

Retreat Centers

12 places for prayer and quiet, not far from Church of the Resurrection

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Note: Inclusion on this list means that these centers offer places for prayer and quiet; it does not imply endorsement for seminars or content presented there.

1. The Portiuncula Center for Prayer

9263 W. St. Francis Road

Frankfort, IL. 60423

815-464-3880, www.portforprayer.org

Located about 45 minutes south of Chicago. Nestled in a lovely wooded 50-acre campus with grassy knolls, hiking trails, and a small creek.

- accommodates singles or doubles, up to 50 overnight guests
- prices range from \$30-\$65 dollars a night
- cafeteria available, meals from \$6-\$12

2. University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary

1000 East Maple Ave, Mundelein, IL. 60060

847-566-8290, www.usml.edu

Located about an hour north of Wheaton on the grounds of “Saint Mary’s Lake”. There are 600 acres of forest, lake, and quiet areas.

- self directed retreat available for \$69, call for details
- rooms from \$58-\$96
- meals from \$7.50-\$12

3. Cardinal Stritch Retreat House

1300 Stritch Drive, Mundelein, IL. 60060

847-566-6060, www.stritchretreat.org

Located on the shared campus of St Mary’s on the Lake University.

- accommodations available
- meals available
- can accommodate singles, couples, and groups
- call for costs*

4. Loretto Center

1600 Somerset Lane
Wheaton, Illinois 60189

630-653-7918, www.lorettocenter.org

Located in south Wheaton. Nestled in a quiet neighborhood, Loretto has wooded grounds to enjoy and is also adjacent to Green Gables Park.

- meals \$10-\$12
- \$55 for singles bedroom, \$90 for double

5. Geneva Bay Centre- Covenant Harbor Bible Camp & Retreat Center

1724 Main Street
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

262-248-3600, www.covenantharbor.org/plan_a_retreat

Located about an hour and a half west of Chicago, and set in the beautiful wooded grounds on the waterfront of Lake Geneva, IL.

- accommodate singles, couples, families and groups
- dining room available
- prices vary by season

6. Our Lady of the Mississippi Abbey

8400 Abbey Hill Lane
Dubuque, Iowa 52003
563-582-2595, www.mississippiabbey.org

Located about three hours west of here. This monastery has guest houses and a chapel on beautiful wooded grounds. Guests are invited to join the sisters in their daily prayers.

- space for single, couples, or groups (up to eight in one house)
- cook own meals; basic food supplies provided
- no set price; ask for freewill offering

7. Bellarmine Retreat Center

420 West County Line Road
Barrington, Illinois 60010
847-381-1261, www.bellarmineshall.org

Located 35 miles northwest of Chicago. The retreat center is located on 80 acres of gently rolling meadows and wooded countryside.

- space for singles, couples, or groups

- \$45 day only, \$82.50 overnight (meals included)
- spiritual direction available

8. Christ in the Wilderness

7500 S Randecker Road
Stockton, IL 61085
815-947-2476, www.citwretreat.com
Email: citw@dishmail.net

A hermitage retreat center located about 2 hours and 20 minutes from Chicago. There are 80 acres of woods and paths inhabited by deer, birds, and wild turkeys. There is also a prayer chapel located on the property.

- singles only
- fully equipped kitchens available, bring own food
- \$80 a night with two night minimum stay
- spiritual direction available for \$20

9. Siena Center

5635 Erie Street
Racine, WI 53402

262-639-4100, www.racinedominicans.org/retreats.cfm

Located about 1 hour and 50 minutes north of Wheaton. The center is set on beautiful grounds on the shore of Lake Michigan with walking trails, views, and a labyrinth.

- singles, couples
- \$63 a day including three meals and a private room
- spiritual direction available

10. Chicago Cenacle Retreat & Conference Center

513 W Fullerton Parkway
Chicago, IL 60614
773-528-6300, www.cenaclesisters.org/chicago

Located at the heart of Chicago's Lincoln Park and within walking distance of Lake Michigan and the Lincoln Park Zoo.

- singles, couples, groups
- from \$38 for a day retreat to \$98 for overnight stay (meals included)
- meals range from \$8-\$10.50
- spiritual direction available

11. Benet House Retreat Center, St Mary Monastery

2200 88th Avenue West

Rock Island, IL 61201

309-283-2108, www.smmsisters.org

Located three hours west of Wheaton on 90 acres of land with walking trails. The retreat house is on top of a hill overlooking woods and a lake. Guests are welcome to join the sisters in daily prayers.

- singles, couples, groups up to 42 people
- \$65 a night, including meals
- spiritual direction available from \$25-\$50

12. Marytown Retreat Center, Conventual Franciscan Friars

1600 W Park Ave

Libertyville, IL 60048

847-367-7800, <http://www.marytown.com/default.aspx?id=11>

Located an hour north of Wheaton, this three-story retreat house is nestled on 14 acres of peaceful land amidst Libertyville, Illinois. The retreat center is run by the Conventual Franciscan Friars.

- double occupancy guest rooms, up to 60 people
- \$55 per night, meals included
- opportunity to receive Eucharist at chapel