

**We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 2 Cor. 4:8-10**

**And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.  
1 Peter 5:10**

**Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.  
2 Cor 1:3-4**



**Consider trying out one of our hermitages sometime, where you can have quiet time for prayer and rest and creativity for a few days or up to a month!**



**We have a Labyrinth and also a rosary walk for meditation.**

**Why do People Suffer?**  
**Sept. 6-8, 2024**

**At Holy Cross Retreat Center or Online**

**Also remembering the 800th anniversary of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi**



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The reality of suffering is present in all our lives. Even those who are generally happy and healthy have times when they experience loss, physical pain, and emotional distress that doesn't make sense.

St. Francis of Assisi lived as a poor man caring for others and the earth, yet he also had much physical sickness, diminishing eye sight, and sadness about the direction of the Franciscan Order. In September 1224 this culminated in the suffering associated with receiving the wounds of Christ in his body. Yet he remained faithful to God.

This retreat provides time to talk and pray about our own suffering and that of others whom we care about. How can our faith and the support of others help us cope with pain? St. Francis was able to even write a beautiful Canticle of the Sun in the midst of his suffering.



# Why do People Suffer?

## September 6-8, 2024

### Stay overnight, commute, or join online

Arrival: 6:30-7:00pm  
In the Small Conference Room  
Friday, Sept. 6th  
Closing before lunch on  
Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024

*You can also register and pay online at  
[holycrossretreat.org](http://holycrossretreat.org) under the Retreats tab.*

**Please send this completed form and initial payment to:**

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*Registration form: Why Do People Suffer? Sept 6-8, 2024*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

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I can't climb stairs \_\_\_\_\_

I need Handicapped Accessible room \_\_\_\_\_

dietary need \_\_\_\_\_

Private room \$165.00 \_\_\_\_\_ couple \$250.00 \_\_\_\_\_

queen bed \$175.00 \_\_\_\_\_ couple \$275 \_\_\_\_\_

Two per room, each person \$150.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Commuters \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Online \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_

**(\$25.00 deposit to hold a room)**

Visa/MC \_\_\_\_\_

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**(add 3 % charge for credit card)**

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**If finances are an issue, we will work something out.**