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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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Our trees are a priority

This aerial view of the Jesuit Retreat House provided by the Winnebago County Geographic Information System (WCGIS) project is updated every five years and allows us to create two maps that help us to continually catalogue current and future trees that grace our sacred grounds.

The digital map enables us to assign a code number to each tree that can be cross-referenced with our database to identify the tree species, the year it was planted (if known), and the tree's donor and honoree or whether it is available for dedication. Deacon John Ingala will be able to provide this interactive PDF map and a catalog location of trees to prospective donors who want to purchase and dedicate a tree in honor or memory of someone or an occasion important to them.

Tree donations are enabling us to maintain our tree canopy, which has been a priority since 2018 when we began pruning, trimming, removing and planting of trees, with the guidance of a professional arborist, for the benefit of future generations of retreatants. It continues the good



work of Mike Weber, who passed away in 2018 after maintaining the JRH grounds and facilities for 29 years.

For more memorial tree information, contact Deacon John at deaconji@gmail.com or call him directly at (920) 230-6992 (Monday thru Friday).

These final months

The months since the Jesuit provincial announced that he is missioning me elsewhere have been a blessing, because I am appreciating everyone, everything, and every moment more, given that in a couple of months I won't be here to enjoy them.

Melancholy comes with that realization, but fortunately it dissipates whenever the next conversation, the latest encounter, or the grandest display of nature's beauty comes my way and I am reminded that I am still here to enjoy it.

Surprise is another aspect of this in-between time. It is a surprise – a pleasant one, I hope – for those who thought I already was gone and find I'm waiting for them when they arrive. My own surprise is how generous people are in expressing their gratitude for the past seven years. So much of what people thank me for is the result of others' good work that I feel guilty accepting the thanks, but I do so on behalf of everyone involved in this ministry.

My efforts to "downsize" before I depart July 23, which means parting ways with many of my belongings, is a bittersweet exercise. Sweet are the memories that arise as I touch fondly the mementos, keepsakes, correspondences I've saved through the years. The sadness comes when I realize I will have to rely on my memory alone in the future.

We already have begun the transition process by welcoming Fr. Mark Carr, S.J., to our staff meetings and to our retreats before he takes over as executive director June 22. He's been a good friend of mine since 1993, when we entered the Jesuits, and brings with him a wealth of organizational experience and sensitivity to others' needs from his background as an educator.

Leaving is easier when one feels the people and place you are leaving are in good hands. With the staff, the Board of Directors, and the retreatants that JRH has been blessed with by God, it is an easier departure for me. I treasure the prospect of returning to preach a retreat or be a director in our summer retreats whenever my new position allows.

What I'll be doing beginning August 16 is helping the Jesuit provincial for the USA Midwest Province stay connected with senior Jesuits (ages 70 and older) and Jesuits who are awaiting final vows after some years of ministry. I will be working from our province office in Chicago, traveling to visit the Jesuits I serve, and living at the Taylor Street Jesuit Community, 1025 W. Taylor St., Chicago, IL 60607-4226. To contact me via email use cmanahan@jesuits.org.

You have made my years here a gift and a pleasure, and have given me memories that provide much consolation as I am missioned elsewhere. I trust our paths will cross from time to time. Please accept my thanks and gratitude for the experiences of God's grace that you gave me.

Fr. Chris Manahan, SJ
Executive Director



Fr. Mark Carr, S.J. named executive director

Dear Retreatants and Friends,

I am pleased to announce that Fr. Mark Carr, S.J., will become the new executive director of the Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago, effective June 22.

Last August, at the request of Fr. Brian Paulson, S.J., provincial of the Jesuit USA Midwest Province, the JRH Board of Directors established a search committee as well as a plan of action with protocols to best discern the qualities we felt our next executive director would need to lead us. It became clear after discernment and listening sessions with a variety of people from our retreatants, retreat directors, staff, and donors that we wanted someone steeped in Ignatian spirituality who would work collaboratively with staff and continue to make JRH a place where people feel welcomed, nurtured, and supported. Fr. Mark will meet those needs.

