

# Weber *Retreat and Conference Center*

*on the campus of the Adrian Dominican Sisters*



May – August 2019  
Spring into Weber



## Art Exhibits at INAI Gallery

### Quiet Moments: A Photography Exhibit

through June 28, 2019

Photographic artists Scott Miller and Elaina Robinson offer an experience of using the camera to illuminate decisive moments of stillness, observation, and oneness with nature.

### Embracing the Future

July 3, 2019 - September 8, 2019

Artwork of Adrian Dominican Sisters and Associates is on display at INAI Gallery and other venues on the Motherhouse campus as part of the summertime Congregational gathering of Sisters, Associates, and Partners in Mission.

A list of artists and location of the artwork is available at INAI and Weber Retreat and Conference Center.



## Lunch & Learn Schedule

### Summer Side Trips

May 14, 2019

**Dawn Harke**, owner of Horizon Travel and Cruises, answers the question, "Where should we go this summer?"

### To Tan or Not to Tan

June 11, 2019

**C. Chidester**, a Physician Assistant in Dermatology, offers tips for protecting your skin in the summer months.

### Siena Turns 100!

July 9, 2019

Representatives from Siena Heights University give us a look back and a look ahead as SHU celebrates its 100th birthday.

### Fashions by LuLaRoe

August 13, 2019

**Nicki Underwood** became a LuLaRoe retailer so she could be an at-home mom. She shares what's new in fashion.

*No Cost. Bring your lunch. Dessert and drinks are complimentary.*



**Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

We gather monthly as a mindfulness community to deepen our understanding and commitment to daily meditation practice. Reflecting upon our relationships with honesty and courage, we amp up our capacity to be love within family, neighborhood, city, and world.

### **Dance of Life | May 4, 2019**

As we enter each day we are responding to an invitation to live life as if it mattered. Mindfulness meditation is the practice of self-discovery and of coming to see reality. We gain courage to see reality without illusion, complete with its pain, heartache and confusion. As we move toward acceptance of reality rather than fighting it, we will have entered the Dance!

### **Trusting Life | June 15, 2019**

On his return to Earth, Astronaut Edgar Mitchell experienced a subtle field of aliveness and energy permeating the very foundation of the Universe. What does that mean for our life and our life purpose individually and collectively? As we continue to evolve and partner more fully with nature and one another, we will come to trust the Universe to be a place of breathtaking vastness and unfathomable mystery.

### **NOW – Present Moment is Key**

**July 13, 2019**

The more you are present to what you are doing, the more conscious you are in living life. Being in the NOW when life is pleasant is fairly easy; when life is difficult, the NOW can feel a burden and threatening. Through mindfulness practice you ready your heart to release a flow of loving kindness to carry you through difficult moments.

### **Opening to a New Freedom**

**August 10, 2019**

We practice mindfulness meditation so we may experience a sense of freedom and joy. It is not an effort to improve ourselves or repair what we think is wrong with ourselves. In silent moments we can know ourselves to be blessed and to be blessing for others. We are so worthy of our love and compassion.



**Esther Kennedy, OP**, a Dominican Sister of Adrian, Michigan, is a retreat leader and spiritual director. She conducts a monthly Day of Mindfulness at Weber Center.

**Cost (includes lunch) \$30**

**Adrian Dominican Sister \$15**

**Registration required.**

## Catholicism in Crisis: Abuse, Accountability, and Aspiration

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

1:30 -3:00 PM

In light of the “Me Too” movement, Siena Heights University Professor Joe Raab takes a look at sexual abuse and the future of the Catholic Church. This talk is rescheduled from the Siena Series offered earlier this year. Those who previously registered for the Siena Series may attend at no charge.

**Cost: \$10**

## Summer Solstice – Midsummer Fire Ritual

Sunday, June 16, 2019, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



Those of us in the Northern Hemisphere of our beautiful planet gather to remember our connection to the Sun, source of our light. We celebrate the fullness of life growing in the fields around us as we light the Solstice Fire. As it burns, we honor the spiritual fire within each of us. Bring a drum or musical instrument to add to the festivities!

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**Free and open to all.**

**Registration not required.**

## Spirituality & Science

6:30 p.m. Friday,  
June 7, 2019

4:00 p.m. Saturday,  
June 8, 2019

Using a mix of mindfulness, yoga, reflection, and presentations on neuroscience and spirituality, this mini-retreat offers insights from science and theology to inform and enrich your daily life, particularly your spiritual practices.



**Anne Kertz Kernion** is known for “Cards by Anne,” an inspirational greeting card company she founded in 1986. With degrees in science and theology, Anne has taught courses in chemistry, environmental science, world religions, and ethics. She is also a certified yoga instructor and meditation practitioner. Her book, *A Year of Spiritual Companionship*, was published by SkyLight Paths in 2016.

