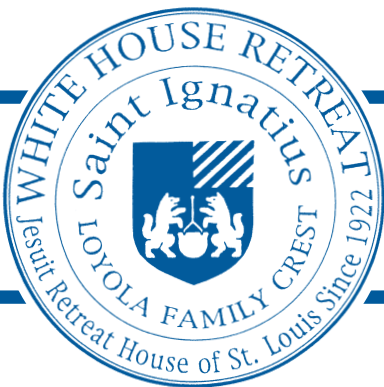


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*Through the years, calling,  
inviting all to come to know  
the Lord and accept  
His Gift of Peace.*

## ADVENT PRAYER DAYS

For the fourth year White House Retreat will be offering two Advent Days of Prayer. During the last three years these days have been very popular with retreatants and have introduced new people to White House.

Fr. Edward O'Brien, S.J., will lead the **Day of Prayer** which will be offered twice: **Monday, December 8 and Tuesday, December 16**. Check-in starts at 8:30 am. The program will begin at 9:15 a.m. and end by 2:30 p.m. Each day will consist of two morning reflections on an Advent and Christmas theme, lunch, an afternoon reflection and a closing Eucharist. Priests will be available during the day for those who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas.

**The day of prayer is for both men and women**, so it provides a great opportunity for a couple to attend together. Please try to get a group of friends



or parishioners to attend! The same theme will be presented both days for the convenience of people who find it easier to come on a particular day. December 8th is the Feast of The Immaculate Conception.

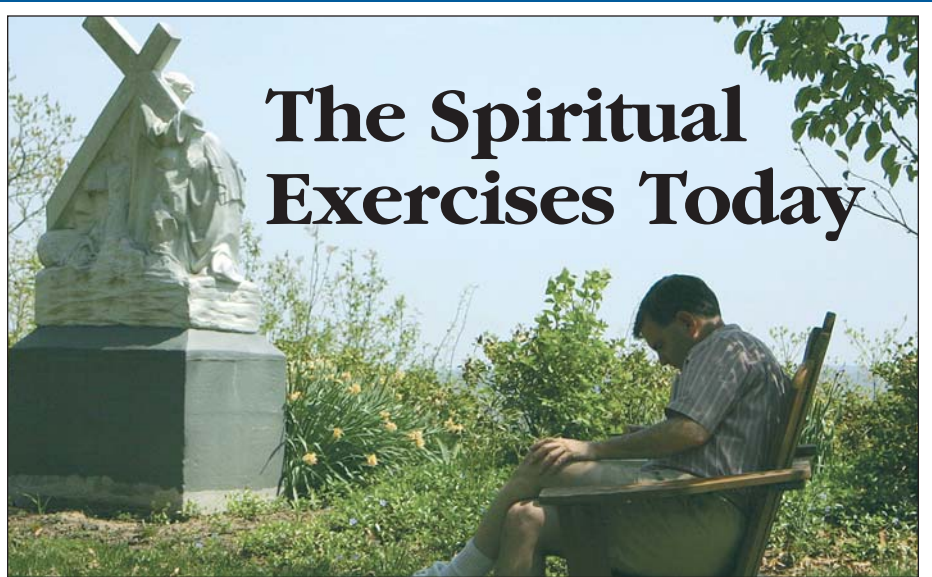
To register, please send your name(s), phone number(s) and e-mail address(es) to:  
**White House Retreat  
7400 Christopher Dr.  
St. Louis, Missouri  
63129-5799**

Please include your offering (suggested \$20.00 per person) with your registration.

### LENTEN PRAYER DAYS

will be offered on

**Ash Wednesday, February 25, 2009**  
and the **Monday of Holy Week, April 6, 2009.**  
Father Jim Burshek, S.J. will lead these.



# The Spiritual Exercises Today

The importance of the mission of White House, the giving of The Spiritual Exercises, was confirmed and emphasized at the General Congregation of the Society of Jesus which was held in Rome from January to March, 2008. The following quote is from the decree: **Challenges To Our Mission Today: Sent To The Frontiers.**

*The rapid pace of cultural change has been accompanied by an interior emptiness as well as a new interest in popular religiosity, a renewed search for meaning, and a thirst for a spiritual experience often sought outside institutional religion. The Spiritual Exercises, which from the start have been a precious instrument in our hands, are today of invaluable assistance to many of our contemporaries. They help us to initiate and to progress in a life of prayer, to search for and to find God in all things, and to discern his will, making faith more personal and more incarnate. Our contemporaries are also helped in the difficult task of feeling a deeper sense of integration in their lives; the experience of the Exercises helps them achieve this by entering into a dialogue with God in freedom. We encourage Jesuits to give the Spiritual Exercises, "to allow the Creator to deal immediately with the creature and the creature with its Creator and Lord" to lead people to a deeper relationship with God in Christ and through that relationship to service of his Kingdom.*

## New Jesuits Welcomed to White House Staff



Fr. Richard Hadel



Fr. Leonard Kraus

In recent weeks two new Jesuits of the Missouri Province have joined the staff at White House. The first, **Fr. Richard Hadel, S.J.**, comes to White House after spending many years teaching at local Jesuit high schools and, more recently, doing ministry at St. Cecilia's parish with those of Hispanic descent. The second, **Fr. Leonard Kraus, S.J.**, has recently completed many years serving as the beloved pastor of St. Francis Xavier (College) Church. Both men will serve the ministry of White House through the regular retreat program and through offering spiritual direction to those seeking this. All of us at White House look forward to working with these two wonderful Jesuits for years to come.

