## **RETREAT CENTERS** *Information Updated June 30, 2017*

# St. Benedict's Abbey Retreat Center

Drive just a little further south than you may be accustomed to for your staff retreat day, and you will come upon a treasure: St. Benedict's Abbey in Benet Lake, Wisconsin. Home to a Swiss/American congregation of Benedictine monks, the abbey is a welcoming, spiritual oasis grounded in community prayer, and featuring a natural lakeside setting, clean and beautifully furnished buildings, and an awe-inspiring Abbey Church. Indoors and out there are many places of quiet serenity and opportunities for prayer such as the outdoor stations, Marian shrine and small grotto. In nice weather your group can use the screened in pavilion to grill a picnic meal. In addition to the larger facility, the cottage hermitage can accommodate a small staff overnight.

- Location: 12605 224<sup>th</sup> Avenue Benet Lake, WI 53102-1000 262-396-4311. Ext. 105 email: <u>benetlakeretreatcenter@gmail.com</u> www.benetlake.org
- **Facility:** Main building has large conference rooms, breakout rooms, retreat chapel, sleeping accommodations for 74 people (some rooms with twin beds), hospitality center with coffee/fridge/microwave, outdoor pavilion, grill, a separate year round cottage (sleeps 7), outdoor stations, Abbey Church.
- **Meals:** Delicious home cooked meals made by the monks and lay personnel are served in the dining room (not a commercial food service). There is a hospitality center which offers coffee, tea, and juice 24/7. During warm weather an outdoor pavilion with grill is available. Groups using the cottage may prepare their own food in a full service kitchen or eat in the retreat center dining room.
- **Facilitators:** A group facilitator is available upon advance request. Tours are available for prospective and first-time retreatants. Reconciliation is available upon request with advance notice for a large group.
- **Equipment:** CD players, simple keyboard, white board, flip chart, TV/VCR/DVD are available at no extra charge. There is an extra charge to use the powerpoint projector.
- Cost: Daytime accommodations: Without meals: \$23/person With lunch menu \$35/person With dinner menu \$38/day Overnight accommodations: One night (includes 3 meals) \$85/person Two nights (includes 5 meals) \$170/person Cottage: \$75/person/night (no meals)

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**Other info:** All retreatants are invited to participate with the monks in the Divine Office and Eucharistic Liturgy in the Abbey Church. Ideally, book your group one year in advance, but do not hesitate to call as there may be an opening on your desired date, especially weekdays.

# **Casa Romero Renewal Center**

"Nuestra casa es su casa" ("Our home is your home.") is a phrase that exemplifies the homelike atmosphere and warm hospitality of Casa Romero Renewal Center. Located on the near southside of Milwaukee, this former convent is available for day and overnight retreats for parish and school staff. An accessible and affordable meeting place in the midst of the city's urban scene, the facility puts retreatants in touch with the vibrant spiritual life of the neighborhood's Latino community. This self-supporting renewal center and retreat house is the realized dream of Father Dave Shields, SJ and thus has decidedly Ignatian underpinnings. From the moment you enter the front door, you will feel at home!

Location: 423 West Bruce Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204 414-224-7564 casaromero@wi.rr.com www.casaromerocenter.org **Facility:** large group meeting areas (20-30 people), break out rooms, kitchen, dining room, no chapel, walled garden and patio, overnight accommodations for up to 14 people, shared sleeping rooms and bathrooms. Meals: Order in, go to a nearby Mexican restaurant (many within walking distance), or bring your own meal and cook it or warm it up in the kitchen. Coffee and tea are available upon request. Bring your own snacks. Facilitators: Fr. David Shields, SJ is available available as a retreat facilitator or you can secure your own facilitator. TV/DVD/VCR, power point projector and screen - \$10/day **Equipment:** Easel and newsprint or whiteboard - \$5/day Cost: \$15.00/person for 4 hours or less (\$60 minimum) \$20.00/person over 4 hours (\$100 minimum) \$45.00/person overnight (\$180 minimum) **Contact:** Patty Link at 414-224-7564 Other info: Daily and Sunday mass at nearby Our Lady of Guadalupe (walking distance). Call 414-645-7624 for schedule.

## **Holy Hill Guest House**

Holy Hill – National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians

When a place has been the site of much fervent prayer, it becomes holy ground. Holy Hill in Hubertus, Wisconsin is truly a *holy hill* where the basilica spires literally pierce the clouds, connecting heaven and earth. In addition to the inspiring architecture, priceless stained glass, and magnificent mosaics of the basilica itself, the outdoor way of the cross, shrine chapel, gift shop, and rolling southern Kettle Moraine countryside all enhance your retreat experience. The Discalced Carmelite Friars welcome you to partake in daily and weekend masses as well as Marian devotions, adoration, and confession. Conference rooms for day retreats and overnight accommodations are available. This location has exceptional character!

