

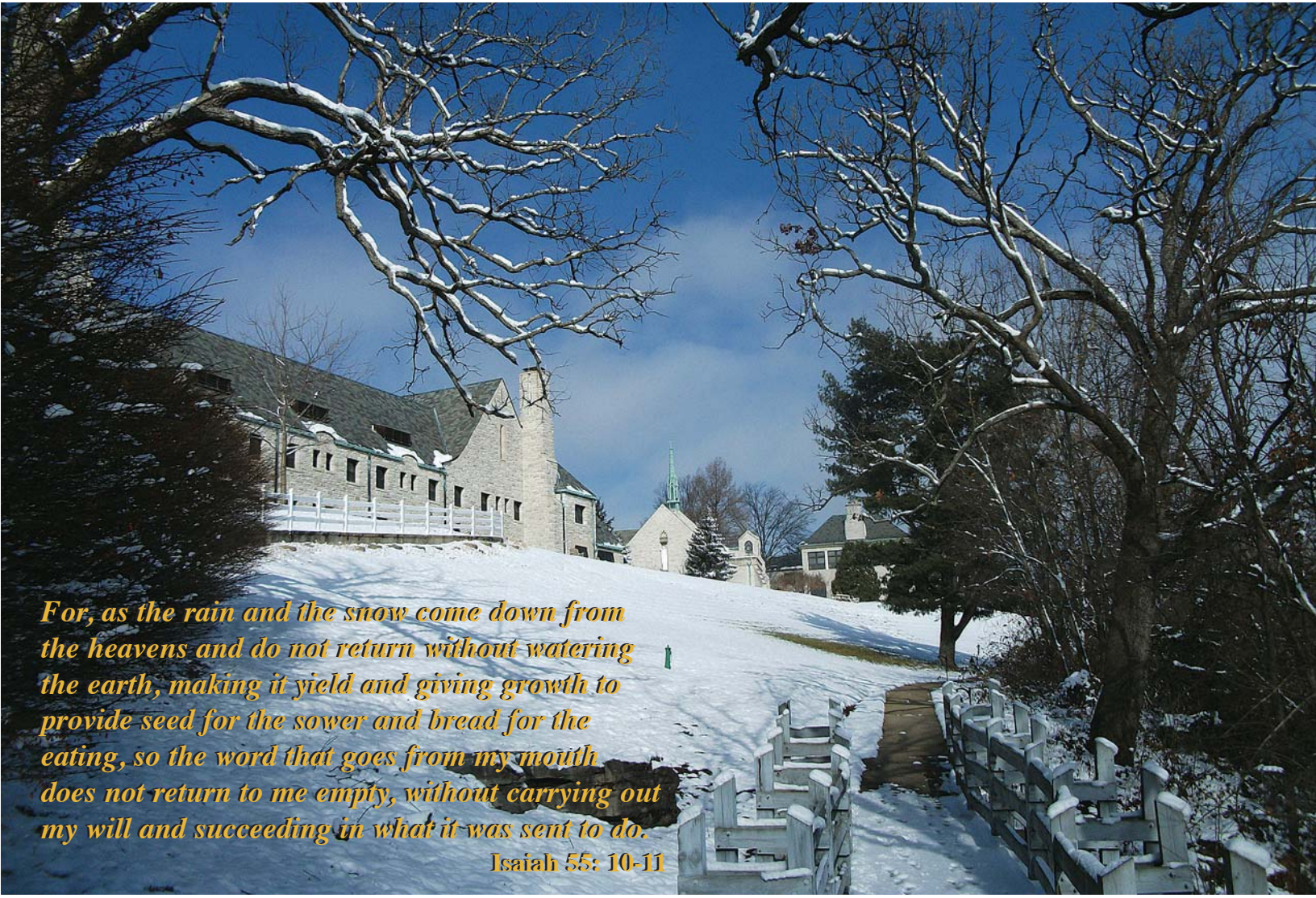
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WHITE HOUSE RETREAT - Saint Louis, Missouri

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

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*For, as the rain and the snow come down from
the heavens and do not return without watering
the earth, making it yield and giving growth to
provide seed for the sower and bread for the
eating, so the word that goes from my mouth
does not return to me empty, without carrying out
my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.*

Isaiah 55: 10-11

Two Day Weekend Retreats

For a few years now, White House has offered a 2 day weekend retreat that varied somewhat from the usual White House format. It began on Friday evening and ended on Sunday afternoon and was open to both women and men. Sometimes couples decided to take the opportunity to attend this retreat together and to introduce a spouse to White House.

