CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS
St. Thomas More, Coralville: These new addresses reflect the parish’s move from Iowa City to Coralville (which happened after the diodav email accounts were set up). The former diodav addresses using “ic” (Iowa City) will be forwarded to the respective new diodav addresses, but please discontinue using them.

- Parish: crvlsttmore@diodav.org
- DRE/Faith Formation Director: crvlsttmoredre@diodav.org
- Youth Minister: crvlsttmoreym@diodav.org
- Bookkeeper/Finance: crvlsttmorefin@diodav.org

Rev. Jacob Greiner: Correction to address listed on clergy section page 4 of Diocesan Directory. Correct email address is greinerj@diodav.org.

COMMUNICATION OFFICE
Windows XP End of Life: Please be aware that after April 8, 2014, there will be no new security updates, from Microsoft for Windows XP machines. Your Windows XP computers will still function after April 8 but will no longer get monthly security updates. For security reasons, if you have a Windows XP computer you need to plan/budget for either upgrading the computer to Windows 7 or for the eventual replacement of that computer if it is too old to upgrade. Windows 7 Pro upgrade licenses are available through the Diocese for $69 per computer.

Please contact Rob Butterworth if you have questions, need assistance budgeting for a new computer, or require upgrade support, butterworth@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4223.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE
Technology for the New Evangelization: Websites, Social Media and Online Giving: February 19, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., St. Vincent Center, Davenport. The diocesan Stewardship Commission is pleased to invite you to a faith and technology workshop exploring new and exciting ways to engage your parishioners and transform your church into a vibrant, faith-filled community today. This seminar is designed to teach you how to engage, connect, and grow your church: 1) Discover the benefits of online giving; 2) Learn how a website can help your parish community and 3) Explore how integrated print communications can connect and engage parishioners. You may attend in person or via webinar. On-site registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the seminar beginning at 9 a.m. Breakfast and lunch are included with this free event sponsored by Liturgical Publications. To attend in person please register by Feb. 12 and go to http://www.4lpi.com/seminars. To attend via webinar (no registration deadline) go to: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/635417489. For questions contact Sr. Laura Goedken, goedken@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4252.

Rebuild My Church: March 1, Columbia, MO. Come participate in a day-long conference to learn about awakening the faithful, reaching the lost, and making Church matter. Join the co-author of the book Rebuilt, Tom Corcoran, Rev. Ken Van Haverbeke, Julie Kenny, and other inspirational speakers. See the attached brochure for more information. Fee: $49. Registration deadline is February 21.

VOCATIONS OFFICE
“Project Andrew Dinner”: February 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m., St. Ambrose University, Davenport. This is an opportunity for men 17-49 to meet in a casual setting with Bishop Amos and Fr. Thom Hennen. There will be a meal, a short presentation, sharing of vocation stories and plenty of time for questions. Please consider accompanying someone from your parish to this event. Or, if you are unable to attend yourself, please let anyone who might be interested know about this opportunity and have them RSVP to Fr. Thom Hennen at hennen@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4255. A flyer is attached.

“Thinking of Priesthood Day”: February 22, 9:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., St. Cecilia Parish, Ames. This free event, sponsored by the four dioceses of Iowa, is for young men ages 16-40 and will include meals for the day, an excellent presentation from Fr. Jonathan Fassero, OSB from St. Meinrad Seminary and will conclude with Mass for the Sunday and dinner. Please share this information with anyone who might be thinking about the possibility of priesthood. Please RSVP to Fr. Thom Hennen by February 17 at hennen@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-
Fr. Hennen will be attending and can provide a ride to someone if needed. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be rescheduled for March.

**SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE**

**Income Tax Help:** Low-and moderate-income working families may qualify for help from two federal tax benefits: Earned Income Credit (EIC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC). This year eligible low-wage families in 2014 may be eligible for an EIC worth up to $6,044. For more information about the Tax Credit go to [www.uptc.org](http://www.uptc.org). Also, please encourage families to file their taxes through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA). This offers free tax help for low-to-moderate income people who cannot prepare their own return. To find a current location call 800-906-9887 or visit the VITA website, or go to the United Way website at [http://unitedwayqc.org/resources/free-tax-preparation](http://unitedwayqc.org/resources/free-tax-preparation).

