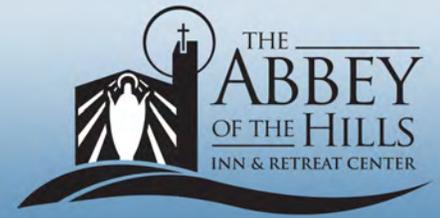


Newsletter

Fall 2022



Deacon Paul Treinen

Director, Abbey of the Hills

Gratitude



Blessings,

In reflecting on the gift of gratitude, I initially considered that the absence of gratitude is a path to despair...while the gift of acknowledging gratitude is certainly a step toward peace, which is part of the Abbey's mission, the rediscovery of peace.

So, the fruit of gratitude is peace. Even during rough patches—or perhaps especially during the rough patches—the pathway to peace is gratitude.

Like many of you, I have a growing family. While far from perfect, I thank God for each of them every day and, in doing so, really believe the fruit of my prayerful gratitude increases the peace of my family. The same is true in our parishes and here at the Abbey. When I begin my day in a spirit of prayerful gratitude my heart changes. Peace has a pathway to the Abbey when I lift up a prayer of thanksgiving for all God is doing in and all through the people who comprise the Abbey of the Hills.

And the irony of it all is that when God allows us to undergo rough patches, our capacity toward peace grows as I lift up my prayer of gratitude. "In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thes 5:18)

May our gratitude grow—in all circumstances. And may this pathway of gratitude lead us to the rediscovery of His peace.

Upcoming Events

2022 Day of Recollections

Oct 11 - Fr. Greg Tschakert

"And my soul shall be healed"

Nov 8 - Fr. Richard Fox

*"Sharing Faith With
Family & Friends"*

Dec 13 - Fr. Tim Smith

*"The Infancy Narratives: Advent
Meditations with the Writings of Pope
Benedict XVI"*

Women's Weekend of Silence

Nov. 4-6

**A non-denominational
women's retreat.**

Marriage Retreat

Nov 11-13

**"Do Everything in Love
1 Corinthians 16:14"**

Women's Fall Retreat

Nov 18-20

"Light of Life"

Ecclesia Domestica

Dec 1-4

Retreat for Men

Men's 12 Step Retreat

Dec 9-11

**For those who practice or wish to
practice the 12-step program**

Please visit our website
www.abbeyofthehills.org for more
details and to register for these
retreats or call the office (605)
398-9200



Front Desk News

Cindi Tramonte

Office Manager

It's been an exciting and busy summer here at the Abbey. There was so much to be grateful for - retreats, reunions, youth groups and volunteers and so many more. Without these individuals and groups, the Abbey would not be able to fulfill our mission to *rediscover peace*.

As fall draws near, the staff invites you to visit and experience what the Abbey has to offer; business meetings, personal or group retreats, holiday parties, family or class reunions and so much more.

Thank You and God Bless!

Cindi

Guest Testimonials

"A wonderful peaceful setting - a tribute to the monks who called this home."

"I appreciate the way you are taking care of this sacred place and beautifying it - honoring the charism of St. Benedict."

"What a welcoming environment! The staff is so friendly & helpful. Peaceful, relaxing & away from all the busyness of life."

Abbey Staff

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Chief Development Officer: Jill Adelman

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Michalla Welberg

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Rick Nyberg



Development News

Jill Adelman

Chief Development Officer

Here at the Abbey-we are thankful for YOU! Thanks to the generosity of donors, the Abbey AC Campaign was fully funded and completed! The project included installing 23 mini-split Heat Pump/AC units in the entire Retreat Wing. Wow, what a wonderful upgrade for Abbey guests! As a bonus, these units will also provide supplemental heat in the winter months.

Another donor funded project that was recently completed was seal coating of the parking lots/driveway, including lines painted for parking. All of these projects have become a reality because of people like YOU. One additional area that is often difficult to fundraise for is general expenses (heating, electricity, etc.) Would you prayerfully consider a gift to the Abbey to help with these expenses? Any amount would be greatly appreciated!

May God bless you!

Jill

*Help assure the future of the Abbey
by remembering it in your estate plans.*

Gifts of Peace

Honorariums/Memorials

Honorariums: Rick & Mary Althoff's 50th Anniversary, Former Monks of Blue Cloud Abbey, Fr. Jack Nordick

Memorials: Francis Benkofske, Fr. Richard Gross, Julia Henrich, Arlene Hoffman, Bernard & Gerri Kervliet, David King, Dalinda Lounsbery, Rudy Nef, Fr. Bill Osborn, Liz Radermacher, Marie Randall, Joanne Ross, Myra Jean Schmiege, Randy Schmiege, Mark Stolpman, Eugene & Annabell Vogel, Roseanne Wollschlager

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