



Retreat Notes

St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center

The Passionists of Holy Cross Province

2023-2024 Season

May the Passion of Jesus Christ be Always in Our Hearts!



Dear Retreatants and Friends,

So many emotions fill my mind and heart these days immediately following the unforgettable celebration of my Golden Jubilee as a Passionist priest. It is hard to believe that 50 years ago, along with several other wonderful men, I was ordained to the priesthood, beginning a lifelong journey that has far exceeded my own dreams and expectations. For this I am eternally grateful to Almighty God, and to you, all of you, my dear brothers and sisters, who participated in the Eucharistic celebrations and the joyous receptions that followed. Our retreat center folks did such an amazing job at making all our visitors feel so welcome and a special part of this golden, joyful moment in my life. Thank you one and all from the bottom and top of my heart! I am overwhelmed at the many expressions of love from so many, and, at the same time, I am deeply humbled knowing full well that I am not worthy. May all the glory and praise be given to our loving God who has made these 50 years of grace possible.



My mind is also rejoicing these days, filled with so many memories of this past year of retreats, weekends that were so rich in God's healing and mercy, so heartening to all those who were blessed to be a part of each retreat. If you were unable to attend, well, I must say, you really missed one of the best! It was a great moment when, at the conclusion of the retreat, we were able to send our retreatants home to their families, parishes, and places of work, as peacemakers, dedicated to bringing Christ's healing peace and kindness to one and all. I have no doubt that this year's retreat will build on the past and help us all to be more like Christ in our daily lives.

Finally, dear friends, as you can see from the top photo, we want to remember and continue to celebrate our friendship with a very beloved friend, Ms. Sophie Robledo, and to welcome a new one, Ms. Rosemarie, lovingly called Rosie! Sophie has been a part of our Passionist family here at St. Paul of the Cross longer than anyone else around! For years she managed the retreat center kitchen with unmatched love and devotion; and she continues to serve our small community of vowed Passionists adjacent to the retreat center. Rosie is a very lively puppy that keeps me on my toes and is also becoming, more and more, a loving presence as she greets all our visitors and friends, young and old! So many blessings, so much to give thanks to God for! May God bless you, our dear friends and retreatants, till we meet once again here at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center.

God love you all.

Sr. Pat, C.P.

**You are welcome here! Stop by
to browse our gift shop, pray the
labyrinth, or visit the chapel.**

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Please take a moment and sign up on our website:
stpaulretreat.org





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Weekend Retreat Schedule

This season's theme is Dancing With God

September 2023 - May 2024

Parishes and groups are listed on the weekends they traditionally attend; however, guests are welcome to register for any weekend!

Retreats for Men

Register at stpaulretreat.org

September 22-24 (#3)

St. Charles, Detroit
St. John Neumann, Canton
St. Joseph, South Lyon
St. Malachy, Sterling Heights
St. Mary, Pinckney
St. Peter, Mount Clemens
St. Raymond, Detroit
St. Thomas a'Becket, Canton

October 13-15 (#4)

Holy Spirit, Highland
Our Lady of the Angels, Taylor
St. Aidan, Livonia
St. Anselm, Dearborn
St. James, Novi
St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton
St. Mary, Monroe
St. Roch, Flat Rock
St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
The Cody Family

November 3-5 (#9)

Ave Maria, Lexington
Our Lady of Sorrows, Farmington
Our Lady of Victory, Northville
Resurrection, Canton
St. Mary, Cause of our Joy, Westland
St. Mary, OLQ of Families, Warren
St. Priscilla, Livonia
Toledo Group

January 5-7 (#14)

Christ our Light Fellowship
Contractor's Group
Dore Family Group
Fr. Declan, CP/St. Joseph
St. Edith, Livonia
St. William, Walled Lake

January 12-14 (#15)

Detroit Catholic Central Alumni
Fr. Campion, CP Group
Knights of St. Joseph, Plymouth
St. Andrew, Saline
St. Blase, Sterling Heights
St. Ephrem, Sterling Heights
St. Martin de Porres, Warren
St. Valentine, Redford
The Good Shepherds

January 19-21 (#16)

Divine Grace, Carleton
Sacred Heart, Hudson/K of C #3221
St. Joseph, Lake Orion
St. Joseph Shrine K of C, Irish Hills
St. Jude Group
St. Kenneth, Plymouth
St. Michael, Monroe

January 26-28 (#17)

Fr. Rene Champagne, CP
Fr. William, CP Group
St. Anthony of Padua, Hillsdale
St. Basil, Eastpointe
St. John Vianney, Shelby Twp.
St. Mary, Wayne
St. Mary of the Snows, Milford

