

# St. Paul's University Catholic Center

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*A LEPER came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you WISH, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, TOUCHED him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made CLEAN."*

MARK 1:40-41

**Eric Nielsen, Eric Sternberg, Pastors**



## Are You Directorial?

Just kidding, but if you wish help to guide

St. Paul's forward in its mission, the Board of Directors invites you to nominate yourself to become a director on the Foundation Board. Non-student community and UW faculty members are needed by the Foundation board to use their judgment and experience to oversee the finances and the strategic plan to grow the Catholic student mission on campus, new building included. Don't consider yourself unqualified because you don't do fundraising or math or some such; staff handles that stuff. This is a chance to make a vital contribution to St. Paul's during an exciting time of change and new beginnings to go with the new building. Please contact Fr. Eric Nielsen (leave a message) or Board chair Mike Varda, [mikevarda@earthlink.net](mailto:mikevarda@earthlink.net) or 231-3183, no later than February 28th to get more information on the process and current board subjects. Please prayerfully consider how you might make this your special service to St. Paul's.

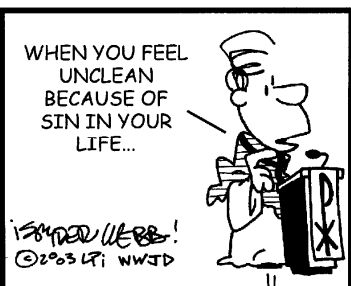
## St. Therese Lecture

Vicki Thorn will be sharing her newest research on the biochemistry of sex and human bonding--information on how we communicate by scent and how that impacts our behavior; how contraceptives change our bodies and our perception; why recreational sex is never without consequences; how women and men are changed in every sexual encounter. This is a life changing lecture! Thursday, February 19th at 7:00 pm, Bishop O'Connor Center. Followed by reception. For more information call 821-3160. RSVP at [www.madisondiocese.org](http://www.madisondiocese.org).

## Women's Retreat

Camp Gray is offering its 2nd annual Women's Retreat on February 28th - March 1st. The retreat, focusing on the

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Fruits of the Spirit, will offer women of all ages the chance to take a break from hectic schedules, enjoy homemade cooking, meet other Catholic women, and grow in faith. For more information or to sign up, go to [www.campgray.com](http://www.campgray.com) or contact Sara Knutson at 608-356-8200.

## Diocesan Men's Retreat, March 6th-7th

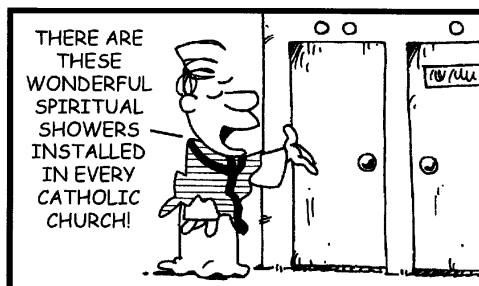
The annual Diocesan Men's Retreat featuring Fr. Thomas Loya will be held at the Bishop O'Connor Center on March 6th-7th. Fr. Loya, a top national speaker on the Theology of the Body and issues of faith and gender, will speak on the theme "Masculinity for a New Millennium." Register online at the diocesan website [www.madisondiocese.org](http://www.madisondiocese.org). The retreat is sponsored by the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis and the Knights of Divine Mercy. Questions call 821-3160.

## Attention All Young People Ages 13-30!

The challenging message of Pope Benedict XVI and Pope John Paul II is being spread throughout the United States and the world by an initiative called YOUTH 2000. YOUTH 2000 is responding to the call to enable young people to live and proclaim the Gospel. Bishop Robert Morlino invites you to a YOUTH 2000 Retreat on March 20nd-22nd at the Bishop O'Connor Center. You will have the opportunity to gather with other young people your age for prayer, adoration, singing, and learning about our Catholic Faith. For more information please go to [www.madisondiocese.org/youth](http://www.madisondiocese.org/youth) or call 608-821-3160. We hope to see you there!

## St Paul's Small Groups

Want to go deeper in your understanding of yourself, God, the Bible and the Church? Then a St Paul's Small Group



Bible study is perfect for you. We have Undergraduate Bible all over campus throughout the week and several Bible studies for Grad students (see box) as well. Please contact Nathan Stanley at [nstanley@uwcatholic.org](mailto:nstanley@uwcatholic.org) so we can find the right small group for you!

## Connections For Lent

Mary Ellen Rodriguez at [merodriguez625@gmail.com](mailto:merodriguez625@gmail.com) and Bill Ryan at [billryan1123@hotmail.com](mailto:billryan1123@hotmail.com) will lead a Lenten Connections group in the St Paul's Kutchera Library beginning the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday and ending April 14th. All are welcome! Please contact Mary Ellen to reserve a copy of the Connections book. Email or see [www.madisondiocese.org/Ministry/EvangelizationandCatechesis/ProgramsandEvents/CONNECTIONS/tabid/357/Default.aspx](http://www.madisondiocese.org/Ministry/EvangelizationandCatechesis/ProgramsandEvents/CONNECTIONS/tabid/357/Default.aspx) for information.



