

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life; to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need.

Each day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes.

They ate their meals in exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.

And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

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RETREAT LOCATION

St. Edmund's Retreat Center

Enders Island

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**ST. JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT
SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 1, 2023
ENDERS ISLAND**



Adoration

Community

Theology

Service



ADORATION – GOD’S CALL, YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF, AND RESPONSE TO GOD.

COMMUNITY – LOVE AND CARING FOR EACH OTHER.

THEOLOGY – STUDYING GOD THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND OUR CATHOLIC FAITH.

SERVICE – TO GOD AND HIS PEOPLE.

What is an ACTS retreat?

An ACTS retreat is a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by women who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. Retreat activities focus on **Adoration, Community, Theology and Service**. Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church are the guides.

The goals are to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships. Participants return to their parish faith communities with a deeper love for each other and a desire to become more involved. The retreat is open to women of all faiths.

Past Reactions

“When the opportunity to attend a women’s ACTS retreat, I made it a priority. I went on the retreat with an open heart and an open mind. This retreat brought me closer to God than I had ever been before. I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. I found new joy in everything I did by sharing the love of God with others especially my family.” Rosa W

“The ACTS retreat I attended had a profound effect on my spiritual life. The retreat was a faith filled weekend that inspired me to become closer to God. Since the retreat I’ve noticed God working in my life more than I ever did before. The love and joy that fills ones heart doesn’t end on the Sunday of the retreat but continues. The women one meets remain sisters forever. It’s a wonderful experience that all women seeking a closer relationship with God should attend.” Cathy H

Interested In Attending?

The retreat begins Thursday evening, September 28th with a 5:30 Check-In at St Agnes, 22 Haigh Ave. in Niantic CT. Participants will then be transported to St. Edmunds Retreat at Ender’s Island in Mystic for the remainder of the retreat. The retreat will end on Sunday, October 1st with the 11 AM Mass and post-Mass reception. Transportation to and from St. Edmund’s Retreat will be provided.

The total cost for the retreat is \$225. A deposit of \$100, made payable to **St. Agnes Church** submitted with your form, will reserve your place. In the memo section of your check, note **“Women’s ACTS Retreat.”** The remaining balance will be due at the Thursday evening check-in. (The Retreat Fee is being subsidized by the New London ACTS Community.) You will receive a letter within two weeks of the retreat describing the necessities you should bring.

Please don’t let any financial difficulties prevent you from attending the retreat. Assistance is available based on your need. If you have financial concerns, please call and discuss them with any of the directors listed below.

Registration forms can also be found at www.actsct.org/womens-schedule

For further information, please contact:

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