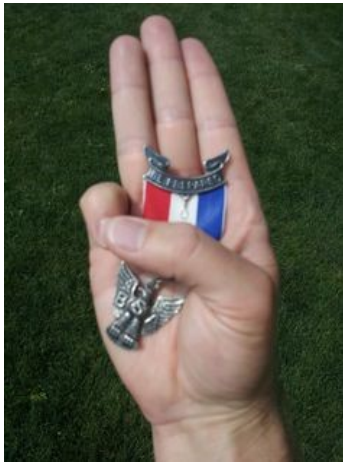


TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUTS



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SERVICE TO OUR
RETREAT MINISTRY**

The projects depicted on these pages have all contributed significantly to the quality of our retreat ministry to youth and adults. They have helped immeasurably in the accomplishment of our mission to provide the highest quality retreat experience to all those who come to this Holy Ground.



*Fr. Joe Weber blesses the
Grotto Eagle Project.*

EAGLE PROJECTS



**Scouts exemplify service
to others with inspiring
projects over the past
twenty years.**

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Group Swing at the Labyrinth



Constructed by **Eagle Scout Derek Book, Troop 116, St Justin Martyr Parish** in 2017, this swing provides a serene and prayerful venue for retreatants after experiencing the Labyrinth or after dinner in the evening

Permanent Directional Signage

A project completed in 2017 by **Eagle Scout Andrew Braun, Troop 777**, Gravois Trail District, this picture depicts just one of several well constructed signs giving directions to the various features on the property.



The Beatitude Walk



A wonderful addition to the religious features on the grounds, this project was completed by **Eagle Scout Sam Gloriod, Troop 597**, Ascension Parish in 2017. It consists of 8 plaques, placed about 5 paces apart, each depicting one of the Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

THE EAGLE PROJECT

Service to others is an important part of the Scout Oath: "to help other people at all times." Each year tens of thousands of young men strive to achieve the coveted Eagle Scout rank by applying character, citizenship and Scouting values in their daily lives. One of the requirements is to plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to a religious institution, school or community organization. Through this requirement, Scouts practice what they have learned and gain valuable project management and leadership experience.

The Eagle candidate must choose a project that is challenging and innovative in nature and one that benefits the organization being served. He must complete forms describing the project in considerable detail, including material and personnel requirements and a funding plan. He must gain approval of his project at the Troop and District levels before proceeding. The beneficiary organization must also approve the project in advance.

WHAT WE PROVIDE

The Retreat Center encourages Scouts to let us work with them in choosing a project that will enhance our retreat ministry and will give them a strong sense of purpose. We offer the use of our tools and equipment and we provide refreshments and lunch to Scout groups working on the property. We also offer the opportunity for the Scout and his parents to consider holding their Eagle Court of Honor in our conference room at no charge, subject to availability. Food service is offered by our kitchen staff on a cost basis.

Covered Swing at Stations of the Cross



An Eagle service project of **Eagle Scout Troy Helgeson, Troop 371** at St Clare of Assisi Parish in 1995. the swing provides a restful place for meditation while praying the Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross Statuary

Dan Rice, Eagle Scout, Troop 597, Ascension Parish, power washed and painted the 14 station statues and added 7 permanent benches at the site in 2013



Popular Shaded Swing at Building Entrance

Built in 2007, an Eagle service project of **Eagle Scout Nate Bruns, Troop 708**, Rockwood South, this swing is a popular gathering spot during break times and in the evenings



The Holy Family Shrine



Eagle Scout Corey O'Connor, Troop 597, Ascension Parish completed this challenging project in 2013. Permanent seating made the Holy Family Shrine more suitable for group programs at the site.

Brother Mel Meyer, SM, Sculpture Garden



Completed by **Eagle Scout Anthony Harrop, Troop 597**, Ascension Parish in 2013, this renovation resulted in a beautiful addition to the property. Dedicated to the late Brother Mel Meyer, SM it contains 13 of his original works among plants and shrubs

Vegetable and Herb Garden

Eagle Scout Patrick Siegmund, Troop 597, Ascension Parish constructed 3 raised garden beds and an 8 foot fence surround and planted vegetables and herbs for use by the Center kitchen staff in 2013.



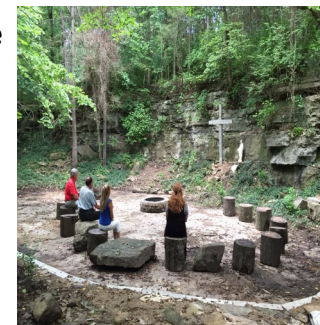
Campfire Pit and Permanent Seating



Completed in 2013 by **Eagle Scout David Walz, Troop 336**, St Michael the Archangel Parish in Shrewsbury, this is a popular and much used program feature on the grounds

Expansion and Beautification of Prayer Grotto

On a very rainy Saturday in 2016, **Eagle Scout Gabriel Rimel, Troop 116**, St. Justin Martyr Parish completely re-stored our grotto, including a fire pit, rustic seating, access improvements, a rustic cross and statue of the Blessed Mother.



Outdoor Prayer Labyrinth

Known as “The Ancient Path of Wisdom and Peace”, a Prayer Labyrinth is a tool for focusing the mind spiritually. It was constructed by **Eagle Scout Adam Gass, Troop 603**, Rockwood Middle School in 2014



4 Convertible Benches / Tables



Eagle Scout Adam Delaney, Troop 677, Living Word Church constructed four unique benches that convert in pairs to two picnic tables in 2016. They offer comfortable seating in the Sculpture Garden

Picnic Tables for Sports Field



The Sports Field needed a place for people to sit and enjoy the activities. **Eagle Scout Michael Copenhaver, Troop 597**, Ascension Parish constructed two sturdy tables and a wood chip surround in 2016.

Serenity Point Meditation & Prayer Site

Located on the banks of picturesque Hamilton Creek, Serenity Point is a quiet place for prayer and meditation. Constructed by **Eagle Scout Sam Thompson, Troop 597**, Ascension Parish in 2017