This year we will offer this retreat on 2 weekends, June 3 – 5 and September 2 – 4.

Many people, often younger people or those recently beginning a new job or a new family, have told us how difficult it is to begin a retreat on Thursday evening and be away from home or work on Friday. We hope this retreat will help make the White House experience more accessible to these groups.

Fr. Jim Burshek, S.J., will preach the first 2011 weekend retreat for men and women which will be held from the evening of Friday, June 3, 2011, to about 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 5, 2011. Fr. Dick Hadel, S.J., will preach the second 2011 weekend retreat for men and women (Labor Day weekend) which will be held from the evening of Friday, September 2, 2011, to about 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 4, 2011.

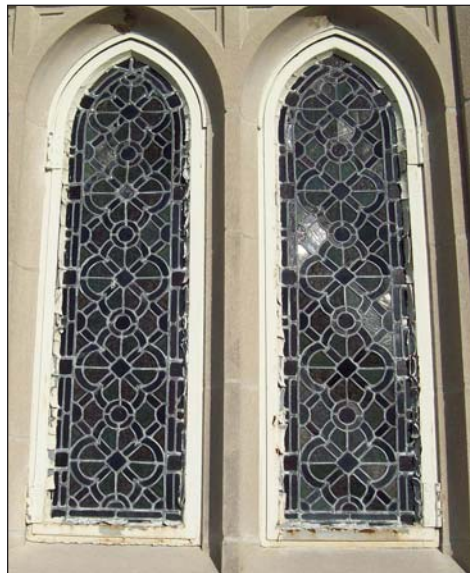
These retreats do not have Captains to promote them. Please encourage sons, daughters, relatives, friends to consider making one of these White House retreats. (Of course, we hope you will consider coming also!) The suggested offering for these retreats is \$200. Call the office (314-416-6400) to receive more information and to register.

Investing in White House

No, this is not about an IPO and we are not going public! And it only partly deals with money.

There are many ways people have invested in White House and can invest in White House.

Obviously, we exist because of the generosity of so many retreatants for so many years. Everything here is a gift from our benefactors. Just recently a benefactor came forward who wished to fund the refurbishing of our stations – something badly needed! We are clearly grateful for those who wish to invest in



us in this way. If you look around, you can see many further opportunities for insuring that White House will continue to be the treasure it is.

At this time we continue to seek someone(s) who might wish to help protect and preserve our precious chapel windows. But this is just only one opportunity.

Many have enjoyed the plaza with its fountains and stations – both of which are accessible to those with mobility issues. **We still have room for many more memorial bricks on the plaza (\$500 for double brick; \$300 for a single brick).** If you might be interested in this opportunity, simply call the office at 314-416-6400.

Another important way of investing in the future of White House is by **actively recruiting new retreatants.** Many of you do this for us and we can only say a heartfelt “Thank you.” We need to continue to recruit those men and women who will be the **future** of White House as we are the **present.** This is a very great gift to us.

One other way of investing in White House is by **giving us your knowledge and your experience.** Our Board of Trustees has committees which deal with finances, development, planning, and buildings and grounds. These committees are always seeking those who have interest and expertise in these areas. **Have you considered giving White House this gift – not your treasure, but your talent?** This is also a gift we need and treasure.

Thanks for all you can do to insure that our future is not only as good and as strong as it has been but is indeed even stronger, more vibrant, and more suitable for doing the work of Our Lord and His Church.