February 23-25 (#20)

Fr. Pat Tully, CP Group
Ss. Genevieve/Maurice, Livonia
St. Anne, Ortonville
The Merciful Love of Jesus
St. Michael, Livonia

March 1-3 (#21)

Fr. Damian, CP Group
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Beverly Hills

March 8-10 (#22)

Christ the Redeemer, Lake Orion
St. Colette, Livonia
St. Lawrence, Utica
St. Michael, Sterling Heights
St. Thomas the Apostle, Chaldean

March 22-24 (#24)

Divine Child, Dearborn
St. Fabian, Farmington Hills
St. Francis K of C, Farmington
Ss. Joseph & Timothy, Trenton
St. Linus, Dearborn Heights

April 19-21 (#26)

Our Lady of Hope, SCS
St. Isaac Jogues, SCS
St. Louise de Marillac, Warren
St. Lucy, SCS
St. Margaret of Scotland, SCS
St. Maria Goretti, Dearborn Heights

May 3-5 (#27)

Men's Serenity Prayer Group
Nativity of Our Lord, Detroit
Ss. Augustine/Monica, Detroit
St. Patrick, Brighton
(Dave Cooney Memorial)
St. Patrick, White Lake



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Retreats for Women

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September 15-17 (#1)

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth
St. Maria Goretti, Dearborn Heights
St. Mary, Milford
St. Roch, Flat Rock

October 20-22 (#7)

Light of Christ Prayer Group
St. Anthony, Belleville
St. Edith, Livonia
St. Joseph, South Lyon
St. Joseph, Trenton
St. Lawrence, Utica
St. Valentine, Redford

October 27-29 (#8)

Ave Maria, Lexington
Holy Family, Novi
Our Lady of Sorrows, Farmington
St. Mary, Cause of our Joy, Westland
St. Mary, Wayne
St. Sabina, Dearborn Heights
St. Thomas a'Becket, Canton

November 10-12 (#11)

Divine Spirit Ladies
Our Lady of the Angels, Taylor
Renewal Sisters
Spiritual Friends
St. Basil, Eastpointe
St. Isaac Jogues, SCS
St. Margaret of Scotland, SCS
St. Mary, Pinckney

December 1-3 (#12)

Advent Belles
Retreat Angels
St. Kenneth, Plymouth
St. William, Walled Lake

February 16-18 (#19)

Nativity of Our Lord, Detroit
Our Lady of Victory, Northville
Ss. Augustine/Monica, Detroit
Ss. Genevieve & Maurice, Livonia
St. Charles, Detroit

March 15-17 (#23)

Resurrection Women, Canton
St. Anne, Ortonville
St. Colette, Livonia
St. John Neumann, Canton
St. Mary, Monroe
St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton

April 12-14 (#25)

Divine Grace, Carleton
St. Andrew, Saline
St. Charles, Newport
St. Linus, Dearborn Heights
St. Mary, Rockwood
St. Patrick, Brighton

May 10-12 (#29)

St. Ives Alumnae, Southfield
St. James, Novi
St. Margaret Mary Alumnae

Specially-Themed Retreats

Retreat for Women in Recovery

(Matt Talbot Group)
August 25-27, 2023

Retreat for Men in Recovery

(Fr. Cragen, CP Group)
February 2-4, 2024

Co-Ed Weekend Retreat

(Great for Singles or Couples)
May 17-19, 2024

2023-2024 Retreat Theme

Dancing With God



*"...and the Father will dance as at festivals, because of you."
-Zephaniah 3*

This retreat invites us to take time for the inner dance. Lean into the movement of our Trinitarian God, within and around us, who invites us to the dance floor of prayer, trust, and life. As we hear anew God's invitation, we may notice some hesitancy, fear or concern of doing it wrong or not feeling comfortable...and we remember it is in God that we live and breathe and have our being...

...and the dance begins.

Retreats for men and women are available September through May

Learn more and register at stpaulretreat.org

St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center



on the horizon at St. Paul's

We offer more than just weekend retreats!

To register or for more information about our 2023-2024 season, please call us at (313) 535-9563 or visit our website at stpaulretreat.org. Please note, we need 15 people to run these programs, so please sign up early!

