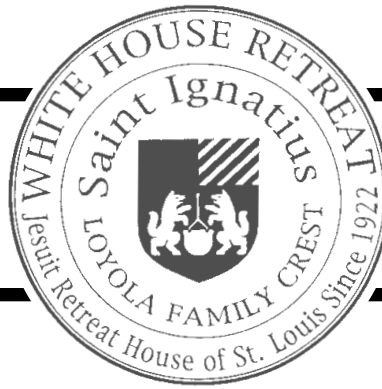


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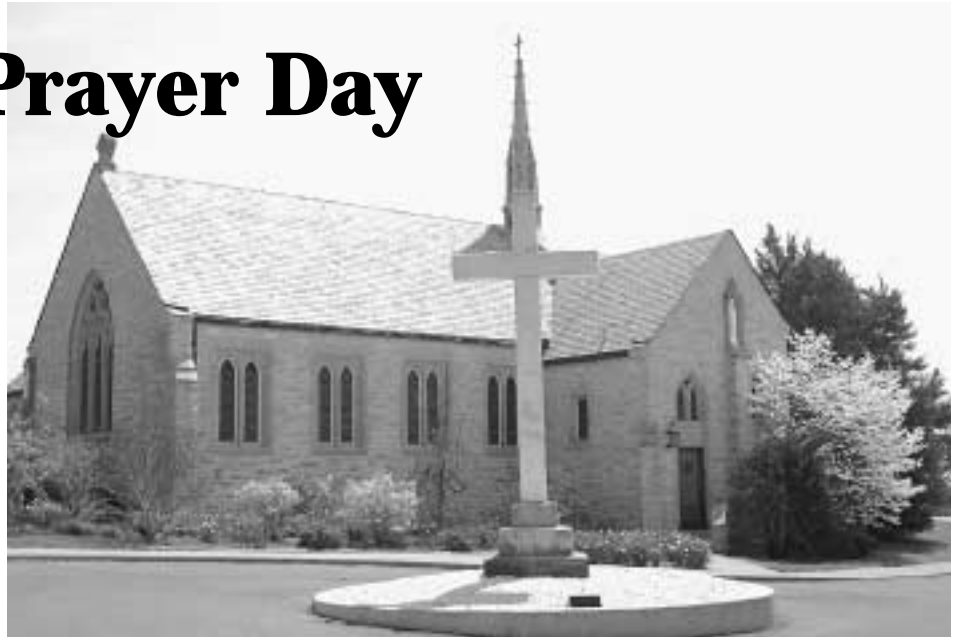
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*Through the years, calling,
inviting all to come to know
the Lord and accept
His Gift of Peace.*

Holy Week Prayer Day

White House's second Lenten Day of Prayer will be held on Monday of Holy Week, April 2, 2007. The day will begin at 9:15am and end at 2:30pm. There will be three talks and a closing Eucharist. Several priests will be available for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A pleasant lunch will be served. This day of prayer is for all men and women. It is a great way for husbands and wives to attend together or for Dads to bring their daughters or sons and Moms to bring their sons or daughters to White House. Pre-registration is required since spaces are limited. The offering is \$20. To register send check with name and address



to White House Retreat Office,
7400 Christopher Drive, Saint
Louis, Missouri 63129. For fur-
ther information you may call 314-
533-8903.

85th Anniversary White House Breakfast

Since 1927 White House Retreat has had an annual Mass and meal celebration. In the recent past it has been an early morning Mass and Breakfast. Many retreatants have requested that the Mass be held later on Sunday morning. Of course, this is impossible for most parish churches because of their own Mass schedules.

A committee of the White House Board has been discussing how to meet the request for a more convenient time and still provide a pleasant environment for the Mass and breakfast. An announcement for this year's Annual White House Mass and Breakfast is on page two of this issue. Please try to attend and bring your family and friends.

A Lenten Prayer:

Take time to pray...

Take time to share your prayer...

Take time...

Listen: Monday to Friday
to the prayer reflections at:

Pray-as-you-go.org

Reflect: in your heart throughout the day.

Talk with God: throughout your day.

Remember: reflect throughout the day.

Speak to others: of your prayer, hopes
and experiences.

www.pray-as-you-go.org



Special Note: White House's Echoes Newsletter is now available on our web-site- www.whretreat.org



Family Mass and Breakfast at Saint Louis University High

White House Retreat will celebrate its first Family Mass and Breakfast in honor of its 85th anniversary. The location is St. Louis U. High's chapel at 4970 Oakland Avenue. There will be an Abundant Continental Breakfast served immediately following the Mass. All White House Retreatants, their families and friends are invited. Child care will be provided for children ages 1-5.

