



## **Hosting A Group at Well of Mercy Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is Well of Mercy?**

Well of Mercy is a ministry of hospitality and healing sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas; dedicated to holding the quiet for those wanting to separate themselves from the demands and stresses of everyday life.

### **Are groups permitted to host retreats at Well of Mercy?**

Yes, potential groups must complete a Group Retreat Request Form which will be reviewed within 5-7 business days to determine if the focus of the group is in alignment with the mission and vision of Well of Mercy. Dates are limited so it is important to plan early and have at least two to three dates in mind. We generally are scheduling a minimum of 3-6 months in advance (6-12 months during the Fall and Spring seasons).

### **How many people can Well of Mercy accommodate in a retreat?**

Well of Mercy creates a home-like environment and specializes in personal and small group retreats. Group sizes are generally 10+ for Day Groups and 4-14 for Overnight Retreats, with a maximum capacity of 18. Since we are not a conference center, we may not have some capabilities you find in a conference environment.

## **DAY RETREATS**

### **What days and times are available for groups that would like to come for a day retreat?**

Groups can schedule a day retreat for a Wednesday-Saturday between 10am-4:30pm with some Tuesday availability.

### **What is the fee for reserving a day retreat group?**

Minimum Fee covers up to 10 retreatants and a meeting space. Additional fee applies for each additional person.

Without Lunch: \$300 min, (plus \$30/person for each additional retreatant).

Lunch Included: \$400 min, (plus \$40/person for each additional retreatant).

## **OVERNIGHT RETREATS**

### **What days/times are available for groups to have overnight retreats?**

Groups may arrive between 2pm-4pm and depart by 11am -Wednesday-Sunday. Leaders may arrive earlier. Tuesday nights may be an option. Groups may reserve 2, 3, 4 or 5 nights.

### **Are meals included in the overnight group fee?**

Meals are complimentary for overnight guests and are a very special feature at Well of Mercy. Choosing to reduce the number of meals does not change the fee.

### **What housing options are available? And at what rate?**

There are 18 private rooms on property throughout three housing options:

**Guest Houses** - Two houses each include 6 private bedrooms/private baths and a shared kitchen/dining area and screened-in porch at the back of the house.

SunRise House (6 rooms) \$720/night   SunSet House (6 rooms) \$720/night

**Cottages** - Each cottage has a sitting area, full kitchen with dining area, private bedroom and private bath. They each have a small deck that overlooks the stream.

Cottage 1 (1 bedroom ) \$155/night   Cottage 2 (1 bedroom ) \$155/night

**Sisters House** - The house includes four bedrooms, each with a private bath and private screened porch. The house comes with a large kitchen and dining area and includes a living area for small groups of 4-10. A fifth porch is available from the kitchen, an expansive yard, and a Community Room that can accommodate up to 18 guests.

Sisters House (4 bedrooms) \$600/night

### **What type of meeting spaces are available for groups?**

One of the following meeting spaces will be available for your group: Sisters House and/or Community Room, Chapel, Well House Activity Room, or Peace Room. This is verified through the Program Coordinator when planning your retreat based on availability and group size.

### **What do we need to know about Well of Mercy in looking at offering a group retreat?**

Well is a smoke-free, alcohol-free, fragrance free, and pet-free facility. WiFi is spotty and Zoom meetings are not an option due to limited service and the desire to maintain a quiet environment. We ask retreatants to make phone calls in their car from the parking area.

### **What do outdoor spaces look like?**

Well of Mercy is located in 110 acres of beautiful, rural setting that lends itself to connecting with God and grounding in nature. The Chapel of Mercy is located in the woods and provides an inspiring view from every window.

The Prayer Path includes over 2 miles of well-marked trails and 14 meditation stations, each appointed with a single chair and view of nature. A seven circuit Labyrinth overlooks Well House. Laura's Place, which is a screened pavilion, offers an outdoor oasis with a stone fireplace and comfortable hammock chairs.