With the new Affordable Care Act over 27 million Americans may now qualify for new Health Insurance Premium Tax Credits under the Affordable Care Act. The 2014 open enrollment period for health insurance plans and premium tax credits ends March 31, 2014. For more information go to [https://www.healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov).

**CRS Rice Bowl Collection** begins Ash Wednesday, March 5. If your parish did not order or you need additional materials please contact Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-888-4210. Remember that 25% of the funds collected will remain in the Diocese to help organizations that fight hunger and poverty. Criteria for the 2014 CRS Rice Bowl Grants is available at [http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sacrsapplyingfororbgrant.htm](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sacrsapplyingfororbgrant.htm).

**2014-2015 Internship for Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD):** Applications are now being accepted until Feb. 28. Are you Catholic? Interested in fighting poverty? Then consider being an intern for CCHD. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development:

- Provides grants for self-help projects developed by grassroots groups working to address the root causes of poverty in their communities.
- Works to increase Catholics’ awareness of poverty in the U.S.
- Educates about the Catholic social tradition.
- Builds bridges between poor and non-poor communities.

For more information go to [http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sacchdinternship.htm](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sacchdinternship.htm) or contact Loxi Hopkins, 563-888-4212 or hopkins@davenportdiocese.org. Please distribute the attached flyer to those who might be interested.

**CRS Fair Trade Chocolate:** This Valentine’s Day give a gift that will change lives. When you purchase a Fair Trade gift artisans and farmers will receive a fair wages. Visit Catholic Relief Services partners, SERRV and Equal Exchange, to purchase delicious chocolate or beautiful gifts that will benefit so many—here and around the world.

**FAITH FORMATION**

*Living the Ups and Downs of Our Faith: Dark Nights and Doubt, a Failure of Faith or a Failure of Imagination?* April 5, 9:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m., Hiawatha (Cedar Rapids greater area), cost is $25. Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI is the presenter. This conference is open to any and all interested persons. Sponsored by the Diocese of Davenport, Diocese of Des Moines and the Archdiocese of Dubuque. See the attached flyer for additional information and registration.

**Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies:** Start earning your Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies this summer at St. Ambrose University! The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies is a ministry education program presented by the Center for Ministry Development, a Catholic organization that has been training youth ministers since 1979. This Certificate is designed to give those who work with youth the skills, experience, and tools needed to create and sustain youth ministry in our parishes, schools, and communities. Perfect for all those who minister with youth, whether they are new in the field, seasoned veterans, or anywhere in between. Earn your certificate in only two summers, or eight total classes. Classes are offered this summer on June 12-15 and July 10-13. Visit [http://www.sau.edu/Campus_Ministry/Learning/Certificate_in_Youth_Ministry_Studies](http://www.sau.edu/Campus_Ministry/Learning/Certificate_in_Youth_Ministry_Studies) to download the application, or contact Chris Clow at 563/333-6189 or ministry@sau.edu to learn more.
MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM

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For information regarding the courses or the Ministry Formation Program contact IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Marriage and Parenting Resource: Attached is the February issue of “Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers.” These may be used in parish bulletins or as links on parish websites.

Marriage Preparation: The Diocese of Davenport offers several marriage preparation program formats. One-day, Weekend (two-day) and Online.

Weekend and One-day
- February 22: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, registration deadline is February 14 (space is limited so register early)
- April 26-27: Williamsburg, St. Mary, registration deadline is April 18
- August 9-10: Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, registration deadline is August 1
- October 18: Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias, registration deadline is October 10

The fee is $125 per couple. The registration form and more information can be found on the diocesan website at http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Marriage%20and%20Family.htm. If you have questions, contact Barb Butterworth, 563-888-4240, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

Online: For information go to http://www.marriageministries.com/courses/catholic-marriage-prep-class/.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator: 563-349-5002, vacdav@attglobal.net or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY

