



2025 ADULT FAITH & LAY FORMATION EVENT

Holy Family

RETREATS & PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, April 12th | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Sts. Peter and Paul, Blue Earth, MN

St. Mary: Behold Your Mother

“And [Jesus] went down with [Joseph and Mary] and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.”

-Luke 2:51-52

About this Retreat

On this adult faith and lay formation retreat, Catholics will have the opportunity to encounter, ponder, and grow in deeper relationship and devotion to Jesus Christ through His family. Our Catholic faith teaches that God became man in the person of Jesus Christ. The incarnation of God is indeed a profound reality; what is equally profound and worth contemplating is the fact that God incarnated Himself into a family. The creator of the universe dwelt among us, and His primary mode of dwelling was within a family. Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, had an earthly father and mother, St. Joseph and St. Mary. This family is known as the Holy Family. How can this special truth transform and refashion family life for today? What can we learn from the Holy Family's life experiences and how can our families emulate their holiness and virtues in our respective communities? May Catholics on this retreat be filled with every joy, grace, and consolation from the Lord through His Most Sacred Heart in the loving company of St. Joseph and St. Mary!

Keynote Spekaer: Fr. Jeff Dobbs



My name is Fr. Jeff Dobbs. I am originally from Pipestone, MN. My parents still live in Pipestone. I have two older brothers. I was ordained a priest in 2008. I am pastor of the parishes of St. John Vianney in Fairmont and SS. Peter and Paul in Blue Earth. My previous assignments are: Parochial Vicar at St. Mary's in Worthington; Pastor of St. Gabriel in Fulda, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Currie, and St. Anthony in Westbrook; and Director of Spiritual Life at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona.

Some of my interests are playing sports (tennis, basketball, and golf). I also like to play the drums. I enjoy going to movies and movie theatre popcorn. I can somehow finish the large popcorn which is at least a full meal, if not more.

Some of my favorite saints and spiritual writers are St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, and St. John of the Cross. As a priest I really enjoy celebrating Mass, giving spiritual direction and leading retreats. I have led many retreats in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. My hope for those attending this retreat focused on the Blessed Virgin Mary is that they would come to know and experience that Mary desires a personal relationship with them, and that she has been accompanying them their whole life, whether they have recognized it up to this point in time or not.



Retreat Schedule



9:00 a.m.

Mass

9:35 a.m.

Initial Gathering
Breakfast Snacks
Opening Prayer

9:50 a.m.

Keynote Talk I

10:30 a.m.

BREAK

10:45 a.m.

Small Group Discussion

11:30 a.m.

LUNCH

12:35 p.m.

Keynote Talk II

1:15 p.m.

BREAK

1:30 p.m.

Small Group Discussion

2:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration
Confession
Closing Prayer

2:00 p.m.

Retreat Concludes