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WHITE HOUSE RETREAT - Saint Louis, Missouri

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

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## Advent Prayer Days

### Prepare the way...

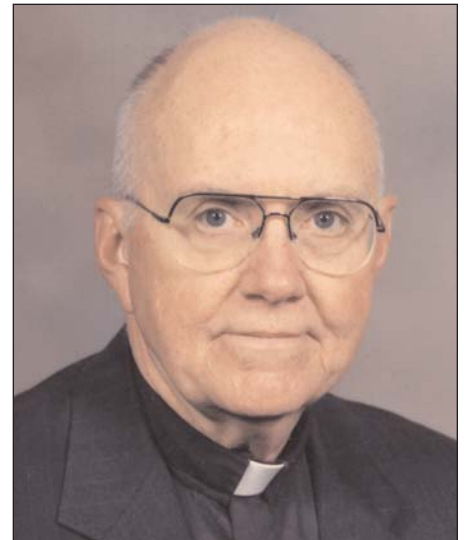
White House Retreat will continue its tradition of offering two Advent Days of Prayer. These days have proved to be very popular with retreatants and their families and have provided an opportunity to introduce new people to White House.

Fr. Jim Burshek, S.J., will lead the Day of Prayer which will be offered on Monday, December 7 and repeated on Monday, December 14. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The day will begin at 9:15 a.m. and end by 2:30 p.m. so that families with school children can pick up children at the end of the school day. There will be two morning reflections on an Advent and Christmas theme, lunch, an afternoon reflection and closing Eucharist. There will be a number of priests available during the day for those who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas.



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## IN MEMORIAM



**Fr. Tom Prag, S.J.**, who recently returned to the White House staff, passed away on Saturday, September 19th. Fr. Tom served as the director of novices for the Jesuits of the Missouri Province from 2005- 2009 and was an experienced spiritual director. His wisdom, humor and peaceful presence will be greatly missed.

## Archdiocesan Priests Retreat

Please pray for the priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis who will be making their retreat at White House on November 8 -12, 2009. White House is honored to have such dedicated priests with us.

## Directed Retreats of Eight Days or Three Days Offered



The success of directed eight day and three day retreats in the past years has encouraged White House to offer them again in 2010. The eight day directed retreat will begin on the evening of Tuesday, June 1, 2010 and end on the morning of Wednesday, June 9, 2010.

The three day directed retreats will begin on the evening of Monday June 1 and end on the morning of June 5. Another three day directed retreat will begin on the evening of June 5 through the morning of June 9.

In these directed retreats retreatants meet individually each day with a director who guides them through the The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius adapted to their life needs. Jesuit, religious and lay directors will be available to direct the retreats which are open to any man or woman who wishes to make one. The suggested offering for the eight day retreat is \$500 and \$300 for the three-day retreat.

To register please send a \$25.00 deposit or phone the office with credit card information. Indicate which of the three date options you wish. White House Retreat Office, 7400 Christopher Drive, St. Louis, MO 63129, 314-533-8903, 1-800-643-1003.

## ADVENT PRAYER DAYS

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receive the one who is the longing of the human heart.

To register please send your name(s), phone number and e-mail address to White House Retreat, 7400 Christopher Drive, St Louis, MO 63129. Please include your offering (suggested \$25.00 per person).

For future planning: Lenten Prayer Days will be offered on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and Monday of Holy Week, March 29, 2010.

## A TIME TO REST – Dec. 21, 2009 - Jan. 4, 2010

During the Christmas and New Year's season things slow down a bit at White House as we celebrate the great gift God gives us in sending His Son. While the office will remain open, it will have a smaller staff during this time which can handle any business which must be done immediately. If all can hold other business until after the New Year, we will appreciate it.



**HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA!**

White House Gift Certificates are now available in any denomination. Please contact the office for details.

**Mark your calendars: Captains' Cookout will be Wednesday, May 19, 2010. Further details and sign up information will follow later.**

# Retreat Promotion Efforts



White House has been blessed throughout its history with dedicated captains who have recruited retreatants for White House and have worked to strengthen and develop their retreat groups. These captains are the “engine” which makes the ministry of White House possible. They are evangelists in that they bring others to meet the Lord at White House.

Too often all of us have thought that the captains are “the recruiters.” While they have done so much to bring others to White House, ALL OF US are called to be recruiters and evangelists in this way. White House needs all of its retreatants to be ambassadors and recruiters bringing the message and the opportunity of White House to their fellow men and women. HELP YOUR CAPTAINS and HELP WHITE HOUSE by being an active recruiter. Who can you invite? Who do you know who could profit from White House? Give someone the “gift of an invitation” to “come apart and rest awhile.” Please give White House the gift of leading other men and women to make a retreat. Thanks!

