

# Registration

## Great Women Series

- Therese of Lisieux - Sept. 30
- Teresa of Avila - Oct. 15  
(at Marygrove: register at [www.ihmsisters.org](http://www.ihmsisters.org) by Sept. 15)
- Julian of Norwich - Oct. 28

## Other Programs

- Jewish Roots of Our Christian Faith - Nov. 11
- Advent Lessons from the Women of Hebrew Scripture – Dec. 9
- New Year's Eve Retreat – Dec. 31

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Amount enclosed

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The suggested offering for all programs is \$25 unless indicated otherwise. For those who register for three or more programs, the suggested offering is \$20 for each program.

Please register one week prior to any program.

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## The Great Women Series

This fall, we are pleased to present a series celebrating the contributions of extraordinary women who have influenced the spiritual lives of others: St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Teresa of Avila, and Julian of Norwich. (Please note that the program on St. Teresa of Avila will be held at Marygrove College and that it is necessary to register for the program by means of the IHM Sisters website.)

### Thérèse of Lisieux: A Woman for Our Time?

Patricia Cooney Hathaway, PhD

Saturday, Sept. 30, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

It takes many contemporary women a long time to truly appreciate Thérèse. She has often been overly sentimentalized, "sugarized," cast in a certain icon of Catholic womanhood – one who is sweet, childlike, passive, a victim. That is not the real Thérèse! Join us for an exploration of the human and spiritual journey that took her from a spoiled, pampered child to a young woman whose ardent love of God and insights into the spiritual life earned her the title, "Doctor of the Church." You may be surprised how much the challenges and victories of her journey will bring insight and guidance to your own.

*Patricia Cooney Hathaway is professor of spirituality and systematic theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. She has a certificate in spiritual direction from the Shalom Institute for Spiritual Counseling. She is a nationally renowned speaker on theology, spirituality, human and spiritual development. She is author of Weaving Faith and Experience, A Woman's Perspective, published by St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2010, and several articles dealing with the spiritual life.*

### Teresa of Avila on Prayer as the Heart of Discipleship

Gillian T. W. Ahlgren, PhD

Sunday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
at Marygrove College (8425 W McNichols Rd.,  
Detroit, MI 48821)

Teresa of Avila, the 15<sup>th</sup> century Carmelite mystic and one of the first women to be named a Doctor of the Church, is renowned for her teaching on prayer and the contemplative life. In this inaugural event of the Margaret Brennan IHM Institute for Spirituality, Church and Culture, participants will explore Teresa of Avila's understanding of prayer and consider how one infuses prayer into the critical issues of our time. In addition to presentations by Dr. Ahlgren, there will be time for panel discussion and audience response. The cost is \$50 and includes a box lunch. To register, go to [www.ihmsisters.org](http://www.ihmsisters.org). The registration deadline is Sept. 15.

*Gillian T. W. Ahlgren is professor of theology at Xavier University in Cincinnati and the founding director of its Institute for Spirituality and Social Justice. She is the author of six books and is particularly known for her path finding work on Teresa of Avila and the Spanish mystical tradition.*

### All Shall Be Well: A Morning with Julian of Norwich

Patty Merlo, MPM

Saturday, Oct. 28, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

In 1372, Julian received 16 revelations centered on the Passion of Jesus. These visions led her to a radical decision: to live her life as a hermit enclosed in a cell attached to a church in Norwich, England. Then, during 20 years of prayer and reflection, God revealed the meaning of the 16 revelations and she came to see that they were intended not for her alone, but for all Christians. Today, as we face the pain and divisions of our own times, her insights can provide us with the strength, wisdom, comfort and healing we seek. During this reflective morning, participants will explore Julian's life and message by means of presentation, personal reflection and conversation.

*Patty Merlo, holds a master's degree in pastoral ministry from Madonna University, trained as a hospital chaplain and has completed the internship in Spiritual Direction and Ignatian Spirituality at Manresa Jesuit Retreat Center. She has taught on the high school and college levels, served as a DRE and currently ministers as a spiritual director and retreat leader.*

## The Jewish Roots of Our Christian Faith

Annemarie S. Kidder, PhD

Saturday, Nov. 11, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The early Christians had the Old Testament as their only Scriptures. Only Jewish images and theological concepts were used and appropriated to explain the incarnation, the mystery of God becoming human and the notion of God forming a chosen people and a new creation. This session will explore several key concepts of the Jewish faith tradition as it existed in Jesus' day, including creation, covenant, redemption, sacrifice and atonement, along with the Law and key leaders of the Jewish people, such as Abraham, Moses and David. These concepts are largely lost to us today, but they are crucial in order to better understand the metaphors and symbolism used by the Apostle Paul and found throughout the New Testament.

**Annemarie S. Kidder, PhD, IHM Associate**, is an ordained Presbyterian pastor and has taught courses in philosophy, ethics, and Sacred Scripture on the college level. She is the author and translator of several books on the New Testament, historical theology and the spiritual disciplines.

## Advent Lessons from the Women of Hebrew Scripture

Kathie Budesky, IHM, MA

Saturday, Dec. 9, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Advent calls us to reflect on the coming of Christ – in history, in our daily lives and in the end times. We need not be alone in this task.

The Old Testament is replete with stories of strong and valiant women whose wisdom and vision can serve as a sure guide during this time of faith-filled waiting. In a retreat-like setting, we will focus on women from Hebrew Scripture, who they were, what they did and how their lives and examples can enrich our observance of the season. The morning's process will include input, time for personal reflection and conversation.

**Kathie Budesky, IHM**, the director of Visitation North Spirituality Center, has many years of experience in secondary education, both in the religious studies classroom and the principal's office. She was a staff associate in the Ignatian Program in Spiritual Direction and Retreat Ministry at Guelph, Ontario.

## Seeing Again with New Eyes: A New Year's Eve Retreat

Francis J. Daly, SJ, MDiv  
Kathie Budesky, IHM

Sunday, Dec. 31, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

New Year's Eve is the perfect time to look back with new eyes on the old year that is setting and to look ahead to what the Spirit invites us to in the year that is about to dawn. Join us for a day that includes input, time for personal prayer and reflection, conversation, an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and lunch. The day will end with the celebration of the liturgy for the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. (Suggested offering of \$40 includes lunch. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 20.)

**Francis J. Daly, SJ**, is executive director of Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. He was master of novices for the Detroit and Chicago Provinces of the Society of Jesus and Tertian Director for Jesuits from four continents.

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Come upstairs at that first door.

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