| Location:     | 1525 Carmel Road  |  |
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|               | Hubertus, Wisconsin 53033-9407  |  |
|               | 262-628-1838  |  |
|               | www.holyhill.com  |  |
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| Facility:     | Conference rooms for 35 people, small breakout rooms, chapel, overnight<br>accommodations for 44 people in two locations (New Guest House and<br>Old Monastery Inn), double and single rooms, kitchenette, basilica,<br>outdoor stations, extensive grounds, gift shop, Holy Hill Café. Retreat<br>facilities are not handicapped accessible.   |  |
| Meals:        | A kitchen area is available if you wish to prepare your own meals and snacks  |  |
|               | The <i>Holy Hill Café</i> , located in the historic Old Monastery Inn, offers<br>homemade soups, sandwiches & daily specials, and features a Sunday brunch<br>buffet. Group catering is also available in private rooms. For hours, menus,<br>and prices, visit Holy Hill's website and click on the Café tab, or contact<br>Janet at 262-628-4417 or email her at <u>café@holyhill.com</u> |  |
| Facilitators: | No facilitators available on staff.   |  |
| Equipment:    | TV/DVD/VCR and chalkboard available at no extra charge.   |  |
| Cost:         | \$75 flat rate per day for adult groups. Overnight rates are \$35plus tax/night for single occupancy rooms and \$45 plus tax/night for double occupancy. A \$25 facility usage fee is charged to overnight groups for unlimited use of the Old Monastery Inn conference room, lounge, kitchen and chapel throughout their stay  |  |
| Contact:      | Karen at 262-628-5286 or email: <u>karengirard@holyhill.com</u>   |  |
| Other info:   | It is suggested that reservations be made 6 months in advance. Weekdays have greater availability.  |  |

# **Redemptorist Retreat Center**

The Redemptorist Retreat Center is staffed by the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, commonly known as the Redemptorist Missionaries. Since 1961 the Center has provided a place of contemplative reflection, renewal and rest. Located on beautiful Crooked Lake in the Southern Kettle Moraine, it is a sacred and serene place of prayer and reflection in a beautiful natural setting. Here you will find amenities and services designed to quiet the mind and refresh the soul. We offer a facility for church groups for their religious programs and staff meetings. In addition we offer retreats for individuals and hermitages for solitude. Spacious meeting rooms, comfortable overnight accommodations with private restroom and shower, and delicious meals make the Retreat Center a true spiritual oasis.

Call us today to make plans for yourself or a group. It would be our pleasure to send you a catalogue and brochures of the retreats that we offer.

#### Location:

1800 North Timber Trail Lane Oconomowoc, Wisconsin 53066-4897 262-567-6900 e-mail: <u>rrc@redemptoristretreat.org</u> website: <u>www.redemptoristretreat.org</u>



### Facility:

Large assembly room (75 people), smaller breakout

rooms, library, chapel, full dining facilities, 58 private rooms with private bath/shower, outdoor labyrinth, outdoor Way of the Cross, devotional Chapel of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, paved paths for walking, and gift shop.

### Meals:

Meals provided as needed. 24/7 hot and cold beverage service

### **Facilitators:**

Redemptorist Brother Gerard Patin (Director), Fathers James White and Edward Vella, and Franciscan Sister Susan Fischer make up the Retreat Center Core Team. Our facilitated retreats include conferences, Mass, spiritual direction, reconciliation and private time for prayer. We also host group retreats for which you bring your own facilitator.

### **Equipment:**

All meeting rooms have a white board. Flip charts and TV/VCR/DVD are available at no extra charge.

### Cost:

Call the Redemptorist Retreat Center for information regarding the cost of retreats and programs.

### **Contact:**

262-567-6900 or rrc@redemptoristretreat.org

#### Website: www.redemptoristretreat.org

### Other info:

Our weekends are booked well in advance. Weekdays have greater availability. It is recommended that you book your preferred dates at least six (6) months in advance. When inquiring about our hermitages, ask for Sr. Susan Fischer.

## **Schoenstatt Retreat Center**

"Schoenstatt" is a German word meaning "beautiful place." Owned and staffed by the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, this international retreat center, surrounded by acres of natural beauty and anchored by the holy shrine of Mary, Mother Thrice Admirable, is indeed a place of beauty and serenity. Large spacious meeting rooms, smaller breakout rooms, a fireplace, nature trail, home-cooked meals, and a house chapel for 100 people make the center a perfect place of prayer and retreat for your staff. Outdoor stations and a large outdoor cross, as well as the separate shrine building provide places of contemplation, enhanced by the extensive natural landscape.

| Location: | W284 N698 Cherry Lane             |
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|           | Waukesha, Wisconsin 53188-9402    |
|           | 262-522-4300                      |
|           | E-mail: intlcenter@schsrsmary.org |

- **Facility:** Large conference room (100 people), smaller conference rooms, breakout rooms, large house chapel, overnight accommodations for approximately 70 people (double rooms with a sink in the room and shower/toilet between each pair of double rooms).
- New Addition: The Fr. Kentenich Hall -- which can host day groups of up to 700 people - -includes a worship area (altar, podium, etc.) and is electronically equipped with WIFI, large screens, ceiling projectors for power points, excellent sound system. Come and see for yourself. Call 262-522-4300 for price quotes on use of new hall.
- Meals: 3 meals a day. Groups can bring in snacks, but there is no use of kitchen facilities. Snacks can be provided at \$3/person. Cost of meals: breakfast-\$6.50/person, lunch-\$8.50/person, supper-\$7.50/person.
- Facilitators: No facilitators available on staff.
- **Equipment:** Large screen TV/DVD/VCR, flip charts, and white board available at \$10/ piece of equipment.
- Cost: Day use: \$11/person Overnight use: the conference room is included. Shared room: \$40/night Single room: \$50/night
- **Contact:** Sister Jacinta Brunner at 262-522-4300
- **Other info:** 7 a.m. Mass is celebrated at the Province House (walking distance).

