

SUPERIOR DIOCESAN CHORALE—2022 RETREAT INFORMATION

DRAFT 2022-2023 CALENDAR

—GUIDE PORTION

Friday Oct. 21 – Sunday Oct. 23, 2022

St. Anthony Spirituality Center
300 East 4th St.
Marathon City, WI 54448 – 715-443-2236

Retreat time is coming!

Indeed, something to look forward to...a time for remembering why we sing and strengthening the bonds which keep us spending time in ministry together.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN OUR DIOCESAN CHORALE

INFORMATION

COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS

Like last year, we may sing together in our rehearsal space (the Solanus Center) inside the St. Anthony building. This should make our 2022 retreat more like those in the past, thank God.

We may also sing together in the chapel space. From what I understand, we will be the only group in the building – so we won't have retreatants from other groups joining with us in the chapel "liturgically" as in past years.

The potential for stricter guidelines regarding mask usage is according to Marathon County guidelines which are in effect at that time of our retreat. The county releases this information each Friday. We will be informed of current Marathon County guidelines upon registration and/or during our 7:15 p.m. Friday orientation.

Last year our attendance was limited to 30. This year it is up to 60. The fact that we're the only group in the building during that time frame this year allows this fairly large number. **This number should be more than enough for our purposes**—but 60 is it—regardless of the fact that, possibly, some of our attendees may not avail themselves of the overnight lodging.

Your participation is joyfully encouraged

Like last year, much thought has been put into keeping all attendees as safe as possible. **The retreat center has its own guidelines** (included below) **which all potential attendees should familiarize themselves with.**

The first 60 individuals registered will be accommodated – this should be more than enough room for everyone, thank God

The proposed cutoff date for registration is **Monday, October 10, 2022**, but please respond earlier if you're able.

In order for your registration to be counted in the first 60 it needs to be completed in its entirety by completing the accompanying

—REGISTRATION FLYER PORTION

with the required information:

1. Letting Amy Little alittle@catholicdos.org know if you're not attending this year (see above).
 2. Filling in the names of those attending, including all children under the age of 18 and their date of birth.
 3. Filling in the "lodging and dietary needs/liturgical ministry volunteer section" which includes:
 - Putting checks by each time increment you will be in attendance for.
 - Putting checks which indicate your lodging needs for both Friday and Saturday (**separately**).
 - Filling in the names of all those staying in the same room as a family (if applicable) for both Friday and Saturday (**separately**).
 - Contacting the Retreat Center directly as soon as you can regarding any special dietary needs that you may have.
- and*
- Putting checks by those liturgical ministries you'd be able to assist with
4. Mailing the registration flyer portion into the chancery.

(Information from the first four bullet points above enable us to be **accurately charged** by the Retreat Center for meals and lodging.)

Portions of the live event may be made available for virtual attendees

It is my understanding that portions of the live event may be made available for those attending virtually.

ST. ANTHONY'S VISITOR GUIDELINES – 06/01/2022

– as currently posted on the Center's website: <https://sarcenter.com/visitorguidelines/>

Added recently to these Visitor Guidelines by Sister Barbara Knauf:

"Everyone should come into the Retreat Center wearing a mask when they arrive so they are prepared for any current requirements issued by Marathon County that day."

St. Anthony Spirituality Center, as a special place of spirituality, peace, and hospitality, is open to ALL and we look forward to having you here!

The following COVID-19 guidelines have been put in place by the Board of Directors of St. Anthony's to help ensure the safety of those who choose to visit during this time. These guidelines are subject to change as the situation with COVID-19 evolves.

St. Anthony Spirituality Center is guided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) regarding face coverings and preventing the spread of COVID-19. That guidance entails a layered prevention strategy based on community COVID-19 levels.

- **When Marathon County is at a LOW LEVEL, St. Anthony's WILL NOT have a general face covering requirement.**
- **When Marathon County is at a MEDIUM LEVEL, St. Anthony's REQUESTS the use of face coverings.** Please remember that face coverings must cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly against the sides of your face and under the chin.
- **When Marathon County is at a HIGH LEVEL, St. Anthony's REQUIRES the use of face coverings.** Please remember that face coverings must cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly against the sides of your face and under the chin.

The community COVID-19 level will be communicated upon arrival at St. Anthony's and will remain in place for the duration of your stay. Be prepared! Bring a face covering when you visit St. Anthony's as community COVID-19 levels may change quickly.

