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Rental & Services



Conferences

Retreats

Meetings

Workshops



Congregation of St. Joseph
Transformations
SPIRITUALITY CENTER

3427 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49048



Transformations Spirituality Center offers conference and retreat space rental, retreats, educational programs, spiritual direction and celebrations that are faith-based, interdenominational and open to all who respect the quiet hospitality of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

quick facts

- MEETING CAPACITY: UP TO 200
- 29 GUEST ROOMS (56 PEOPLE MAX.)
- SINGLE OR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
- AIR CONDITIONED
- 57 ACRES, WOODS AND TRAILS
- FULL FOOD SERVICE
- AV EQUIPMENT
- BREAK-OUT ROOMS
- REASONABLE RATES
- NONPROFIT AND
- FOR PROFIT GROUPS
- BARRIER FREE

rental

*Conference, retreats,
meetings, workshops*

EXAMPLES:

- STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSIONS
- BUSINESS MEETINGS
- EMPLOYEE TRAINING
- ANNUAL MEETINGS
- BOARD RETREATS
- PUBLIC/PRIVATE SCHOOLS
- GROUP RETREATS OF ALL KINDS
- COUPLES RETREATS
- CHORAL GROUPS
- ASSOCIATION MEETINGS
- ARTS AND CRAFTS EVENTS
- INFORMATION SHARING EXPOS
- CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS
- COMMUNITY GROUPS
- CHURCH GROUPS
- 12-STEP RETREATS
- VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENTS
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
- SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES
- NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS
- VOLUNTEER GROUPS
- CLUBS AND SOCIETIES
- MEDITATION GROUPS
- YOGA, TAI CHI CLASSES
- AND MANY MORE

services

Conferences

- MEETING PLANNING ASSISTANCE
- REGISTRATION PROCESSING SERVICE
- LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS
- SET-UP AND TAKE DOWN
- AV EQUIPMENT RENTAL
- COMPLETE FOOD SERVICE

Group retreats

- RETREAT PLANNING
- CONTENT DEVELOPMENT
- SPEAKER ACQUISITION AND ARRANGEMENTS
- LOGISTICS PLANNING
- REGISTRATION PROCESSING SERVICE
- RETREAT DIRECTION
- WORSHIP AND PRAYER SPACE
- SET-UP AND TAKE DOWN
- GUEST ROOMS
- COMPLETE FOOD SERVICE

Welcome *to a peaceful place away from the harried pace of everyday life.*



People from all walks of life and spiritual traditions come to Transformations which is as suitable for a lively conference as for a quiet retreat.

We can accommodate the small work group of five to ten or a conference of up to 200 with all the special services and accouterments you would expect from any modern conference center.

All meeting rooms are within close proximity which makes for an easy flow of people for dining and between break-out sessions. Complete on-site food service, a pleasant dining room and in-room beverage and snack service take the worry out of planning for the food needs of your group.

Just outside the center is ample free parking. Access is barrier free.

Quiet and peaceful—yet a mid-sized city with a regional airport at the intersection of two major interstate highways. We are just a three hour drive from Chicago or Detroit and 40 minutes from Lake Michigan.

Kalamazoo is home to Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, the Stryker Corporation, Western Michigan University and three other institutions of higher learning. The Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, the Kalamazoo Valley Museum, the Air Zoo and the Gilmore Car Museum are nearby.

Two major regional hospitals are located in Kalamazoo. One, Borgess Medical Center, was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph. The Sisters were as innovative in meeting the needs of “the good neighbor” in 1889 when they founded Borgess Hospital as they were in 2001 when they dedicated Transformations Spirituality Center as a peaceful environment where individuals and groups can conduct retreats, conferences, planning sessions or dialogues.



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SPIRITUALITY CENTER
IS COMMITTED TO
PROMOTING UNITY,
RECONCILIATION
AND HARMONY.

**For more information call:
269.381.6290
ext. 310**

Facility Rental

The Lacy Room is obstruction free and can accommodate up to 200 people depending on set-up or it can be divided into two separate sections for smaller groups or break-out rooms.

