



CONCEPTION
Living the Benedictine Tradition
ABBAY GUEST CENTER

FALL 2019 RETREAT OFFERINGS

November

November 15-17, 2019

Calligraphy: Follow-up Retreat

Retreatants will continue the daily prayer practice of *Lectio Divina* by lettering the words of Sacred Scripture from the daily Eucharist readings. In an atmosphere of prayerful quiet, participants will learn to use ink pens to letter the basic foundational hand they learned in the beginners retreat. Prerequisite: Lettering the Word Beginner's Retreat. Led by Br. Michael Marcotte, OSB

November 22-24, 2019

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

How can we experience the intimacy, joy and peace of being reconciled with God? Spend the weekend embracing the words of Jesus. Come to know that Jesus can reestablish what we might have lost in our relationship with Jesus the Christ and with others. Retreatants will have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Led by Fr. Roger Schmit, OSB

December

December 5, 2019

Advent Day of Reflection: He Came into the World

Spend the day reflecting on the real reason we celebrate Christmas. The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and breakfast treats, followed by a reflective talk, private prayer time, Eucharist, lunch and a final reflection session. Led by Fr. Roger Schmit, OSB, and Abbey Guest Center Staff.

December 30, 2019 — January 1, 2020

Annual New Year's Retreat: Making Sense of Our Crazy but Precious World

Explore through the eyes of St. Benedict, Pope Francis and others, the many ways Jesus said he would be with us in the midst of our world. From the insights of holy women and men down through the centuries, we can gain the help to see and apply the wisdom of the Gospel to our personal and global world. The goal of the retreat will be to find practical ways of naming and celebrating the goodness of God's love in our human experience, thus making a difference for us and those around us. Led by Fr. Daniel Petsche, OSB



**Contact the Abbey Guest Center
for specific retreat information
or to make a reservation.**



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