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3, 5, AND 8-DAY RETREATS

8-day retreats begin on first date.
3 & 5-day retreats begin on either date.

May 23 or May 26
June 6 or June 9
June 20 or June 23
Tue., July 5 or July 8
July 18 or July 21
Aug. 1 or Aug. 4
Aug. 22 or Aug. 25
Sep. 6 or Sep. 9
Sep. 19 or Sep. 22
Oct. 3 or Oct. 6
Oct 17 or Oct 20
Oct 31 or Nov. 3
Nov. 14 – 3 & 5 days only

30-DAY RETREATS

June 6 to Sat., July 9
Sept. 19 to Oct. 22

WEEKEND PROGRAMS

Yoga & Contemplative Prayer
Andrea Vidrine
March 10–13

Introduction to the Directed Retreat
Nelda Turner and Center Staff
April 29–May 1

Retreat for Young Women, 21-45.
Yvonne Hymel, Jane Hebert, Karen
Franck June 3-- 5 noon

Day of Renewal for Women
Andrea Vidrine
July 16, 9:00–4:00

Retreat with St. Therese of Lisieux
Robin Hebert Sep 29–Oct 2

Zen Practices for Christian Living
Fr. Robert Kennedy, S.J. Oct 13-16

Day of Reflection for Married
Couples: Robin & Easton Hebert
Nov 12, 9:00–4:00

AA Weekend: Staying Sober with
the 12-Steps
Fr. Tom Weston, S.J.
Wed., Nov 30–Sun, Dec 4

During 2015, 398 people made individually-directed retreats at the Spirituality Center. Lay men and women made up seventy percent of the total, and priests and religious accounted for the other thirty percent. Another 400 or so participated in other programs here.

During 2016 the Spirituality Center is highlighting several new programs. Yvonne Hymel, Jane L. Hebert, and Karen Franck will facilitate a new weekend retreat in June 2016. The program, “Open My Heart--A Mind, Body, Spirit Retreat,” is open to young women ages 21-45. Yvonne Hymel is a trained spiritual director, a registered nurse and educator, with three decades in childbirth education. Jane Hebert has worked as a psychotherapist for over 30 years and is a trained spiritual director. Karen Franck is a licensed counselor and theology teacher for 30 years in Catholic schools. More information on the retreat is available at the Center’s website.

Robin Hebert, well known to many for her collaboration with Lyn Holley Doucet in the series “When Women Pray,” will present “A Retreat with Saint Therese of Lisieux” in September. Robin and her husband Easton Hebert, a member of the Center staff of retreat directors, will offer “A Day of Reflection for Married Couples” in November.

At the end of April, Nelda Turner will facilitate a retreat for people who have never made a personally-directed retreat and would like a sample of what to expect. In addition to meeting with a director, the participant will also attend group sessions to help them process what to expect in a directed retreat. Participants have found this format very helpful to answer questions and dispel anxieties. This can make a wonderful gift for a loved one who is hesitant to try a retreat.



Consult your brochure for other programs or go online at jesuitspiritualitycenter.org for more details on all our programs.

From the Director —

Every year in late December and early January, the regular retreats of the Spirituality Center give way to vocation events. St. Charles College hosts two “discernment retreats” for young men who have expressed an interest in possibly becoming a Jesuit. They are invited to come for some interaction with the Novices, some presentations on the formation program for Jesuits, and a short retreat to pray over what they have seen and heard. For a good many years, most of the men who enter the novitiate have made one or several of these discernment retreats. This year we were blessed indeed with 49 participants! Please join with us in praying for vocations.

Early January is also the time when some seminarians from Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans come to Grand Coteau for their annual retreat. This year 40 men came, some from the first-year class for a directed retreat, and the third year class for a preached retreat.

The Spirituality Center offers the “Spiritual Exercises

of St Ignatius in Daily Life.” This retreat is an adaptation of the thirty-day experience. The retreatant remains at home, prays for an hour to an hour and a half daily, records the graces of prayer in a personal journal and meets with a director at the Center once a week for an hour or so over a period of six to eight months. The ideal time for making this type of retreat would be in harmony with the Church's liturgical year - that is, starting in the Fall and ending after Easter. Contact the Center office for more information. A fee of \$35.00 per session is recommended.

Ongoing spiritual direction may be arranged with members of the Center's staff, usually as a follow up to an individually directed retreat. Contact the Center office for more information. A fee of \$35.00 per session is recommended.

May the glory of the Risen Lord give you and your loved ones an abiding JOY and PEACE!

A. H. Ostini, S.J.



TWO VIEWS OF THE SITE OF THE SWIMMING POOL

The views show the open expanse that was created when the old swimming pool was filled in. The picture on the left is toward the public cemetery; the one on the right is toward the south-east. Mrs. Nelda Turner took both.

The corporal works of mercy are:

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit prisoners
- Bury the dead
- Give alms to the poor

The spiritual works of mercy are:

- Instruct the ignorant;
- Counsel the doubtful;
- Admonish sinners;
- Bear wrongs patiently;
- Forgive offences willingly;
- Comfort the afflicted;
- Pray for the living and the dead

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