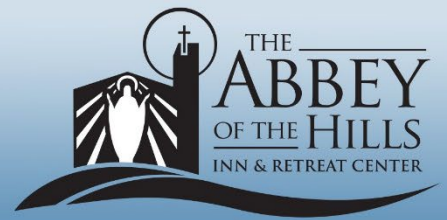


# Newsletter

Winter 2023



## Deacon Paul Treinen

Executive Director

### Silence

As I write this winter greeting, the Abbey of the Hills is hosting approximately 40 young men from the St. Paul Seminary for their annual Silent Retreat. They've been coming to the AOTH for about seven years now, experiencing God's presence amidst the winter silence of the Abbey. Their contemplative silence is a blessing to them—and to all our staff.

A retreat may take many varieties: All men or all women, for example, confirmation or young adults, couples or singles, priests & pastors—the list goes on and on. People so often focus on the subject of the retreat or the retreat speaker—all of which are very important. But the common element I believe to all successful retreats is the presence of...*silence*. Whether that silence comes in the form of a walk around the beautiful lakes of the Abbey, or through the paths of the Outdoor Stations of the Cross, or during Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, *silence is essential to encountering God while on retreat.*

My prayer is that you daily encounter God during times of silence—whether at home or on retreat. Allow me to conclude with a wonderful quote I encountered by Fr. Donald Haggerty from *Contemplative Enigmas*:

*"The silence of God is often his best communication. Silence may be thought an unacceptable absence of God. Not so, for it is His divine way to reinforce the deeper truth of the mystery of His near presence, especially in His presence in the Eucharist."*



## Event News

Renee Marzahn

Events Coordinator

The Abbey of the Hills hosted many events in the fall/early winter of 2022. One of the largest groups included approx. 100 students gathering here for the Eastern Coteau Conference Oral Interp. High School Competition. Some of the other events included an artist's retreat, quilting retreat, and family reunions/gatherings. Some of the fall retreats included a Mixed 12-Step Spiritual Retreat, Women's Weekend of Silence, Ecclesia Domestica, Couple's Retreat and a Women's Retreat. The Sisseton Assembly of God Church held their Christmas Party at the Abbey of the Hills – and so much more. I look forward to another blessed year at the Abbey of the Hills. Please contact me to schedule your 2023 event, retreat or lunch/tour!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Days of Recollection**  
(Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
of the month)

Feb 14 - **Wade VanDover**  
"Humility..."

March 14 –TBD

April 11 – **Fr. Rodney Farke**  
"What Can We Learn from the  
Two Funniest Books in the Bible"

May 9 – **Missy Baumberger**  
"St. Theresa of Avilla's  
Interior Castle"

### Retreats

February 17-19

**Men's 12-Step Retreat**

February 24-26

**Men's Lenten Retreat**

March 3-5

**Women's Lenten Retreat**

March 24-26

**Women's Ignation Silent Retreat**

April 14-16

**Mixed 12-Step Retreat**

April 28-30

**Women's Weekend of Silence**

May 5-7

**Women's 12-Step Retreat**

May 12-14

**Communion of Hearts**  
**Rosary Retreat**

### Special Events

March 10

**Abbey Fish Fry**

April 16

**Shaun Johnson &  
The Big Band Experience**

April 13

**Pizza Night at the Abbey**



# Development News

Jill Adelman

Chief Development Officer

Greetings from the Abbey Development Office! Because of your generosity, many guests that come here are able to find "peace" they did not even know they were looking for. Perhaps that was through the silence they felt at a retreat, attending an event or "getting away" with an overnight stay.

Looking ahead in 2023 the Abbey has several items that need to be replaced. My husband recalls growing up and his father asking him if he "needed" something or if he "wanted" something. There is definitely a difference.

Well, the Abbey "needs" the following:

- Walk-In Cooler \$ 20,000
- Add'l Fire Alarms \$ 1,500
- Vinyl Chairs \$ 18,000

"Safety" seems to be the theme for these priority "needs." The walk-in cooler is definitely a priority to ensure safe food storage. Key to keeping all guests safe include: additional fire alarms in the monk wing and the replacement of the many, many chairs that are used for events, retreats, etc. as the old chairs have reached the point of "needing" to be replaced.

Would you prayerfully consider making a donation to the Abbey's current "need" list?

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the Abbey and its mission for all to "Rediscover Peace."

May God bless you and THANK YOU!



## Abbey Staff

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Rick Nyberg

## Guest Testimonials

*"I could feel the peace of God here.  
It was a gift to me to be here."*

*"We love Eugene. He is top dog!"*

*"I was amazed at the passion and care that permeate  
the Abbey. The staff, the spaces, the setting all made  
for a perfect time to encounter the Lord and rest in him.  
Thank you all!"*

## Gifts of Peace Honorariums/Memorials

**Honorariums:** Ed & Paula Baxter, Brian & Sammy Baxter & Family, Kim & Dave Billings, Fr. David Breu, Loreen Hartman, Mary V & Earl Kampmeier, Pat Karels, Dale & Joanne Marihart, Chuck & Jeanne Meidl, Fr. Jack Nordick, Val Rausch, Brittany Schwebach, Renee Schwebach, Kathy Tharaldson, Dcn. Paul Treinen, David & Kristin Tritz & Boys, Daniel Tritz, Lynn Tritz, Don & Deb Wanner

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