers. Tribute Fund envelopes can be found in the church vestibule. The family of the deceased, as well as the person making the gift, will receive an acknowledgement letter.

Gifts received to the Tribute Fund will be used by the St. Simon's ACTS community for scholarships to parishioners who would like to attend an ACTS retreat, but due to financial difficulties are prevented from attending. All gifts are tax deductible.

The following tributes were made during 2017:**In honor of Peggy Maassen**

The ACTS Core Team Members

In memory of James Kendall

Peg Palacios

In memory of Lenny Meyer

Michael Wolken

Ray and Colleen Schulte

Mary A. Sack

Dan and Marianne Ross

Dennis and Sheila Rasure

Cheryl, Jeffrey and Meredith Meyer

Mark and Gabrielle Long

Mr. and Mrs. John Ferretti

Russ and Sandy Krauss

Carolyn DeGreeff

Joseph A. Przybylski

Doris Tockstein

Martha Coltrell

Carol Grimes

John and Susan Quante

Mary Karen and Jerry Willick

Cathy Ho

Mark and Sue Sienkiewicz

Amy Meyer Coworkers

Michael Meyer

Jeff, Brenda, Ryan & Greg Simington

Bill Schey

LaVerne Meyer

Knights of Columbus #11146 Ladies Aux

Charles and Amy Roessler

Sue and Jerry Dombek

In memory of Lois LaMartina

Mary Gerwitz

Karen Foerstel

Chrissy Meyerott

Gina Faust

Peg Palacios

In memory of Sandy Willick

Leo and Beth Bartolotta

Rick Eschelbach

Peg Palacios