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Holy Cross Retreat Center Newsletter

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Retreats and Events at Holy Cross

Upcoming Retreats!



Prepare spiritually for Easter by participating in a **retreat on Good Friday and Holy Saturday**, April 19-20th. We will focus on the Three Holy Days and have a solemn prayer for Good Friday. You will then be ready for the Easter joy!

Recovering Alcoholics and Alanon Retreat

Fr. Tom Weston will provide a very fine weekend, May 3-5, for those in Twelve Step programs. His personal stories and insights will uplift those who attend. Register early since he draws many people!



Creation, Come Praise!



St. Francis of Assisi wrote a beautiful song called, "The Canticle of Creation" in which he praised God through all forms of nature. This retreat will give us the freedom to appreciate the glory of God as we experience spring in the desert, in the Southwest. **May 10-12, 2019.** I will lead you through prayer and praise and a chance to explore the wonders of creation.

Fr. Tom Smith OFM Conv.

What is your vocation in life?

Fr. Tom will be celebrating his 40th Anniversary of ordination by encouraging all of us to pray and choose our own vocation intentionally. Whether single, divorced, widowed, married, religious, or ordained each of us is called to give witness to God's presence in the world. Mass will be in Holy Cross Chapel on **June 9th at 2:00pm, July 6th in Indiana** followed by a reception. All are welcome. Let us know so we can have enough food!



St. Francis Forming Community

After St. Francis of Assisi first encountered Christ in a special way, he realized "Christ gave me brothers," and the religious community was formed. Even later married and single persons wanted to share in his values and spirituality, so the Secular Franciscan fraternities evolved into another form of life. This retreat is for Secular Franciscans and anyone interested in how to develop fraternity that leads to service. **June 21-23rd. Call to register.**



Mothers and Daughters Retreat



*This is a time to reflect on the gift of life and being a mother, as well as appreciating the gift of being a daughter. How do we share faith from one generation to the next? Come as mother and daughters! **June 28-29, led by Missy and Kiley Giacomelli.***

Go to our website www.holycrossretreat.org to see brochures and more details or call 575 524 3688.

Strategic Planning

For the past eight years we have developed and revised our mission statement and strategic plan to guide our vision and ministry. We are now expanding our mission to focus on retreat ministry, but also include Franciscan Hospitality and Outreach to parishes, prisons, and other areas. You can read the results of our prayerful planning on our web site and we welcome comments and suggestions.

UPCOMING FRANCISCAN RETREATS

- Apr. 19-20 Good Friday Holy Saturday Retreat
May 3-5 **Recovering Alcoholics/Alanon Retreat led by Fr. Tom Weston (register early)**
May 10-12 "Creation, Come Praise!" Spring in the Desert Retreat
June 9 40th anniversary of Ordination for Fr. Tom Smith, 2:00 Mass & reception
June 21-23 Retreat on Francis of Assisi and Forming Community
June 28-29 *Retreat for Mothers and Daughters, Friday evening and Sat. till 9 pm.*
July 22-26 Pilgrimage to the early Franciscan Missions in NM.
July 26-28 Silent Retreat for men and women
July 28-Aug 1 **Silent Retreat for Religious Women (new!)**
Aug. 16-18 Walking in the Footsteps of St. Francis, Being a Pilgrim each Day. Led by Fr. Tom S.
Aug 31 Sept. 1 Franciscan Festival of Fine Arts

Call 575 524-3688 for info or to register, or review or webpage at www.holycrossretreat.org

OTHER UPCOMING HOSTED RETREATS:

- Apr. 4-7 ACTS Mt. Carmel Women English
Apr. 26-28 Knights of Columbus Retreat—open
Apr. 27-28 Engaged Encounter
May 3-5 Recovering Alcoholics Retreat, Tom Weston
May 9-12 ACTS St. John Paul II Men
May 17-19 Southwest Sangha Silent Retreat
May 24-26 Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial, español
May 25-26 Engaged Encounter
May 30-June 2 ACTS San Martin de Porres Men, Spanish

If you are interested in an ACTS retreat, contact the sponsoring parish. For Engaged Encounter, the EE website is www.cceelpasolasacruces.org.

Our full schedule is at www.holycrossretreat.org



Dave and Maggie Langenfeld were referred to us by Bro. Bob Roddy in Minnesota where they live. For many years they have donated their time to retreat centers, religious groups and others for renovation projects or whatever is appreciated.

They both have contributed generously in organizing our filing system, preparing the Hacienda dining room to be used as a meeting space, and renovating two bathrooms in La Casita. Many thanks to both of them!



The original dining room in the Hacienda has been renovated so that it can serve as another space for prayer or meeting. It helps others to appreciate what the adobe home looked like years ago!



Men from the parishes of St. Luke and St. Matthew used the Rosary Walk to pray early in the morning as the sun rose. All are welcome to use the Rosary Walk or the labyrinth nearby as a place of prayer and quiet.

The San Damiano Legacy Society recognizes and honors all friends of the friars who provide ultimate support in their **wills, trusts, life income gifts (charitable annuities), retirement plans, life insurance designations, and other future gifts.** By joining others who have taken this step, you are part of a distinctive legacy. When choosing to honor the friars with your legacy, please utilize this language: **"I hereby give, devise and bequeath to: Province of Our Lady of Consolation, Inc."** You may make a designated bequest stating: **"It is my desire and instruction that this bequest to the charitable organization be used for The Holy Cross Retreat Center."** When you let the friars know about your intended bequest or other planned gift, you are invited to enjoy special events and recognition through the San Damiano Legacy Society. Please let us know. Contact Shaunna Graf at: s.graf@franciscansusa.org or (812) 923-5250 or Fr. Tom Smith OFM Conv. at director@holycrossretreat.org 575 524-3688.