- Individuals who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are requested to wear a face covering in all common areas within the building. When actively eating or drinking in the dining room, face coverings may be removed.
- Everyone is welcome to wear a face covering at any time and St. Anthony's advises it for people at high risk of severe illness.
- The CDC advises staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccines. Being up to date means a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible.
- In our commitment to offer our visitors a safe environment, St. Anthony's recommends being fully vaccinated against COVID-19. We consider it an act of love for our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.
- The CDC recommends physical distancing for unvaccinated people and those at increased risk for severe illness, or who live with or spend time with someone at higher risk.

- Our gatherings are planned for fully vaccinated people, and while there is ample room to spread out, we do not completely ensure physical distancing.

To maintain the safety of everyone who visits our facility, St. Anthony's continues to assess the following COVID-19 exposures of you or any members of your household. **Think about the last 14 days prior to visiting St. Anthony's and consider the following:**

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19.
- If anyone in your household has tested positive for COVID-19.
- If you, or anyone in your household, has cared for someone diagnosed with COVID-19.
- If you, or anyone in your household is in the process of being tested for COVID-19.
- If you, or anyone in your household, has been in contact with a person outside of your household that has tested positive for or is in the process of being tested for COVID-19.
- If you, or anyone in your household, has been medically directed to self-quarantine due to possible exposure to COVID-19.
- If you, or anyone in your household has traveled outside of the state other than for business purposes.
- If you or anyone in your household experienced any cold or flu-like symptoms in the last 14 days (fever, cough, shortness of breath or other respiratory problem).

People with COVID-19 symptoms, a current positive test for COVID-19, or recent exposure to someone with COVID-19 are asked to stay home and reschedule their retreat for a time when they are certain that they are COVID-free.

- If you are diagnosed with COVID-19 within 10 days after your retreat, please promptly inform St. Anthony's. If a guest or employee contracts COVID-19, St. Anthony's will inform all guests and employees who were exposed.

St. Anthony Spirituality Center further encourages common health/hygiene practices: wash your hands frequently; use hand sanitizer, especially when entering the serving line for meals; cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.

As always, if you should become ill while visiting, please take care of yourself. Go home to rest and care for your health. Please inform St. Anthony's of your departure so that we know that you are safe.

Hand sanitizer is available at all entrances and exits, in the chapel and in all meeting spaces. Housekeeping does a basic level of sanitizing as well. If more is desired, bring medical and/or sanitizing items you need to feel comfortable and safe during your stay.

Questions may be directed to Jackie Kellner at (715) 443-2236 Ext 116 or jackiek@sarcenter.com

Additional points clarified by Sister Barb for our 2022 retreat:

1.
Please do not move any furniture from its original position.
2.
The ramp door will be open during our retreat. (If this changes it will be announced at the Friday 7:15 p.m. registration.)
3.
Neither health pre-screening questioning nor intake/daily temperature-taking will be done as it was last year.
4.
[Please wear a mask upon initially entering the building in case Marathon County would require it at the time.]
5.
Check-in is coming to the front door wearing a mask in case Marathon County would be required to at the time. Retreatants (who are provisionally wearing a mask) enter the building and go to the registration table for their room assignment. You don't have to call for admittance into the building as was required last year.
6.
Friday evening orientation will begin in the chapel at 7:15 p.m. as it did last year.
7.
All retreatants need to bring their own blanket(s).

Towels, bed linens and bedspreads will be provided and laundered between each guest as always, however blankets are not available. Guests are allowed to bring their own blankets, and may wish to do so. Pillows are provided but you may want to bring your own.
8.
The boiler will be off while we are there, so please bring warm clothes to layer and blankets for your bed. Electric space heaters will be available for your room if you should need one.
9.
The bookstore has been moved to the front of the building near the main entrance. The current plan is to have it open during our Saturday lunch time.
10.
The rule in place last year requiring us to sit in the same place each time we are in the dining room, the *Solanus Center* or the chapel is no longer in effect.

For those sharing a room with your children because of *Family Event* attendance

The only bed available in your room will be the single double bed in the room. You may not move other beds from other rooms into the room you're sharing with your children. If you are housed in the large ("Bishop's") suite there is also a regular couch (non-fold out) available for one person to sleep on. All other necessary bedding, pillows along with any necessary air mattresses or cots must be brought from your home.

