



**OLQP & St. Anthony's
Men's ACTS Retreat
Mercy Retreat Center
Kirkwood, MO
July 23-26, 2020**

We are now accepting applications for the **July 23-26, 2020 Men's ACTS Missions** 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 lasting friendships among members of the parish community. It is presented by your fellow parishioners, with spiritual direction from Fr. John Reiker and Fr. Dennis Schmidt.

The retreat begins Thursday evening, July 23rd, with check-in at 6:15 pm at St Anthony of Padua in High Ridge. Transportation will be provided to and from the retreat center. The retreat concludes at St Anthony at the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, July 26th, with a reception following in the school cafeteria. Approximately 10- 14 days prior to the Retreat, you will receive a letter describing what to bring with you (clothing, reading material, etc) for the weekend.

The cost for each retreatant is \$260.00. A deposit of \$60.00 is requested to reserve your place. The balance, \$200.00, will be due at the time of check-in on Thursday, July 23rd. ***Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending this retreat.*** If you wish to inquire about special arrangements or need more info, please contact any of the following:

Director – Bob Hawkins 636-575-1368

Co-Directors – Mickey Girse 314-677-8665

Harry Sheldon 636-677-4577

Please make checks payable to: **St. Anthony's ACTS** and send or deliver this reservation form and deposit fee to either parish office.

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Name: _____

Parish: _____

Address / City / Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Work Phone #: (Opt) _____

Primary Email Address: _____

Any special physical, dietary, medical or other needs for the retreat weekend?

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

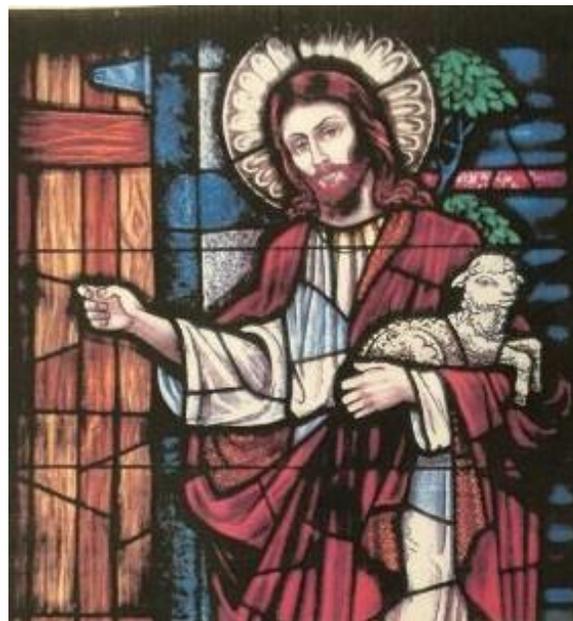
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WE ARE CALLED
ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE

**St. Anthony of Padua & Our Lady Queen of
Peace Men's ACTS Retreat
Mercy Retreat Center
in Kirkwood, MO
July 23-26, 2020**

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 65 parishes in St. Louis and starting in many other cities. Popularity keeps increasing with the ACTS Retreats because they are parish-based, uplifting and faith-enriching weekends. Part of the ACTS purpose is assisting parishes and parishioners in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ among Catholic communities with faith filled enrichment and fellowship by promoting, facilitating and sponsoring ACTS retreats. As we find in the reading from: Acts 2:42-47.



Adoration

**A response to God's love through prayer and
worship**

Community

Participating in the One Body of Christ as Church

Theology

**Deepening our relationship with God in order to
better fulfill his will**

Service

**Answering the call to discipleship by following the
model He gave us**

Q: How long is the retreat? What do I prepare for?

A: The retreat begins at St Anthony of Padua in High Ridge on Thursday night at 6:15pm and is complete at 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday at St Anthony. Bring very casual, comfortable clothing. While most of the activities take place indoors, you will likely spend some time outdoors. Also, pack things you would typically bring for a short trip such as toiletries, medications, etc. Bedding and towels are provided, but you might want to pack a pillow and extra towel if you like. Also bring clothes appropriate for Mass on Sunday.

Q: What about accommodations and meals?

A: You have a private room with your own restroom facilities. Three Meals served daily, with PLENTY of snacks, water, soda and coffee.

Q: Are there any requirements for making the retreat?

A: All are invited, Catholics and non-Catholics, in or out of our parish communities. The only requirement is a willingness to spend more time with God and fellow parishioners.

Q: How is the retreat run?

A: Your fellow parishioners will run the retreat. They spend time prior to the retreat, meeting weekly and preparing spiritually for the retreat, as well as handling most of the planning and logistics for the weekend. Each team has a priest who has a role in the weekend as well.

Q: So what exactly happens on the retreat? What activities? Is it a silent retreat? If not, am I required to participate?

A: This a little different, and part of the blessing and enjoyment of the weekend is discovering what it means to you as it happens. For this reason, it's hard to go into specifics. There is prayer, reflection, Mass, opportunity for sacraments and discussion. You can choose to participate in the discussion as much or as little as you like. People are different, so their experience and reaction to the retreat differs, but if you talk to men and women who have been on the retreat, you'll see that responses are typically very positive.

Q: So if I go on the retreat, am I required to participate more in the future? Do I have to do certain things? Do I have to be on a retreat team or be involved in other retreat centered activities?

A: The short answer is no, you don't have to do anything after retreat. Hopefully during your retreat you learn things about your faith, yourself, and the way others practice their faith. The goal isn't to build a larger parish retreat group; it is to build a stronger relationship with Jesus and with others in the parish community.