**List of Suggested Speakers and Retreat Facilities**

*This is not meant to be an exhaustive list. There are many other good speakers in the Diocese. These speakers may be willing to speak about other topics not listed here. Contact them to discuss other possibilities.*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Speakers | Topics |
| **Sr. Kathy Bilskie, OSB** (kbosb@thedome.org)*Sr. Kathy is a Benedictine with experience in parish ministry and spiritual direction, health care administration, and fundraising. Her responsibilities while in parish ministry included the RCIA process, adult formation, and Stephen Ministry. She continues to be involved with Centering Prayer workshops and retreats.* | Prayer |
| **Sr. Virginia Ann Brooks, DC (**SisterVirginiaAnn.Brooks@doc.org812-963-7559**)***Sr. Virginia Ann Brooks has been in education at many levels, administration in schools and in the Daughters of Charity and in Health Care Mission Formation.* | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; the History of Religious Life; History of the Daughters of Charity; Internationality of the Daughters of Charity; Understanding various religious orders and their Charism in the Church |
| **Sr. Betty Drewes, OSB** (bdrewes@thedome.org, 812-367-1411 ext. 2902 )*Sr. Betty Drewes is a member of the Sisters of Saint Benedict, and is involved with the Spirituality Ministry. She is Director of the Kordes Center and Coordinator of Hospitality and serves as a spiritual director. Sister Betty has professional degrees in education, counseling and spirituality.* | Prayer, Balance, Jesus |
| **Sr. Kate Conway, DC** (MaryCatherine.Conway@doc.org 240-315-8192)*Sr. Kate Conway has been a Daughter of Charity for 55 years. She has spent 43 years in Catholic Elementary School Education as a teacher and Principal.* | Prayer, Seeing Christ in the poor and those we serve, Saints, Mary Servant of God, Catholic Identify and Catholic Education, Call to Holiness, Engaging children in learning, Building young children’s self-esteem |
| **Dominic Faraone**  (dfaraone@evdio.org)*Dominic Faraone has served as Family Life/Respect Life Coordinator, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Evansville since September 2012.  He is married to Justine and they have three children.  Dom received a Ph.D. (2013) in United States history from Marquette University, specializing in twentieth-century U.S. Catholicism and community life.* | Marriage, Family Life, Consistent Life Ethic |
| **Carol Ann Gaddis** (cagaddis@evdio.org )*Carol Ann has worked in parish ministry for 27 years (the last 15 at Holy Rosary. She has a Masters Degree from St. Mary's University of Minnesota with a focus on Family Spirituality. She is married with 1 son and 2 bonus daughters (3 grandchildren*). | Family Prayer, Confirmation, Lenten Reflections, Using the story “Ragman” |
| **Jeremy Goebel** (jgoebel@evdio.org)*Jeremy serves as the sophomore theology teacher and assistant wrestling coach at Mater Dei High School. He earned his M.A. in Theology from Saint Meinrad in 2013. He lives in Evansville, IN with his wife Katie and two boys, John Paul and Elijah.* | Personal Testimony, Mary, Saints, Prayer, Theology of the Body, Pro-Life Issues, Vocations, Dating/ Marriage, NFP, Evangelization |
| **Sr. Teresa Gunter, OSB** (tgunter@thedome.org )*“Sr. T” has been extensively involved in youth ministry in parishes in the Diocese of Evansville and the Archdiocese of Louisville, in TEC and in the St. George Trek at Philmont Scout Ranch. She now serves as Vocation Director for the Benedictines at Monastery Immaculate Conception.*  | Living your faith as a teen, Getting excited about God, CAJE, Justice and Charity, Vocations |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Sr. George Mary Hagan, OSU** ( gmary.hagan@maplemount.org, 270-229-4103, ext. 731)*Sr. George Mary is an Ursuline Sister. She worked as a Director of Religious Education for 20 years.* | Thomas Merton |
| **Sr. Kathryn Huber, OSB** (khuber@thedome.org )*Sister Kathryn Huber, OSB, is a member of Monastery Immaculate Conception and a team member of the Spirituality Ministry of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, IN. Sister Kathryn holds graduate degrees in education from the University of Dayton and in pastoral studies from Loyola University Chicago including a nine-month training program in spiritual direction in the Institute of Spiritual Leadership.*  | Prayer, Spirituality of Work, Spiritual Direction, Group Facilitation |
