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Newsletter
April 2025

A Note from the Directors

Welcome Jeff Koch!

We are excited to announce the addition of Jeff Koch to our staff here at Heartland Center for Spirituality. Jeff will fill the role of Program Coordinator for Spiritual Retreats and Contemplative Programs, as well as spiritual direction. Jeff comes to us from Blackwell, Oklahoma, he is a retiring Pastor and is looking forward to a more focused ministry of teaching for spiritual growth. Jeff is married to his high school sweetheart Patty; they have been married for 45 years and hope for many more. He has two sons who are married and 3 grandchildren and 5 grand puppies. Jeff's hobbies include roasting coffee, gardening, reading and hiking. Jeff focuses his spirituality on Jesus. He will be a blessing to our staff.

Ann Axman

Keith Funk

Upcoming Events

Celebrating our Lives

May 3, 2025 (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Presenters: Keith Funk & Jeff Koch

Cost: \$50 (includes lunch)

God has created us all in the divine image and likeness, each with our own talents, gifts and personality. God is still in the process of transforming us for His glory and this is a day to celebrate our lives as the vessels of God we are.

To register [click here](#).

Or Contact Ann Axman at 620-792-1232 or
ann.axman@heartlandspirituality.org



Shiny Bits of Scripture

June 22 – June 27

Presenter: Alice Camille

Presider for Eucharistic Liturgy: Fr. Bob Schremmer

Fees: Overnight \$495 (includes room and meals)

Commuter: \$395 (includes lunch and supper)

Daily Fee: \$70 (includes lunch)

Zoom Fee: \$200 (Mon – Fri presentations)

Daily Zoom Fee: \$50



Most often we approach our sacred story in the context of liturgy, where excerpted passages are removed from their original context, or we look at one book of scripture isolated from the rest of the Bible. But what if we gathered up these shiny bits of Scripture that express a similar theme? This retreat will do this from the perspective of five important biblical ideas:

Follow the Leader: Biblical Models of Leadership

You've Got a Friend: The Nature of Friendship

Seeing the Forest: Trees as Characters in the Bible

The Wisdom Quest: How the Faithful Just Say No

Subversive Memories: Women as Biblical Disrupters

To register [click here](#).

Scholarships are available, contact Ann Axman at 620-792-1232 or ann@heartlandspirituality.org to apply.



40th Anniversary Events



Muffins with the Minister

Tuesday April 22, 2025

9:30 - 10:30 am

Heartland Center for Spirituality
3600 Broadway, Great Bend Ks.

You are warmly invited to join Pastor Keith for a delightful gathering featuring muffins, coffee, and meaningful discussion about the Easter season. This will be a wonderful opportunity for sharing and reflection. RSVP in advance to keith.funk@heartlandspirituality.org



Family Movie

Sunday July 13, 2025

2:30 pm

Heartland Center for Spirituality
3600 Broadway, Great Bend, Ks.

Bring the whole family to enjoy the movie "The Wild Robot." After a shipwreck, an intelligent robot called Roz is stranded on an uninhabited island. To survive the harsh environment, Roz bonds with the island's animals and cares for an orphaned baby goose.

Drinks, Nachos and Popcorn will be served. RSVP in advance to keith.funk@heartlandspirituality.org. No one will be turned away at the door.

Upcoming Programs Fall - Winter 2025

The Practice of Holy Listening -
Saturday, August 30, 2025

Faith in the Ordinary: The Story of Ruth and Naomi (and Boaz) -
Saturday, October 11, 2025

A Day with the Stations of the Crib: A Journey of Hope from
Advent to Christmas -
Saturday, December 6, 2025

For more information scan the QR code below



or visit our website at www.heartlandspirituality.org

Spiritual Direction

Exploring a Closer Relationship with God

Spiritual direction encourages you to explore a closer relationship with God. In the midst of your busy life, it is often difficult to notice God's action in your daily affairs. Yet, you long to know God's presence and love.

In spiritual direction, you reflect deeply on the experiences of your daily life. Gradually, you may come to realize how God's spirit is with you every day and everywhere. You discover that while you are seeking God, God has already been seeking you.

During your sessions, you will be encouraged to pay attention to your experiences and to God's nudges and leadings. You can expect a spiritual director to listen attentively and ask reflective questions. God is always the ultimate director.

For more information about our spiritual directors, [click here](#).



Personal Renewal and Refreshment

A personal retreat at Heartland Center for Spirituality offers you a place of quiet, a prayer space and the opportunity to reflect and deepen your personal relationship with God. You will enjoy the opportunities to:

- Withdraw from society to a quiet place for prayer, study, reflection and meditation.
- Enjoy a special time of solitude and silence to foster spiritual refreshment, renewal and growth.
- Reflect in nature while strolling through the gardens, sitting by the pond, visiting our outdoor stations of the cross or sitting in silence in the many sacred places on our spacious grounds.

For more information about making a personal retreat, [click here](#).

Host an Event at Heartland Center for Spirituality

Is your group interested in sponsoring one of the following events?

Spiritual Enrichment
Education
Staff Development

Heartland Center has facilities and services to meet your needs! Because the Center is open seven days a week, year-round, we can accommodate events lasting several hours or several days. In addition to overnight accommodations and meeting spaces for both large and small groups, the Center also provides meals.

For more information, [click here](#).






Outreach

Looking for a good presenter for a lecture, workshop
or group retreat?

We can provide programs at the Center or at your
facility. Fees are as follows:

- Presenter fee – \$100 per hour for groups
(Maximum fee – \$300 per day)
- Travel fee is the current rate per mile fee (eg. 50
cents or so) or air ticket

To inquire about having a staff member present a
lecture or workshop for your group e-mail us at
office@heartlandspirituality.org





Check out our Internet Ministry



Monthly Forum on Christianity and Spirituality: meets by Zoom the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Central for teachings on Christianity and spirituality, with times for prayer, reflection and sharing. Archives of past teachings available online.

<https://shalomplace.com/inetmin/forum.html>

Shalomplace

We offer a variety of ongoing enrichment possibilities, including books, podcasts, video teachings, and a discussion board

<https://shalomplace.com>

Daily Spiritual Seed

Sign up to receive a free daily devotional in your inbox featuring a quote by a spiritual writer, scriptures of the day with reflections, and passages for study.

<https://shalomplace.com/seed>



Mission Statement

Heartland Center for Spirituality, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is a retreat and conference center for people of all faiths seeking spiritual growth.

Heartland Center for Spirituality offers a setting where you can experience hospitality, serenity and personal growth.

For more information on what we have to offer visit our website at www.heartlandspirituality.org



Redeem this coupon for
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any Retreat.