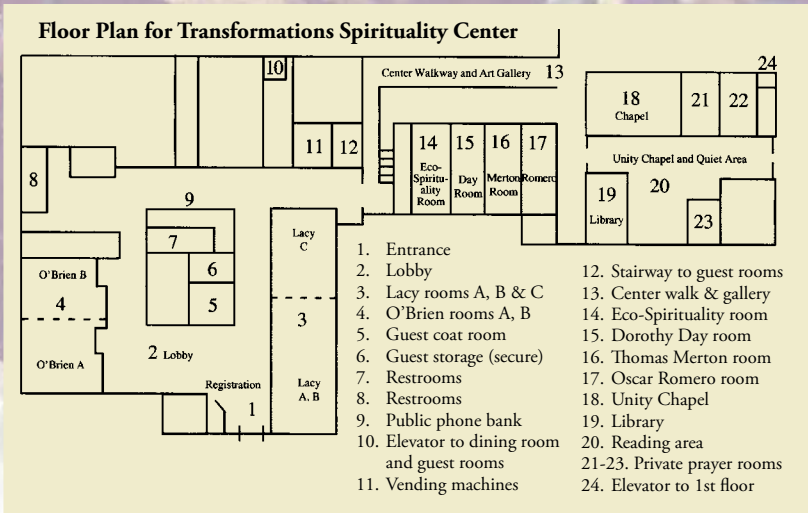
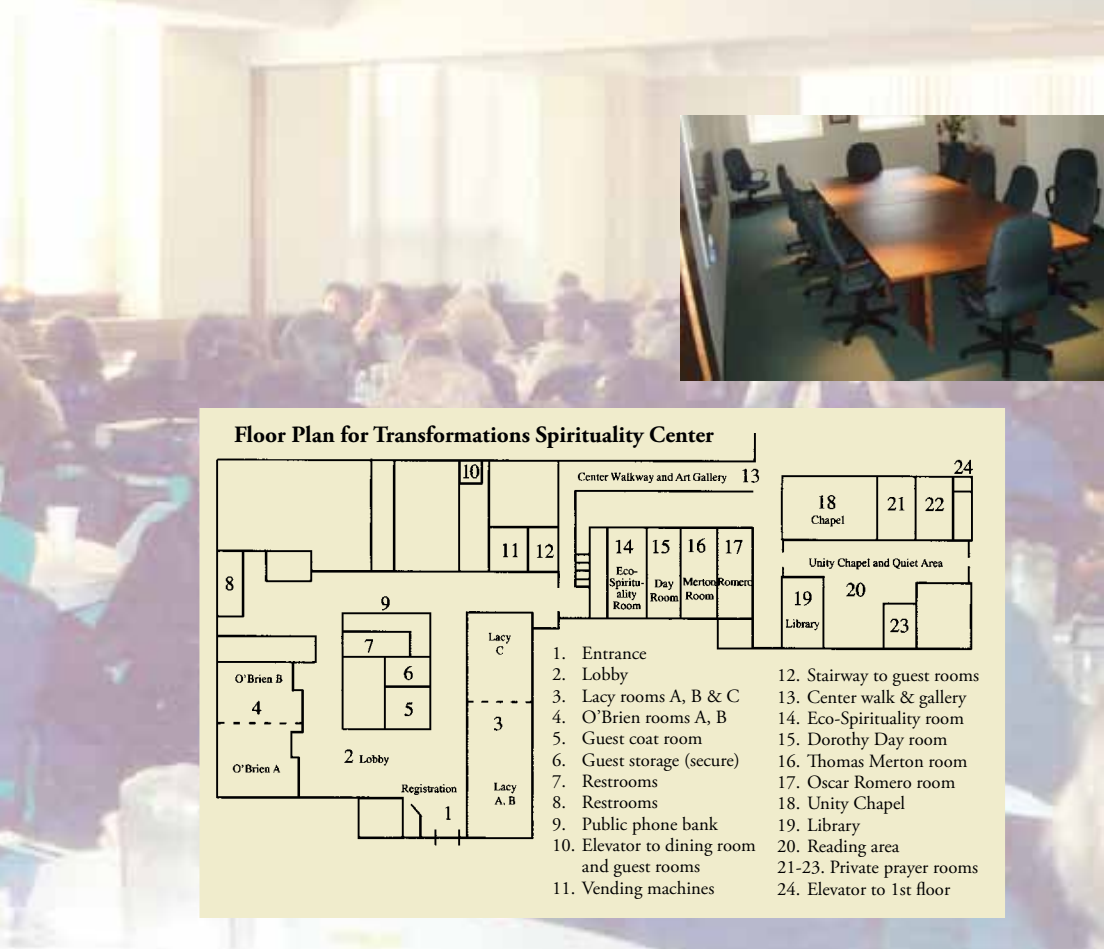


Assembly/Meeting Rooms *(for groups up to 200)*

We have five meeting rooms. Some of these rooms can be divided for smaller break-out purposes. The largest room, the Lacy Room, can accommodate up to 200 people depending on the room set up. The O'Brien Room works well for groups up to 75. Three small conference-style rooms are suitable for groups from 15-30. All rooms have individual lighting controls and windows with blinds for lighting control. Parking is convenient and access is barrier free.

Equipment - VCR, DVD, LCD projector, lavalier and stand microphones, overhead projector, easels, flip charts, piano, and other items you may need for your event are available for a fee.

Guest Rooms We have 29 rooms which can accommodate up to 56 people. All rooms are air conditioned and each has one or two single beds and a private bathroom with shower. An easy chair for reading and relaxing, a writing desk and an alarm clock add to your comfort. In keeping with the purpose of the center, guest rooms do not have televisions, radios or phones. Personal cell phones are permitted.