| **Sr. Karen Joseph, OSB** (karenj@thedome.org, 812-367-1411, ext. 2832)*Sr. Karen Joseph, OSB, is a member of the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, Indiana where she works in the Spirituality Ministry. She has given retreats and workshops in Benedictine spirituality to Benedictines throughout North America. She has participated in the Monastic Studies Program at St. John’s, Collegeville, MN.* | Prayer, Seeing God in Everyday Life |
| **Maryann Joyce** (maryannjoyce@sbcglobal.net, 812-867-7507)*Maryann Joyce brings her deep spirituality as a trained spiritual director, her experiences as non-profit leader/advocate for the poor and teacher of faith formation to her ministry work. She is a life- long Catholic, wife and mother of three.* | Group facilitation, one-on- one or small group spiritual direction, grief/loss, transition, discernment, contemplative prayer, contemplative listening, and compassionate action/ solidarity with the poor  |
| **St. Anita Louise Lowe, OSB** (allosb@thedome.org)*Sr. Anita Louise Lowe, OSB, has been a member of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana, since 1987. She has served her community in the areas of communications and vocations and currently is the director of liturgy at the monastery. She holds a master’s degree in theology with a concentration in liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame and has given workshops and taught classes on various aspects of the liturgy.* | Liturgy, Prayer, Monastic Life, Vocations |
| **Sr. Jane McConnell, OSF** (janeosf@att.net )*Sister Jane McConnell, OSF, has served in various ministries as an Educator, Formation Director, Pastoral Associate, Religious Education Director, Liturgist, Spiritual Director, Retreat Guide, and Hospital Chaplain. She currently serves as Director of Mission Integration with St. Mary's Health in Evansville, IN. She has a Bachelor's degree in Education, with a Minor in Theology, and a Masters Degree in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University.* | Franciscan Spirituality, Prayer, Nurturing Your Spirituality, Awareness of Compassion Fatigue, Traits of a Healthy Spirituality, Seeking Serenity and Inner Peace, Everyday Epiphanies, Reflecting on the Prayer of St. Francis |
| **Pedro Mendez (**pmendez@evdio.org **)***Pedro is the Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry of the Diocese of Evansville. He is from Honduras and he graduated from Saint Meinrad School of Theology with a Masters in Pastoral Theology.* | A Latino Understanding of Family Life and Catholic Ecclesiology; The Eucharist and Catholic Latino Poetry: An Overwhelming Experience of God's Love; Our Lady of Guadalupe: A Christological Understanding; Unity in Diversity in Parishes with a Multicultural Setting. |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Karen Muensterman** (kmuensterman@evdio.org)*Karen has been a catechist for over 25 years and Director of Religious Education for Resurrection Catholic Church, Evansville, since 2009. She has had inspirational articles, essays, fiction and poetry published in various Catholic newspapers and magazines including The Message and St. Anthony Messenger Magazine.* | Sacraments, Mass, Prayer, Social Justice, Scripture, Theological Reflection |
| **Fr. Noel Mueller, OSB (**nmueller@saintmeinrad.edu **)** *Father Noël Mueller, O.S.B., a Benedictine monk-priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, has a Master in English Literature and a Master of Divinity. He has worked in hospital ministry, Marriage Encounter, and with youth and disabled persons. After ordination he spent 10 years at Saint Meinrad’s Priory in the Peruvian Andes helping to begin a diocesan seminary. Fr. Noël taught English Literature for 13 years at St. Meinrad College, was director of the Sabbatical Program for St. Meinrad School of Theology, and was the Archabbot’s secretary for 7 years in the monastery. Presently, he is one of 5 deans on the Formation Staff in the School of Theology.* | Marriage, Spirituality (Speaks English and Spanish) |
| **Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB** (gmullen@evdio.org, (812) 686-3505)*Fr. Godfrey Mullen is a Benedictine monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, and is the Rector of St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville. He earned a PhD in Liturgy from the Catholic University of America in 2003, focusing on Liturgical Catechesis. He has taught liturgical and sacramental theology at Saint Meinrad since 2002 and was also director of One Bread, One Cup, the youth liturgical leadership program at Saint Meinrad.*  | Liturgical Catechesis , Liturgical Participation, Liturgy & Youth |