**Cost** (includes meals and snacks)

**Commuter \$40**

**Double occupancy (per person) \$75**

**Single occupancy \$125**

**Registration required.**

**Guest praise**

| “The setting is wonderful, quiet, comfortable, nurturing ...”

# Discovering Mysticism

IN OUR CALL TO ACTION

7:00 p.m. Monday, June 24, 2019 – 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 28, 2019

*Explore the roots of three activist mystics during this dynamic weeklong retreat.*

## **Dorothy Day: Haunted by God**

Dorothy's Catholic conversion was her response to a persistent and penetrating Mystery that kept revealing and prodding her throughout her life's journey. From a worldly lifestyle, Dorothy began the Catholic Worker Movement, which emphasizes nonviolence, charity, justice, and hospitality.

## **Daniel Berrigan: Rebel with a Cause**

Discover the spiritual roots that compelled Jesuit Father Daniel Berrigan, an anti-war activist and Christian pacifist, to oppose what he believed was an unjust war in Vietnam and to risk alienation and prison. In 1980, he founded the Plowshares movement, an anti-nuclear weapons and Christian pacifist movement.

## **Thea Bowman: Active Contemplative Mystic**

Thea Bowman was an African-American Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, teacher, preacher, poet, vocalist, and evangelist. How did her faith and her experience of God empower her to resist oppression and racism? How was her music and song a form of resistance? We will look at the Black spiritual and mystical tradition through the eyes of Sister Thea Bowman and reflect on how her life can be a model and guide for us all.



**Arlene Kosmatka, OP**, a Dominican Sister of Adrian, Michigan, is a Spiritual Director. Her master's thesis addressed the question: "Is everyone called to be a mystic?" Since then, 20th-century mystics and mysticism have become her passion.

**Patrick Henry, Ph.D.**, is Professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington. He has written and spoken widely on the Holocaust and is writing a play about soldiers returning from wars. His article on Daniel Berrigan was published in the *National Catholic Reporter* in May 2018.



**C. Vanessa White** is Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Ministry at Catholic Theological Union and faculty at Xavier University of Louisiana's Institute for Black Catholic Studies, of which Sister Thea

Bowman was a founding faculty member.

*Cost (includes meals and snacks)*

**Commuter \$220**

**Double occupancy (per person) \$320**

**Single occupancy \$420**

**Registration required.**

# PRIVATE DIRECTED RETREATS

Step away from your busy days and retreat to Weber Center. Walk our labyrinth and outdoor garden, enjoy the quiet of the INAI gallery space, and find time to explore the spiritual questions of your heart. This retreat is for those looking for solitude and guidance. It offers time and space for prayer, quiet reflection, and participation in campus liturgies. Each participant meets daily with a spiritual director of his or her choice.

**2:00 p.m. Monday, July 15, 2019 –  
1:00 p.m. Friday, July 19, 2019**  
**Weber Center Spiritual Directors**



**Joan Delaplane, OP**, a Dominican Sister of Adrian, Michigan, has had broad experience in preaching, directing retreats, and conducting workshops in preaching for both Catholic and Protestant ministers. Spiritual direction has been Joan's avocation for the past 25 years.

**Joan Ebbitt, LMSW**, an Associate of the Adrian Dominican Sisters of Adrian, specializes in ministering to religious, clergy, and others in their quests for experiencing the Divine. She walks with directees providing support, gentle challenges, and encouragement as they encounter the mystery of our universe.



**Esther Kennedy, OP**, is a Dominican Sister of Adrian, Michigan, who has provided spiritual direction for many years, walking with directees as they engage their own spiritual experience of the Holy Mystery.

**Mary Sue Kennedy, OP**, is a Dominican Sister of Adrian, Michigan, with training in spiritual direction, theology, communication skills, and group facilitation. Sister Mary Sue has directed retreats and preached retreats for laity and religious.



**Trudy McSorley** is an Associate of the Dominican Sisters of Adrian. Trudy is committed to the Dominican charism, and through her own prayer and contemplation seeks to be a listener, supporter, and one who encourages others on their journey to the Holy.

**Janene Ternes** received training and was commissioned as a spiritual director through the Ignatian Spiritual Direction Program. Janene is a retreat director and teaches prayer to persons of all ages using movement and music.



*Cost (includes meals and snacks)*

**Commuter \$250**

**Double occupancy (per person) \$325**

**Single occupancy \$425**



### **Singing the Psalms**

6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 14, 2019 –  
11:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Whether you know them by heart or simply want to explore them further, this mini-retreat is designed for those desiring to be immersed in Psalms. The program includes study, prayer, discussion, and lots of singing to help you learn how the Psalms can inform your 21st century life.

**Richard Bruxvoort Colligan** is a musician, composer, and student of the Psalms. He has taught the Psalms at seminaries, theological events, and local churches. He also publishes congregational songs for the wider church. He earned his master's degree in theology and the arts from the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities and is currently working on his doctor of ministry degree at Eden Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri.