Chair of Catholic Studies Lecture: February 27, 7:00 p.m., Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose University, Davenport. John F. Haught, PhD, Distinguished Research Professor in Theology at Georgetown University will deliver the lecture entitled, What is Really Going on in the Cosmos and What Should We Be Doing About It?. Dr. Haught will examine the role of faith within science as we seek to understand the universe in relation to human identity, vocation and happiness in the world. He has authored numerous books and articles, including Science and Faith: A New Introduction (2012), God and the New Atheism: A Critical Response to Dawkins, Harris, and Hitchens (2008), and The Promise of Nature: Ecology and Cosmic Purpose (1993, 2nd ed. 2004). Haught has received the Owen Garrigan Award in Science and Religion, the Sophia Award for Theological Excellence, and a “Friend of Darwin Award” from the National Center for Science Education. He also testified for the plaintiffs in the Harrisburg, PA “Intelligent Design Trial” (Kitzmiller et al. vs. Dover Board of Education). The Chair of Catholic Studies Lecture is a part of the College of Arts and Sciences year-long lecture series on Sustainability. It is free and open to the public.

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND

To register contact: 563-336-8414 or olpretreat@gmail.com. All programs include a delicious homemade meal prepared with local and organic ingredients. To learn more about Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat visit www.chmiowa.org
Prayer with the Heart: Wed, February 5, 10am – noon, Mini-Retreat with Father Bill Kneemiller. (Come early, stay late). Mass at 10am followed by “prayer with the Heart” program with lunch following. Fee: $8 for lunch.

Love Comes Softly - Come to the Quiet: Wed, February 12, 9:30am – 3:30pm. Reflect on the loves of your life, savor solitude, and enjoy the comfort foods of home. Fee: $20.

Knit One, Pray Too! Thurs, February 13, 9:30am – 3:30pm, Karen Brooke, Ann Green & Anne Johnson. The rhythmic nature of knitting encourages contemplation and invites openness to the Spirit. Bring skeins of yarn and join us as we create a prayer shawl, scarf or special gift for someone in need of comfort. We will knit and pray together, share “yarns” of our individual journeys, and enjoy the beauty at The Prairie. Price includes a nutritious and scrumptious lunch. Fee: $20.

A Prairie Valentine: Sat, February 15, 11:30am – 1:30pm. Enjoy a nutritious and special lunch with your loved ones. Stay for a stroll in the quiet beauty of the Prairie. Fee: $20/person, $30 for two, $45 for three.

Caring for the Caregiver: Wed, February 19, 9:30am – 3:30pm. Chris Pries ARNP, Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Director at Vera French CMHC. Care giving is both rewarding and stressful. In today’s program, participants will be encouraged to examine these stressors and develop specific strategies to reduce their negative effects. Fee: $20.

A Men’s Retreat: Who Will Separate Us from the Love of Christ? February 21-22, Fri, 5pm – Sat, 2pm. Fr. Michael Schaab, pastor of St. Pius X Church, Rock Island, IL. Paul tells us God has predestined us, and those he has predestined he has called. Those he has called he has justified and those he has justified he will glorify. What does this mean for us? Fee: $75.

Taize’ Vigil Service: Sun, March 2, 5pm. Taize’ is an ecumenical movement, drawing Christians of all denominations together in unified and compassionate prayer. Friends of The Prairie and churches of all faith traditions in the area are invited to participate. Supper following. Free will offering.

Weaving Prayers and Baskets: Tues, March 11, 9am – 4pm, Kathleen Storms, SSND. Learn simple basket weaving in the context of prayer and meditation. Fee: $30.

Come to the Quiet – Lenten Renewal: Thurs, March 13, 9:30am – 3:30pm Savor solitude, seek peace and prepare your heart for springtime renewal. Fee: $20.

Renewal Retreat for Couples: Sat, March 15, 9am – 4pm. Deacon Daryl & Pat Fortin, married 42 years. Renew your lives and celebrate the gift of commitment. A day for prayer, talks, walks and conversation. Day concludes with Mass and renewal of vows at 4pm with Msgr. Frank Henricksen. Fee: $30/couple.

BERNET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER/ST. MARY MONASTERY, ROCK ISLAND, IL
All events held at Benet House Retreat Center, 2200 88th Avenue West, Rock Island, IL 61201-7649. To register, contact Sr. Jackie Walsh at 309-283-2108 or retreats@smmsisters.org.

