



Holy Cross Retreat Center Newsletter

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RETREAT MINISTRY!

APRIL 2023

Spring in New Mexico

Holy Week prayer...This retreat provides quiet time to prepare and celebrate Holy Thursday and Good Friday, then return to your homes for Easter! It will be a Silent Retreat, and the recent silent retreat was well received and fruitful. **April 6th 6:30pm till noon April 8th** Offered by Fr. Tom Smith



An exhibit of **The Shroud of Turin** will be at Holy Cross Apr. 3-9 in the small conference rm.



Fr. Tom O'Neil SJ will be leading the Retreat for Recovering Alcoholics and Alanon people, April 21-23. He has been recommended by Fr. Tom Weston and comes to bring you encouragement, guidance, and peace.

Earth Day will include presentations and activities to heighten our appreciation of creation as well as give us practical ways to care for the earth. Saturday **April 22nd, 10-3.**

Earth Day Ecumenical Service Sunday April 23, 6:30pm—Join us for prayer, music, and a discussion of religious dimensions of Caring for our Common Home.

A retreat reflecting prayerfully on *Laudato Si!* will move us along the way of an ecological conversion to Caring for all Creation in the Spirit of God and of St. Francis. **May 19-21.**



June 23-25, Deacon Bob Angelich offers a retreat, **“Rediscover Your Godly Purpose.”** This weekend focusing more on the transition from full time activities to retirement or those already retired, and how we prepare ourselves to enrich our lives and the lives of others.



Sr. Margarita Armendariz will lead women in a retreat on **“Dreams: Parables of the Soul.”** The weekend of **September 8 & 9.** **Note change of date...** promises to be refreshing and spiritually enriching as Margarita shares her wisdom and joyful approach to life.



A group of Secular Franciscans and others joined for a retreat on St. Francis and the Virgin Mary. The interest and sharing was a real gift to all.

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101 students from Loretto Academy in El Paso came for their annual retreat, continuing a tradition since before 1960. Here they are assembling a “23” for their class picture.



Friar Tom Smith traveled to St. Thomas Parish in Lovington, NM for a Lenten retreat. It was good to visit a parish established by the friars in 1960 and now thriving 60 years later. If you or your parish or organization is looking for a speaker, feel free to contact us.



The new forms for Artists and Food Vendors are available for the Franciscan Festival of Fine Arts, Sept. 2 & 3. You can see them at HolyCrossRetreat.org under events, or call us.

UPCOMING RETREATS IN 2023

- July 14-16** **Franciscan Lectio: seeing God in all things, complements Lectio Divina.**
- July 17-21 Pilgrimage to the early Franciscan Missions in NM. Travel with Fr. Tom. (tentative, hoping the pueblos open.)
- Aug. 11-13 The Healing Power of Forgiveness
- Aug. 25-27** **St. Francis and Pope Francis, Inspiration and Compassion**
- Sept. 2 & 3** **Franciscan Festival of Fine Arts—artists, food booths, beer garden, live music!**
- Sept. 15-17 Recovering Alcoholics/Alanon retreat led by Fr. Tom Weston
- Sept 22-24 Grieving Retreat

There are prices or suggested donations for each retreat, however if finances are a concern we can make arrangements with you. Call 575 524-3688 or email programs@holycrossretreat.org for more info

Individuals, couples and small groups are welcome to come for private or directed retreats or to use a hermitage. Call for availability.



Bishop Peter Baldacchino gave crosses to youth during the closing mass for Confirmation Candidates from several parishes in the lower Mesilla Valley. Many thanks to the Goodgame Foundation for the grant to help make youth retreats more affordable.

The second hermitage should be finished within a month or so. Guests are welcome to stay in either one, with a discount for longer stays.