Snacks—beverages

Meals will be provided, but many people like to bring snacks for the evenings, as well as their favorite beverages. (The retreat center does allow alcoholic beverages, but our event has traditionally had a "no alcohol" policy.)

Participation in all scheduled meals

In order for us to be accurately charged for our meal usage—and to aid the retreat center's planning for our meals—**please put a check by any scheduled meals listed in the registration form below.**

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

If retreatants have special dietary needs they should e-mail Jaqueline Kellner and Sr. Barb Knauf by **noon on Monday, October 10.**

bknauf@sarcenter.com

jackiek@sarcenter.com

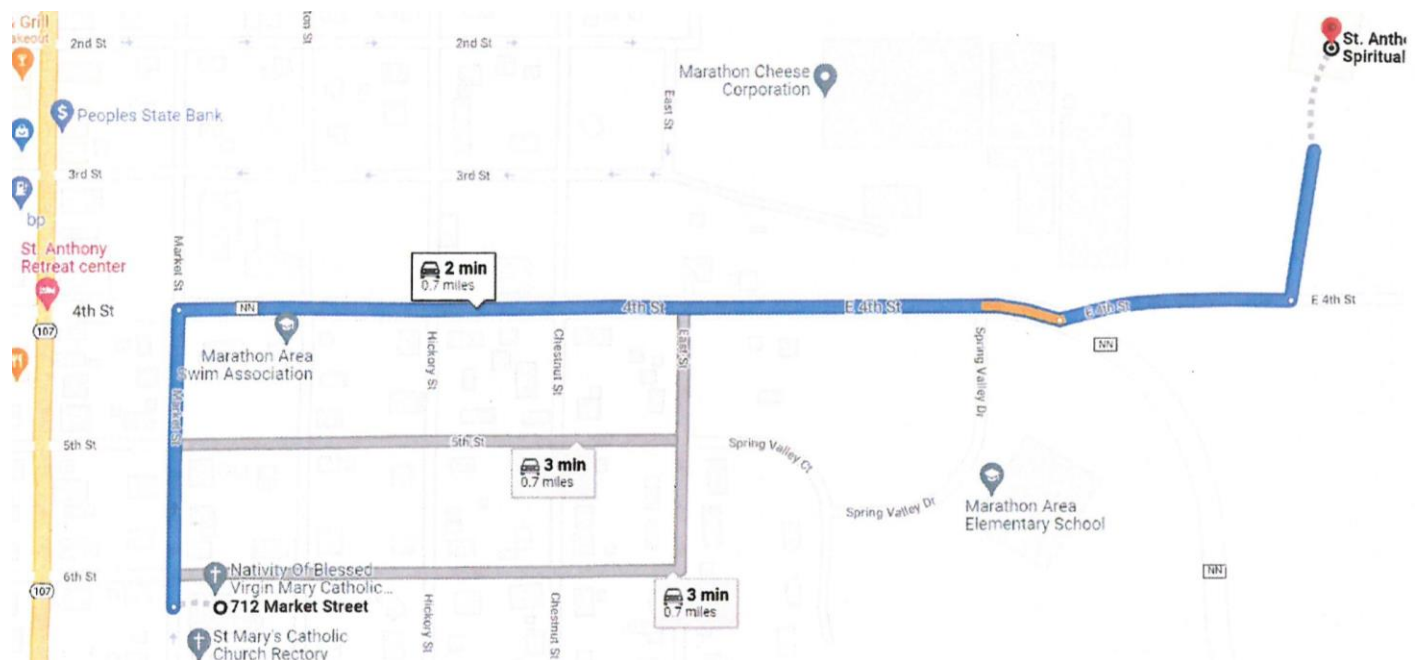
Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

The retreat center chapel remains open and useable. However, St. Anthony's is currently not able to provide a Priest for on-site celebrations of Mass and/or the Sacraments.

Because of this we must avail ourselves of these opportunities provided by Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, located at 712 Market Street in Marathon—715-443-2045.

The 0.7 mile route from the retreat Center to the parish church is walkable for the most part, however, the final portion to the church is (fairly steeply) *uphill*:

If you are driving there, another consideration is that Market Street is a **one-way street** going *downhill*.



Those who wish to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday morning Mass which may be followed by Reconciliation

- Due to staffing difficulties at the local parish, the Saturday 8:00 a.m. morning Mass may from time to time be replaced by a weekday Communion service.
- Parish staff says there is no way to know ahead of time for sure which one it will be. (Calling to find out the day before does not work.)
- If this Saturday morning Mass is replaced by a weekday Communion service, it follows that the Sacrament of Reconciliation **will not** be available afterwards, due to the lack of a Priest.