Meeting Room	Set-Up Style	Maximum Capacity	Square Feet	Room Dimension	Ceiling Height
Lacy A/B/C	Banquet/Theatre/Conference	200	1700	63'x27'	126"
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Lacy Room C	Banquet/Classroom/Conference	90	755	28'x27'	126"
O'Brien A-B	Banquet/Theatre/Conference	75	987	38'x25.75'	126"
O'Brien A	Classroom/U-Shape	55	524	18'x25.75'	126"
O'Brien B	Classroom/Conference, U-Shape	45	463	20'x25.75'	126"
Dorothy Day	Classroom/Conference	25	303	11'x27.5'	86"
Thomas Merton	Classroom/Conference	22	275	11'x27.5'	86"
Oscar Romero	U-Shape/Classroom/Conference	30	378	13.75'x27.5'	86"
Private Dining	Banquet/Reception	50	1,000	40'x25'	114"

Rental Policy

Our conference and retreat center is open to secular and nonsecular, nonprofit and for profit groups, and all who value our commitment to promoting unity, reconciliation and harmony. While hospitality is a fundamental value, we reserve the right to be selective in our rental policy in order to maintain a quiet and peaceful atmosphere consistent with the mission and purpose of our facility.

Retreats

We can implement your plan or create a retreat experience for you.

Group retreats

A retreat is a time to slow down and be still, to reflect and restore your spirit—a time that allows you to encounter your deepest needs, feelings, values, and impulses away from the voices and needs of others.

Come to us with a fully developed retreat plan or let us help you design your retreat. We will help you plan your set up, reserve prayer rooms, time in the chapel, informal gathering space, snacks, your menu, room assignments...all the important pre-event details that will make your retreat distraction-free so you can do what you came for: relax and enjoy the quiet time to reconnect with your divine spiritual source.



Original artwork adorns our center adding grace and interest to the setting. Above, "Ancient Prayer" an angelic work in clay by Karen French-Hall.

We can create a retreat with you - Retreats are a part of the daily fabric of Transformations. As such, we have many resources at our disposal. We have worked with many retreat leaders of various faiths on a wide range of topics and interests. We can suggest themes, readings, timing, flow, room usage, set up and menu.

We can implement your retreat plan - If you have the speaker, theme and content all planned, we will provide the support by helping you to decide how to use our space in the most efficient way, choose the appropriate set-up configuration, equipment and menu selections. When you and your group walk in the door, everything will be set for you to enjoy your retreat worry free.

Individual retreats - visit our Web site for information on individual self-directed, directed and program-focused retreats (www.transformationscenter.org).





Unity Chapel

Individual prayer and study rooms.



We welcome individuals from all faith traditions. Our mission calls us to encourage individuals to grow spiritually through developing a deeper sense of reverence in relationship to self, others, nature, Earth and God.

Spiritual direction



The above reading room is close to an extensive library of inspirational material



Holy Family Chapel



Food Service

Complete food service is available at Transformations. Three meals a day and snacks are prepared by our professional food service staff in our fully-licensed kitchen. The food is wholesome and fresh and served in the main dining room.

Service is cafeteria style with up to four serving lines when needed. Groups of 20 or more may select items from a more extensive menu. If arranged in advance, groups of 15 to 50 may reserve an adjacent private dining room. Or, if you prefer, box lunches can be set up in your meeting room so that the meal is incorporated into the flow of your event. The regular daily house menu offers an ample number of selections to meet most dietary needs but selections for special needs can be requested in advance.



Daily Menu

Served through the main serving line in the main dining room.

Breakfast, noon (main meal), evening

Special Menu *(20 guests minimum)*

Breakfast, lunch, dinner set up in separate serving line with your choice of menu. *(Request menu for selections.)*

Beverages/Snacks *(other choices available)*

Coffee, tea, pop, fruit juice, cookies, muffins, fruit, cheese can be ordered and set up outside of your meeting rooms.

To make a reservation or to arrange for a tour contact us at:
269.381.6290, ext. 310
retreats@transformationscenter.org
www.transformationscenter.org



All Guests

- ◆ Facility is air conditioned in all areas.
- ◆ The campus is situated on 57 acres and has beautiful walking paths through woods and marshland.
- ◆ Free, close-to-entry parking. Barrier free.
- ◆ Unity Chapel, reading area and prayer rooms are available for quiet times.
- ◆ An art gallery is located in the Center Walk area.
- ◆ Telephones are located near meeting rooms for local calls only. Bring a cell phone or use a calling card for long distance.
- ◆ Vending machines are located in main meeting area.

Conference Guests

- ◆ Fax and copy service is available at the reception desk. *Ask about charges.*
- ◆ Conference rooms have individually controlled thermostats and rheostat lighting.

Overnight Conference or Retreat Guests

- ◆ Guest rooms have single beds.
- ◆ Bed linens and towels are provided.
- ◆ Each room has a private bathroom with shower.
- ◆ Guest rooms do not have telephones. Please bring a cell phone or make other arrangements for emergency contact with work, family, etc.
- ◆ Use of Borgess Health & Fitness Center (pool, exercise equipment, etc.) and massage may be arranged in advance for your visit.