Saturday, February 8th | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | St. Edward Parish, Austin, MN

The Holy Family: God Indwelling and Sanctifying Family Life

"And [Jesus] went down with [Joseph and Mary] and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man."

Luke 2:51-52

About this Retreat

On this adult faith and lay formation retreat, Catholics will have the opportunity to encounter, ponder, and grow in deeper relationship and devotion to Jesus Christ through His family. Our Catholic faith teaches that God became man in the person of Jesus Christ. The incarnation of God is indeed a profound reality; what is equally profound and worth contemplating is the fact that God incarnated Himself into a family. The creator of the universe dwelt among us, and His primary mode of dwelling was within a family. Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, had an earthly father and mother, St. Joseph and St. Mary. This family is known as the Holy Family. How can this special truth transform and refashion family life for today? What can we learn from the Holy Family's life experiences and how can our families emulate their holiness and virtues in our respective communities? May Catholics on this retreat be filled with every joy, grace, and consolation from the Lord through His Most Sacred Heart in the loving company of St. Joseph and St. Mary!

Keynote Speaker: Fr. Robert Horihan

Robert Horihan is a priest of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Hailing from the town of Hokah, MN, he was ordained to the presbyterate in 2002 and has served in both parish and educational settings in his priestly ministry. Since 2016, he has been the rector of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona; while fulfilling that role, he has also occasionally been an adjunct instructor at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, which is adjacent to the seminary property. He looks forward to exploring the lessons that the Holy Family can teach today's faithful as they seek to mature in sanctity and love.





Retreat Schedule

9:00 a.m. Mass

9:35 a.m. Initial Gathering
Breakfast Snacks
Opening Prayer

9:50 a.m. Keynote Talk I

10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:45 a.m. Small Group Discussion

11:30 a.m. LUNCH

12:35 p.m. Keynote Talk II

1:15 p.m. BREAK

1:30 p.m. Small Group Discussion

2:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration Confession Closing Prayer

3:00 p.m. Retreat Concludes