Attendance at this Saturday Morning parish Mass, if it does take place, does not fulfill one's Sunday obligation.

The timing of our Saturday breakfast allowing for the possibility of Saturday morning Mass/Reconciliation attendance

In order to allow retreatants who would like to attend *what may be* Saturday morning Mass at the local parish church (which is followed by Reconciliation *only* if it is Mass which is celebrated) St. Anthony staff has again graciously agreed to move our Saturday breakfast start time from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. We thank them for their kind flexibility.

Suggested group attendance at the Saturday evening 4:00 p.m. anticipated weekend Mass instead of the parish Masses available on Sunday

In order to allow for a larger block of time on Sunday prior to our departure following the communal lunch that day, *the schedule in the registration flyer envisions our group attending the Saturday 4:00 p.m. anticipated parish Mass rather than a Sunday morning Mass.*

The parish currently (as of September 20, 2022) does offer both 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday Morning, but this is not listed in the registration flyer.

Beginning and ending

(St. Anthony's is expecting your arrival Friday evening any time after 5:00 p.m.)

We will officially begin at 7:15 on Friday evening in the retreat center chapel with a short orientation session provided by St. Anthony staff followed immediately by either:

Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

or

Holden Evening Prayer

We'll conclude at noon on Sunday with lunch together.

Exterior doors

The doors are locked at all times, however one door will be left open for our group. (I believe Sister Barb said the open door would be the ramp door.) If this changes it will be announced at orientation.

Attire

Dress for comfort. Weather permitting, outdoor activities may be in the offing for the entire group, so bring appropriate clothing for that, too.

Roaming the St. Anthony campus interiors at will Is this still true?

A beloved part of the St. Anthony experience for many over the years has been exploring the lesser-used portions of the building on their own volition as opportunities to do so arise. (Experiencing “history and holiness” could be said to be the motivation for some.) However, as with last year the only portions of the St. Anthony’s buildings open to retreatants are those assigned to our group as a whole for purposes of the retreat. *All other portions of the buildings are closed.* Alternatively, “roaming” out-of-doors is always encouraged...

INCLUSION OF MINORS IN CHORALE ACTIVITIES—“Family Event”

The Bishops’ *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* sets forth very specific requirements for activities that include minors.

For youth less than 18 years of age to be included in Chorale events, we must assure that these events can be defined as a Family Event as set up by the Diocese of Superior.

To be a family event, every minor must be accompanied by at least one of their

- **parents**

or

- **their court-appointed legal guardian**

for the entire duration of the event.

This includes 24 hour supervision to assure the safety and appropriate behavior of each participating youth.

Overnight events bring with them another set of issues – specifically sleeping arrangements and showering/bathroom arrangements.

Sleeping arrangements

- Participating minors must share a room with their supervising parent(s).
- Rooms assigned to families at the St. Anthony Retreat Center normally include one double bed and a private bathroom.
- Any occupancy beyond two would then require that the remainder sleep on the floor of the room.
- Sleeping bags, air mattress, etc., should be brought by the parent(s) to the retreat site to accommodate the youth.

Showering/Bathroom arrangements

- All minors are to use the private bathroom in their shared room for showering.

Regarding retreatants who are minors, in 2022 the St. Anthony Retreat Center also requires constant physical parental supervision.

Sharing in the work involved in worship

Please indicate your willingness to help by volunteering to function in one or more of the required ministries which are listed in the registration flyer schedule. The more ministries you volunteer for the easier it will make the job of assigning individual ministers without having to assign multiple ministries to generous but potentially beleaguered individuals. If the Sacred Liturgy is the work of the people, many hands make light work. Info pages will be made available regarding details on each ministry.

REQUIREMENT FOR PAYMENTS:

All payments must be mailed to the chancery:

Diocese of Superior
1201 Hughitt Avenue
P.O. Box 969
Superior, WI 54880

No funds may be accepted on-site.

- We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
- Checks should be made payable to the *Diocese of Superior* – include in the memo “2022 Diocesan Chorale Retreat”

Don't let the in-availability of a check delay your response regarding your attendance.

Register soon and pay later.

PAYMENT AMOUNT

As in the past, we want everyone who wants to attend the Chorale retreat to be able to attend, regardless of their ability to pay. This stays the same.

