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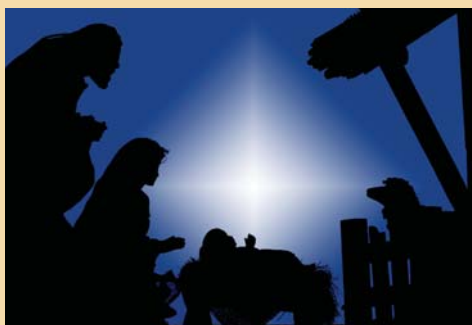
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Through the years, calling, inviting  
all to come to know the Lord  
and accept His Gift of Peace



## Prepare the way for the Lord



### *Advent Prayer Days*

White House Retreat is happy to offer once again two Advent Days of Prayer. In the midst of the hustle and bustle which are often associated with the time before Christmas, a time of peace and quiet reflection on the mysteries we are about to celebrate can help us stay focused on the real reason for the season, the unimaginable love of God revealed in Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Fr. Richard Hadel, S.J., will lead the Day of Prayer, entitled ***Season of the Heart***, on Monday, December 6 and on Monday, December 13. The same theme will be presented on both days.

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, 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 in preparation for Christmas.

The Day of Prayer is for women and men so it provides a great opportunity 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 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, March 9, 2011 and Monday of Holy Week, April 18, 2011.

# Come to the Quiet



Each season brings a different beauty to the grounds of White House. Come and enjoy this 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. For many, seeing the grounds is the first step in deciding to come to make a retreat. As some have said, the beauty of White House is one of its major selling points.

*Note: The grounds and the chapel are always open after 2:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons during most of the year. This is a perfect way to introduce a friend or family member to White House. Please come and see us!*

## Archdiocesan Priests Retreats

Please pray for the priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis who will be making their retreat at White House on November 7 -11, 2010. White House is honored to have such dedicated priests with us.

## A TIME TO REST – Dec. 20, 2010 - Jan. 6, 2011

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.

– SAVE THE DATE –

**White House Annual Mass & Breakfast – March 27, 2011**

*A gift to White House-  
which costs nothing!*

**Each One Reach One**

So often when we think of what we can give to White House, we may think of some financial gift that we might make. Of course, White House both needs and deeply appreciates those who remember us in their monetary gifts and through their remembering us in their wills and trusts – we cannot maintain the high standards all expect of us here at White House without these generous gifts!

But there is another gift and another legacy which people can leave which is completely free! That gift is the gift of inviting and bringing men and women to White House. Yes, there are plaques around White House remembering the gifts we have been given. But the greatest gifts are the men and women who are here praying with us. Each of these is here because someone **like you** made an invitation to “Come with me to White House!”

No matter what someone's financial means may be, **all are able to give this gift**. Please be our ambassador and invite someone to come to White House. Many of you are children of our dear departed retreatants – you are their legacy to us! Have you invited your children, your grandchildren to continue this legacy? We need you to **help our captains recruit retreatants** so that in the years ahead – as in the past – our rooms, our chapel, our grounds can be filled with men and women like you praying to and being with Our Lord!

**A full retreat house is the greatest legacy you can give us!**

# SUMMER IMPROVEMENTS

Each summer White House closes for two weeks at the end of June and beginning of July. This time provides an opportunity for vacations for the staff and for the maintenance crew to do work that cannot be done during the year because of retreats being held. There is always routine maintenance work that eighty year old buildings require. Each summer break White House's maintenance department shampoos rugs and paints rooms and fixes doors and windows.



While there were no new capital projects undertaken this summer, there was major work done repairing and replacing some of the sidewalks which were becoming a liability issue.

As funding becomes available, the largest major project on the horizon continues to be the repair and reseating of all the windows in the wonderful Mudd Chapel here at White House. Over the years with the expansion and contraction of the windows through the seasons, many have become bowed and need to be releaded and reseated.

## Women's Retreats 2010 and 2011

### 2010 FALL RETREATS

If you have not yet had an opportunity to attend one of our women's retreats this year, picture yourself enjoying three days on acres of brilliantly colored trees, exploring nature trails and open meadows all situated on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River. Close your eyes and hear the sounds of tugboats churning up and down the river and trains traveling along the banks below the bluffs. Enjoy seeing the harvest moon rising above the river.

If that is not enough, add a quiet reflective time where you can get away from the distractions of our busy world, spending time alone in prayer with God and drawing closer to our Lord. Please join us this fall and invite a friend to share the unique experience of a White House Retreat. We have space available on the following retreats.

