A group of people standing in front of a building

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A nun holding a bouquet of flowers

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Benedictine Festival | Saturday, June 24 12:00-3:00pm

Community event with Potter’s Pasties, Nelson’s Ice Cream, Mike’s Mini-Donuts, Bingo, raffle, and music by Patty and the Buttons on the grounds of the Monastery

Pilgrimage through the Priory Preserve | Saturday, July 8, 8:00-11:00am

Register to prayerfully walk the 1.5 mile trail (through the Priory Preserve created out of the former property of St. Paul’s Monastery) honoring the gift of creation

40th Anniversary of the Benedictine Center | Tuesday, August 15, 5:00-7:30pm

Celebrate the founding of the Sisters’ Benedictine Center and view the Monastery Invitational Art Exhibit highlighting Benedictine Values.

2nd Annual Blessing of the Animals | Sunday, October 1, 1:00pm

Pets and their human companions are invited to the beautiful grounds of the Monastery for a blessing of pets and celebration of the Feast of St. Francis.

All Souls Day Celebration & Blessing of Commemorative Pavers | Thursday, November 2, 5:00-7:30pm

Join the Sisters in honoring all the faithful departed, especially the deceased Sisters of the Monastery. New paver bricks will be blessed by the community (new pavers may be purchased on the Monastery website).

16th Annual Christmas at the Monastery | December 2-9

A week-long celebration including an Advent Retreat, wine education event, St. Nicholas Day fundraiser, wine and cheese evening with the Sisters, and an online silent auction.

Volunteers are sought to help make each of these events a success. Contact Jason Wittak at [jwittak@stpaulsmonastery.org](mailto:jwittak@stpaulsmonastery.org) or 651-777-8181, ext. 409. View current volunteer opportunities at https://www.stpaulsmonastery.org/volunteer.

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