



# Program Guide 2008-2009

## *Program Offerings . . .*

### **Sunday Mass in Main Chapel**

7:00 p.m. (except Christmas, Palm Sunday, and Easter)

### **Taize Prayer**

LAST Monday of the Month from July 2008 to June 2009 (except December)

Location: St. Kenneth Church

14951 Haggerty Road . Plymouth, MI 48170

Phone: (734)420-0288 Time: 8:00pm

*Taize Prayer is an ecumenical meditative service, in which one invites God's presence to penetrate one's innermost being. This form of prayer comes from the Christian monastic community of Taize, located in the heart of the Burgundy region in France. This unique and deeply moving form of worship seeks to unite and inspire people of all ages and Christian faiths. The service includes repetitive song and chant, scripture reading and silent meditation.*



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Administration: ext. 1104

### **Confirmation Retreats**

Facilitator: Mary Lee Becker:

Program Fee: Varies according to group size

Registration: (734)414-1245

Time: Year round offering.

Call for space availability and pricing

*By the sacrament of Confirmation the baptized are more perfectly united with the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. As witnesses of Christ, they are to spread the faith by word and deed. The retreat prepares students for the graces of Confirmation*

*..... Coming this Spring! .....*

### **Couples Married One to Five Years**

**"Keeping the Passion in Your Marriage"**

*Join us for appetizers, dessert and an inspirational discussion on marriage. David Grobbel, St. John's Marriage Preparation Coordinator will be offering a great new program for newly married couples.*

*For more information, contact David at (734)414-1227 or email him at: [grobbel.david@theretreatcenter.org](mailto:grobbel.david@theretreatcenter.org)*

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### **Sacred Heart Major Seminary Course – Fall Term 2008** (3 credits)

Thursday evenings 6:30-9:30pm Begins September 11, 2008

Course title: PHL 230.02 Ancient Medieval Philosophy

Professor: Salas

Registration: Students should contact the Admissions Office at (313)883-8520.

### **Sacred Heart Major Seminary Course – Winter Term 2009** (2 credits)

Thursday evenings 6:30-8:30pm

Course title: THE 274.02 Intro Moral Theology

Professor: Latkovic

Registration: Students should contact the Admissions Office at (313)883-8520.

### **Learning to Pray with the Bible**

Thursdays October 2 to November 13 2008 7:00-9:30 pm

Thursdays February 12 to April 2, 2009 7:00-9:30 pm

Facilitators: Spiritual Directors from Manresa Program

Program Fee: \$80 per eight week session

Registration: Limited to 15 participants - (734)414-1104 (by Sept.25 or Feb. 4)

*This program teaches participants how to meditate and contemplate the great themes and stories of the Bible by using the methods of prayer drawn from St. Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises. This is not Bible study. It is praying the scriptures each day with the guidance of a director weekly. The session will include a teaching in the large group and spiritual direction in small groups of three to four. Time is provided for silence and journaling. Bring a Bible and notebook.*

### **"Requiem for the Innocents"** Organ, Chorus and Orchestra

Sunday October 19, 2008 3:00pm Main Chapel

Coordinator: Mr. Louis Canter

Sponsored by: The Department of Parish Life - Office of Christian Worship and Christian Action

Program Fee: Free will offering. Pre-registration not required.

*A splendid requiem following liturgical format explores the mother's abortion experience from fear, pain and regret to reconciliation, healing and hope. Dance, will also be incorporated to aid the performance.*

### **Gathering for Sisters**

Saturday March 7, 2009 4:00-7:00 pm

Program fee: \$15 per person

Presenters: TBA

Presider at Eucharist: Rev. Kenneth Kauchek

Registration: **Please call (313)237-5800 to register for this program.**

*This is an opportunity for Sisters to gather and enjoy one another without a weighty agenda. A speaker, a celebration of Liturgy and a wonderful meal make the experience attractive for sisters with busy schedules. Consider joining colleagues for a refreshing Saturday evening.*

### **Advent Day of Reflection for Catechetical Leaders**

Thursday, December 4, 2008 9:00am-3:00pm

Presenter: Sister Melanie Svoboda, SND

Registration/Information: Please call Sr. Kathleen Matz at (313)237-4667



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### **Advent Tea**

**Sunday December 7, 2008 12:00-3:00 (11:30 table setting)**

Presentation: Dr. Angelita Fenker "Mary: Today's Gospel Woman"

Program fee: \$20 per person

Register early: Limited seating 734-4145-1104 by December 1<sup>st</sup>

*Gather with friends to begin Advent celebrating our communal expectation and reflecting on Mary, Mother & Soul-mate. Invite a group of family and friends. You may wish to decorate your table and bring your own tea set. If you choose to donate, we will be collecting books for The Mott Children's Hospital Giving Library in Ann Arbor. (Board books for babies through chapter books for young teens.)*

### **Sung Vespers for Gaudete Sunday**

**Sunday December 14, 2008 Main Chapel 6:00 pm**

Coordinator: Louis Canter

Program Fee: Free will offering

*Gather with us as we celebrate Evening Prayer and welcome the coming of Christ Jesus anew in our lives. Sunday Mass at 7:00pm follows this service.*

