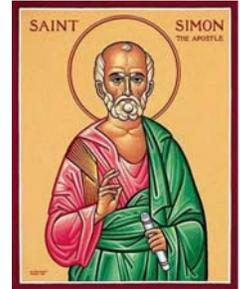




St. Simon the Apostle 2018 ACTS Retreat - Registration Form

Sisters of Mercy Retreat Center



St. Simon the Apostle is now accepting applications for upcoming ACTS retreats for men and women. This formation offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, to strengthen your faith and its application to your daily life, and to grow your prayer life. It is presented by your fellow parishioners and will help build lasting friendships among members of the church community. It is held at the Sisters of Mercy Retreat Center in Frontenac, MO, just 15 minutes from St. Simon.

The retreat begins Thursday evening, with check-in at 6:15pm at St. Simon. Transportation will be provided to and from the retreat center. The weekend concludes at the 11am Mass on Sunday, with a reception following in the lower church hall.

The total cost for the weekend is \$225 (double room) or \$275 (private room, as availability permits), which includes food and lodging. A registration deposit of \$50.00 is requested with this form to reserve your place. The remainder is due at the Thursday check-in. **PLEASE NOTE: Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat.** If you are unable to pay all or part of the fee, or need further information regarding the retreat, please contact us (see below).

Please send your completed registration form and deposit (make check payable to St. Simon the Apostle) to the parish office:

St. Simon the Apostle Church
Attn: ACTS Retreat (indicate Women or Men)
11011 Mueller Road
St. Louis, MO 63123

Approximately 7-10 days prior to the retreat, you will receive a letter describing what to bring with you for the weekend.

Questions? Call us (see below) or email simonacts@stsimonchurch.org.

Women: Director - Tammy Hampton (314) 479-7790 Co-Directors - Mary Gerwitz and Emma Espinoza

Check Date and Room Type:

- Women (Jan 18-21) Men (Aug 2-5)
 - Double room (\$225) Private room (\$275)
- (Private rooms may be limited based on availability)

Name: _____

Parish: _____

Name as you want it to appear on your name tag:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Work: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact #1: _____

Relationship: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Emergency Contact #2: _____

Relationship: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Any special physical, dietary, medical, or other needs:

What is ACTS?

Adoration Community Theology Service



An ACTS retreat is centered on how we as Catholics can improve our relationship with God and build a better, stronger faith community. ACTS stands for the four core principles: Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service, and is based on Scripture in Acts 2:42-47.

ACTS retreats follow an established format, but each one is a little different. This is not a silent retreat, but is more participative. There is prayer, reflection, Mass, testimony, sacraments, discussion, and fun! You may choose to participate as much or as little as you like. This is a time to get away from your busy daily life and enjoy quality time with others like you.

Participants often develop lasting friendships. The environment on the retreat allows for open discussion of our faith which is rarely found anywhere else in our society. Many who have attended will attest to the profound difference ACTS has made in their lives and in their relationships with friends, family, and God. More than 200 men and women at St. Simon have been on retreat, and many of these continue to serve on teams conducting the retreats.

Take a leap of faith, put yourself in the hands of others, and embrace the journey. You'll be glad you did!

What do people say about ACTS?

...I didn't realize *my relationship with Jesus was so personal*. ACTS has helped me to know that *my faith is more important to me* than I realized. Our parish has some awesome men and women of faith!

...*I was NOT a retreat person*—I had not been on one since high school. But some friends encouraged me to try ACTS, so I did. *What I received was way more than I expected*. I have a renewed sense of faith and an understanding of what really matters.

...Before ACTS, I never really knew the people I saw at Mass. Now when I go to Mass, I feel like *I'm going with friends*. I have a real sense of belonging to the St. Simon parish family.

...Whatever you're looking for in life, *ACTS can help*. It sure helped me! I not only feel closer to God, *I feel closer to my wife and kids*.

...Why go on an ACTS retreat? Well, I went because my husband went first, and *I saw a change in him*, a greater sense of spirituality. I saw the same thing in the women I knew who went to ACTS.

...*I had lost my way spiritually*. I knew I wanted to get closer to Christ but I didn't know how. *ACTS enabled me to make this start*, and focus on what is important—God in all aspects of my life.

...ACTS is a unique way to experience and renew your faith. The *sense of fellowship and community* is truly remarkable. When you surrender to the experience, you end up giving yourself and your loved ones a real gift.

...Because of ACTS, *my life is still changing for the better*. Now I know why all those people were smiling so much. They knew what I now know...*ACTS is for everyone!*

...My prayer for you is this: Let your curiosity lead you. *What does God have in store for you?* Can you give Him a weekend of your life to see where He is leading you? You might find a way to follow Him that is totally unexpected.

...*All it takes is a simple, "Yes."*

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