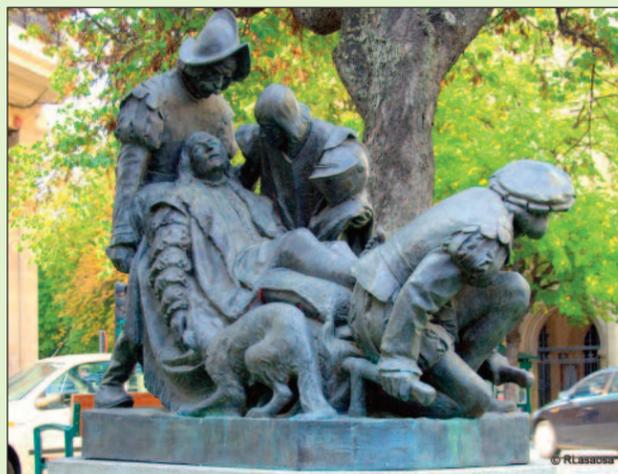
Fr. Mark grew up in Wheaton, IL, and attended Marquette University before entering the Society of Jesus in 1993. He is experienced in the spirituality, ministry, and governance of the Society of Jesus. He has preached and directed retreats at Jesuit retreat houses in Oshkosh (WI), Lake Elmo (MN), and Los Altos (CA). For over 15 years, Fr. Mark served as teacher and administrator in Jesuit high schools including Walsh Jesuit High School (Cuyahoga Falls, OH), Marquette University High School (Milwaukee, WI), and Red Cloud High School (Pine Ridge, SD). He was also the socius/assistant provincial for the former Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus. Currently, he sits on the executive committee of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and has ministered as Scout chaplain for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and chaplain at Philmont Scout Ranch. He also serves on the board of directors for the US/Canada region of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

We are grateful that the Holy Spirit guided us throughout this process and guided Fr. Mark in his discernment.

We are blessed that we have a new director to lead us into the next chapter at JRH and its ministries. Fr. Mark will meet with staff and attend retreats periodically during the months of April and May, and move into the Jesuit community in mid-May. He and Fr. Chris will overlap during that time and until Fr. Chris leaves JRH on July 22 to take on a new role in the USA Midwest Province office in Chicago.

We invite you to return for a retreat this coming year; and spend time to renew yourself as you walk the beautiful grounds along Lake Winnebago. Take in the silence, take time for yourself to stop and listen, really listen, to God speak to you.

God Bless,
Lisa Durocher
Chair, Board of Directors
Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago

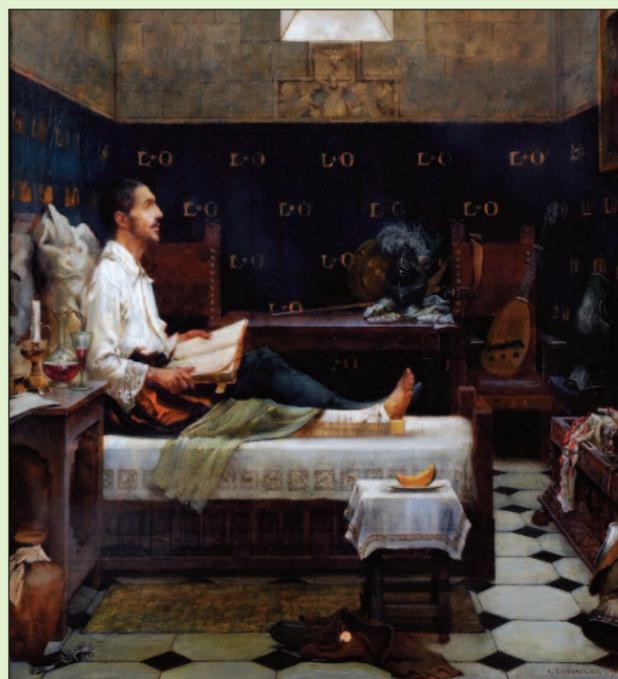


Ignatius wounded at Pamplona (1521) by Catalan sculptor Joan Flotats (1847-1917) at Loyola Castle, Azpeitia, Spain

