

Spirituality Programs



Tuesday Nights with the Sisters

We invite you to ***Tuesday Nights with the Sisters.***

2019 Theme: ***The Richness of our Benedictine Heritage.***

Programs take place in the Monastery Chapter Room on the 2nd floor from 7:00-8:30pm.

- **April 9: The Cave Dwelling Kid Who Changed the World** Borrowing the title from one of Bishop Robert Barron's YouTube videos, this presentation will give an interactive overview of St. Benedict's Rule that has provided insights for a Spirit-filled life for more than 1500 years.
Presenters: Jane Doyle & Sister Mary Bratrsovsky, O.S.B.
- **May 14: Work and Prayer** Ora et labore is the motto of the Benedictines-- work and prayer. How do we interpret and live this motto in a society which makes an idol of paid employment ... expecting all workers to be workaholics, and at the same time devaluing those who cannot 'work': the sick, the disabled and the retired?
Presenter: Chris Fletcher
- **June 11: Hospitality, a Commitment to Action** The presentation will be modeled on St. Benedict's Rule: The Reception of Guests. In Chapter 53, Benedict uses welcoming, action words that compel us to commit ourselves to offer hospitality to our Guests as if we were seeing Christ Himself in them. We will focus especially on those whose needs are critical in our present day society and review the hospitable actions being done in our Diocese and in

our Church in the U.S.A, with particular attention to immigrants.
Presenters: Sister Christine Kouba, O.S.B & Cathy Lentz

- **August 13: The Practices and History of the Prayer Life of Benedictines**
Chapters 8-20 of the Rule of Benedict expand on the prayer life of a Benedictine. We will share the richness and story of the prayer life of the early Christian community, with emphasis on praying the Divine Office in the Benedictine tradition.
Presenter: Sister Sharon Marie Stola, O.S.B
- **September 10: OBLATES: Their Deliberate Connectedness with the Benedictine Way** Hear it from the Oblates themselves. Learn what value being an Oblate has for living ordinary life in a Benedictine way.
Presenters: Sister Karen Nykiel, O.S.B and Sacred Heart Monastery Oblates
- **October 8: From Benedict and Scholastica to Mother Nepomucene Jaeger** We will review our history from Norcia, Italy to Lisle, Illinois with specific stories of Mother Benedicta Riepp, the first Benedictine woman to come to America, and Mother Mary Nepomucene Jaeger, the first Prioress of Sacred Heart Monastery.
Presenter: Sister Mary Bratrsovsky, O.S.B.

December 10:

Advent Reflection

Sister Mary will be showing and discussing Bishop Robert Barron's YouTube video on the infancy narrative in Luke's Gospel. Through the insights of Bishop Barron we will come to learn the subversive account of Jesus' birth in relation to Virgil's Aeneid.

Presenter: Sister Mary Bratrsovsky, O.S.B.