

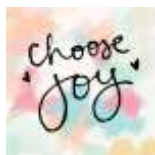


Holy Cross Retreat Center Newsletter

Over 65 YEARS OF
RETREAT MINISTRY!

APRIL 2024

Retreats for those seeking inner transformation, silence, and spiritual growth



April 12-14 “The Road to Joy: Pathways to Transformation” with themes like following our deepest desires, discovering our true selves, embracing healthy intimacy, and becoming a whole person that can become “pathways” to deeper integration and joy in our personal and spiritual lives. Led by Fr. Henry Beck OFM

April 17 The Laudato Si! committee will promote care for the earth at St. Albert Newman 5:30pm

April 19-21 The Spring Retreat for Recovering Alcoholics will feature Fr. Tom Weston and many people who find the mutual support of AA and a retreat important for their sobriety.



April 20th Holy Cross Retreat will be co-sponsoring **Earth Day** activities with the **Museum of Nature and Science** 411 North Main St. Las Cruces, from **10:00 till 1:00pm**.

May 11th Day of Recollection **“Praying Our Experiences”** led by Fr. Henry Beck OFM, , 9:00 –4:00 “Praying Our Experiences” led by Fr. Henry Beck,



OFM. During this “day of recollection,” we will focus on our life experiences as the material for our prayer lives. We will explore praying with our life experiences through journaling and connecting our stories to God’s faithful presence in our lives.



May 17-19 “Encountering God in Creation” is a retreat to experience how St. Francis of Assisi and many others sense the presence of the Creator in our natural world. Experience the beauty of Holy Cross in the spring.

June 6-9 “Franciscan Mysticism and Spirituality” led by Fr. Henry Beck, OFM. This weekend retreat will offer a blend of prayer, insights into our Franciscan spiritual tradition, contemplative sharing,



and time for rest, reflection, and journaling. We will look especially at the unifying vision of the goodness of God, Creation, and the Incarnation through the eyes of St. Francis, St. Clare, St. Bonaventure, and Blessed John Duns Scotus.

Be still and know that I am God.



June 28-30. Silent Retreat, This weekend provided time for quiet to welcome the presence of our God into our hearts. There will be presentations and Scripture refer-

ences, and opportunities to walk, reflect, and contemplate about our spiritual life. There should also be time to travel to a place near the mountains for quiet... Led by Fr. Tom Smith OFM Conv.

July 12-14: “Holy Eros and Healthy Sexuality”
led by Fr. Henry Beck, OFM.

During this weekend retreat, we will prayerfully consider “Holy Eros” and the “Grace” of God as we befriend more fully all we are as embodied-spiritual persons. As we see more fully that we are created from the heart of a passionate and compassionate God, we hopefully will receive more fully and celebrate the gifts of our “embodiment” for relationships and service for justice and charity.

July 22-26 “Pilgrimage to the early Franciscan Missions”

Tom Smith OFM Conv. will once again lead a group to experience some of the enduring missions in New Mexico.



August 9-10: “Discovering our True Self” led by Fr. Henry Beck, OFM. We will prayerfully look for the infinite, the positive, and the good within us as we explore God’s invitation and our common destiny for infinite life seen in Jesus the Risen Christ. Finding more of God within us, we will also discover our “True Self” called to grow into infinite, risen life here and now and to come.

Call **575 524-3688** to register for a retreat, or go to: **www.holycrossretreat.org** under “retreats”, where you can also register and pay online.



56 priests and Bishop Baldaccino came for their Presbyteral Assembly. Many thanks to the Serra Club and other Volunteers for preparing a meal for them. **Happy 10th anniversary as a bishop!**

CALL FOR ARTISTS AND FOOD VENDORS!



Aug. 31st and Sept. 1st. We are sponsoring the **2024 Franciscan Festival of Fine Arts** on Labor Day weekend. New and returning artists and food vendors are encouraged to contact us to register. Go to **holycrossretreat.org** then “Art Festival” to download forms or call **575 524-3688**



The Art Festival also includes an enchilada dinner with other foods prepared by our fine cooks.

Make a note on your calendar, Labor Day weekend!



Spring is coming to the Southwest and elsewhere, but earlier this year we had a beautiful snow on the Organ Mountains, without having any on the roads or sidewalks!



Our Chapel was designed to foster reflection on our journey as Christians. Through the main entrance we encounter the water of baptism (from the rock), and with the surrounding images of saints we move forward into the communion of saints as we gather in the broad open worship space. The robust vigas therein focus our attention on the primary symbols of our faith, the cross and the altar. There, through the large clear windows, we remain surrounded with the natural beauty of trees, mountains, and sky, reminding us we first worship God as Creator and in caring for His creation. The side chapels colorfully welcome us to private Eucharistic devotion and to honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Upon departing, the stations of the cross send us on our way to follow Him who suffered and was raised for us to newness of life.

We invite you to join us for a retreat or just a prayerful visit so you can enjoy this wonderful space first hand.

A reminder: Claudia Fuentes is a certified **Catholic counselor** with an office here at Holy Cross. Often there is no expense to for her assistance. Call 575 527 0500 for an appointment.

Even though our online calendar may look full, we still have **space for groups on some weekends** when only a small group is here. Give us a call!

The **volunteers** who come to the Retreat Center are a true gift in many ways. If you would like to care for specific flower beds, or help with immigrants, assist with computer work, or join our maintenance crew, contact us, and you will be blessed as well!



Thirty ministerial leaders and the pastor from Christ the Savior Church in El Paso came to Holy Cross Retreat Center recently for a day long retreat to deepen their sense of service and ministry in their parish. Other parishes may want to consider a similar day or a weekend retreat!