### **MEN!**

## Want to make a Second Retreat in 2008?

This year we will continue to open some of the November and December retreats to men who have already made their 2008 retreat. The season of Advent is a good time for someone making a first retreat and for men who want to make up a missed retreat this year.

To register for the retreat that interests you, call the office at 314-533-8903 or 1-800-643-1003 or register on-line at: [www.whretreat.org](http://www.whretreat.org).

### WEEKEND

November 6 – 9  
November 20 – 23  
December 4 – 7  
December 11 – 14

### WEEKDAY

December 1 - 4

**ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS RETREAT**– Please pray for the priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis who will be making their retreat at White House November 2-6, 2008.



# BEING LIFTED UP

White House has recently entered into a contract to construct a new elevator to allow for better access to the second floor of Monaghan and Chiuminatto Halls. This elevator, which will be built at the north side of the patio behind the dining room will make it much easier for retreatants to get to areas such as the Monaghan lounge, the retreat director's room, the rooms of the priests serving as confessors and the retreat house bookstore. The project, which has now begun, is scheduled to be completed in the late Spring.

## WOMEN!

The weekday retreat for women Nov. 10 – 13, 2008, has more than 40 spaces available as of press time. The women's weekend retreat Nov. 13 – 16, 2008, has a long waiting list.

### 2009 WOMEN'S RETREATS WEEKDAY

March 16 – 19

April 13 – 16

May 4 – 7

May 18 – 21

July 20 – 23

September 14 – 17

October 5 – 8

October 19 – 22

November 16 – 19

### WEEKEND

May 21 – 24 Memorial Day  
June 18 – 21 Fathers' Day for  
men and women in recovery

July 23 – 26

November 19 – 22

Registration for March  
through July 2009 women's

retreats begins on January 17, 2009. Registration for September through November retreats begins on June 1, 2009. A non-refundable \$50.00 deposit must accompany your registration. The dates are published now so that women can begin planning for their retreat.

A letter will be sent to women who have made a retreat since 2006, those who registered in 2008 but could not attend, and those who have asked to be on our mailing list for 2009.

Others who wish to be added to the mailing list are asked to send name, address and phone number (e-mail optional), **before December 15** to:

White House Retreat Office  
7400 Christopher Drive  
Saint Louis, MO 63129  
Fax 314-533-8428

[reservations@whretreat.org](mailto:reservations@whretreat.org)



## 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.*

*We invite you to 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.  
We want this to be our  
gift to you.*

*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***

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**WHITE HOUSE ON YOUTUBE**

Check out White House Retreat's award winning video on YouTube. Go to YouTube.com and type **White House Retreat** in the search box.

**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.*

**January 2008**

Robert J. Dierkers

**March 2008**

Mary Carolyn Burkemper  
James J. McGovern  
Robert F. Westerheide

**April 2008**

Morris W. Halliday  
R. Dale Streight

**May 2008**

John A. Elble  
Lawrence F. Glynn, Sr.  
Donald H. Ludwig  
Albert F. Madlinger  
John J. Marquart  
Richard A. Mastebrook  
Ann M. Paruch  
Lawrence P. Roth  
John H. Schweitzer  
Paul D. Shuff, MD  
Francis C. Tucker  
Edward W. Wieners, Jr.  
Giles F. Wilson

**June 2008**

James C. Banks  
Ralph Beckerman, III  
Robert A. Belscher  
Carl J. Dreyer, MD  
CF Goettelmann  
John W. Hoffman  
Margaret K. Hollman  
Francis J. Miller, DDS, MD  
James C. Moloney  
Ludwig S. Nolfo  
Bernice H. Park  
C. John Petry

Rev. Frank J. Russ

Gregory A. Siemer

Ronald E. Vaughn

John Ziombra

**July 2008**

Margaret A. Benn  
Thomas J. Breitenstein  
Denzil Bush  
Joseph R. Darby  
Richard E. Esswein  
Hubert Fox  
Thomas J. Fucoloro  
John E. Galmiche, Jr.  
Leroy C. Hentges  
Jane H. Kristof  
Thomas P. McCarthy  
Francis J. McKeon, Jr.  
David H. McKinney  
Daniel A. O'Brien  
Brian M. O'Neill  
John S. Pettit

Dorothy M. Quigley  
Edward F. Ryan  
Richard A. Schneider  
Frank C. Sovar  
Mark G. Strobl  
Roman J. Tylka

**August 2008**

Juan Colon  
Joseph L. Eschbacher  
Robert A. Karsznia  
Timothy J. Kennelly  
Robert J. Kern  
Mary Jane Lee  
John G. Lemon  
Herbert J. Lischwe  
Deacon Terrance M. McNamee

William Monahan, Jr.

Richard P. (Pierce) Mullally

James A. Parra

Martin B. Rosemann

Robert M. Seger

Martha W. Speier

William J. Tobin

Richard H. Valenta

Paul A. Vandermus

**September 2008**

Irene Beffa  
James F. Bridges  
Paul DiMariano  
Raymond M. Edwards  
Dan Finney, Sr.  
Joseph Peter Giambalvo  
Robert Kelly  
Elizabeth Roche  
Florence Schirmer  
Marie Welker

**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 May 25, 2008, of  
**Glennon F. Audrain**

Clip and enclose in an envelope addressed to:

**All Souls Remembrance**

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