Date		Director
October 4 - 7	Midweek	Sr. Marie Schwann, C.S.J.
November 15 - 18	Midweek	Fr. Dick Hadel, S.J.
November 18 - 21	Weekend	Fr. Bob Costello, S.J.

### 2011 WOMEN'S RETREATS

To assist you in planning for next year, below are listed the dates for the 2011 Women's Retreats. Reservations for these retreats begin in mid January.

Midweek Retreats	Weekend Retreats
#81 March 14 - 17	#79 May 26 - 29 (Memorial Day weekend)
#82 April 4 - 7	#22 June 16 - 19 Father's Day weekend
#83 May 2 - 5	(men & women in recovery)
#84 May 23 - 26	#78 July 21 - 24
#86 July 18 - 21	#41 September 2 - 4 (Labor Day weekend- Two day, Co-ed)
#85 September 12 - 15	#77 November 17 - 20
#87 October 3 - 6	
#88 October 17 - 20	
#89 November 14 - 17	



***“May the souls of the faithful departed...”***

*Here at White House we end our thanksgiving after each meal with the sentence, “May the souls of the faithful departed, especially those who have made White House retreats, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.” Like all of you, we remember all of those departed who are so dear to us.*

*The Church has the cherished tradition of remembering our departed in a special way during the month of November. Together with the Church, the Jesuit community of White House invites you to join us and those on retreat during November in this tradition. This “All Souls’ Remembrance” is a way for each of us to pray that those who have gone before us now share in the resurrection of Jesus and to affirm 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 it off and mail it back to us. The names of your loved ones 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.*

*May God bless 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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www.whretreat.org  
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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**  
Felix McCaughy

Thomas L. West

Anne C. Burke  
William Emmerich

Robert J. Villaire, Sr.  
Joseph D. Walsh, Sr.

**June 2007**  
Franklin L. Schanzle

**June 2010**  
Thomas J. Bergin  
Vernon A. Bouckaert

Lee C. Ferrenbach  
Carl Anthony Gillardi

**January 2009**  
Paul E. (Gene) Speichinger

E. William Bunkers  
Theodore V. Brumfield

Evelyn A. Herbig  
Thomas E. Hiegel

**April 2008**  
Raymond J. McCabe

James R. Cahalin  
David Christman

John M. Kane  
Ova Kieffer

**April 2010**  
William A. McMahon

Joseph W. Davidson  
Paul J. Feise

James J. Lang, Sr.  
William A. McDonough

**May 2010**  
Yvonne G. Amad

Rev. Philip C. Fischer, SJ  
Robert J. Gaschler

Mary L. Orbals  
Stanley J. Pfeiffer

Burdette A. Balke  
Parker R. Bowman

John F. Godefroy  
Joseph A. Guntli

Thomas J. Purk  
Brun S. Puscian

Edward J. Chambers  
Ronald L. Coleman

Joseph E. Howard, Jr.  
Robert J. Liddy

Dcn. Robert H. Schnable  
John E. Scott

Richard J. Connors, Jr.  
Msgr. Edward C. Eichor

Helen M. Marx  
Danny O'Dea

Donald R. Williams

Elvira Friederich  
James E. Hezel

James E. O'Shaughnessy  
John H. Otto

**August 2010**  
Frank R. Burton, MD

Joseph R. Klein, Jr.  
Carol A. Neptune

William I. Prouhet  
F. Earle Renfroe

Eileen Cochran  
Joseph H. Keaven

Earl J. Ogolin  
Roger Roques

Robert Sickmeyer  
Donald A. Towers

Joseph P. Muller  
Donald C. Orf

Virginia M. Schleper  
Edward W. Schuler

Terrence H. Trout  
Paul E. Winkler

Nora A. Ross  
Ronald D. Sczepanski

Josephine F. Signorino  
Salvatore A. Viviano

**July 2010**  
William J. Bechtold

Thomas P. Stanton  
Rev. John P. Teeling, SJ

**IN GRATTITUDE:**

*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 July 26, 2010,  
of

**William J. Bechtold**

**The Family**  
On the death June 11, 2010,  
of

**Thomas J. Bergin**

**The Family**  
On the death May 22, 2010,  
of

**Parker R. Bowman**

**Mark your calendars: Captains' Cookout will be Wednesday, June 1, 2011.  
Further details and sign up information will follow later.**