# Siena Retreat Center

The invitation to Siena Retreat Center, Racine, Wisconsin, is an invitation to "*Come to the Water*." Located on the shores of Lake Michigan, Siena Retreat Center is a large facility with several large meeting rooms and additional smaller rooms. It features an indoor labyrinth, a large chapel, a small prayer room, a library, and a bookstore and gift shop. Clean, spacious, and full of beautiful art, the environment of the center is truly one of hospitality and inspiration. Outdoors the lake- sometimes still and serene- other times restless with crashing waves- provides a constant backdrop of life-giving energy. Trees, gardens, prairie plantings, walking paths, and benches all offer the opportunity to become regrounded in God through earth. Sponsored by the Racine Dominicans, the Siena Retreat Center offers spiritual direction, sponsored, hosted and private retreats; weaving retreats and a spiritual direction training program.

Location: 5637 Erie Street, Racine, Wisconsin 53402

262-898-2590, www.SienaRetreatCenter.org

#### Facility:

67 private bedrooms with private bathrooms, large meeting rooms (one with kitchenette), smaller meeting rooms, small group break-out rooms, an auditorium that seats up to 250, indoor labyrinth, large community chapel, small prayer room, bookstore, reading/sitting rooms, and art room.

**Meals:** Three meals are served each day. Hot beverages are available in larger meeting rooms. Groups may bring their own snacks or request them for a fee.

**Facilitators:** Sr. Kathleen Bohn, OP; Sr. Miriam Brown, OP; and Pat Shutts are available to present a variety of topics to your group. Miriam and Pat will go off site as well. You are welcome to bring your own facilitator.

**Equipment:** TV/VCR/DVD, pad and easel, CD player, microphone, laptop and projector are available for nominal fees.

#### **Cost for groups:**

Meeting room with hot beverages and noon meal: \$23/person

Meeting room with hot beverages, noon and evening meal: \$33/person

1 night overnight with 3 meals and use of one meeting room: \$85/person

2 nights overnight with 5 meals and use of one meeting room: \$160/person

Additional meeting rooms range from \$10 to \$40/day depending on the size of the room.

Contact: Sr. Dolores Catanach, OP at 262-898-2580.

**Other info:** Retreatants are welcome to join in community prayer with the Racine Dominicans. Mass or evening prayer is offered each afternoon; Sunday Mass is typically at 9 a.m. There is morning prayer every day except Sunday. Advanced booking is required; weekdays are generally more available than weekends. Private retreats can also be scheduled for \$75/night including three meals. The bookstore is open every day 8am-5pm and when retreats are in session; call 262-898-2590 to check on times. All are warmly invited.

### Saint Vincent Pallotti Retreat Center

The Saint Vincent Pallotti Retreat Center was established in Elkhorn, Wisconsin by the Pallottines of the Mother of God Province. The Center, situated on 147 wooded acres has a cozy, homelike atmosphere, truly a place to "come away and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31). The winding creek, numerous trails, outdoor labyrinth, and farm side location ground you in God's creation as soon as you come down the drive. Delicious, home-cooked meals are prepared on site, and warm, inviting meeting rooms help you to settle quickly into the peacefulness of your retreat experience.

| Location:     | N6409 Bowers Road   |  |
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|               | Elkhorn, Wisconsin 53121  |  |
|               | 262-723-2108 or 414-259-0688 ext. 152   |  |
| Facility:     | 50 individual beds (all bedrooms have private baths, bed and bath linens),<br>chapel, large and small group meeting rooms (some with fireplaces),<br>outdoor labyrinth, picnic tables, fire pit and basketball court, and (WIFI)<br>wireless internet.<br>Meals cooked by staff; you may bring in your own snacks and beverages |  |
| Meals:        |   |  |
| Facilitators: | No facilitators available on staff.   |  |
| Equipment:    | TV/DVD at no extra charge.  |  |
| Fees:         | \$200 for groups of 24 or less  |  |
|               | \$300 for groups of 25 or more  |  |
|               | \$45/person per night   |  |
|               | Breakfast \$8, Lunch \$9, Dinner \$10   |  |
| Contact:      | Mary Beth Clowney at 262-723-2108   |  |
| Other info:   | A chapel is available for mass, but there is no regular mass or community prayer on site. In addition to hosting overnight, weekend or weekly retreats,   |  |
|               | they also welcome groups for a day of reflection, luncheon/meetings or special events.  |  |
| Website:      | www.pallottines.org   |  |
| Email:        | retreat@pallottines.org   |  |