



Spring 2018 Newsletter

From the Desk of Fr. David



Happy Easter! We look forward to another exciting Easter Season with retreat offerings and events filled with the joy of the season. In our liturgies we sing, "Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!" As a community we give praise and thanks to God for the gift of new life with Jesus. He has come to show us how to live and love, to serve and sacrifice, to give and to forgive.

We are excited about our third annual FaithFest this upcoming June 23rd (see faithfest.com for more information.) In anticipation, we look forward to seeing joy on the faces of the thousands in attendance, joy that leads people to say, "This is my faith!" Again, we will validate for each other that we live and breathe

and have our being in a culture of life that promotes dignity for people of all race, creed and color. My daily prayer is that the Spirit move us to be able to bring joy to dark hearts through a joyful celebration.

Like Mary of Magdala in our Easter Sunday Gospel, we run in faith and joy with the good news of the resurrection of Jesus, our friend and savior. Let us use these days to rejoice, to proclaim, to celebrate our new life with God. Let us witness in faith and love the spirit of compassion which Jesus came to teach us. Let us seek the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us to live and witness the love and peace of Jesus.

Blessings!
Fr. David

Get to know the St. Francis Staff!



Tim Simon has been the full time director of maintenance at St. Francis for 29 years. He started mowing on the grounds at the age of 15 and now as the director of maintenance, his responsibilities include

maintaining the 90 acres of grounds, as well as the functions of the Retreat House, Bethany House, and senior priest residences. Tim is happily married to his wife Carole and has two daughters, Ruby and Savannah. Tim and his family are members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in East Lansing. He enjoys spending time with family, fishing, and watching sports, especially his favorite team U of M. Tim has enjoyed his many years at the Retreat Center and has built strong friendships with senior priests, the late Fr. Larry Delaney, and the rest of the staff and retreatants.

FAITH FEST 2018

A FAMILY FESTIVAL OF FAITH

SATURDAY JUNE 23
AT ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER

FEATURING
MATT MAHER
AND
UNSPOKEN

PLUS SANCTUS REAL,
JASON GRAY, & JJ HELLER

MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
WWW.FAITHFEST.COM

**Lansing Area Catholic Council on Aging Day of Reflection
Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 10:00am - 3:00pm**

Doors to Bethany House will open at 9:30 am for coffee. The first presentation begins at 10:00 followed by Mass, lunch, and another presentation. Fr. Mark Ingot and Fr. Ryan Riley will be presenting. Cost is \$18, seating is limited.

April 10, 2018
Life of St. Therese

April 19, 2018
Senior Day of Reflection

April 12-15, 2018
Cursillo for Women

April 13-15, 2017
Retreat for Women

April 20-22, 2018
Retreat for Men

April 27-29, 2018
Retreat for Women

May 4-6, 2018
AA for Women

May 20, 2018
Marriage Retreat

June 8-10, 2018
Engaged Encounter

June 15-17, 2018
AA for Men

June 23, 2018
FaithFest

July 8-14, 2018
Ignatian Retreat

August 14-16, 2018
Summer Scripture Days

September 6-9, 2018
Cursillo for Men

September 7-9, 2018
Retreat for Men

September 13-16, 2018
Cursillo for Women

September 14-16, 2018
Retreat for Women

“Marriage: Building Trust, Communication, and Intimacy with Each Other and the Lord”

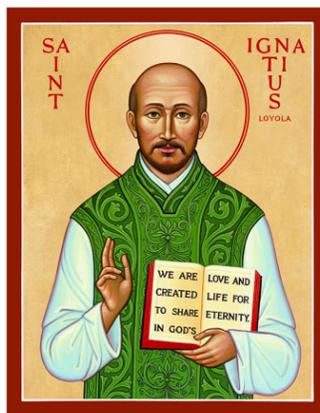
Sunday, May 20, 2018 9:00am - 4:00pm



This retreat will include short presentations on trust, communication, and intimacy with follow up questions and materials to help you. This marriage retreat is designed to give each couple ample time to discuss each topic with their own issues and desires to grow in intimacy and trust - each couple can discuss privately. The day will also include morning Mass and lunch. The cost is \$95 per couple.

**Ignatian Directed Retreat
July 8-14 2018**

This silent Ignatian retreat is built around the elements of Lectio Divina and the Examen prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events your day in order to discern God's direction for you. On this retreat, you will review your life from a prayerful, God-Centered perspective.



Fr. David Rosenberg, director of St. Francis Retreat Center, will be the Rector for this retreat. It begins with registration at 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 8th. You will be introduced to your spiritual director, whom you will meet with each day for the rest of the week.

For more information or to register for any of our retreats, visit www.stfrancis.ws or call 517-669-8321.

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