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**“The Lenten Journey: Connecting the Threads of Women’s Lives”**

Both the Wisdom Tradition in scripture and the ancient art of weaving provide strong and powerful images for us as we make our way through this Lenten Season, connecting what has been separated for too long. Together we will listen for what both can teach us about the long haul of faithfulness and a God who sits with us as the tapestry of each of our lives unfolds. You are invited to attend one, two, or all three sessions of this Lenten series.



**“Stitch by Stitch: Finding our way”**

**Date:** March 1 **Time:** 9:30am-Noon **Fee:** \$20

Drawing on some of the insights from the wisdom tradition in scripture, we will be reminded that we are companioned on this journey, and how our ordinary life experience can be one of our greatest teachers. **Facilitator:** Mary Ruth Broz, RSM



**“Tangled Threads and Knotted Places  
.....Life, Death, Life Again”**

**Date:** March 15 **Time:** 9:30am-Noon **Fee:** \$20

We all know that there is no way around Good Friday. The paschal mystery is woven into the fabric of life---the journey Jesus made is really our own! During this time we will once again listen for what we are meant to learn and realize that sometimes we must work with parts of the tapestry we would rather ignore.

**Facilitator:** Mary Ruth Broz, RSM



**“A Tapestry Unfolding: Becoming Women of Wisdom”**

**Date:** March 29 **Time:** 9:30am-Noon **Fee:** \$20

The world needs wiser people. The call to rise up, to trust our own inner wisdom, and to recognize the sacred thread that runs through each of our lives and all of life is the on-going mystery of resurrection. Together we will linger and learn from the tapestry as it unfolds. **Facilitator:** Mary Ruth Broz, RSM

### **“Native American Wisdom: Ways of Living Life More Simply”**

**Date:** March 1 **Time:** 7-9 pm **Fee:** \$20

Step into another culture for a few hours, and give yourself time to listen for what we can learn about living life more simply. Ron is a member of the Anishnawbe people, lives in Thunder Bay, Ontario, and conducts workshops on healing and wellness throughout the country. He brings a lifetime of instruction and training from numerous Ojibway, Oji-Cree and Cree elders, healers, drum-keepers, pipe-carriers, story-tellers, and medicine people.

**Facilitator:** Ron Kanutski

### **Week of Fire: The Spirituality of Holy Week”**

**Date:** March 26-28 **Time:** 7pm (Friday) – 11am (Sunday)

**Fee:** \$225 (includes 2 overnight stays and all meals) \$125 (commuter-includes all meals)

Do we hear the voice of God...the Voice that called from the wilderness...In the midst of all that is confusing and irresolvable...God breaks in. As the green earth blooms, from where does our hope come... We will reflect on the mysteries and graces of this profound season of Love in our lives. “Come aside and rest awhile...” (Mark 6:12)

**Facilitator:** Marianne Saieg, OSF



### **“A Retreat in Everyday Life: Connecting the Sacred and the Ordinary”** **Dates:**

March 15-29; group sessions (15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>) **Time:** 7-9pm **Fee:** \$150 (includes all materials and 5 spiritual direction appointments)

Have you ever wanted to make a retreat but just couldn't make space on your calendar? Have you heard about spiritual direction but have not known how to pursue it? Have you wanted to learn a little bit more about praying with scripture in the midst of your ordinary, busy days? If so, this retreat is for you! Each participant commits to 30 minutes of personal prayer and reflection each day as a way of listening to how God is speaking to them through the ordinary people and events in their lives. Participants make these prayer exercises at home and then meet individually at a mutually convenient time at The Port with a trained spiritual director 5x for one hour over a two-week period. **Registration Deadline:**

March 1

**Spiritual Directors/Facilitators:** Mary Ruth Broz, RSM; Norma Janssen, OSF; Father Terry Johnson