The breakfast is \$10 per person or \$15 for the entire family. To make a reservation send check by April 13 to White House Retreat Office, 7400 Christopher Drive, St. Louis, MO 63129. Indicate the number of persons who will attend. Include your address. Tickets, map and parking information will be mailed 10 days prior.



Video Now Available on DVD

White House Retreat's excellent eleven-minute video is now available on a high quality DVD. The video has been highly praised and even utilized by other retreat houses to illustrate the three-day preached Ignatian retreat. Captains have used it in their recruiting efforts and many have found it to be a beautiful souvenir of their annual retreat.

Copies of the DVD are available at White House for \$5.00; or we can mail a copy to whomever you wish for \$6.00.

Email: reservations@whretreat.org or call 314-533-8903 to order.

R.I.P. Roberta Kickham



For almost twenty years Bobbie Kickham was the voice of White House Retreat for Captains and Members of the White House Retreat Board. She retired in August of 2002 and was called to her Lord on November 21, 2006.

She established a personal friendship with many retreatants and their families through her day-to-day administration of the retreat house office. For many years Bobbie personally administered the women's retreats.

Before the number of women's retreats grew she knew most of the attendees by name and was able to advise the various Jesuit directors who would be a good person for the various "retreat jobs." In many ways she and Brother George Hale were White House's "corporate memory." They had a wealth of knowledge that came from their interest in and love of the retreat house and they were very generous in sharing it.

Bobbie was proud to be in recovery and was zealous in promoting the saving message of AA and White House Retreat. In addition to her family Bobbie's White House and AA friends filled the church for her memorial mass. The great pride of Bobbie's life and the way she felt that she had been most blessed by the Lord was through her children. She is survived by her son Tom and her daughter Maureen who returned her love and devotion.

A Lenten Prayer of Pope Benedict XVI

Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake You became like the grain of wheat that falls to the earth and dies, so that it may bear much fruit (John 12:24). You invited us to follow You along this path when You told us “the one who loves his life loses it, and the one who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life” (John



12:25). Yet we are attached to our life. We do not want to abandon it; we want to keep it for ourselves. We want to hold on to it, not to give it away. But You go before us, showing that it is only by giving away our life that we can save it.

As we walk with You along the Way of the Cross, You lead us along the way of the grain of wheat, the way of a fruitfulness that leads to eternity. The cross – our self offering – weighs heavily

upon us. Along Your own Way of the Cross **You also carried my cross.** Nor did You carry it just at one distant moment in the past, for Your love continues to accompany every moment of my life. Today You carry that cross with me and for me, and amazingly, You want me, like Simon of Cyrene, to join you

in carrying Your cross; You want me to walk at Your side and place myself with You at the service of: (here mention by name the people you wish to help carry the crosses of their lives).

Grant that my Way of the Cross may not be just a moment of passing piety. Help us to accompany You (and the people You give us) not only with noble thoughts but with all our hearts and in every step we take each day of our lives.

Labor Day Weekend Retreat

This coming Labor Day weekend White House Retreat is offering a new retreat and a new retreat format. The retreat will be **open to all men and women** in order to provide an opportunity for a couple to come together or for a man to bring his daughter or mother or a woman to bring her son or husband.

There will be a new format for the retreat as well. **It will begin with dinner on Friday evening, August 31st, and end by 2pm, Sunday September 2nd.** This new format will provide an opportunity for those who are not able to get off work on Friday but still want to make a White House Retreat. It will be a regular silent retreat preached by Fr. Richard O. Buhler, S.J. Many retreatants have requested a retreat that allows both men and women to attend together. We hope that this retreat will answer that request. There are no Captains for this retreat. Register directly on-line at www.whretreat.org. or through the White House office at 314-533-8903. Please help us promote this new spiritual offering.

MEN!

There is ample space available in these upcoming retreats:

WEEKENDS

March 15 –18, 2007

April 12 – 15, 2007

April 26 – 29, 2007

May 3 – 6, 2007

May 17 – 21, 2007

May 31 – June 3, 2007

June 14 – 17, 2007

Men and women in recovery

June 21 – 24, 2007

July 12 – 15, 2007

July 19 – 22, 2007

WEEKDAY RETREAT

June 18 – 21, 2007

R.I.P.

Vincent J Micotto

White House Retreat has been blessed with the devotion of many retreatants down through the years. On February 18, 2007, Vince Micotto was called by his Lord. Vince started making an annual White House retreat in 1936 and never missed a year until poor health slowed him down in 2005. For the last several years of his active life, Vince made two retreats a year and established a record of 75 retreats! In addition to being the record holder in the number of retreats made, he was also a zealous promoter of the retreat ministry and brought many others to White House along with him. The retreat house was truly blessed by his devotion.

WOMEN!