*Cost (includes meals and snacks)*

**Commuter \$100**

**Double occupancy (per person) \$175**

**Single occupancy \$275**

**Registration required.**

### **Nature as Teacher, Mentor, and Model**

7:00 p.m. Saturday, September  
28, 2019, - 4:30 p.m. Sunday,  
September 29, 2019

As human beings, we are the only species capable of self-reflection. Reconnecting with Nature or connecting at a deeper level welcomes a wise companion to our spiritual journey. Spend time outside to explore how nature as teacher, mentor, and model can deepen your spiritual journey. Pre-requisite: A willingness to reconnect or connect more deeply with nature. We will be spending time outside; how much time depends on how the day presents itself.



### **Gloria Rivera, IHM,**

holds a master's degree in religious studies and has received training in spiritual direction.

As coordinator of Great Lakes Bioneers

Detroit, an organization

that supports sustainable communities, she believes that social justice and environmental justice are one movement. She has been a student of biomimicry for the past six years and will share some of the insights she has gained from her studies.

*Cost (includes meals and snacks)*

**Commuter \$50**

**Double occupancy (per person) \$85**

**Single occupancy \$125**

**Registration required.**



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SPIRITUALITY FOR MISSION

## ANNUAL DIRECTED RETREATS

2:00 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2019  
– Saturday, July 20, 2019  
Spiritual Directors from Dominican Center

Clore has a Ph.D. in developmental psychology and a Licentiate of Sacred Theology in systematic theology.



**Charlotte Hoefler, OP**, an Dominican Sister of Adrian, Michigan, founded the Dominican Center in 1980 and was its Director for 23 years. She holds a master's degree in spiritual direction and a master's of divinity degree in spirituality from Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.



**Faith Offman** ministers at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center as Associate Director of Ministry. She is part of the retreat team and leads days of reflection, provides spiritual direction, and leads directed retreats. Faith holds a master's of divinity degree from SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary. Faith is married and has two children and five grandchildren.

**Carol Johannes, OP**, an Dominican Sister of Adrian, Michigan, joined the Dominican Center staff in 1987. She continues as a spiritual director and retreat director and is involved in adult faith formation experiences in several parishes. She holds a master of divinity degree and master of theology degree in spiritual direction from Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts.



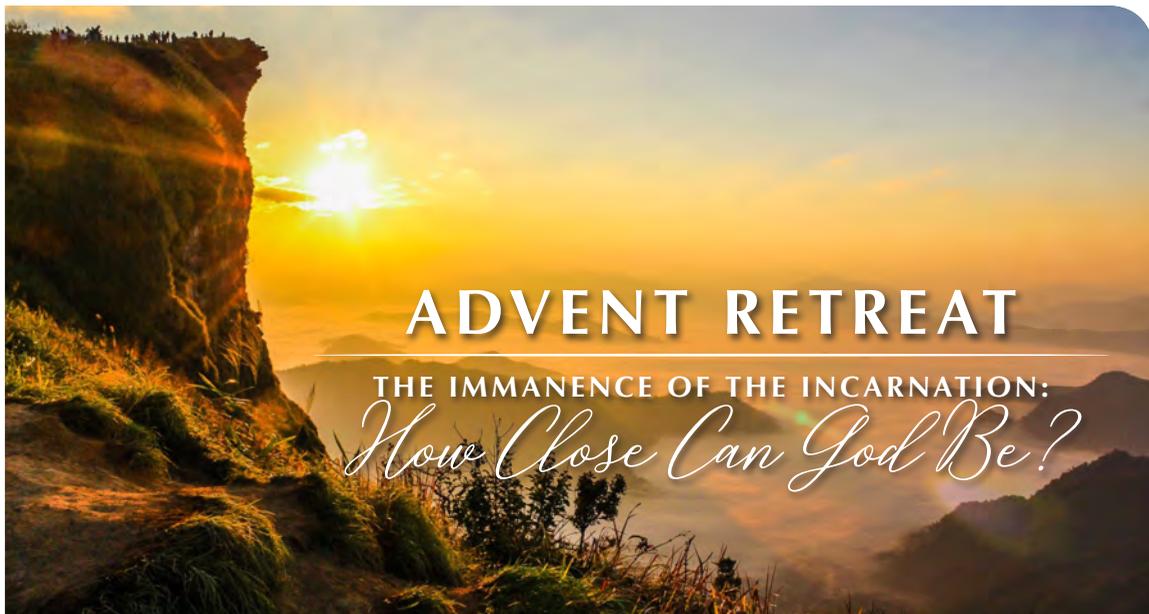
**Rev. Anita Smith Buckwalter** has served 40 years as a pastor, spiritual director, and retreat leader. Anita holds a bachelor's degree in education, a master's degree in guidance and counseling, and a certificate in massage therapy. She has attended numerous seminars in humanistic psychology, transactional analysis, family systems, conflict resolution, the Enneagram, preaching, and feminist theology.



