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The Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, fosters spiritual enrichment rooted in the Gospels, the Catholic tradition and the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Our ministry is dedicated to creating a rich variety of retreat experiences and providing an atmosphere of quiet, peace and prayer in which men and women of all faiths are encouraged to discover and respond generously to God's personal invitation to wholeness and holiness.

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Lakeside Speaker Series

The Jesuit Retreat House will continue our Lakeside Speaker Series this fall, winter, and spring. While programs are a terrific way to serve our current retreatant community, they are also a great way to introduce others to our facility and mission. Please join us and bring along others who have not visited JRH. Fall gatherings occur from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on the second Wednesday of September, October, and November.

Wednesday, September 11 - Susan Panek, university faculty lecturer and retired non-profit executive, explains the Oshkosh Civility Project and provides group exercises where we can learn to strengthen social bonds, reduce stress, increase satisfaction, and improve work quality to positively impact relationships.

Wednesday, October 9 - Chris Henry, EAA Aviation Museum Programs Coordinator, will take us from the battlefields to the set of the hit TV series M*A*S*H, as we learn about the real-life heroes who bravely saved lives during the Korean War.

Wednesday, November 13 - Fr. Jim Kubicki, SJ, spiritual director at the St. Francis de Sales Seminary in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, will present "Purgatory: Cosmic Torture Chamber or Heaven's Vestibule?"

No Cost – Free Will offering appreciated.
RSVP office@jesuitretreathouse.org



Revival

This summer marked the mid-point of the National Eucharistic Revival launched by the US Catholic Bishops in 2022. My experience of this spring/summer's National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Eucharistic Congress was secondhand, from friends, from news stories, and from reading or watching talks given at the gathering. At various points during the summer, I also connected in distant but meaningful ways with the formal activities of the Eucharistic Revival.

While the Eucharistic pilgrimages were nearing Indianapolis in their final weeks, I was hiking in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of New Mexico with a group of Catholic Scouts. We celebrated Mass



daily—around the campfire, atop mountain peaks, and on the side of the trail. We gathered with other Scouts for talks on leadership, community, vocation, forgiveness, and conversion. Our retreat included reconciliation and Eucharistic adoration. For the 36 youth hiking the trek, our 12 days were a revival of Scouting skills and values, of our relationship with Christ in the Sacraments, and of our awareness of God present in creation, in the relationships around us, and in the holy desires within our hearts.

During the Eucharistic Congress, some young adults from local parishes gathered at the Jesuit Retreat House for a cookout followed by prayer and a bonfire. Shortly before sunset we began a Holy Hour outside, with the monstrance positioned in front of the large cross overlooking Lake Winnebago. That evening offered us a welcome time of spiritual renewal.

Even the hosting of guests for the EAA AirVenture in late-July exhibited elements of revival as long-time friends reconnected, shared stories, and stoked a common passion for aviation. Evidence of that was offered many mornings during EAA when one of our guests, a priest-pilot, somehow managed to integrate a story of airplanes and community into his homily. What attracts many of our EAA guests to JRH is the same as what attracts our retreatants: the calm, quiet, and beauty of JRH. It is not uncommon to find an occasional EAA guest staying behind for a day, or coming back early, to simply enjoy some silence, solitude, and prayer along our shore or in a chapel.

Our regular ministry at JRH is one that aims at revival—awakening, restoration, and renewal of our relationship with God. That occurs through retreatants' private prayer, our communal worship, and meeting God in nature. It occurs in our encounters with God in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing, and in the Eucharist, which St. Ignatius of Loyola says is the greatest sign of God's love for us.

I hope that you can join us in the coming months for a retreat and to renew your relationship with God.

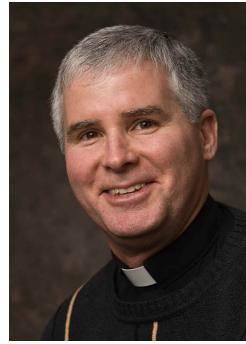
Blessings!

Mark A. Carr, SJ.
Fr. Mark Carr, SJ Executive Director



Father Flaherty

We are pleased to welcome Fr. James Flaherty, SJ to the Jesuit Retreat House staff.



