Retreats at Marillac Center 2019 – 2020

Preached Retreats

The Journey of Holy Week
April 5-12, 2020
This retreat will help us accompany Jesus during this time of passion, death and resurrection. The focus is not on the violence done to Jesus, but on intimacy with him in their midst. This time will help us deal with our own diminishment and losses by seeing Jesus dealing with his.

Father Bob Dufford, SJ, is an internationally known musician (St. Louis Jesuits) and composer of liturgical music. He is best known for his work in composing liturgical music (Sing to the Mountains, All the Ends of the Earth, Like a Shepherd, Love One Another, Be Not Afraid, Behold the Lamb of God, etc.) He lives at the Creighton University Retreat Center in Griswold, Iowa. He provides spiritual direction for clergy in the Des Moines Diocese. He spent 14 years at the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and has preached many retreats and parish missions.
Over the last seven years he has been composing instrumental music patterned on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius to help people's prayer lives. The collection, comprising 34 pieces totaling over three hours of orchestral music, will soon be published by O.C.P. probably under the title Tongues As of Fire.

Holy Week Retreat

You may attend the full retreat, or any part of the week that fits your schedule. Make this Holy Week a special time for you.

The Parables of Jesus, Paradigm for Religious Life—June 19-26, 2020
This retreat will focus on the primary way Jesus chose to teach: the parable. What is a parable and how it works will be explored. A number of the parables Jesus used in teaching will be examined. Christian life by nature should be “parabolic.” Religious life should also be “parabolic.” Father Hensell’s retreat will develop our understanding of what the parables mean and how the can enrich our lives.

Father Eugene Hensell, OSB
is associate professor of Scripture at St. Meinrad School of Theology where he has taught scripture on the undergraduate and graduate levels for 40 years. Father was ordained a priest in 1969.

Academic credentials: masters in theology, 1971, and PhD in Biblical languages and literature,1975 from Saint Louis University

APPLICATION: Please apply for retreats as soon as possible by sending in the dates of your retreat along with a $50 non-refundable deposit which will be credited to the total fee. Registration forms are available on our website.

FEES: Retreat fee, room and board is $70 per day; for an 8-day retreat, $560; for a 6-day retreat, $420. Room and board for a private retreat or for private days of prayer is $70 per night. Please make checks payable to Sisters of Charity. Scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the full amount.

OPENING AND CLOSING OF RETREATS: Retreats begin on the evening of the first date given and end on the morning of the second date given with the celebration of the Eucharist. The evening meal is not included for the opening date. If you wish to come early and have the evening meal, please add $10 to your fee and let us know that you are coming.

To register for a retreat you may contact:
Susan Chase, SCL schase@scls.org or (913) 680-2342 or on-line at www.MarillacCenter.org

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Directed Retreats 2019-2020

September 23-October 2, 2019
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Mary Pat Johnson, SCL
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David Simpson, O.Carm.
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October 13-22, 2020
Directors to be determined

Weekend Retreat and Weekday

Silent Days of Prayer
September 28-29, 2019
December 6-7, 2019
March 6-7, 2020
May 1-2, 2020

Listen to God speaking in the depths of your heart. Enter into silence and stillness in the peaceful, restful atmosphere of Marillac Center.

For more information, visit our website at www.MarillacCenter.org

Retreat Directors for 2019

Directed Retreats

Karen Guth, SCL, is actively involved in direction and retreat ministry and has facilitated workshops with women's groups. Karen has an M.A. in theology with emphasis in spirituality. She completed the Vincentian Spiritual Directors Program in Denver in 1998. She previously taught in Catholic schools; coordinated Making Choices, a program which trained women volunteers to mentor incarcerated women; and served as a team member at Marillac Center.

Father David Simpson, O.Carm., was ordained in 1970. Father David's ministries include: high school teacher, novice-master, pastor, and retreat ministry. He served in leadership in his community. He served on the Ministerial Team of the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, Illinois, as a spiritual director. He now resides at St. Boniface Priory in Scipio, Kansas, continuing Carmelite spiritual ministry.

Marilyn Peot, CSJ, has been in full-time spiritual ministry since 1972. Trained in the art of listening, discernment and spiritual development, she has done extensive study in psychological and emotional development and in varied spiritualities, Scripture, and the Ignatian Exercises. In addition to retreat work and spiritual direction she has initiated ongoing groups for prayer, Scripture study and inner healing.

Mary Pat Johnson, SCL, has many years experience in the classroom and as a spiritual director. She received an MA in religious studies from Gonzaga University, and an MA in Christian spirituality with a certification in spiritual direction from Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. Presently, Sister Mary Pat serves on the staff of Souljourners' certification program for spiritual directors in Atchison, Kansas. Other topics of interest for Sisetr Mary Pat are Jungian psychology, dream work, Christian contemplative meditation and Vincentian spirituality.

Kathleen Wood, SCL, a member of the Marillac staff, and a retired professor of theology and ministry at the University of Saint Mary. She brings a wealth of understanding and appreciation of Scripture and the spiritual life to share in retreats and spiritual direction. She holds a master’s degree in theology with a concentration in Scripture from Boston College and a certificate in religious formation from Saint Louis University.

Sisters of Charity Susan Chase, Karen Guth, Mary Pat Johnson and Kathleen Wood will direct individuals upon request as time allows, the year round.