

Visitation Spirituality Center

Programs
Winter-Spring 2024

VISITATION CENTER is available for **A DAY AWAY!** If you are looking for a contemplative space for prayer, study, or personal reflection consider spending a day, or part of a day with us. Just contact us in advance to make your reservation with a call to (248)433-0950 or an e-mail to visitationnorth@ihmsisters.com. (Free Will Offering)

Musing over Mugs

February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, 10:00am-12:00noon

Over a cup of coffee or tea, women explore the graces and challenges of their lives as seen through the eyes of faith. Marie Miller, IHM, is our facilitator. (Free Will Offering)

Life Lessons from the Mystics

Janet Schaeffler, OP, MA

Saturday, January 27, 9:30am-12:30pm

With Lent just around the corner, we are invited to contemplatively intensify our human journey of faith. We are fortunate to have many supports to accompany us on this adventure. The great mystics of our tradition – in their wisdom and vision – can speak to us today, providing a guide as we respond to the challenges and hopes of our 24/7 lives in our sometimes-frenzied world. During this reflective morning, we will explore some insights from our mystics through time for presentation, prayer, quiet and conversations. (Suggested Offering: \$25)

Those Who Made a Difference: Powerful Women of the Civil Rights Movement

Joni Scott, BA

Saturday, February 17, 9:30am-12:30pm

Throughout the last two hundred years in America, Black Women have, organized, advocated, and fought for a more just and equal society, not just for themselves, but for all people.

In this workshop, we will acknowledge the contributions of seven powerful women who established in 1896 the first African American Women's Club which promised racial uplift and civil rights for all black people, as well as equal right for women, and two women who have bravely stood on their shoulders. (Suggested Offering: \$25)

Compelling Issues in Luke's Gospel for Us Today

Mary Ellen Sheehan, IHM, STD

Saturday, February 24, 9:30am-12:30pm

Luke's Gospel contains unique sections not in Mark or Matthew. It is unique in that it contains so many passages which celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Think of the Annunciation and Visitation when Mary and Elizabeth greet each other and the Holy Spirit blesses their encounter. This workshop will set forth some central literary features of Matthew's Gospel, its structure, and also engage us in spiritually nourishing reflections. How do we grow into the practice of Christian discipleship for our times today? (Suggested Offering: \$25)

On The Road to Jerusalem: A Lenten Day of Reflection

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

Saturday, March 9, 9:30am-4:30pm

At a critical point in Luke's Gospel, the Evangelist tells us that Jesus "set his face toward Jerusalem." As Jesus and his disciples travelled to the Holy City and to Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection, he taught them. During this Lenten Day of Reflection, participants will focus on Jesus' instructions and their importance for those who wish to be his disciples today. In addition to input, there will be time for personal prayer and reflection, sharing, and a lunch from Panera Bakery. The day will end with the celebration of the Liturgy for the Fourth Sunday of Lent. (Suggested Offering: \$50)

Mysticism and Celtic Spirituality: Encountering God in Culture, Word, and Nature

Mary Ellen Sheehan, IHM, STD

Saturday, March 16, 9:30am-12:30pm

Long ago, when the first preachers of the Jesus message arrived in Ireland, they found tribal people who were steeped in nature, lovers of communal sacred places, and soul-sourced storytellers. What happened to the Christian proclamation when it engaged this Celtic culture and what happened to Celtic narrative when it met the Christian story? This workshop will focus on visual nature imagery, poetry, and community as a way into Celtic mystical awareness and commitment to care for the community. Can we make any connections with searching for wholeness today. (Suggested Offering: \$25)

A Mystic's Approach to the Rough Edges of Life

- The Darkness of Night
- The Light of Day

Saturday, April 13, 9:30am-12:30pm

Saturday, April 20, 9:30am-12:30pm

Julie Vieira, IHM, MA

Mystics through the ages and around the globe have gifted us with inspiring and, at times, painfully honest reflections on living as mystics. They share about their experiences of God often using the imagery of darkness and light. Drawing on a variety of mystics from the sublime to the gritty, we will explore these two themes and their inherent interplay as well as that mysterious, transitional space in between where darkness and light are indistinguishable like dusk or dawn. Throughout, we'll be mindful of our own experience of life, especially when we experience its rough edges and are in need some mystical grit!

The workshops include time for personal "interplay" with the mystics and the themes of darkness and light, conversation, and prayer. Note: Although the workshops flow together, they are also "stand alone" if you are only able to attend one. (The suggested offering for each session is \$25. For those attending both sessions, there suggested offering of \$40.)

The Gradual Unveiling of the Holy Spirit

Annemarie S Kidder, PhD, IHM Associate

Saturday, May 11, 9:30am-12:30pm

The emergence of the Holy Spirit in Scripture is a gradual process. It begins with creation in the book of Genesis, extends to the anointing of leaders, kings, and prophets of the people of God, manifests itself as the sacred mediator between Jesus and the Father in prayer and Jesus' working of miracles, and finds its culmination in the manifestation upon the earliest Christians at Pentecost.

This session will examine the divine Spirit's characteristics and offer a brief overview of "Spirit" manifestations in both the Old and New Testaments. Doing so will help us address, locate, and enlist the Holy Spirit in our own lives and ministry. (Suggested Offering \$25)

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