Valentine Evening: Cracking the Communication Code (A Christian Spirituality for Marriages): Feb. 14, 6:30-9:30 pm. What do wives really want from their husbands? What do husbands really need from their wives? Why did God make it like this? Explore these questions and more about the two most important relationships in married life – with God and with your spouse. Bring the evening to a close with a recommitment of love followed by a time to relax with a candlelight dessert. Facilitators: Deacon Al and Daphne Angelo; Krista and Matt Nixon, St. Patrick’s Church, Colona. $30/couple. Couples may stay overnight at Benet House for an additional $50.

Evening at The Monastery: Thurs. Feb. 20, 4:45-7:45 pm. Do you wonder what life is like in a monastery? Come for an evening of prayer, pleasant conversation and a chance to ask the questions you have not had an opportunity to voice. Enjoy Vespers and dinner with the Benedictine Sisters followed by reflection and sharing on Scripture and the monastic way of life. Presenter: Sr. Mary Schmidt, OSB. Fee: $15.
Friday Night at the Movies: End your busy week with popcorn, a good movie and insightful conversation!  
Presenter: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB, Vocation Director. Fridays, 6-9 pm; fee: $10/session.  

Benedictine Experience Weekend “Behold, here I am.” (Rule of St. Benedict and Psalm 33): Fri. Feb. 28, 7 pm-Sun. Mar. 2, 1 pm. Join other single Catholic women for a weekend that focuses on the importance of Scripture in Benedict’s Rule. We will tour the St. John’s Bible Heritage Exhibit, explore Benedictine spirituality, pray with the Sisters and talk about what it’s like to live in community. Facilitator: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB, Vocation Director. There is no cost; you are our guest!  

Lenten Morning of Prayer: Lent, A Time of Listening as Spiritual Hospitality: Sat. Mar. 8, 9 am-12 pm. Lent calls us to make room for God and neighbors. One of the ways to do this is by listening, as Benedict says, “with the ear of your heart.” We will reflect on ways to offer an open ear and a welcoming heart to the deepest hopes and values of people from near and far. Presenters: Sr. Marianne Burkhard, OSB and Sr. Helen Carey, OSB. Fee: $20, plus an option for lunch $8.  

Journey into Lent With the St. John Bible: Sun. March 9, (Presentation at 3-4:30, followed by Vespers at 5:00 pm.). Reflect on the illuminated passages of our Lenten Scriptures prayerfully illustrated in ancient inks, gold and silver leaf, and handwritten between March 8, 2000 and May 9, 2011. Let their illuminated paintings give new and deeper meaning to these beautiful Scripture passages. Pray Vespers with the Benedictine Sisters as you grasp new insights from these illuminations.  

Men’s Retreat: The Lord Looks into the Heart (Sm.16:7): Fri. Mar. 21, 7 pm-Sun. Mar. 23, 12:30 pm. If life is hectic and you wish things would slow down, register for this men’s retreat! Join with other men who feel the same way about deepening their faith, being more faithful about prayer and church, looking for answers to questions about God, heaven and Christian living. Director: Philip Davey, OSB, Abbot of St. Bede Monastery in Peru, Ill. Fee: Register and pay in full by Feb. 23: $175 (private room), $160 (shared room). Registrations after Feb. 23: $185 (private room), $170 (shared room).  

SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER, DUBUQUE  
To register call 563-582-3592 or send check payable to Shalom Spirituality Center with your contact information to: 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001. www.shalomretreats.org, info@shalomretreats.org  

Embracing Life After The Death of a Spouse or Significant Other: Saturday, Feb. 15; 8:00am – 3:30pm.  
Team: Barbara Meloy Callahan, Diane Fasselius, Pat Pierce, Jim Swenson and Marci Blum OSF  
Gather with others who have lost a spouse and share experiences of loss, grief and healing. Topics include: coping with loss, making adjustments, dealing with fears, surviving and thriving. Offering: $40. Includes continental breakfast and lunch. Register/prepay by Monday, Feb. 10.  

St. Catherine of Siena and Gospel Poverty: Tuesday, Feb. 25, 7:00 – 8:30pm  
Presenter: Most Rev. Archbishop Michael Jackels. In light of Pope Francis’ call to poverty and the spiritual Franciscan heritage of Shalom, Archbishop Michael Jackels, Archbishop of Dubuque, will present on St. Catherine of Siena in living her value of gospel poverty (shared life). St. Catherine, a Dominican tertiary, is one of the two patron saints of Italy, together with St. Francis of Assisi. Offering: $10. Register/prepay by Friday, Feb. 21.  

