



Hosting Overnight & Day Groups at Well of Mercy Frequently Asked Questions

Well of Mercy Mission Statement

Well of Mercy, a retreat ministry sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, grounded in the spirit of hospitality, provides quiet sanctuary and time in nature for reflection, rest and renewal for those choosing sacred time apart, enriching their spiritual and emotional wellbeing.

What groups are permitted to host retreats at Well of Mercy?

Leaders who have stayed at Well of Mercy &/or have toured the center in the past are welcome to complete a Group Retreat Request Form. Once received, the form will be reviewed within 7-10 business days to determine if the focus of the group is in alignment with Well of Mercy's mission. We generally schedule 6-12 months in advance so plan ahead and have at least two to three dates in mind when making your request. **NOTE:** If you are new to Well of Mercy, please schedule a tour **before** submitting a Group Request Form.

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 10-20 for Day Groups and 4-18 for Overnight Retreats, single occupancy rooms. Since we are not a conference center, we may not have amenities you find in a conference environment.

If I have never led a retreat before &/or need assistance in program planning, will your staff assist in the process?

Leaders must be self-contained as retreat planning assistance is outside the scope of what Well of Mercy offers. However, we are happy to guide you through the layout and use of the property for your retreat planning. If you have never led a retreat before, for your success, we respectfully ask that you try a different venue—especially if you do not already have a group following.

If I prefer different arrival & departure times, is that allowed?

For a variety of reasons that include consistency, safety for all guests, and respect for staff, we do not allow arrivals/departures outside our published hours. Thank you for honoring our policies.

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, Well House Activity Room, or Peace Room. This is verified through the Program Director when planning your retreat based on availability and group size.

What do I need to know about Well of Mercy?

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 **very quiet** environment. (We ask retreatants to make phone calls in their car from the parking area).

What outdoor spaces are available?

Well is located in a rural setting on 110 acres of beautiful wooded land that lends itself to connecting with God and grounding in nature. The Chapel of Mercy is nestled in the woods and provides an inspiring view from every window. The Prayer Path includes over 2 miles of marked trails and 14 meditation stations, each appointed with a single chair and view of nature. A seven circuit Labyrinth overlooks the property. Laura's Place, which is a screened pavilion, offers an outdoor oasis with a stone fireplace and comfortable hammock chairs.

OVERNIGHT RETREATS

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

Well of Mercy is open Wednesday – Sunday with some Tuesday availability. Groups may reserve a minimum of 2 nights up to a maximum of 5.

Property Arrival: 2:00pm-4:00pm, Absolutely NO LATE arrivals past 5:30pm

Room Check-out: 11:00am

Property Departure: 11:00am on Sundays

1:30pm Wednesdays-Sundays

Leaders may arrive as early as 10:00am on the day of the retreat

Note: Early arrivals & late departures are non-negotiable.

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 reduce 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 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 One (1 bedroom) \$155/night & Cottage Two (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



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 people (including the leader) and a meeting space. An additional fee applies for each additional person.

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

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

Group Request Forms can be found on the Website.

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