



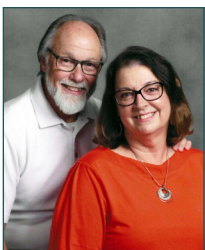
# Married Couples Retreat



Marriage is often the most visible expression of Jesus' teaching on the meaning of sacramental love in John 15:13, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." But in our culture, the sacrificial aspect of marriage often gets overlooked, or at best, undervalued.

This retreat will help traditionally married couples capture the truest essence, both practically and biblically, of what it means to live as "one flesh" with your best friend and soulmate. Topics include: *The Name God Wrote on Your Heart*, *Sacrifice Sounds Like it Hurts*, *Marriage as a Gift of Self-Giving*, *Weaving a Tapestry of Us*, *Navigating the Seasons Together* and *Missionaries of Marriage*.

#### Retreat Directors:



Dcn. Mike and Karin Stewart have been married for nearly 46 years. Mike serves the Monroe Family of Parishes as well as St. Mary Catholic Central High School and Monroe Catholic Elementary School. He is Assistant Director of Permanent Diaconate Vocations for the Archdiocese of Detroit and is in the second year of the Internship in Spiritual Companionship at Manresa. Karin works in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd children's ministry as a Level 1-certified teacher. Together they have three married daughters and seven grandchildren.

**Friday-Sunday  
July 24-26, 2026**

This retreat for traditionally married couples begins with dinner at 6:30 PM on Friday.

\$50 per person non-refundable, non-transferable deposit due at registration.

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