Retreat: Towards a Healthy Christian Spirituality: Seven Sure Steps: Ash Wednesday, March 5, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Director: Fr. Richard Ament. Begin Lent with a preached retreat, time for reflection and quiet and participation in the Eucharistic liturgy. Fr. Dick Ament spells out how to live a Christian spiritual life using the word “healthy.” This leads us on our spiritual journey throughout Lent and beyond Lent in our lives. Note: Remember to bring along your Bible or a copy of the New Testament. Offering: $40, includes lunch. Register by Wednesday, Feb. 26.
Catholic Campaign for Human Development Diocesan Internship

Are you Catholic? Interested in fighting poverty?

Application deadline is February 28

Who? Any U.S. Catholic with an interest in solidarity building, participation of the poor, and Catholic Social Teaching. Spanish-speaking preferred but not necessary.

What? Intern will work with Quad Cities Interfaith, Davenport or Center for Worker Justice, Iowa City, two local CCHD funded groups. Tasks will vary but may include: parish education, training and outreach, letter and article writing, research, and develop relationships with community organizations. The internship is 15 flexible hours per week for 24 weeks during the school year paid at $12.00/hour.


The Office of Stewardship for the diocese of Wichita, KS.

He explains his responsibility in the Office of Stewardship as twofold: to help parishioners to remember the story of stewardship and to help especially parish leaders and pastors articulate the spirituality of stewardship.

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Mail registration and check to Office of Stewardship
Diocese of Jefferson City
P.O. Box 104900
Jefferson City, MO 65110-4900

Register on-line at http://www.diojeffcity.org/index.php/upcoming-events

Questions? Contact Rebecca rruppar@diojeffcity.org or 573-635-9127 x 244

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When their parish reached a breaking point, [Pastor Rev. Michael] White and Corcoran asked themselves how they could make the Church matter to Catholics, and they realized the answer was at the heart of the Gospel. Their faithful response not only tripled their weekend Mass attendance, but also yielded increased giving, flourishing ministries, and a vibrant, solidly Catholic spiritual revival. White and Corcoran invite all Catholic leaders to share the vision, borrow their strategies, and rebuild their own parishes. They offer a wealth of guidance for anyone with the courage to hear them.”

—RebuiltParish.com

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Diocesan Stewardship Conference
Saturday, March 1, 2014
Father Tolton Catholic High School
3351 E. Gans Road
Columbia MO 65201

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Rev. Kenneth Van Haverbeke
Ordained in 1991, Fr. Ken has served various parishes in the diocese, both large and small churches. Currently he is the director of the Spiritual Life Retreat Center and is the director of the Office of Stewardship for the diocese of Wichita, KS. He explains his responsibility in the Office of Stewardship as twofold: to help parishioners to remember the story of stewardship and to help especially parish leaders and pastors articulate the spirituality of stewardship.

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REVIVE MY CHURCH
Rebuild My Church

Registration Form

Name ___________________________________
Street _________________________________
City _____________________________________
State/Zip _________________________________
Phone ___________________________________
Email ____________________________________
Parish ___________________________________

Cost is $49 per person which includes continental breakfast, lunch, and all conference materials.

Number attending __________
Check enclosed    __________
(make payable to the Diocese of Jefferson City)

Names of registrants
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Please register by February 21st

-Julie Kenny
A regular speaker at stewardship events presenting in over 60 archdioceses and dioceses, Julie completed a six-year board term with the International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) in September 2013, served as co-host and faculty member on semi-annual stewardship educational retreats from 2000 to 2013, and is a member of the ICSC Parish Stewardship Services and Education committee.

-Lois Wajer
Lois Wajer began at Our Sunday Visitor in Customer Service as a parish advisor helping business managers with their communication plan and envelope designs. She now works with parishes and dioceses across the country to maximize offertory through Our Sunday Visitor’s electronic mediums of Online Giving and Faith in Action websites.

“One day when Francis went out to meditate in the fields he was passing by the church of San Damiano which was threatening to collapse because of extreme age. Inspired by the Spirit, he went inside to pray.