Fr. Jim is no stranger to JRH, having preached and directed retreats here for many years, as well as at the Demonsterville Retreat House in Minnesota and Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Illinois. "I am very happy and pleased to join the JRH staff in this central ministry of the Society of Jesus, that is, promoting and sharing St. Ignatius' great gift to the Church, his Spiritual Exercises", he said.

Prior to the start of his workday, you may come across Fr. Jim cycling down one of the country roads of our vast neighborhood. After waking at the crack of dawn, he heads off retreat grounds on a daily 20-mile bike ride. As an avid cyclist for many decades, he reflects that "the fresh air and exercise are the perfect start to my day."

Daily opportunities to praise God's glory outdoors was a big draw to coming here. Now living at JRH, he'd love to take advantage of more fishing on Lake Winnebago. He's quick to name the various fish in the lake, most of which he tosses back having enjoyed the challenge of the chase. He considers fishing a four-season sport and even looks forward to ice-fishing this winter.

Prior to coming to JRH, he was the Director of First Studies and Associate Professor of Philosophy at Loyola University in Chicago. Prior to those roles he served as Pastor of Gesu Parish in Milwaukee after teaching philosophy at Marquette University. Fr. Flaherty earned a MDiv and MTS in Theology (Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, CA) and a PhD in Philosophy (New School University in New York City).

Retiro en Español

For the second year, the Jesuit Retreat House will offer a fall weekend retreat in Spanish. The Thursday through Sunday, October 10-13 retreat is open to men and women and will follow the dynamics of St. Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises. A grant from the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay is helping to keep this retreat affordable. Fr. Tom Florek, SJ, an Oshkosh native, will preach the retreat. Fr. Tom has devoted much of his priestly ministry to work with the underserved and migrants. He founded the Midwest Hispanic Leadership Institute (ICLM). He has worked at the Miguel Pro Jesuit Center in Mexico City, and taught at the University of Detroit Mercy. Currently a director of the Catholic Migrant Farmworkers Network (CMFN), he also consults nationally regarding Hispanic diocesan leadership. Register at www.jesuitretreathouse.org

Zucchini Crisp (Apple's cousin)

Have you run out of ways to prepare your abundance of zucchini? Try this tasty dessert from Chef Jeff's kitchen and challenge your family to guess the secret ingredient.

Zucchini mixture

8 c peeled, seeded, and diced zucchini (about the size of canned pineapple chunks)
2/3 c lemon juice
1 c sugar
1 t ground cinnamon
1/2 t ground nutmeg

Crust mixture

4 c all-purpose flour
2 c sugar
1 1/2 c cold butter
1 t ground cinnamon



Directions:

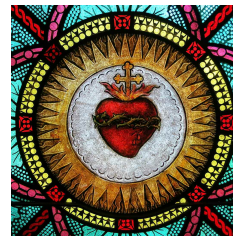
1. In a large saucepan, over medium-low heat, cook zucchini and lemon juice for 15-20 minutes until zucchini is tender.
2. Add sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg and cook for a minute more.
3. Remove from heat and let cool
4. For crust, mix flour, and sugar in a large bowl.
5. Cut in cold butter until mixture resembles pea size coarse crumbs.
6. Stir 1/2 cup of the flour mixture into zucchini and mix well.
7. Press 1/2 of remaining crust mixture into a greased 15x10 jelly roll pan.
8. Spread zucchini mixture over crust in pan.
9. Crumble remaining crumb mix over zucchini and sprinkle with cinnamon.
10. Bake at 375°F for 35-40 minutes.

2025 Retreat Schedule now available at jesuitretreathouse.org

Hearts on Fire Young Adult Retreat

"Were not our hearts burning within us when Christ spoke to us on the way!"

- Luke 24:32



Hearts on Fire is a retreat for young adults offered by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. The Jesuit Retreat House is pleased to serve as a host site for this retreat on Saturday, October 5.

The one-day retreat for ages 18 to 30 will run from 9:00 am – 5:45 pm and include four talks, time for quiet prayer, sharing in small groups, Eucharistic Adoration, a guided examen, and a Sunday anticipatory Mass. Lunch is provided with the \$15 registration fee.

Comments from previous participants include appreciation of the sense of community. "It was a good balance of listening to talks, independent reflection, and group discussion. This was an open and inclusive retreat. I highly recommend it!"

