



Holy Cross Retreat Center Newsletter

Over 65 YEARS OF
RETREAT MINISTRY!

AUGUST 2024

Upcoming Retreats, a great festival, progress in repairs and joy of a good retreat!



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.

Sept. 6-8 “Why Do People Suffer”

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. 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 *Canticum of the Sun* in the midst of his suffering. Led by Fr. Tom Smith OFM Conv.



Sept. 13-15 “Married Couples Retreat” Led by Veronica and Guillermo

Martinez Perhaps this is a good time to renew your love for each other and deepen the faith that you share. Come as a couple and enrich each other!



Sr. Linda Fischer will be with us for the upcoming Recovering Alcoholics and Al-Anon RETREAT September 20-22.

Her insights and experience promise to be very enriching for all who come. Pass the word to other people and AA or Al-Anon groups and make your registration early. Find peace, support, and companionship at Holy Cross Retreat Center. A reduced price is available if needed.

October 3, 7:00pm will be the time to celebrate the “**Transitus**” of **St. Francis of Assisi**. This is a meditative description of the dying of Francis and his moving to new life. Come join us as we give thanks for his witness to the world.

October 25-26, 2024

Thomas Merton

'Quest for True Freedom'



During this overnight retreat, we will explore Thomas Merton's life and his themes around growing in "true freedom" with ourselves, with God, and with one another. Led by Fr. Henry Beck OFM

Nov. 1-3, "You are the Potter"

Our lives are shaped by the Lord, by our parents, and by many other people and aspects of our lives.

This retreat provides an opportunity to not only talk about those topics, but experience the work of the clay, and even try it

yourself if you would like. Come share in the images and how it can transform our faith and our lives. Fr. Tom



Nov. 22-24 Eucharist: Holiness and Mission

Following the Eucharistic Congress, we will have a retreat for those who couldn't be there.

Mon. Dec. 9 "An Adult Christ at Christmas"

Dec. 13-15 Grief Retreat, to help us face Christmas and other times without those who we have loved.

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.

Join us for the Franciscan Festival of Fine Arts, Aug. 31st and Sept.1st, Labor Day Weekend



Come and enjoy many different kinds of arts, live music, a great Mexican meal prepared by our cooks, food vendors, a silent auction, and a great setting!



Ruben Pacheco and others have been repairing the adobe wall we noted in our annual appeal last year. They are making good progress in stabilizing it for years to come!

Some of the people who felt the tranquility of a silent retreat gave us this joyful image after the closing mass!



For more info about the retreat center activities try this QR code.