LENTEN PRAYER DAYS

White House Retreat is happy to offer once again two Lenten Days of Prayer. These days give us a chance to slow down just a bit and consider the great love God shows us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. As Paul reminds us in Romans: *“When we were still helpless, at the appointed time, Christ died for the godless.*

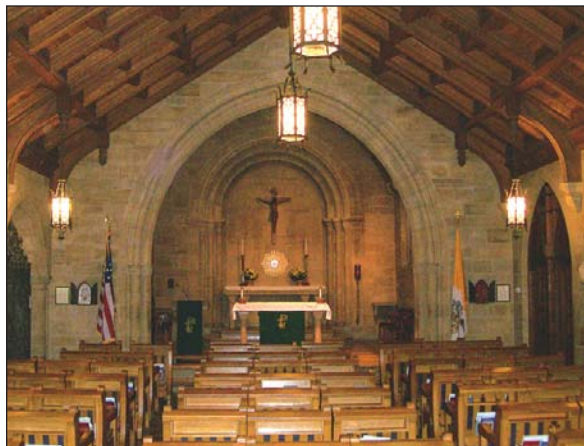
You could hardly find anyone ready to die even for someone upright; though it is just possible that, for a really good person, someone might undertake to die. So it is proof of God’s own love for us that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.” Our Lenten journey calls us to reflect more and more on the depth and the breadth of God’s love for us.

Besides the chance for personal spiritual preparation for Holy Week, these days provide an opportunity to introduce new people to White House. Please come and bring a friend with you!

Fr. Jim Burshek, S.J., will lead the Days of Prayer on Ash Wednesday, March 9 and on the Monday of Holy Week, April 18.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The first presentation will begin at 9:15 a.m. The day will close with the celebration of the Eucharist and end by 2:30 p.m. There will be two morning reflections, lunch, and an afternoon reflection before the Eucharist. There will be a number of priests available during the day for those who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their Lenten journey.

The Day of Prayer is for women and men so it provides a great oppor-



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COME AND SEE

Often people say to us: *Is there some time I could bring someone to see White House? I would like them to see the place. I think it would help them choose to come here. After all, it is hard to see the grounds and not fall in love with it!*

The response to this question and statement is quite simple:

Yes, bring people to White House! Come and enjoy the beauty of White House and bring someone with you. Many have never seen White House and do not know the treasure that sits here overlooking the Mississippi. This is a great way of introducing White House to a larger audience.

The grounds and chapel are always open after 2:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons during most of the year. Come and see us!

LENTEN PRAYER DAYS

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tunity for a couple to come together. Please try to get a group of friends or parishioners to attend!

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

Summer Break

White House will be closed for summer maintenance June 27th thru July 13th. While the office will remain open, due to vacation scheduling it will have a smaller staff during this time for any business which must be done immediately. If all can hold other business until after the summer break, it will be gratefully appreciated.



Women's Retreats 2011

Registration forms were mailed on January 14th and we are now accepting reservations for Women's Retreats for 2011. Please return your registration form along with your \$50.00 registration deposit at your earliest convenience. Your deposit will be credited toward your retreat offering. Although deposits are not refundable, if you need to reschedule, you may transfer your deposit within the calendar year to another retreat, subject to space availability. Retreats fill up quickly, so don't miss your opportunity to attend your annual retreat at White House this year.

Midweek Retreats

#81 March 14 - 17
#82 April 4 - 7
#83 May 2 - 5
#84 May 23 - 26
#86 July 18 - 21
#85 September 12 - 15
#87 October 3 - 6
#88 October 17 - 20
#89 November 14 - 17

Weekend Retreats

#79 May 26 - 29 (Memorial Day weekend)
#23 June 3 - 5 (Two day Co-ed) ← **NEW**
#22 June 16 - 19 Father's Day weekend
(men & women in recovery)
#78 July 21 - 24
#41 September 2 - 4 (Labor Day weekend- Two day, Co-ed)
#77 November 17 - 20

HELP PROMOTE WOMEN'S RETREATS

If you are interested in posting periodic announcements for Women's Retreats in your parish bulletin, please contact the office to be added to our email list for updated sample announcements. These announcements have proven to be very effective in bringing women to White House.

WOMEN AMBASSADOR SPEAKERS

A group of women, formed by the Planning Committee of the Board of Trustees, is available and eager to speak to any Catholic women's groups about White House Retreat. If you are interested in having our Ambassadors speak at your parish or women's group, please contact the White House office for scheduling.