Only fully completed registrations received with the overall limit of 60 participants total (regardless of overnight lodging needs or lack thereof) may attend this year. (This should be more than enough.)

- Our suggested minimum has been \$45.00/per person for a while, now—hopefully that is still okay.

PERHAPS: THOSE WHO COULD AFFORD IT COULD DONATE A BIT MORE TOWARD SPECIFIC COSTS.

Along with the recommended minimum donation I figured that sharing a breakdown of what the actual costs are would give attendees (who perhaps have the wherewithal to donate more) a window into where additional funds could be helpfully applied:

Food service costs (per head, per meal)

Full Breakfast (“Continental” option no longer available.)

10.00

Lunch

14.00

Supper

12.00

Lodging costs (per night)

Standard Single room

(Toilet room and shower room are separate, located down the hall.)

--one guest, one bed

51.00

[Multiple occupancy charge for a standard room.]

+10.00 / FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON HOUSED

Standard Double room

(Toilet room and shower room are separate, located down the hall.)

--two guests, one bed

61.00

"Suite"- Single

[Private bathroom.]

--one guest, one bed

PROVIDED AS AVAILABLE FOR:

1. parent(s) supervising children who are minors
1. people with limited mobility

73.00

[Multiple occupancy charge for a suite.]

+10.00 / FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON HOUSED

"Suite"- Double

(Private bathroom.)

--two guests, one bed

PROVIDED AS AVAILABLE FOR:

1. parent(s) supervising minor(s)
2. people with limited mobility

83.00

[Multiple occupancy charge for a suite.]

+10.00 / FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON HOUSED

Solanus Center conference room cost (per day)

225.00

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DRAFT AS OF 08/23/2022

EARLY OCTOBER
2022

2022 -2023 Season

Worship Booklet Repertoire music planning session (?)

- Opening Songs, Closing Songs
- Sprinkling Songs
- Mass Settings (Gloria, Holy, Mem. Acc., Amen, Lamb of God)
- Responsorial Psalmody
- Gospel Acclamations (regular and Lenten)
- Settings of the Lord's Prayer
- Communion Songs

Selections must be compatible with OneLicense livestream requirements.

October 2022

October 21, 22, 23, Fri-Sun:

Chorale Retreat

St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon

November 2022

NO REHEARSAL

December 2022

NO REHEARSAL

January 2023

NO REHEARSAL

February 2023

Saturday, February 4

(Possible conflict with 2023 Diocesan Music Workshop, the precise dates of which are yet to be determined—either the 3rd and 4th of February or the 10th or 11th of February.)

In-Person Rehearsal (*with Virtual Option?*)

Indianhead Community Action Agency
1000 West College Avenue, Ladysmith
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Sunday, February 26 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion

Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior
Rehearsal at 1:00 PM; Liturgy at 3:00 PM

March 2023

Saturday, March 18
 In-Person Rehearsal (*with Virtual Option?*)
 Indianhead Community Action Agency
 1000 West College Avenue, Ladysmith
 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Tuesday, March 28 – TUESDAY BEFORE PALM SUNDAY
Mass of Chrism
 Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior
 Rehearsal at 9:30 AM; Mass at 12:00 PM

April 2023

Saturday, April 15
 In-Person Rehearsal (*with Virtual Option?*)
 Indianhead Community Action Agency
 1000 West College Avenue, Ladysmith
 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

May 2023

Sunday, May 28 – PENTECOST SUNDAY (ALSO THE SUNDAY OF MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND)
Mass of Ordination (of Priests)
 Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior
 Rehearsal at 1:00 PM; Mass at 4:00 PM

June 2023

Wednesday (?) , June [redacted] (?)
Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention Mass (?)
 Proposed Location (Rice Lake)
 Rehearsal at [redacted]; Mass at [redacted]

The new director for the SDCCW is Gail Helmert:
2019carmelite@gmail.com
 I am waiting to hear from her on this.

July 2023

Saturday, July 15
Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving
 Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior
 Rehearsal at 9:30 AM; Mass at 11:00 AM

August 2023

Mass of Ordination (of Permanent Deacons)
 No Permanent Deacon Ordinations are scheduled for 2023.
 From Chris Newkirk:
 Next potential deacon ordination is not until Aug. 2024

September 2023

NO REHEARSAL

October 2023

October 27, 28, 29, Fri-Sun:
Chorale Retreat, St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon City
 (This is a week later than the retreat usually is.)