Encouragement & Fellowship

Mother of Sorrows Grief Retreat

Friday, September 15

Evening of Reflection for Couples

w/Candlelight Dinner

Thursday, September 28

Ladies Day Out

Wednesday, October 18

Caregiver Appreciation Morning

Wednesday, November 1

Couples' Mini Retreat & Brunch

Sunday, May 19

Special Celebrations

St. Paul of the Cross Feast Day

Friday, October 20

Solemn Commemoration of the Passion

Friday, February 9

Advent

Evening of Reflection for Couples

w/Candlelight Dinner

Thursday, December 7

Advent Day of Reflection

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8

Lent

Lenten Day of Reflection

Ash Wednesday, February 14

Evening of Reflection for Couples

w/Candlelight Dinner

Ash Wednesday, February 14

Lenten Ladies Day Out

Tuesday, March 5

St. Paul's Gift Shop

Keep St. Paul's Gift Shop in mind when you are celebrating life's special moments. The gift shop is open during regular business hours (9am – 4pm) and at specific times during our weekend retreats. For more information please contact Colleen at cgraveline@stpaulretreat.org or call (313) 535-9563.

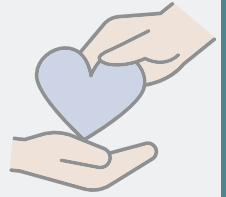
Personal Retreats

Couples and individuals are welcome to spend the day, a night, or up to a week here at the Center on a private retreat. We also welcome groups who wish to host their event here at St. Paul's. Contact Roz at (313) 286-2848 or rsalter@stpaulretreat.org for information about either opportunity.



Detailed flyers can be found in the lobby of the Center and at stpaulretreat.org. Call us at (313) 535-9563 or find us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information.

Advancing Our Mission



Director's Circle

Do you desire to share in our Passionist mission & ministry? Join the Director's Circle by making an ongoing financial commitment to our work.

Donations are used for renovations & improvements to the Retreat Center & grounds, allowing us to maintain a peaceful, serene environment for all our guests.

Thanks to the generosity of our faithful donors we have been able to make many needed improvements to our Retreat Center this past fiscal year!

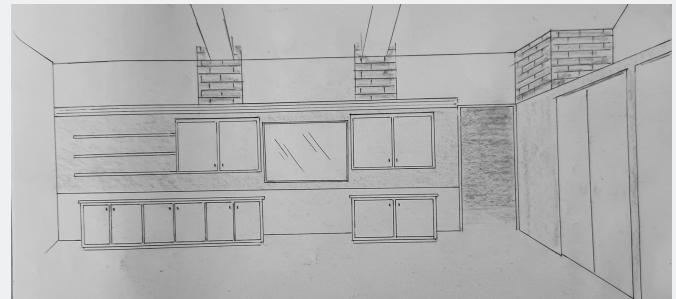


- All bathrooms have been upgraded and repainted.
- Worn carpeting in the three guest hallways has been replaced.
- Parking lot and exterior lighting has been upgraded, allowing us to keep an eye on our beautiful grounds.
- Our computer network has been upgraded, saving \$2500/year.
- The kitchen garbage disposal has been replaced and the walk-in refrigerator has been repaired.
- The projector in Gemma Hall has been replaced with a new, brighter LED model.
- A gently used 2016 pickup truck has been purchased, replacing our 2006 model that we've been using for 10 years.
- Most importantly, you have helped support our retreats for those in most need of God's grace!

Without you, this would not have been possible!

Did you know?

A great way to help us plan for the future is through recurring donations, a donation that is automatically paid via your bank or credit card monthly. You can become a recurring giver for as little as \$25 a month!



To all who participated in our Lenten Appeal - THANK YOU! Plans are now underway to renovate our Assembly Room for your peaceful comfort.

Increase the impact of your gift - many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will double any charitable contribution made by their employees!

Leaving a Legacy

The generosity and foresight of those who have included St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center in their wills and other estate plans continues your legacy and helps us continue the important retreat ministry that our retreatants depend on year after year.

Please contact Mary Moret (313) 286-2806, mmoret@stpaulretreat.org for more information on ways to give.



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Thank you for making a difference!

We couldn't have done it without YOU

Giving is not just about making a donation; it is about making a difference.

Our Mission

In the spirit of St. Paul of the Cross and through the love of Christ crucified, we provide a unique, sacred place of hospitality and compassion where all are welcome to experience hope, renewal and the loving presence of God through spiritual retreats and hosted events.

Be sure to like us on Facebook and subscribe to our YouTube channel - we post weekly reflections from the Ministry Team that follow along the Sunday readings!



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Fast Facts from this past fiscal year...

- We saw a 20% increase in the number of retreatants from last year; we're building back up to pre-pandemic levels!
- More high school students came to St. Paul's for retreats than in other years
- We received amazing feedback from so many retreatants on this year's retreat!



May we pray for you?

Visit our website for Perpetual Mass and Prayer League Cards
stpaulretreat.org/giftofprayer