

THE SOCIETY OF THE HOLY TRINITY
General Chapter Retreat ~ June 16-18, 2026
“Confession and Absolution”

Place: St. Meinrad’s Archabbey 200 Hill Drive, St Meinrad, Indiana 47577 Phone: 812-357-6611

Theme and Teaching Theologians: The Augsburg Confession keeps the sacrament of confession and is concerned that the practice does not fall into disuse. In turn, the Rule of our Society is clear that the practice has fallen into disuse. Therefore, the Rule devotes a whole chapter to this practice and we live that out by providing opportunities for confession at all our chapter and General Chapter retreats. Yet even among us, the practice faces its own challenges. Year by year we have seen a smaller number of our members utilizing the opportunity for confession and absolution, hence the decision to reemphasize this issue once again. Fr. Paul Turner will be our primary teacher. He is pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City and Director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Diocese of Kansas City. He is a former president of the North American Academy of Liturgy, a member of Societas Liturgica, and the Catholic Academy of Liturgy. He is the recipient of the Jubilate Deo Award from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, and is author of 15 books. In addition, the Rev’d Dr. Andrew Weisner STS, professor at the North American Lutheran Seminary and Director of the NALS McDaniel-Yoder Center for Theology, and the Rev’s Dr. Amy Schifrin, STS, President Emeritus of the North American Lutheran Seminary and Associate Professor of Liturgy & Homiletics, will present a practicum on this topic.

Times: Arrive Tuesday in time to check in. Lunch is at 12:00 pm in the Newman Dining Room. Retreat concludes after lunch (12:00 pm) on Thursday. St. Meinrad is in the Central Time Zone. Louisville airport is on Eastern Time Zone.

Monday arrivals: For those who wish to arrive on Monday, the extra charge is \$112 for overnight lodging. Meals on campus are available for an additional cost of \$11 per meal. Members must make reservations for early arrival in advance through your Dean. Payment for rooms/meals for both member and non-member early arrivals must be made in advance of arrival on campus. Send payment to the Secretary at the address below.

Deadline to Register: May 31, 2026. Cancellations are unable to be accepted after June 5, 2026.

Costs: Members of the Society attend the General Chapter at no additional charge when they remit their annual dues. For *non-members* and guests, the cost of the retreat (including lodging and meals) is \$300. **There is no cost difference for a single versus a shared room.**

How to register: Members register through their Deans, including for early arrival. *Non-members* use form below.

For those who are driving: Please park in the lower lot by St. Bede Hall. Golf carts will be available to bring you and your luggage to register in St. Bede Hall. Directions and maps are here: <https://www.saintmeinrad.org/visit-us/maps-directions/>

For those traveling by air: The closest airport is Louisville, KY. St. Meinrad’s is approximately 75 minutes from the airport. Note that Louisville will be on Eastern Daylight Saving Time and St. Meinrad will be on Central Daylight Saving Time. Individuals are responsible for arranging their own travel to the campus.

Travel equalization: Members of the Society may be reimbursed up to \$500 for travel expenses above \$200. You must book flights early to get lower fares. Travel Equalization Claim forms will be available at the retreat. Save receipts to submit.

.....
Non-Member Registration: 2026 Society of the Holy Trinity General Chapter Retreat
(Members register through Deans, including for early arrival.)

Do not use this form at all if you are a member
All rooms will be single rooms unless otherwise requested

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Non-member registration fee for General Retreat \$300.00

+ _____ Non-member early arrival Monday room (\$112.00)

+ _____ Non-member early arrival meals (*Optional*) Monday supper \$11 Tuesday breakfast \$11

= _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Please make checks payable to “Society of the Holy Trinity” and send **by May 31, 2026** to:
The Rev’d Pari R. Bailey, STS Secretary, PO Box 116, Belview, MN 56214.