Kneeling before an image of the Crucified, he was filled with great fervor and consolation as he prayed. While his tear-filled eyes were gazing at the Lord's cross, he heard with his bodily ears a voice coming from the cross, telling him three times:

'Francis, go and repair my house which is falling into ruin.'”

from St. Bonaventure Life of Francis
Could God be calling you to the Priesthood?

Spend an evening with Bishop Martin Amos (Bishop of Davenport) and Fr. Thom Hennen (Vocations Director) pondering the possibility of the Catholic Priesthood. Dinner will be provided.

**When:** Wednesday, February 12, 2014
6:00-8:00 PM

**Where:** Rogalski Center (Annex Room)
St. Ambrose University, Davenport

**Who:** Men ages 17 to 49

Please RSVP by Monday, February 10 to Fr. Chuck Adam
adamcharlesa@sau.edu or 563-333-6151
or directly to Fr. Thom Hennen
hennen@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4255
I offer you these tidbits of wisdom as prayer prompts to remind you (and your constituents) of the sacredness of marriage vows and the value of every child. The commitment to love a spouse forever, and the generous gift of life parents offer a child are indeed spiritual under-takings and cannot be done alone. May the God of Love be with you and your work. Susan


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MARRIAGE MOMENTS
558. Feb. 3: What’s the most romantic trip you can take? Perhaps it’s a trip down memory lane. Remember how you met, your first date, your first kiss, your proposal/acceptance, your first night as a married couple... Reminisce together.

559. Feb. 10: World Marriage Day: Questions, questions, questions:
   - What do I like the most about you?
   - What is it that most separates us?
   - What most unites us?
   - I specifically need your help in...
   - I think I should help you specifically... by

If these questions intrigue you, check out the Marriage Mansion Program, an online version of Marriage Encounter.

Valentine Day Bonus: Why not dig out the readings you used at your wedding. In a quiet moment read them to each other again and ponder what they mean to you now. If you can’t find them try 1 Corinthians 13: 4-13.

560. Feb. 17: President's Day can be more than a day off work, a time when government offices are closed, or stores have sales. What does it mean to lead? What does it mean to protect and to seek the common good? These are questions for both spouses and presidents.

561. Feb. 24: "Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing." (Albert Schweitzer) Is there a trait that you would like to foster in your spouse or child? How can you model that behavior this week in your own life?

PARENTING POINTERS
558. Feb. 7: "Share your bread with the hungry." (Isaiah 58:7) doesn't mean it's OK for your kids to feed their unwanted veggies to the dog. Introduce them to the concept of fasting from a favorite food for awhile (maybe Lent). Then donate the saved money to a food pantry.

559. Feb. 14: "But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." (Mt. 5:22) Brothers and sisters have been fighting since Cain and Able but you can help them get better at it. Introduce them to #2 of the Family Pledge of Nonviolence: "To share my feelings honestly, to look for safe ways to express my anger, and to work at solving problems peacefully."

560. Feb. 21: Parenting doesn't stop when your child turns 21 or leaves home. Use technology to help you stay connected with far flung kids. See "When Your Child Is Far Away" for ideas.

561. Feb. 28: Saying you don't have time to play with your child or eat dinner together is like saying you don't have time to stop for gas because you're busy driving. Take some time today, before it's too late.
Living the Ups and Downs of Our Faith

Dark Nights and Doubt
A Failure of Faith or a Failure of Imagination?

A faith formation conference with

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Saturday, April 5
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Hiawatha Iowa

“We live with a deep secret that sometimes we know, and then not!”
Faith has this curious quality.
Some days we can walk on water, and other days we feel like atheists.

This conference will explore the deep inner dynamics of faith.
What is real faith? - What is true doubt?
What are the dark nights of the soul that can assail us?
How do we work at sustaining a genuine faith?

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, is a community-builder, lecturer and writer. His books are popular throughout the world. More than 70 newspapers carry his weekly column.

Conference details:
- We’ll gather at 9 a.m. for coffee, rolls and juice.
- We’ll end at 3:30 p.m. Parish Mass is at 5 p.m.
- Parish docents will provide tours of their new church.
- Your $25 fee includes breakfast, lunch and materials.
- Fr. Rolheiser’s books will be available for purchase.
- Directions from interstate 380: Take the Boyson Rd. exit and turn West. The first left will be 12th Ave which will lead you to the church on the right side of the street.

Register and pay by March 24th
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