| **Joel Padgett** (jpadgett@evdio.org )*Joel Padgett is the Parish Catechetical Leader at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Daylight. He holds a Licentiate of Philosophy from the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, Rome, Italy, and a Masters in Theology from Saint Meinrad School of Theology. Joel has over fifteen years of national and international experience in Church ministry. Through missionary work, Joel has gained extensive experience collaborating with people from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. He speaks English, Spanish, French, and Italian.* *He and his wife, Anita, from Bogota, Colombia, reside in Evansville.* | Encountering Christ in our Life,The Meaning and Purpose of Life, How to Grow in the Spiritual Life,Trusting in God and Peace of Heart, Seeking True Joy,Mary, Model of Discipleship,Sacred Scripture,The Catholic Church |
| **John Payne** (svdpthriftstore@yahoo.com 812-425-3148)*John is manager of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store.* | Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Volunteerism |
| **Deacon Michael Seibert***Deacon Mike is the youngest of the three Seibert Deacons in the Evansville Diocese. With a unusual combination of backgrounds in information technology, firefighting, and hiking/camping, he brings a fresh approach to explaining our Faith. You're sure to pick up something memorable from his talks as he frequently uses metaphors and props to connect our Faith to daily life.* | Grace By Chocolate; Does God want us to be Happy?; Retreat: Be Still and Know; Retreat: Reflections on the Path to Sainthood; Haiti/ Working with the Poor; Children's Story: Lilly the Lightbulb (Christmas/Evangelization); Children's Story: Alfie the Aspen (Faith and Family) |
| **Becky Siewers** (beckysiewer@gmail.com, 812-205-7205)*Becky is retired from full time ministry after 30 years. During that time she served as a Director of Religious Education, Youth Minister and Pastoral Associate in the Evansville Diocese and as the Spiritual Program Director for Camp Ondessonk in the Belleville Diocese. She has certifications in Religious Studies, Youth Ministry and Spirituality and was a part of the team that created the Confirmation Spectacular.*  | Confirmation, Women’s retreats, Prayer, Advent, Lent. Is open to many topics. |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Nicholas Soellner** (nsoellner@evdio.org )*Nicholas is a Theologian for the Catholic Diocese of Evansville and currently teaches Middle School Religion at St. John the Baptist School in Newburgh, IN. He is a graduate of Marquette University and earned his Master's in Systematic Theology, focusing his studies on Ecumenism, Interfaith Dialogue, and Scriptural Hermeneutics. Nicholas is a native of the Diocese of Evansville and currently lives in Evansville with his wife and two kids.* | Ecumenism, Marriage, Family, Sexuality, Breathing new life into Catholic Tradition |
| **Sr. Traci Stutz, OSB** (tstutz@thedome.org)*Sr. Traci has worked as a pastoral associate, DRE for the parishes of St. Joseph and St. Theresa, Evansville and as Associate Director for Youth Ministry for the Archdiocese of Louisville. Received a Masters in Pastoral Studies from Catholic Theological Union, Chicago.* | Relating Movies and Faith, Prayer, Mary, Saints, Scripture, Liturgy |
| **Sr. Theresa Sullivan, DC** (SisterTheresa.Sullivan@doc.org 812-963-7556) *Sister Theresa Sullivan has been a Daughter of Charity for 35 years. She has been the Vocation Director for the past 7 years. She is a nurse and an administrator who has developed a variety of ministries that serve the poor. She has developed and implemented work place spirituality programs.*  | Year of Mercy, How to see Christ in the face of those you serve, prayer, discerning your vocation, Inviting the Spirit into Every Day Decision, Taking the Pope Francis Challenge: Serving Christ in all We meet, Building a Culture of Vocations, Mary Model of Discernment, Making your work a ministry |
| **Fr. Tyler Tenbarge** (trtenbarge@evdio.org)*Fr. Tyler Tenbarge was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Evasnville in June 2016. He was born and raised in Haubstadt, Indiana on a family farm and applied to seminary while working for the National FFA Organization in 2008. Father Tyler is serving his first priestly assignment as Associate Pastor at Saint John the Baptist in Newburgh.* | Jesus, Saints, Vocations, Church, Church History, Mass, Bible |
| **Sr. Jeana Visel, OSB** (jvisel@thedome.org)*Sr. Jeana Visel, OSB has completed a BA in Religious Studies from Kenyon College, an MA (Theology) with a concentration in Monastic Studies from St. John's School of Theology, and currently is completing a Doctor of Ministry in Spirituality through Catholic University of America. Having taught high school theology and served as a director of assessment, presently she is Dean of School of Theology Programs and Director of the Graduate Theology Program at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.*  | Prayer, Monastic Life, Icons, Saints |