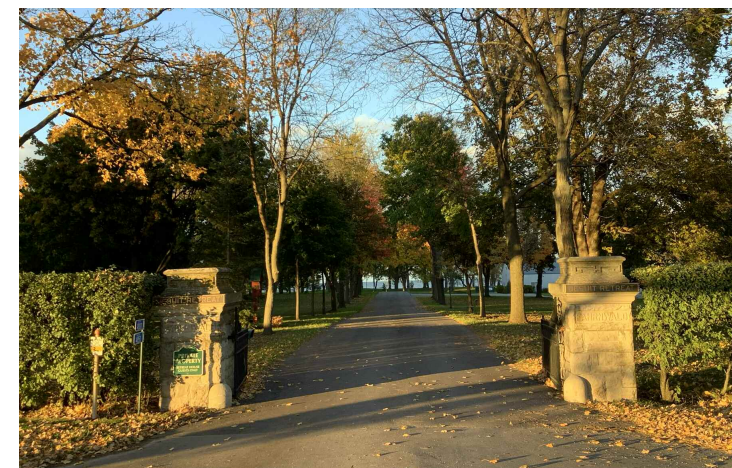
Others said, "The speakers expressed their emotions so well that I was able to relate, connect, learn and grow emotionally."

Encourage the young adults in your life to attend. Register at <https://popesprayerusa.net/hearts/>

In your own words...

As we wrap up our extended summer retreats and move into the season of weekend retreats, we are grateful for those who have joined us, grown in their faith, and shared with us what was meaningful during their stay. The comments below are from some of our Summer 2024 retreatants:

- ♦ "This place radiates hospitality and generosity. Thank you all! I feel like the people here are truly called – it makes such a difference."
- ♦ "JRH is a very welcoming, beautiful place to stay, add in the great meals, prayerful liturgies, healing and reconciliation services, I've felt well cared for after all the graces received."
- ♦ "This is a very holy place. Silence is definitely important, helpful, and well respected here. The lake, trees, walkways as well as the chapels are so conducive for prayer and finding God."
- ♦ "Thank you to all the groundskeepers! You do a great ministry keeping God's creation beautiful."



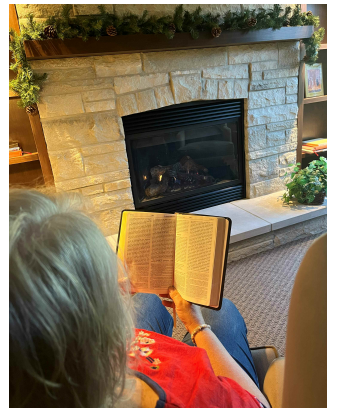
Additional Women's Retreat

A new women's weekend retreat is being added in the coming year. Beginning this January 2025, retreat #003 will introduce a winter weekend retreat to the eight women's retreat offerings throughout the rest of the year. (Currently, there is not a women's retreat from mid-December to mid-March.) Twelve men's retreats remain including multiple winter options.

A brisk walk through the frozen retreat grounds and then cozying up in one of our fireplace lounges is the perfect way to enjoy the restful quiet peace after the hectic holidays as we settle into the new year. It is an appropriate time to reflect upon Psalm 147:17-18, where vivid imagery emphasizes the sovereignty and omnipotence of God over creation:

"He sends his word to melt the hail and ice; he stirs up the breezes, and the waters flow."

This can be an exciting time to build a new cohort of retreatants. Consider bringing together family and friends to begin a New Year tradition. Guests from the Fox Valley area are especially welcome.



Looking for ways to support JRH?

You may have noticed that this edition does not include an attached collection envelope as we've done in the past. There are a few reasons for the change. First, in step with Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si*, as we answer the call to care for others, we are equally responsible to care for all of God's creations in nature. Eliminating the giving envelopes is one small way that JRH helps the environment.

Secondly, we make every effort to be sound stewards of the gifts you give to support our mission. While some administrative costs can't be trimmed, the cost of including a collection envelope four times a year in the thousands of newsletters was worthy of review. As many donors are shifting to on-line giving, we feel this cost savings demonstrates our genuine appreciation for your gifts to support the mission of JRH.

If your preferred method of giving is to write a check and slip it in an envelope, never fear. Our Annual Appeal will be mailed to you in November and will include a return envelope for your convenience, or you can address your own now to Jesuit Retreat House, 4800 Fahrwald Rd, Oshkosh, WI 54902. You can also donate online by clicking on this QR code.

We remain so very grateful for your continued support!