Mark your calendars: Captains' Cookout- Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Private Retreats

The mission statement of White House retreats reads:

White House Retreat, Inc. is a Jesuit Center offering The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius in various formats, primarily the three day preached retreat. White House also offers individually directed retreats of various lengths and preached retreats based on a combination of The Spiritual Exercises and the Twelve Steps of AA. White House provides men and women with an atmosphere of peace and prayer, reflection and self-examination and spiritual direction in the Ignatian tradition.

While the “bread and butter” retreat of White House is the three day preached retreat, we continue to offer **individually directed retreats** throughout the year for those who wish to spend a bit more time with a director who can guide them in their particular prayer and discernment. Ordinarily, these are men and women who have done other retreats, either preached or individually directed, and who now wish to experience a further way of being with the Lord through prayer and meditation.

These retreats, which ordinarily are from 3 to 5 days in duration, are available throughout the year during the times when regular preached retreats are in session.

Call the office for more information – and consider investigating this way of developing your relationship with our Lord.

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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.

Date Unknown

Jewel I. Alaniz
Rev. Edwin J. Cole
Richard C. Drazba
Anthony D. Guilfooy
Bonnie B. McCarthy
Robert C. Morris
Robert J. Welch
Timothy M. Wilson

February 1981

William A. Wolk

June 2009

John J. Hausman
Vincent P. O'Shaughnessy

August 2009

Harold A. Franken

June 2010

Jack L. Record

August 2010

Oliver J. Arth
Vince J. Ashal
Joseph L. Bauer
Paul J. Buhr, Sr.
June C. Clodius
Richard D. Pavlik
Jorge A. Viamontes, MD

September 2010

Raymond H. Arnzen
Peter J. Barsos, Jr.
Frank C. Blumeyer
Harold F. Hackett
Raymond B. Haukap
Angelo LaRocca

Jerome M. Mertens
Oliver C. Metzger
Ray F. Mueller
Fred J. Schmidt
Lorraine M. Schnarr
Dcn. Edwin L. Schulte
Robert J. Slattery
George S. Swyschuk
Leo M. Szymanski
Basil J. (Bay) Williams

October 2010

Robert P. Barnidge, Sr.
Maria M. Brennan
Eileen M. Brouk
Joseph H. Bunten
Joseph A. Cannon
Anita L. Cassilly
Charles O. Christian
Francis J. Finney
Eugene B. Fuchs, Sr.
Raymond C. Greaser
Walter A. Gronski
Terry M. Hart
William G. Livers
Stanley J. McClure, Jr.
Stephen W. Myers
Lisa M. Price
Sylvester Reich
Richard V. Reis
Eihel A. Simon
Konrad J. Taykowski
Francis J. Uhlenbrock

November 2010

Margie K. Bantle

Francis M. Bauer
Michael G. Beck
Joseph M. Boyd
Thomas P. Burrows, Sr.
Donald R. Fabian
Aloysius W. Haarmann, Sr.
James Thomas Julian
Dcn. Michael L. Klempert
Ferdinand W. Maull
Lyman J. Modde
Norman A. Moritz
Barbara A. Muehlenkamp
Patricia C. Mundy
Harold G. Osterloh
Roy R. Rapisardo
Larry C. Rathz
Mary L. Rigby
Dcn. Richard L. Shelby
Mike Stuart

December 2010

Frederick F. Buck, Jr.
James E. Choinka
Arthur V. Gartland
Damiano L. (Don) Giaimo
Robert G. Goodwin, Jr.
Thomas A. Groark, Sr.
Patrick F. Hambrough
Clement H. Hess
William M. Hillenbrand
Robert E. Hoelting
Beverly Trout Kennedy
Festus J. Krebs, Jr.
Earl W. Lore
Mary Helen McCarthy
Robert E. (Emmet) O'Brien

Kenneth F. Steele
Alois P. Steigerwald
Frances C. Stemmler
Anthony J. Vaccaro
Mary Jane Vishy
Rev. Thomas L. Waickman

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 Sept. 24, 2010, of
Leo M. Szymanski

The Family

On the death Oct. 9, 2010, of
Robert P. Barnidge

The Family

On the death Nov. 10, 2010, of
Mary L. Rigby

The Family

On the death Nov. 13, 2010, of
Harold G. Osterloh

The Family

On the death Nov. 26, 2010, of
Donald R. Fabian