

ECCLESIA DOMESTICA

WHO ARE WE?

Ecclesia Domestica is a Latin phrase which signifies "The Domestic Church" or "the church in the home". The Christian family is the first cell of the life of the Universal Church! Our mission is to facilitate retreats where you can celebrate the Sacraments, including the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Reconciliation. Join with other women in prayer such as the Most Holy Rosary, Angelus, Liturgy of the Hours, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Grow in faith through large group and small group sessions, and have ample time for individual prayer and reflection. Additionally, each retreatant is offered private spiritual direction with a priest or deacon. These features all come together to form a wonderful opportunity to grow in your Catholic faith!



"In the Eucharist, the Son of God comes to meet us and desires to become one with us; eucharistic adoration is simply the natural consequence of the eucharistic celebration, which is itself the Church's supreme act of adoration."
- Pope Benedict XVI

JESUS IS WAITING TRULY PRESENT IN THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST



**"THOUGH YOU DO NOT SEE
THE LORD, YOU BELIEVE,
AND IN BELIEVING THERE IS
UNSPEAKABLE JOY."**

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LIFE IN THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST
AN ECCLESIA DOMESTICA LENTEN RETREAT

When: May 29 - 31, 2026
Registration starts 8:30am Friday
First talk 9:30am
Ends about noon Sunday

Where: Abbey of the Hills Retreat Center
46561 147th St
Marvin, SD 57251

Cost: \$300 - Includes accommodations & meals
\$200 - Students rate

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**YOU ARE BEING CALLED TO JOIN
US FOR A THREE-DAY RETREAT FOR
CATHOLIC WOMEN**



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COME AND CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD



The Most Holy Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our Catholic faith. It is the greatest gift we will ever be given in our lives. As St. John Vianney said, "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." Yet currently our Church is undergoing a serious crisis...a crisis of faith.

A 2019 study by Pew Research showed that only 31% of Catholics believe that the bread and wine truly become the Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity of Jesus Christ during the Mass. Over two thirds of Catholics believe the bread and the wine are just symbols. How is this possible? Perhaps it is because they have never opened themselves to encountering Jesus, Truly Present before them, in the Most Holy Eucharist. Jesus is waiting, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, to welcome each of us with open arms, and every time we approach the altar to receive Holy Communion, we have a chance to come face to face with our Lord and Savior. We have a chance to become truly one with our Lord.



As he promised us, "Those who eat My Flesh and drink My Blood, live in Me, and I in them." With this beautiful gift from our Lord, we can truly become one blood, one body in Christ. We can have our own mountain top moment with Jesus, we can be transformed by His Body and Blood. We can achieve new union with God by the help of this sacrament...the Source and Summit of our faith.



WHAT TO EXPECT ON THIS RETREAT

EUCHARIST

Since the Eucharist is the pinnacle of all the sacraments, we celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass each day on retreat.

LARGE GROUP

Our large group sessions are designed for Praise & Worship, prayer, teaching and testimonies.

SMALL GROUP

Our small groups are designed for a more intimate approach in sharing and in prayer.

MEALS

Breaking bread together fosters a spirit of sisterhood and family. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided, as well as overnight accommodation. Bring snacks to share.

EXPERIENCE THE HEALING POWER OF PRAYER

Saturday evening is devoted to Prayer Ministry. This is an opportunity for you to experience firsthand the healing power of the Holy Spirit. Whether you are in need of spiritual, emotional or physical



healing, our prayer teams will help you unlock the power of the holy name of Jesus. With healing and deliverance comes true freedom, allowing you to open yourself to the Lord in new and profound ways, and truly come alive in Jesus Christ.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Retreatants will have an opportunity for private spiritual direction with a priest or deacon while on the retreat.

CONFESSION

It is recommended you receive the sacrament before you arrive for the retreat. However, our priests will be available to hear confessions throughout the weekend.

ROSARY

We will pray the Rosary daily.

ADORATION

There will be opportunities for adoration throughout the Retreat. This will give you the opportunity to sit with our Lord.



SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Ecclesia Domestica Retreats

October 9 - 11, 2026

Men's Retreat

Abbey of the Hills - Marvin, SD