



St. Francis of Assisi 45th Annual Men's Retreat Learning God's Heart

Friday Evening January 20
Saturday January 21
Sunday Morning January 22

Bergamo Center at Mount St. John
4435 Patterson Road Dayton, Ohio

**† Celebration of the Eucharist † Eucharistic Adoration †
† Small and Large Group Discussion † Opportunity for Private and Shared Prayer †
† Opportunity for Silence and Reflection † Celebration of Reconciliation †
† Time to Celebrate Life Socially † Please Come Join Us †**

† Check In Begins At 6:00 PM †



**Our Retreat Master
Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer**

Summary: The St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Vision states "Christ calls us to a future of greater loving, lifting, listening, *learning*, and leading."

This retreat will focus on the fourth Parish principle and value. Learning: We are committed to lifelong learning as individuals and as a faith community. We journey with each other in deepening our shared faith.

Conference 1: *GOD WANTS TO BE KNOWN BY YOU*
Conference 2: *YOU ARE WORTHY TO BE KNOWN BY GOD*
Conference 3: *HOW TO KNOW GOD'S HEART*
Conference 4: *HOW TO HELP OTHERS KNOW GOD*

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Good news. The refurbishment at Bergamo is complete.

We strongly recommend registering as early as possible as demand for rooms is expected to be high. Mail-in reservations will be on a first come (with a check), first serve basis. NOTE: Unlike previous years, personal checks will be cashed weekly on Fridays. As in the past, we are also offering the option for you to commute. Watch the bulletin for additional information.

On-line reservations will open on Jan. 2 , 2023. Go to the retreat page at <https://sfacc.org/mr>

Beverages, including beer and wine, will be provided. NO ADDITIONAL ALCOHOL IS PERMITTED!

Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer is the Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and has been in this role since July 2014. Prior to his current assignment, Fr. Dan was pastor of Holy Angels in Sidney, Ohio for six years and was parochial vicar in the Coldwater Cluster of Parishes for two years. Prior to entering the seminary at the age of 33 in the year 2000, Fr. Dan received a Bachelor's and a Master's degree from Ohio State and worked as a high school teacher as well as at several different colleges and universities. Fr. Dan grew up on a farm outside McCartyville, Ohio in Shelby County. His parents still live on the farm and his five siblings still live in Shelby County.

Itinerary

Friday, January 20, 2023

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00-7:00 Arrival and check-in • 7:00-9:00 Session #1 • 9:15 Evening Prayer (chapel) • 9:45 (approx.) Quiet time, free time, social time, movie, cards | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30-7:30 Dinner • 7:30-8:15 Rosary • 8:15-9:00 Evening Prayer (chapel) • 9:00-Midnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament • 9:30 (approx.) Quiet time, free time, social time, movie, cards |
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Saturday, January 21, 2023

- 7:30-8:00 am Morning Prayer (chapel)
- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast
- **9:00-11:15** **Session #2**
- 11:30-12:30 Mass (chapel)
- 12:30-1:40 Lunch
- **1:40-3:40** **Session #3**
- 3:40-4:00 Photograph at the fireplace
- 4:00-6:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, January 22, 2023

- 7:30-8:00 am Morning Prayer (chapel)
- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast & Check Out
- **9:00-10:30** **Session #4**
- 10:30-11:00 Wrap-up
- 11:00-12:00 Mass (chapel)

Session 1

God longs to be known by you. He longs for you to make time to simply seek his face and get to know his personality, the nature of his love, and the availability of his presence.

Session 2

God created every one of us very good and God wants us to know Him. Because we are made in God's image and likeness, we are worthy of being known by God.

Session 3

Learning God's heart and knowing God's heart can be very tricky, not because God hides this information from us, but because sometimes as we try to discern God's heart and God's will, pride gets in the way.

Session 4

Our faith is never something that is meant just for us. We must share our faith with others, and when we know God better, we want to share our faith with others.

Registration Form

Please Print Clearly

Check or Cash Reserves Room

Name _____

Single Room \$225.00

Address _____

Double Room \$175.00

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Commute \$125.00

Phone _____ Other Phone _____

Special Needs or Roommate Request _____

E-Mail _____

Please contact Marc Martens for mailing instructions:
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Parish

Some limited financial help is available if needed. **Make checks payable to St. Francis Men's Retreat**