



Retreat Notes

St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center

The Passionists of Holy Cross Province

2026-2027 Season

My Dear Friends,

Once again, our preaching team—Faith Offman, Fr. Johnson, and myself—have spent time in prayer and reflection as we discerned a theme for the coming retreat season. We reflected on the experiences of past retreats and asked the Holy Spirit to guide us toward a theme that speaks to where we find ourselves today.

This year's theme, "Love is Ingenious," comes from the writings of St. Paul of the Cross. It reminds us that God's love is always at work, finding new and unexpected ways to reach us, strengthen us, and draw us closer to Christ. Even amid the demands, distractions, and uncertainties of daily life, God's love continues to meet us exactly where we are.

Throughout this retreat season, we will take time to pause, pray, and reflect on the many ways God's creative and faithful love is present in our lives. We hope you will leave renewed in the confidence that His love never ceases to seek us.

We look forward to welcoming you back to St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center. May the Lord bless you and your loved ones, and may you come to know more deeply that Love is Ingenious.

Fr. Pat, C.P.

Fr. Pat Brennan, CP
Director of Mission and Ministry



Introducing Contemplative Retreats!

Our contemplative retreats offer a quieter and more spacious way of entering the sacred mystery of one's relationship with God. Unlike our preached retreats, there are no talks or structured theme these retreats are open to all, wherever you are on your journey of faith.

September 18-20, 2026
May 14-16, 2027

May the Passion of Jesus Christ be Always in Our Hearts!

Advancing Our Mission

Thank you for making a lasting difference in the lives of our retreatants and guests. Your generosity strengthens our ministry and touches countless lives. We are sincerely grateful for your continued support.

Ways to Support

- **General Donations** – Gifts made throughout the year.
- **Director's Circle** – Share in our ministry through an annual recurring commitment beginning at \$125.
- **Fr. James Thoman, CP Endowment Fund** – Help ensure the long-term sustainability of our retreat center and ministry.
- **Memorial and Tribute Gifts** – Honor or remember a loved one in a meaningful way.
- **Recurring and Matching Gifts** – Provide ongoing support through convenient automatic contributions and employer matching gifts.



Without YOU this would not be possible:

- Chapel and pew renovations are complete! We invite you to stop by and spend a moment in prayer in our beautifully renewed chapel.
- Major facility improvements were addressed including HVAC repairs/replacements, ice machine and laundry equipment repairs, and security gate and security system improvements.
- We refurbished the Retreat center lamps with the help of our volunteer handyman, Mike, which was more cost-effective.
- Retreat participation is growing, with eight retreats filled or waitlisted and new retreatants discovering our ministry each weekend.
- Mid-week personal and guided retreats are increasing, reflecting a growing desire for prayer, quiet, and spiritual renewal.

Easter Appeal 2026: Where Hospitality Becomes Ministry An Overwhelming Success!



Thanks to the incredible generosity of many of our faithful donors, we have surpassed our renovation goal to replace kitchen appliances and resurface each dining room chair!

So many of you have shared cherished memories of meals and fellowship in the dining room. Thanks to your generosity, these renovations will help create those same meaningful experiences for generations to come.

We are now in the planning phase for the chair restoration and appliance replacement and will keep you updated as the project moves forward.



For information on ways to give,
contact Mary Moret (313) 286-2806,
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2026–2027 Retreat Theme

Love is Ingenious

The inventive, healing, life-giving love of God

*When old
answers no longer
work... love finds
another way.*

This retreat theme invites us
to rediscover the ingenuity of love
in our relationships, losses, divisions,
loneliness, and within ourselves,
our families, church, and world.

*Become signs of God's
inventive love in the
struggles of our time.*

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*artwork inspired by Mary Southard, From Power + Privilege to Systemic Change & Bear the Beams of Love





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We offer more than just weekend retreats!

To register or for more information about our 2026-2027 season, call us at (313) 535-9563 or visit our website at stpaulretreat.org. Mailing a check? Please call to save your spot.

Encouragement & Fellowship

Mother of Sorrows Grief Retreat

Tuesday, September 15

Caregiver Appreciation Morning

Monday, November 2

Sunday Couples Brunch

Sunday, April 4

Veteran's Symposium

Saturday, June 19

Special Celebrations

St. Paul of the Cross Feast Day

Tuesday, October 20

Solemn Commemoration of the Passion

Friday, February 5

Advent

Advent Day of Reflection

Tuesday, December 8

Evening of Reflection for Couples

w/Candlelight Dinner

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Lent

Lenten Day of Reflection

Ash Wednesday, February 10

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Lenten Stations of the Storm

Tuesday, February 16

Lenten Ladies Day Out

Tuesday, March 9