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Sometimes it is simply impossible to keep a secret, especially good news. Our natural inclination is to "shout it from the mountaintop" even if we were told not to say a word. So, too, is it difficult to keep from blowing our own horn while on that mountaintop. We take it upon ourselves to perform some act of charity for a friend in need, and can't wait to tell someone about it. Part of us feels good about what we've done, but the other part-our pride-seeks recognition from others. But there is really only one whose recognition and approval we will ever need, and God already knows what we've done!

Today's reading from the Gospel of Mark is a perfect example of our inability to keep a secret. A leper is cleansed by Jesus, his disease completely cured. But Jesus explicitly tells the man to keep this to himself and simply give thanks in the temple. Unfortunately, the man cannot keep himself from telling everyone about the miracle that Jesus performed; in doing so, Jesus' ability to carry out his mission is hampered. Unable to simply preach in the

*Make the story public! Tell the word what Jesus has done for you. Consider a life of preaching, teaching, and service as a priest or deacon, sister or brother.*

(Mark 1:40-45)


villages and towns, he must remain in the outlying areas. Even so, the crowds still find him, though not always for the reasons he sought them.

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we are helped to understand the very beautiful and abundant rewards of acts of charity. The fruits of our labor, as they are called, are joy, peace, and mercy (CCC 1829). Jesus speaks on many occasions about the need to keep our good deeds to ourselves. The recipient knows what you have done, as does the Father. Having received joy, peace, and mercy, what more could you ask for! ©2008 Liturgical Publications Inc.



## Veni Si Amas Spring Retreat

March 20-22, 2009



**Discernment Retreat Information**

**Who:** Single Catholic women, 17-30 years of age

*Veni Si Amas means "Come if You Love!"*

*Do you love Jesus? Do you desire to give Him everything? Do you long to know the deepest desire of your heart? You don't know the answers to these questions? You are invited to come join other young women encounter the Heart of Christ and His love for you!*

**Place:** St. Francis Convent  
Alton, Illinois


**Phone:** 618-463-2757  
**Email:** [vocations@altonfranciscans.org](mailto:vocations@altonfranciscans.org)  
[www.altonfranciscans.org](http://www.altonfranciscans.org)

**Cost:** \$15.00 (Make checks payable to the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George)

**Bring:** bible, rosary, dresses, skirts/slacks, sleeping bag, clothes for recreation, and most importantly, an *Open Heart!*

**Arrive:** Friday at 6:30/7:00pm **Depart:** Sunday at 9:00 am

*If you have any questions please contact Sr. M. Consolata!*



**To Register**  
Complete the appropriate (teen or adult) registration form **found on our website** and mail to St. Francis Convent ASAP!  
Please return forms by **March 10, 2009**

## Graduate Student and Young Professional Small Groups

Small groups are an ideal way to get to know other Catholic Christians, to get to know Christ and the Church, and to grow in your life of faith. No matter where you are in your journey of faith, a small group can be a transformative and invaluable stepping stone. To participate, contact the leader of the group so they can have materials for you or simply show up!

**Groups begin meeting the week of February 1st! Lent begins February 25th.**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p><b>7:00-8:30 pm</b> <b>Contact:</b> Megan Sprague, <a href="mailto:msprague@alumni.nd.edu">msprague@alumni.nd.edu</a> or 608-250-5134</p> <p><b>Location:</b> contact Megan for address to her apartment - off University Ave. <b>Content:</b> The 7 Last Words of Christ</p>	<p><b>7:30-9:00 pm</b> <b>Contact:</b> Doug Stone, <a href="mailto:stone2@wisc.edu">stone2@wisc.edu</a> or 608-852-4957</p> <p><b>Location:</b> St. Paul's Kutchera Library <b>Content:</b> Before Lent &amp; after Easter "Connection to St. Paul." During Lent a Lenten series based on Sunday Scripture Readings</p>	<p><b>7:00-8:30 pm</b> <b>Contact:</b> John Campbell, <a href="mailto:John.Campbell@verona.k12.wi.us">John.Campbell@verona.k12.wi.us</a> or 608-276-9551</p> <p><b>Location:</b> St. Paul's Upper Commons <b>Content:</b> Before Lent and after Easter "Connection to St. Paul." During Lent, a Lenten series based on Sunday Scripture Readings</p>

### Next Sunday Readings

Seventh Sunday  
of Ordinary Time

February 22, 2009

Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b

2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Mark 2:1-12