| **Sharon Vogler (**svogler@evdio.org **, 423-5209 ext. 109)***Sharon currently serves as a Parish Catechetical Leader at All Saints Parish in Evansville. She has worked in ministry in the diocese for 21 years from St. Joseph Parish in Jasper to St. Joseph Parish Vanderburgh County to All Saints Parish. She received her bachelors degree in Education from Indiana State University and masters degree in Religious Education from Loyola University, New Orleans (LIMEX).* | Team building, Strengths/Gifts, Charity/Justice |
| **Sr. Jane Will, OSB** (jwill@thedome.org, 812.367-1411 ext. 2841 )*Sister Jane Will, OSB, Psy.D., a member of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana serves on the community’s Spirituality Ministry team as Program Director. She is a licensed clinical psychologist, spiritual director, and presenter of workshops and retreats*.  | Stress, Forgiveness, Developing a Relationship with God, Prayer |
| **Fr. Alex Zenthoefer** (azenthoefer@evdio.org)*Fr. Alex Zenthoefer is Pastor of Annunciation Parish in Evansville and Vocation Director for the Diocese. He is a graduate of Saint Meinrad School of Theology and earned his Doctorate of Ministry in Preaching from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis.* | Encountering Christ, Mercy of God, Vocations, Conversion, Beauty of the Scriptures |
| Other | Sr. Jane Will, OSB is in charge of programming for the monastery and may be contacted at 812-367-1411 or jwill@thedome.org if you have a topic you do not find listed. |

When deciding on a stipend for a speaker, take into consideration the time spent preparing for the session, materials the speaker provides, travel time and mileage expense as well as the time spent during the session. The Office of Catechesis contacted several speakers and retreat facilities to ask about what speakers receive. $50-100 for an hour session was the average, not including mileage if the speaker travels a distance. For a day long retreat, $200-300 was the average.

**Retreat Facilities**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Facility | Description | Contact Information |
| Kordes Retreat CenterAt Monastery Immaculate Conception, Ferdinand, IN | Overnight accommodations, meeting rooms, retreats offered | <http://www.thedome.org/spiritual-enrichment/kordes-group-accomodations/> |
| St. Meinrad Guesthouse, St. Meinrad, IN | Overnight accommodations, retreats offered | <http://www.saintmeinrad.org/retreats/guest-house/> |
| Daughters of CharityConference CenterEvansville, IN | Meeting rooms | Kathy VerWayne 812-963-3341 |
| Mount Saint Joseph at Maple Mount, KY | Overnight accommodations, meeting rooms, retreats offered | <http://ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center> |
| Sarto Retreat House/ Catholic CenterEvansville, IN | Overnight accommodations, chapel, meeting rooms | <http://www.evdio.org/sarto-retreat-center.html>Margie Nord, 812-424-5536 or mnord@evdio.org |
| Barn Abbey, New Harmony, IN | Overnight accommodations, meeting room | <http://robertleeblafferfoundation.org/robert-lee-blaffer-foundation-properties/2/> |
| Camp Ondessonk, Ozark, IL | Overnight accommodations, meeting rooms, chapel, programming offered | <https://ondessonk.com/year-round/facility-rental/> |
| Camp Reveal, Evansville, IN | Overnight accommodations, meeting rooms | <http://www.evansvillerescuemission.org/ministries/camp-reveal/camp-reveals-facilities/> |
| New Harmony Inn, New Harmony, IN | Overnight accommodations, meeting rooms | <https://www.newharmonyinn.com/> |
| Camp Carson, Princeton, IN | Overnight accommodations, meeting rooms | <http://www.campcarson.org/#!facilities/ctnr> |
| Mount Saint Francis Center for Spirituality, Floyd Knobs, IN | Overnight accommodations, meeting rooms, chapel, ropes course | <http://mountsaintfrancis.org/outdoor-school> |
| Grimes House at USIEvansville, IN | Overnight accommodations  | <https://www.usi.edu/specialevents/facilities/outdoors>  |
| Burdette Park, Evansville, IN | Overnight accommodations, meeting rooms | <http://www.vanderburghgov.org/index.aspx?page=153>  |
| Audubon State Park, Henderson, KY | Overnight accommodations, shelter houses | <http://parks.ky.gov/parks/recreationparks/john-james/reservations.aspx>  |
| CYO Camp Rancho FramasaNashville, IN  | Overnight lodging, meeting rooms, ropes course, programming offered | <http://www.campranchoframasa.org>  |