### **Tables for Two**

**Sunday, February 15, 2009 4:00-6:30pm**

Presenter: Chuck Snyder

Program fee: \$85 per couple

Registration: (734)414-1104 (by February 5, 2009)

*Over a four-course candlelight dinner, share an uninterrupted conversation of significance with your spouse. This is an opportunity to enrich and deepen your relationship by providing a structured time of conversation with one another, led by a skilled facilitator. Open-ended questions will enable each couple to engage around whatever is important to them. Past participants gave the program excellent evaluations! This year's event will be held in The Mission Grille. Sunday Mass follows at 7:00pm for those that wish to attend.*

### **The Great Schools of Spirituality "Praying Always: Tapping the Wellsprings of our Heritage"**

**Tuesday, June 9 - Wednesday, June 10, 2009**

Presenters: Rev. John Strykowski, Rector of the Cathedral of St. James, Brooklyn, NY

Msgr. John Zenz, Rev. Bernie Owens, SJ, Nancy Smith, IHM

Program Fee: Resident Rate/\$199, Commuter Rate/\$155, Wednesday Day Rate/\$75 (Tuesday Session/Donation)

Registration: (734)414-1104 by June 1, 2009

*Pastoral leaders, teachers, and spiritual directors will model for participants how to balance the liturgical and devotional aspects of prayer as well as the communal and personal dimensions of prayer. One keynote will reflect on the theology of the Eucharist and its implications for the community and its life of prayer. A panel will address tensions that diverse expectations create in pastoral settings. A second keynote will focus on being contemplative in the midst of daily life. Separate workshops will address methods of prayer such as: Lectio Divina, Ignatian Meditation/Contemplation and Praying with Icons: Windows into Prayer. Request a brochure for details.*

### **2009 Covenant Love Marriage Preparation Retreat**

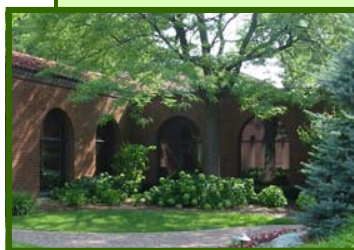
**Dates offered: February 21/22, May 2/3, August 1/2, November 21/22, 2009**

Sponsor: The Retreat Center at St. John's Marriage Preparation Office

Program Fee: \$225 per couple

Registration: Call for registration form, visit the web [www.theretreatcenter.org](http://www.theretreatcenter.org) or call (734)414-1104

*This weekend gives engaged couples preparing for marriage time together in a peaceful, prayerful retreat setting. Presentations and discussions will include: Natural Family Planning, Family Ties, Faith and Finance, Couple Prayer and more. Couples need not be married at St. John's to participate.*





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## ***Our Mission ...***

The Retreat Center at St. John's, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit, provides a setting where people of faith can be inspired and refreshed in the pursuit of God's life-giving plan for them. Amidst an environment of hospitality, and service, the Center sponsors and hosts workshops, programs and retreats for adults and youth who come to learn, be renewed and grow.

*Three principle activities of the Center are:*

- ◆ Conducting educational and spiritual programs for Catholic adults and youth.
- ◆ Welcoming couples for marriage preparation, weddings and enrichment experiences
- ◆ Extending hospitality to a variety of local, regional and national groups that come for meetings and conferences.

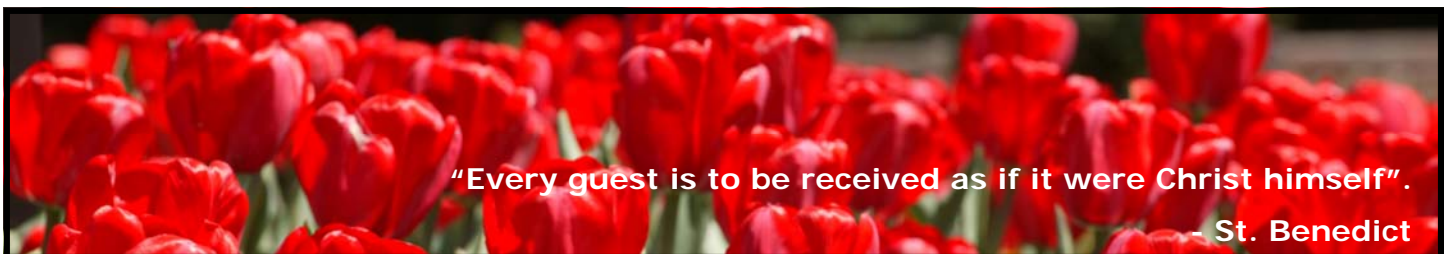
## ***Our Facility ...***

- ◆ 184 guest rooms offer a choice of suites, private rooms or twin rooms.
- ◆ Each guest has a private bath, air-conditioning and individual temperature controls.
- ◆ Exceptional meals are prepared by our Retreat Center Chef.
- ◆ Three chapels are available depending on group size and worship needs.
- ◆ 9 meeting rooms can accommodate small or large groups of up to 250. Wireless internet available.
- ◆ Four designed gardens provide beautiful and natural surroundings.

*For more information on retreat and conference reservations contact:*

*Sales/Catering at (734)414-1245*

*or [reservations@theretreatcenter.org](mailto:reservations@theretreatcenter.org)*



**"Every guest is to be received as if it were Christ himself".**

**St. Benedict**