

Holy Cross Hermitages and private retreats

Why go to a hermitage or make a private retreat?

The desire to find a quiet place for prayer, often in the desert, is a long tradition. Moses went up Mount Sinai, Elijah heard the voice of God in the silence of a mountain, John the Baptist and Jesus went to the desert to pray. St. Anthony the Great lived in the desert of Egypt.

The hermitages at Holy Cross provide a place of quiet and some isolation in the desert, with a view of the Organ Mountains. Individuals come to listen to the voice of God, to relax and help discern the direction of their lives, and to nurture the inner call to solitude. Some also come for meditation or for creative expression. Occasionally a couple comes together to deepen their shared faith as well.

Give yourself time to be still. To **“be” more than to “do.”**

St. Francis of Assisi often took extended times of prayer alone, to guide his active ministry.

“I am profoundly grateful to God for this place that you offer for the use of God’s people.”

Bishop Steven Tighe Anglican



The shower with a grab bar is both comfortable and safe.

If one of the Hermitages is not available, we have retreat rooms which are very fine as well, but do not include a kitchenette.

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“Come away to a deserted place.” Mark 6:31

SPACES:

Feel free to walk the grounds, road, and pathway by the irrigation canal.

Inside the **Atrium area** near the offices is the **Kiva Chapel**. You can also use the **New Chapel** as well as the **Rosary Walk** and the **Labyrinth** just outside.



Both Chapels are always open for your convenience.

There is a self service Gift Shop located in a corner of the main dining room.

If you have any needs or questions while here please ask the office staff or one of the friars – we will be happy to assist you. The cell phone of Fr. Tom is 575 649-8202 if needed.

We hope that you have a pleasant stay with us.

MEALS:

Breakfast is 8:00 am; **Lunch** is at 12:00 **Dinner** 6:00pm. During the week dinner is on your own time unless we have a group here. (We can supply a plate or salad for you.)



If staying in the **hermitage** you can prepare meals using the kitchenette.

St. Francis is the patron of ecology, we ask that you help us take care of Mother Earth by recycling and not wasting electricity.

Costs if using the hermitage:

For one: \$70.00 for 1 night; \$115.00 for a couple. \$60.00 per night if over four weeks,

During the week, \$10.00 per meal

Weekends or when full food service

Breakfast: \$8.00, Lunch: \$12.00 Supper: \$13.00

Spiritual Direction: \$35.00 per session

A deposit of \$70.00 to make a reservation.

(If finances are a concern, let us know.)

THANK YOU for considering Holy Cross Retreat Center for your retreat.



Each hermitage has a full or queen size bed, rocker, table and chair, There is a bathroom and walk in shower, ceiling fan, heat and cooling. You should find it quite comfortable. You can also use a regular retreat room at \$57.00 per room. There is no wi-fi at the hermitage by choice, but it is available in the courtyard. The password is hcr1954.



Sister Water Hermitage