

## Why would I want to attend??

- ♦ For my own spiritual growth and guidance.
- ♦ Because there is a hole in my heart and I want to fill it.
- ♦ Because I want to find out—just what this ACTS stuff is all about?
- ♦ Some of my fellow parishioners attended and they seem different.
- ♦ Because I've heard that somehow I'll never be the same—really?
- ♦ So that I do it before my wife/husband/friend makes me do it.
- ♦ Because I really can find the time—so why not just do it?
- ♦ Because I trust the women/men running it—so why not?
- ♦ Because the sooner I find out about it, the sooner I can pass it on.
- ♦ Because I need to find out what is it that an ACTS retreat gives that I don't have.

## Cost of an ACTS Retreat

Partial scholarships are available for retreatants who cannot pay full cost of the retreat.

Registration forms for the Great Bend retreats are available at: <http://greatbendcatholic.com> or from any of the people listed below.

The cost for an ACTS retreat is \$175 for accommodations and meals.

### For more information:

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### Women's Retreat Dates

Great Bend—October 17-20, 2019  
Great Bend—October 1-4, 2020

### Men's Retreat Dates

Great Bend—November 21-24, 2019  
Great Bend—November 19-22, 2020

### Teen Retreat Dates

Amarillo—June 27-30, 2019  
Amarillo—December 26-29, 2019  
Amarillo—June 25-28, 2020

# Adult Faith Enrichment Retreat



ACTS is a weekend retreat patterned after the description of the early Church in the Acts of the Apostles—

*“breaking bread together, worshiping together, receiving instruction together, sharing in common, and reaching out in loving service.”*

*ACTS 2:42-47*



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## What is an ACTS Retreat?

An ACTS retreat is a three-day/three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by fellow parishioners. The weekend retreat begins on Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday at a Mass celebrated with the parish community. Retreats for men, women and teens are given separately.

Talks and activities during the retreat focus on

*Adoration--the call by, acceptance of and response to God,*

*Community--the love and caring of each other,*

*Theology--the study of God through scripture and the Catholic Faith, and*

*Service--to God and his people,*

from which the ACTS acronym is derived. Holy Scripture and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church are the guides for the retreats. The weekend allows retreat participants to experience God's love and joy. They return to their parishes with a deeper love for each other and a desire to become more involved in their faith communities.

## History of ACTS

ACTS came to birth from the Cursillo Movement through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. ACTS started in 1987 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Selma, Texas, a small suburb of San Antonio. ACTS has grown much since 1987, and is now in at least 26 states and 7 countries.

ACTS retreats have enriched the lives of hundreds of thousands of people - men and women, teens and retirees, rich and poor, Catholic and non-Catholic, in the United States as well as other countries.



People have credited ACTS with saving their lives, saving their marriages, convincing them to be ordained as priests or deacons, leading them to become nuns, by simply opening their eyes and their hearts to God's word.

Pastors have praised its positive effects on their parishes, leading to highly invigorated parish life. Bishops and other church leaders have called it the most important movement in the Catholic Church today; all this from a handful of faith-filled people with the courage and perseverance to be led by the Holy Spirit.\*

\*ACTS Missions website: [actsmissions.org](http://actsmissions.org)