## WOMEN – 2010 Retreat Schedule

As of time of printing, there is limited space available on the Women’s Retreats for November 16 - 19 and November 19 - 22, 2009. Please contact the office if you would like to attend one of these retreats.

To assist you in planning for next year, the dates for the 2010 Women’s Retreats are listed at right. Reservations for all women’s retreats through the end of 2010 will begin on January 18th. It will no longer be necessary to wait until June 1st to register for retreats that are scheduled for the latter part of the year. A non-refundable \$50.00 deposit must accompany your registration.

As in the past, letters will be mailed to women who have made a retreat since 2007 and to those who attended or registered for a retreat in 2009. If you do not fit into those two categories but would like to be added to the mailing list, please send your name, address, phone number and email to the office by December 16, 2009.

### WEEKDAY - 2010

#81 March 15 – 18

#82 April 5 – 8

#83 May 3 – 6

#84 May 24 – 27

#86 July 19 – 22

#85 September 13 – 16

#87 October 4 – 7

#88 October 18 – 21

#89 November 15 – 18

### WEEKEND - 2010

#79 May 27 – 30 Memorial Day weekend

#22 June 17 – 20 Father’s Day weekend (for men & women in recovery)

#78 July 22 – 25

#41 September 3 – 5 Labor Day weekend (open to both men and women)

#77 November 18 – 21



## All Souls Remembrance

*In accordance with a long cherished tradition in the Church, the Jesuit community invites you to join us and those on retreat during the month of November in remembering our faithful departed.*

*This “All Souls’ Remembrance” is a way for each of us to remember those who have gone before us to share in the resurrection of Jesus and to renew our belief in the communion of saints.*

*Please include the names of your deceased family members and friends in the blank space on the back of this panel. Cut off and mail it back to us. It will be placed in a basket and given a place of honor in the Chapel of the Jesuit Martyrs of North America.*

*Please...*

*Do not send an offering. This is a small token of our appreciation for all you do for us.*

*We ask God’s blessing on you and your family.*

**The Jesuit Community  
of White House Retreat**

**Dear Fathers:**

*Please remember these departed loved ones in your Masses during the month of November.*



***May They Rest  
In Peace***

Clip and enclose in an envelope addressed to:

**All Souls Remembrance  
White House Retreat**  
7400 Christopher Dr.  
St. Louis, MO 63129

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*Please remember White House Retreat in your wills, trusts and estate planning.*

### **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.*

**Date unknown**

William E. Maher  
Mary E. Moloney  
Lenore T. Stoddart

**2007**

James T. Costello

**December 2008**

John F. Sander

**2009**

Alfred A. Buser  
Joseph P. Vowells

**February 2009**

Bill E. Hight

**March 2009**

Richard W. Darragh  
Terry A. Diebold

**April 2009**

Deacon Dean Darnall

**June 2009**

William Lee Audrain  
Norbert V. Bussmann  
George W. Enlow  
Elizabeth L. Gilbert  
Jesse L. Hart  
Harold H. Hausmann  
Salvatore N. LaRosa  
Norbert W. Lohe  
Robert J. Mahfood  
Robert J. McCarthy  
Morgan L. Murphy  
Louis J. Nelli  
Jerome S. Nuelle

Thomas D. O'Brien, DVM  
Honorable James L. Sanders  
Mary B. Stark  
Robert F. Walsh, Sr.  
Tyrus D. Winter

**July 2009**

James A. Aubuchon  
Andrew W. Canava  
Robert B. Chamberlin  
Anthony J. Condellire  
Francis S. Early  
William M. Flanagan, Sr.  
Honorable William A. Geary, Jr.  
John J. Hampton  
Rosemary Mathis  
George A. Maty  
Dale F. Meder  
Ferdinand J. Mertens  
Raymond T. Mueller, Jr.  
Mary Marguerite Pilgram  
Rev. Raymond H. Reis, SJ  
Kenneth N. Roth-Roffy  
Gary R. Smith  
Evelyn M. Vietmeier

**August 2009**

Loretta M. Abkemeier  
Grace Danna Erker  
Anthony J. Fabrizi  
William F. Filla  
Edward P. Flynn, MD  
Mary Jane Garrett  
Herbert J. Hasenbeck  
Louis Paul Kalesh  
Robert J. Klutho

William C. McInnis  
Helen L. Meier  
James Noonan  
Bernard W. Springman  
James R. Truetken  
Aileen A. VanDerBeck  
Nelson H. Vessell  
Leo L. Wibbenmeyer

**September 2009**

Vincent M. Acquisto

### **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 March 15, 2009, of  
**Terry A. Diebold**

**The Family**

On the death May 31, 2009, of  
**Paul W. Hampel**

**The Family**

On the death June 13, 2009, of  
**Robert J. McCarthy**

**The Family**

On the death June 28, 2009, of  
**Anne M. Gartland**