

Fall 2021

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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.

2021

Mon., Oct. 4 or Thu., Oct. 7

Mon., Oct. 18 or Thu., Oct. 21

Mon., Nov. 1 or Thu., Nov. 4

Mon., Nov. 15—3 & 5 days only

Mon., Dec. 6 or Thu., Dec. 9

2022

Tue., Jan. 18 or Fri., Jan. 21

Mon., Jan. 31 or Thu., Feb. 3

Tue., Feb. 15 or Fri., Feb. 18

Mon., Mar. 7 or Thu., Mar. 10

Mon., Mar. 21 or Thu., Mar. 24

Mon., Apr. 4 or Thu., Apr. 7

Mon., Apr. 25 or Thu., Apr. 28

Mon., May 9 or Thu., May 12

Mon., May 23 or Thu., May 26

Mon., Jun. 6 or Thu., Jun. 9

Mon., Jun., 20 or Thu., Jun. 23

Thirty-Day Retreats

Mon., Feb. 21 to Sat., Mar. 26

Mon., May 9 to Sat., Jun. 11

Tues., Sep. 6 to Sun., Oct. 9

WEEKEND PROGRAMS

Introduction to the Directed Retreat
Nelda Turner and Center Staff
Fri.—Sun., Jan. 14- 16

Finding God in All Things
Robin Hebert
Thu. —Sun., Feb. 10- 13

The Little Way
Robin Hebert
Thu.— Sun., Sep. 29—Oct. 2

Zen Practices for Christian Living
Fr. Robert Kennedy, S.J.
Thu.— Sun., November 10- 13

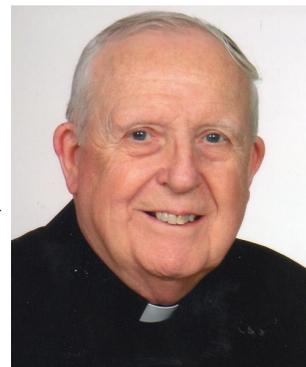
Retreat for People in 12 Step Recovery
Fr. Tom Weston, S.J.
Wednesday—Sun., Nov. 16 -20

Father Thomas J. Madden, S.J. Dies

Father Tom Madden died peacefully on June 15, 2021. He was 94 years old, a Jesuit for 76 years and a priest for 64 years. His first assignment after ordination was teaching at Spring Hill College, and he was academic dean there from 1966-69. He then spent four years at the University of Notre Dame, studying theology and earned a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology. From 1979 to 1986 he was Dean of Campus Ministry at Loyola University, New Orleans.

In the Fall of 1986 he was missioned to the Jesuit Spirituality Center, and served as Director of the Center and Superior of the Jesuit Community until 1993. (The 2022 brochure features the past Directors of the Center. Father Madden was omitted by mistake.)

Next, he served as Pastor and Superior at the Gesu Church in Miami. In 2002 he returned to the Spirituality Center as a retreat director, but from 2003 to 2005 he was called upon to serve as Pastor of St. Charles Church in Grand Coteau, returning in 2005 to directing retreats, which he continued to do until failing health necessitated his retirement from active ministry.



Father Paul Deutsch, S.J. Joins the Center Staff



Paul Deutsch has been a Jesuit for four decades. His ministry experiences are evenly divided between teaching in the province high schools and serving as a provincial assistant. He has been at St. Charles College on three different occasions: as a novice, as provincial staff after Hurricane Katrina, and as assistant novice director. His most recent province assignment was at Jesuit High School in Tampa as a teacher and counselor. He has many good memories of Grand Coteau and is very pleased to be assigned to the Jesuit Spirituality Center.



From the Director — I have a number of reasons to be grateful for God’s blessings at this time.

The Jesuits in the U. S. and Canada ordained 23 priests this summer; and, on August 14, four of our novices here pronounced perpetual vows, and left for further studies in various cities. On August 21 nine men entered the novitiate here. They join the four men who are now in their second-year of formation.

A personal blessing for me has been the presence of Father Tom Madden in my life for a good many years. He has been a good companion and role-model for me, and I’m grateful for the blessing of our time together. Father Madden was quintessentially a mild man, and always very kind. These qualities came

through clearly in his direction of people. He was much in demand and much cherished as a retreat director. His homilies at Mass were always very carefully prepared, and spiritually nourishing.

The Jesuits in Grand Coteau have been especially blessed to have avoided the effects of the pandemic.

The Center was able to resume retreats in June, and we have had good numbers of retreatants take advantage of this. We are most appreciative to those retreatants who have returned since we resumed retreats in June. This has certainly been a blessing for us, and, I hope, a blessing for you.

Tony Ostini, S. J.



Mrs. Robin Hebert will offer a new retreat Thursday to Sunday, February 10– 13, on the topic “Finding God in All Things: A Journey of Hope and Interior Freedom.” Saint Ignatius of Loyola believed that we encounter God at every moment of our lives. His Spiritual Exercises provide a means to help us uncover deep interior peace and freedom throughout those encounters. Robin Hebert will lead retreatants on a journey through the Exercises with ETTY HILLESUM, a young Jewish woman whose remarkable story of encountering “God in all things” unfolded through the Holocaust. Hers is a profound testament to the discovery of interior freedom and hope in the midst of unfathomable oppression—an authentic Christ journey.

Did You Know?

The word “magis” has become something of an Ignatian and Jesuit buzzword. This Latin word means simply “more,” but with time it has come in Ignatian spirituality to indicate a striving for excellence, a determination to do even more, an unwillingness to settle for the familiar. Students in Jesuit schools are encouraged to embody this in their academic and extra-curricular activities. Those who seek to serve God with the help of personal prayer, spiritual direction, and retreats are supported to do more in their quest for a stronger (“more”) awareness of God in their daily living.

The attitude of the “magis” supports the desire for living more intentionally our deepest desire to know God and to let that affect my attitudes and actions. Of course, putting this desire into action must always be done with spiritual discernment. Everyone can dream up all kinds of ways to “do more;” however prudence and wisdom must be part of “doing more” for Christ. There can be no question, however, that keeping the “magis” before us in prayer can be a powerful incentive for openness and generosity in living a deeply Christian life of love and service of God and others.

The ministry of the Spiritual Exercises which the Jesuit Spirituality Center offers is made possible thanks to the generous contributions, both large and small, of its supporters and benefactors. The Jesuits of the Central and Southern Province of the United States also contribute substantially to its ministry. The Jesuit Spirituality Center is a non-profit and tax exempt ministry. It is one of only a few retreat centers in the United States that offer individually-directed retreats of three, five, eight, and thirty days. The Staff of the Center remember gratefully in prayer all the benefactors and supporters of the Center.