



The Heavens are Telling-The Spirituality of the Universe Story

December 12-15, 2024

(Thursday – Sunday)

Siena Retreat Center - Racine, Wisconsin

Today the ongoing development of scientific understandings of the origins of the universe are deeply shaping spirituality. The Universe, or New Story moves us, among other things, from a fall-redemption spirituality to a creation-centered, evolutionary one, and from an adolescent spirituality to an adult one. Come aside for this retreat to look deeply into this new chapter in the evolution of spirituality, and reflect on its implications for ourselves, our faith traditions, and the world.

This is a Centering Prayer retreat that is silent throughout including during meals, interspersed with conferences by the presenter, time for Q & A, scheduled times for Centering Prayer in community, periods of free time to enjoy walking in nature, and optional soul friending with staff.

The presenter, Jim Gill, holds a master's degree from the Institute in Creation Centered at Mundelein College in Chicago and trained as a spiritual guide through Siena Retreat Center's Spiritual Guidance Training Program. He ministered in Milwaukee area parishes for over three decades in Adult, Family and Child formation. Most recently he was a staff member at Siena Retreat Center. In July of 2020, Jim began a free-lance ministry in retirement. During the last three years, he has shared his knowledge of numerous mystics which many of you may have participated in.

Contact Person: If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sr. Ann Koerner, CSA.

Also, please let her know if you are new to Centering Prayer.

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Location: Siena Retreat Center is located on the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan.

The smoke-free facility is located at 5637 Erie St., Racine, WI.

Registration opens at 2 p.m. on Thursday December 12 in the lobby of the retreat center.

Retreat begins with an evening meal at 5:30pm on Thursday and ends after 12 noon lunch on Sunday.

There is an optional Centering Prayer session on Thursday at 4:45pm.

Registration Information: *(you are encouraged to register early because space is limited)*

The fee is \$500 and includes a private room, all meals, snacks, soul friending, and handout materials.

A \$100 nonrefundable deposit is due by November 29, 2024.

The balance of the retreat fee (\$400) is due by December 2, 2024.

Based on need, a limited amount of partial scholarship money is available. Please submit the reason for requesting a scholarship and the amount you can pay. (There is a line below to write in this information.)

For anyone who is able, donations to the COSEW Scholarship Fund are welcome.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address please print _____

_____ Enclosed is \$100 non-refundable deposit _____ Enclosed is \$500, full payment for retreat

Indicate special dietary/physical needs _____

Request a Scholarship _____

Please include the reason & the amount you can pay.

1. Make checks payable to: COSEW and send to: COSEW, 4830 W. Edgerton Ave., Greenfield, WI 53220

2. Pay in full online with credit card (2% service charge applies) <https://www.contemplativewisconsin.org/retreat>