To see all things new in Christ: 500th anniversary of Ignatius' conversion

On May 20, the Society of Jesus and the worldwide Ignatian family begin the celebration of an Ignatian Year to mark the 500th anniversary of the cannonball injury St. Ignatius experienced while defending Pamplona. His wounding robbed him of the future full of courtly riches and worldly exploits he had imagined, however, it started a process of conversion that led Ignatius to bigger dreams. His dreams no longer centered on himself, but rather on God. The injury and subsequent convalescence would enable Ignatius to *see all things new in Christ* – the motto of the Ignatian Year – which is why the theme of this year is “conversion.”

When Father Arturo Sosa, general superior of the Jesuits, announced the Ignatian Year last summer he shared his hopes and dreams for this upcoming year: “It is my hope and desire that we can work together among the entire Ignatian family to celebrate this year, rediscover our roots and thus renew ourselves and our outlook to the world.” Link to Father Sosa's remarks: <https://www.jesuits.global/2020/07/29/the-opportunity-of-the-ignatian-year-2021-2022/> The year will end on St. Ignatius' feast day, July 31, next year.



Ignatius convalesces at Loyola (1521-22) From series on The Life of St. Ignatius (1904) by Albert Chevallier-Taylor (1862-1925) at St. Ignatius Chapel, Church of the Sacred Heart, Wimbledon

19th Annotation Retreat begins this fall to mark Ignatian year

As JRH celebrates #ignatius500 this fall, Sr. Susan Kusz, SND, and Br. Lee S. Colombino, S.J., will be offering an eight-week guided prayer experience designed for small groups. This experience is called *Meeting Christ in Prayer* and it is modeled on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. By means of prayer, reflection, and faith sharing, *Meeting Christ in Prayer* introduces participants to various ways of praying, helps them form regular habits of prayer, and provides them with an opportunity to meet Christ anew and to experience support in Christian life in a new way. It can also inspire a profound sense of mission that urges participants to a new level of discipleship. No prior experience in praying with others is needed, just a desire to renew one's faith, enrich one's prayer life, or become more aware of God's presence in everyday life.

Participants are asked to commit themselves to meeting bi-weekly on Thursday evenings at JRH from September to December and to praying and reflecting regularly between meetings by using the guided

exercises that are provided at each meeting. Registration is required and we are accepting up to 20 participants. The fee for *Meeting Christ in Prayer* is \$125 per person, \$200 per couple.

If you are interested in participating in this experience of *Meeting Christ in Prayer* or if you would like more information, please contact Sr. Susan or Br. Lee at 920-231-9060.



Ignatius surrenders his sword (1522) at the altar of Our Lady of Montserrat, Spain, sculpture in St. Ignatius Chapel, Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago, Oshkosh, Wisconsin



Trish Neuman retiring

Hello! It is with excitement, trepidation and sadness that I am preparing for retirement, January 1, 2022, by going part-time October 1 of this year. I want to spend time with my Mom, 94 years young, and my grandkids, and to finish projects that I've had for 30 years as well as start new ones.

I keep telling people that I “get” to work here – it's true. It is a pleasure and privilege to come to work each day. The retreat staff is outstanding and the retreatants are my family. Thank you for letting me know you. I will miss you.

You will be in my prayers as we enjoy each day with gratitude.

Blessings and hugs, Trish

Fr. Jim Shea, S.J., joins retreat team

The Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago will be welcoming a fifth Jesuit to the staff beginning this summer to join Sr. Susan, Frs. Gene and Jack, and Br. Lee as part of the permanent retreat team.

Father Jim Shea, S.J., 48, will be arriving June 12. He was ordained in June 2015, and was introduced to retreat ministry at Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo, Minnesota, and the Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma, Ohio, as he prepared for final vows.

The native of Skokie, Illinois, also served as a teacher and chaplain at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago.

