



# Our LADY of GOOD COUNSEL

## DOES YOUR RESERVOIR NEED FILLED?

All of us have to resist the temptation to busyness, otherwise we can allow our activities and to-do lists to override our need for prayer. We must set aside time to recognize how, without God, we can do nothing. St. Bernard of Clairvaux observed in the 12th century, "The wise man will see his life as more like a reservoir than a canal. The canal simultaneously pours out what it receives; the reservoir retains the water till it is filled, then discharges the overflow without loss to itself" (Sermon 18).

What a beautiful image! If we spend all our time giving, we run the danger of running dry. But if we fill the reservoir of our hearts with grace and charity, then it will overflow from our lives out to others.

Throughout the Gospels, Christ periodically takes time to step away from the world and others, to be alone with His Father in prayer. Sometimes our Lord invites his followers to move into an even closer friendship by calling them to join him on retreat. We see this in the gospel of Mark, chapter 6, when so many people were coming and going that the apostles had no leisure, not even time to eat, so Jesus said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

Weekend retreats typically begin with a Rosary and Mass at 8:00 pm on Friday evening, and end with Mass and noon lunch on Sunday. They include times of individual meditation, Eucharistic Adoration, worship through the sacraments and liturgy, and reflection on the topics and scriptures.



### DIRECTIONS TO OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE

7303 N. 112th Street  
Waverly, NE 68462

- From I-80 take Exit 409 marked "Waverly."
- At the stop, turn LEFT onto Hwy. 6.
- Take the first LEFT (gravel road) after the interchange, which is N. 112th Street.
- Follow N. 112th Street to just after the intersection with Alvo Road, turn right into the first entrance to *Our Lady of Good Counsel*.



## SEE BACK FOR FALL 2021 SCHEDULE

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House**

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## FALL 2021 SCHEDULE · IN-PERSON AND ONLINE RETREATS

<p><b>August 27-29, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Unbound: Freedom in Christ<sup>†</sup></b></p> <p>with <b>Matt Simmons and Fr. Gary Coulter</b></p> <p><i>lincolndiocese.org/unbound</i></p> 	<p><b>September 16-19, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Work of the Holy Angels</b></p> <p>with <b>Opus Sanctorum Angelorum</b></p> <p>4-day retreat Thursday-Sunday</p> 	<p><b>September 24-26, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Following in the Footsteps of St. Joseph</b></p> <p>with <b>Msgr. Mark Huber</b></p> <p>Celebrate the year of St. Joseph by imitating his selfless devotion, listening, obedience, and humility.</p> 	<p><b>October 1-3, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Eucharistic Retreat</b></p> <p>with <b>Fr. Zachary, SOLT and The Knights of the Holy Eucharist</b></p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration Retreat.</p> 	
<p><b>October 15-17, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Personal Vocation &amp; the Christian Woman</b></p> <p>with <b>Simone Rizkallah of ENDOW</b></p> <p>Equipping women to recognize and cultivate her God-given genius.</p> 	<p><b>October 22-24, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Ongoing Conversion on the Journey</b></p> <p>with <b>Fr. Julius Tvrdy</b></p> <p>A life of continuous conversion gives us spiritual focus and energy.</p> 	<p><b>October 29-31, 2021</b></p> <p><b>The 'Dark Night' in the Private Writings of St. Mother Teresa</b></p> <p>with <b>Fr. Karl Millis</b></p> <p>Mother Teresa teaches us to live with confidence and joy.</p> 	<p><b>November 12-14, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Inner Healing<sup>†</sup></b></p> <p>with <b>Fr. Craig Doty</b></p> <p>Encountering the powerful love of the Father.</p> 	
<p><b>November 19-21, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Ejercicios Espirituales en Español</b></p> <p>Retreat in Spanish.</p> 	<p><b>December 3-5, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Mother of the Word: Advent Retreat with Mary</b></p> <p>with <b>Emmaus Institute</b></p> <p>with Vern Steiner, Chad Steiner, and Joshua Burks of the Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies.</p> 	<p><b>December 9-12, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Men's Spiritual Exercises</b></p> <p>with <b>Regnum Christi, the Kingdom of Christ</b></p> <p>Friday conference and weekend retreat for men.</p> 	<p><b>December 17-18, 2021</b></p> <p><b>24-hour Advent Retreat</b></p> <p>with <b>Fr. Gary Coulter</b></p> <p>Contemplate the mysteries of Advent and Christmas.</p> 	<p><b>December 27-29, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Encounter Ministries Conference</b></p> <p>Virtual Watch Party</p> <p>Encounter God's refreshment, encouragement, &amp; impartation of greater anointing of the Holy Spirit.</p> 

† Prayer teams will be available to pray with retreatants.  
 All retreats are open to either men or women, except the Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> retreats.  
 All retreats are available both in-person and online streaming, except the Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> retreats.

Visit [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org) for more information!

### Private and Silent Directed Ignatian Retreats

Our typical weekend retreats, like those given at other retreat houses, are preached retreats where the retreat master gives talks to the entire group of retreatants.

In contrast, our **Ignatian Retreats**, listed to the right, also known as **Directed Retreats**, are intentionally smaller so that each retreatant can meet privately with the retreat director every day (and allows for social distancing).

Based on the *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola*, the heart of the Ignatian Retreat involves spending four or five prayer periods each day in meditation on scripture. Thus the real director of an **Ignatian Retreat** is the Holy Spirit.

**Ignatian Retreatants** journal about each of their prayer times and the movements that occurred there, so that when they meet with the director, they can be given guidance and appropriate scripture passages for their meditation.

- Aug. 19-22, 2021 with Matt Simmons (4-day or 8-day)
- Sept. 3-6, 2021 with Fr. Coulter & Matt Simmons (3-day or 4-day)
- Sept. 9-12, 2021 with Fr. Chris Barak (4-day or 8-day)
- Oct. 7-10, 2021 with Fr. Chris Barak (4-day or 8-day)
- Nov. 4-7, 2021 with Matt Simmons (4-day or 8-day)
- Dec. 30-Jan. 2, 2022 with Fr. Barak & Fr. Coulter (4-day or 8-day)

The 4-day Directed Ignatian Retreats can be extended by staying until Thursday instead of ending Sunday.

At home (virtual) Directed Ignatian Retreats are available at half the price of the in-person retreat.

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The typical suggested donation is \$180.

As a Catholic ministry in the Diocese of Lincoln, our Mission is to provide a sanctuary and experience which leads people to encounter Jesus Christ. Through inspiring retreats and warm hospitality, we seek to transform and renew the spiritual lives of all desiring the opportunity to listen to the Holy Spirit and know the Father's love, peace and healing.