**Rev. Vic Clore, Ph.D.**, is the pastor of Christ the King Parish in northwest Detroit. His pastoral specialty is blending sacred Scripture and human psychology. Father

*Cost (includes meals and snacks)*  
**Single occupancy \$590**  
**Adrian Dominican Sisters \$250**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED** at <https://www.dominicancenter.org/programs/retreat/>



# ADVENT RETREAT

THE IMMANENCE OF THE INCARNATION:

*How Close Can God Be?*

7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 1 – 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 5

*“We can never say we have been born too late. We can never say that we missed God’s coming, for our awesome encounter with [God] still lies ahead of us.”*

– Johannes Metz

Begin the season of Advent in quiet time, reflection, and shared discussion while exploring what the Incarnation means for us today.

**Pat Kozak CSJ, Ph.D.**, a Sister of St. Joseph, is a consultant for religious congregations in the United States and Canada who enjoys exploring questions of meaning and mission with a variety of groups.

*Cost (includes meals and snacks)*

**Commuter \$200**

**Double occupancy (per person) \$325**

**Single occupancy \$425**

**Registration required.**

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### Artist Profile: Janet Wright, OP

Sister Janet Wright, OP, a Dominican Sister from Adrian, Michigan, teaches watercolor and drawing at Mercy Center in Farmington Hills. She did post-graduate work in painting at Wayne State University and is known for her beautiful watercolors, using motifs from nature. She also created illustrations in the Dust of a Distance Star poetry book by Jean Denomme.

Sister Janet received the Fra Angelico Award July 28, 2017 from the Dominican Institute for the Arts (DIA). The Fra Angelico Award – named after the great 15th-century Dominican artist – is the highest honor that the DIA bestows on its members.

At this award ceremony, Sister Barbara Schwarz, OP (Amityville), President of the DIA, said that Sister Janet's paintings "reflect the voice of God found in nature. Painting is her passion, and spirituality is very much woven into her art." Sister Janet's paintings can be seen throughout the Adrian Dominican Motherhouse, and one of her paintings, of corn, adorns the second volume of Adrian Dominican history.

Sister Janet's artwork is available at the Weber Art Shop in Adrian, Michigan.

## Explore what's new at Weber Center Shop

For unique gifts, books, cards, fair-trade coffee, and original art, visit the Weber Center Shop. Paintings, photographs, ceramics, jewelry, tiles, leaded glass, and even soaps and lotions created by Sisters and others now are available as part of an expansion.

The shop is open to the public.

Special orders may be placed:

- In person.
- By phone at 517-266-4035.
- By email at [webershop@adriandominicans.org](mailto:webershop@adriandominicans.org).

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# COMING ATTRACTIONS

## Pope Francis' Impact: the Church, the U.S.A., and the Global World

7:00 p.m. Friday, September 13, 2019 – 3:30 p.m. Saturday, September 14, 2019

Pope Francis has marked the Catholic Church in new ways. Lectures in this program explore his impact on the Catholic Church and on the world. Particular attention will be given to the relationship between Francis, the U.S. Catholic Church, and the United States of America's changing role in the world.



Massimo Faggioli, a married lay Roman Catholic, is a professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Villanova University in Philadelphia. He writes a

column for La Croix International, and is contributing writer for Commonweal magazine. His books and articles have been published in nine languages. His most recent publications include the book *Catholicism and Citizenship: Political Cultures of the Church in the Twenty-First Century*, published by Liturgical Press.

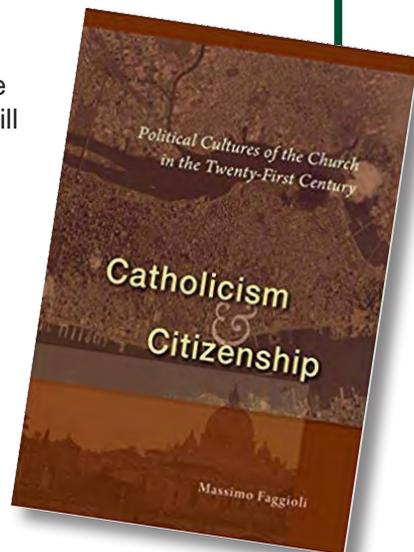
**Cost** (includes meals and snacks)

**Commuter \$80**

**Double occupancy (per person) \$125**

**Single occupancy \$175**

**Registration required.**



## Program registration

**Online:** Visit [www.webercenter.org](http://www.webercenter.org) and click on "Programs." Find the program you're registering for and click on the blue "Register" button in the bottom right corner. Enter all information and then click "Add to Cart" to proceed to payment.

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