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Registration for Events

Website Links

- ◆ **SPE website**
www.spe-stfrancis.org
- ◆ **St Francis Retreat Center website**

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Unless otherwise noted, all registration is through the office at St. Francis Retreat Center.

Email: information@stfrancis.ws

Phone: 866-669-8321

Mail: St. Francis Retreat Center
703 E. Main Street
DeWitt, MI 48820

Please join us in welcoming
Fr. David Rosenberg
Director of the St. Francis Retreat Center



Prayer Series

October 22, 2015

9 am to 4 pm

Lectio Divina with Mary Sue Kennedy
Praying with Icons with Linda MacDonald

Cost:\$60

Registrations must be received by **October 15**

Lunch included

****Full payment must accompany registration****

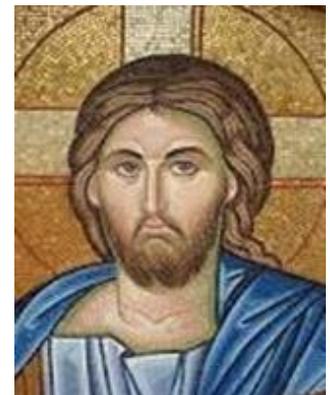


Mary Sue Kennedy, OP, an Adrian Dominican Sister has served as Executive Director of the Dominican Sisters Conference, in leadership for the Adrian Dominicans and as Vicar for Religious for the Diocese of Toledo. She is currently a Spiritual Director, facilitator and a presenter of workshops and retreats.

There are many different prayer forms of which Lectio Divina is one. It is intended to promote deeper union with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word. It treats Scripture as the Living Word. This session will explore the background and history of Lectio Divina as well as allow participants to experience prayer with Lectio Divina.

The Venerable Linda MacDonald, Archdeacon, Emerita the Episcopal Diocese of MI.

Deacon for 21 years, served as an occupational therapist for 29 years. Ministries included working with prisoners, the sick and the needy. Began icon writing in 2007 and has used icons as part of her daily prayer since then. Discussion will include history of icons, canons, and how to interpret and pray with them.



Sabbath Time Retreat
November 15-17, 2015

Cost: \$130

2 nights lodging

4 meals

Packet of materials

Facilitator: Pat Zandstra

(The actual cost of the retreat is \$165 per person. Please consider paying the full price, if you can, so that others may continue to experience Sabbath time)

(non-refundable deposit of \$25 due at time of registration)

*** We request that registrations be made no later than November 10***

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Faithwalking

A spiritual formation journey that leads participants toward an integrated, missional life. In this two-day retreat participants will engage both person transformation and community transformation.

- Biblically Grounded
- Community Based
- Deeply Practical

When: November 13-14, 2015

Where: Norwood University, Midland, MI

You may contact Northwood directly to reserve a room for Friday night, or you may commute home.

To register, call us at: 517-669-8321.

Info [online](#)

Receive a \$20 early registration discount if you register by October 14.

Regular registration is \$109 and open until November 7th.

Volunteer Help Wanted

Someone with library experience to work on a volunteer basis starting at a few hours a week and working up to 10 hours a week.

Please contact Terry for further details. tmfeuka@stfrancis.ws

Terry's Last Day will be when she sells her house.



She is looking forward to joining her husband in Canton, New York.



Her work hours are now Mon. thru Fri.
9 am to 12 noon

Be sure to "friend" Sustaining Pastoral Excellence at St. Francis Retreat Center on Facebook!

Terry posts articles, events, thoughts on the SPE page weekly. Take a moment and "friend" us.



The SPE Resource Center

We are accepting any and all donations of books, DVDs and CD's. If your



items cannot be added to the collection they will be put on the DISCARD shelf where they will be available for anyone who would like them.

As always, there is one-on-one reference assistance. Terry is more than happy to answer your question or get material for you from one of the many cooperative libraries through WorldCat.

If you have any difficulties in accessing the catalog, ATLAS or in reserving materials, please contact Terry.

Please consider making a monetary donation to the Resource Center. We love donations of books, but there are many newly published items that would make a valuable addition to our collection.

Discard Shelf

Our Discard is still alive and well! Visit the back of the Resource Center and see all that we have. We only ask that you empty your pockets of change to add to our Donation Jar. This is our means to acquiring new items for the collection. Anything you can do is appreciated.

Library Trek

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- Check availability
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DeWitt, MI**

SPE is located on the beautiful 95 acre campus of St. Francis Retreat Center. Comfortable accommodations, delicious meals, excellent service and year-round retreats all available in DeWitt, Michigan. Visit our website for more information
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