As of early March there are adequate spaces available in these women's retreats:

WOMEN-WEEKDAYS

March 19-22

April 16-19

May 7-10, May 21-24

July 23-26

WOMEN WEEKENDS

May 24-27 Memorial Day

June 14-17 Fathers' Day for men and women in recovery

July 26-29

\$50.00 deposit is required to hold a room. You may register on-line at www.whretreat.org and indicate whether you will mail your check or phone the office with credit card information. To register otherwise phone the office at 314-533-8903 or 800-643-1003.

Reservations for the following retreats will be accepted only after May 31.

WEEKDAYS

September 10-13

October 15-18

October 22-25

November 12-15

WEEKEND

November 15-18

In Gratitude

The following friends have asked for memorial gifts to White House Retreat in the wake/funeral notice of a loved one. For helping us in this special way, we extend our most grateful appreciation and thanks to:

The Family

On the death Nov. 5, 2006 of
Deacon Raymond J. Audrain

The Family

On the death Oct. 15, 2006, of
John J. Flanagan

The Family

On the death Nov. 21, 2006, of
Roberta E. (Bobbie) Kickham

The Family

On the death Feb. 18, 2007, of
Vincent J. Micotto

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In Memoriam

Remember in your prayers these retreatants who have died. All are remembered in the daily Masses and prayers of thanksgiving at White House.

September 2004

James M. Croak, Jr.

April 2006

Charles J. Keller

June 2006

Donald J. Gramke

July 2006

John Finnegan

October 2006

Richard G. Eberle, Sr.

Paul T. Fehlig, Jr.

John J. Flanagan

Henry M. Gallman

Dr. Norbert H. Hartenbach

Ray Hoormann

Oliver E. Josias

Ferd E. Niemann, Jr.

Russell V. Norris

John Papa

James H. Rakers

Robert E. Reese

Donald Reinsfelder

Mary A. Schneider

Evelyn M. Sebben

James W. Smith

Marie Stockmann

Oscar Stuber, Jr.

Garrett Thornhill

Willibrod Weldele

Terrance S. Wilson

November 2006

Eugene A. Ahrens

Joseph C. Alonzo

Marie Amick

Dcn. Raymond J. Audrain

M. Gerard Baggot, MD

W. Don Brunk

Wilbur A. Butler, III

Richard E. Coleman, III

John M. Craig

Bernard H. Dorenkamp, Sr.

Frank A. Halleman, Jr.

Lester A. Hercules

Lawrence Jasper

Roberta E. (Bobbie) Kickham

Richard Lauck

Marcella C. Magnan

William R. McWeeney

Harold H. Meier

Bernard T. Nachtmann

Stephen Napoli

Russell V. (Rusty) Norris

John V. O'Brien, Sr.

Abraham Sebben

Francis A. Trautman

Ann M. Yehle

December 2006

Margaret A. Babka

Kirby S. Baird

Dcn. Jesse H. Bell

Joseph M. Blassie

Donald J. Boos

Donald E. Contini

Wayne F. Dalton

John A. Dolan

George A. Everding

John L. Flynn

Edward T. Hayes

Paul Hoffman

Robert C. Hornecker

Charles J. Huber

Louis I. Lang

Thomas G. Mathew, Jr.

Elmer E. McBride, Jr.

Amos McDermott

Marianne V. Paradowski

Otto H. Pfannebecker

Joseph P. Pilla

Joseph P. Schilling

Samuel J. Sealey

Joseph S. Sidlo

John C. Spiess

Merrilee Ann Underhill

Alvin B. Wulf

Melvin L. Zeller

January 2007

Francis B. Aubuchon

Margaret L. Bandy

Larry H. Beishir

Jerome A. Boeckman

Robert W. Emke

Dorothy A. Esser

Donnell J. Hire

Raymond C. Hutchison

Roger L. Ilges

Leroy LaChance

Frank C. LaManna

Patrick J. Langan, Jr.

Daniel V. Reardon, Sr.

Joseph P. Rice

Walter A. Sander

Michael R. Sullivan

Clarence E. Swarthout

Joseph Tecku

Tim J. Viers

Virginia M. Walden

Lillian M. Wetzel

February 2007

Leo E. Ayres

Terrence H. Boyle

Harry P. Cooley

Mark A. Daly

Arnold C. Dominguez

William G. DuBois

Stephen J. Ferretti

Brian Gerritzen

Joseph Hampson

Thomas A. Hanlon

Houston E. Harrison

Lawrence F. Hattner

Susan E. Mahoney

Kathaleen M. McGill

Norma J. Mertzluft

Vincent J. Micotto

John H. Mischel

Tom Placke

Gladys R. Roeper

Rev. John T. Suren

Joe Tillman