



## Upcoming Events and Programs - February 2012

### **THE WORD AMONG US (Benet House Retreat Center)**

Read, reflect, pray and share with other committed Christians seeking to grow in reflecting on the challenges of Scripture for everyday life. We share a new book each month. **Presenter: Sr. Charlotte Sonnevile, OSB; 2 Mondays each month, Feb. 6 & 20; 7-8:30 pm; Fee: \$5/session + cost of books or \$50 for series + cost of books.**

### **CENTERING PRAYER (Benet House Retreat Center)**

Come and join the Centering Prayer group. This prayer method provides a way to foster a deep relationship with God. **Leader: Sr. Catherine Cleary, OSB; Wednesdays, 1-2 pm**

### **THE BROTHERS K (Benet House Retreat Center)**

Using this book as an example of a "great" book, Dr. Paul Olsen will challenge the group to explore the themes of good and evil, God's role in human experience, war and peace, and the power of love. The Augustana students who have participated in his classes promise an evening of humor, insight, and affirmation of life. **Presenter: Dr. Paul Olsen, PhD, Augustana College Faculty. Thurs. Feb. 2, 7-8:30 pm; Fee: \$15.** To register, contact Sr. Jackie Walsh at (309) 283-2108 or [retreats@smmsisters.org](mailto:retreats@smmsisters.org).

### **BREAK-A-WAY RETREAT (Benet House Retreat Center)**

This retreat is for single women, 20-30 years of age, who need a quiet, peaceful and prayerful break from the daily routine of college and/or work. The time can be adapted to fit just what you need for a break. **Presenter: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB. Fri. Feb. 10, 7 pm-Sun. Feb. 12, 1 pm (or by special arrangement: Contact Sr. Bobbi at (309) 283-2300 or [rbussan@smmsisters.org](mailto:rbussan@smmsisters.org) to arrange a time that works for your schedule). Weekend Fee: \$155**

### **LOVE ... FOR BETTER, FOREVER! (Benet House Retreat Center)**

Rekindle your love and commitment during our annual Valentine program. Explore the emotional, spiritual, social and physical intimacies of your marriage. Join other couples for enrichment, reflection and renewal of your marriage commitment. Bring the evening to a close while relaxing with a candlelight dessert. **Presenters: Donna and Jeff Merideth, leaders of "Grace Ministries" at Christ the King Parish in Moline. Feb. 10, 6:30-9:30 pm; Free Will Offering. Couples may stay overnight at Benet House for an additional \$50.** To register, contact Sr. Jackie Walsh at (309) 283-2108 or [retreats@smmsisters.org](mailto:retreats@smmsisters.org).

### **MORNING AT THE MONASTERY**

Enjoy a reflection and sharing on Scripture and the monastic way of life followed by Noon Day Prayer and lunch with the monastic community. **Presenter: Sr. Margaret Murphy, OSB. Thurs. Feb. 16, 10 am-1 pm; Fee: \$15.** To register, contact Sr. Jackie Walsh at (309) 283-2108 or [retreats@smmsisters.org](mailto:retreats@smmsisters.org).

### **LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER: TAKING JESUS SERIOUSLY**

The day will prompt us to ask, "Would my life be different if I really listened to the teaching of Jesus?" **Presenter: Sr. Marilyn Ring, OSB. Thurs. Feb. 23, 9 am-3 pm; Fee: \$30 (incl. lunch).** To register, contact Sr. Jackie Walsh at (309) 283-2108 or [retreats@smmsisters.org](mailto:retreats@smmsisters.org).

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