FINANCE OFFICE
Budget: The 2013-2014 budget forms have been sent to bookkeepers, pastors, business managers and principals. They are due August 1. Some items you will need for the budget:
   1. Priest Compensation: To be mailed the week of March 25
   2. Property and Liability Insurance: Rates will not be known before June. Estimate insurance at a 15% increase.
   4. The Women Religious no longer send suggestions of salary and benefit increases.
   5. Inflation the last 12 months has been around 1.6 percent.
   6. The diocesan mileage reimbursement rate is remaining at 53 cents per mile.

Included with the Priests’ Compensation mailing
- Parish’s ADA draft (excludes parish goal) and is being sent for the purpose of having the accounting checked.
- Fourth quarter insurance billing

SAFE ENVIRONMENT
Background Check Audit Lists Due May 1: Lists detailing who has been or will be a state certified teacher/coach, employee or volunteer at your parish or school entity during the time period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 are due by May 1. All questions regarding the lists or background check forms can be directed to Lynnette Sowells, sowells@davenportdiocese.org. If there is a question as to whether an individual on your list has had a background check or is due for their 5YR renewal check, please send their completed background check forms and copy of a driver’s license to Char Maaske immediately for processing.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE
Webinar on Parish Hospitality: April 2, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Members of the Diocesan Stewardship Commission will present stories and ideas that are working in their parishes. Being a welcoming parish has been identified as a sign of success in many studies about Best Parishes. Hospitality is often identified among the Best Practices of a Parish and has also been identified as one of the Pillars of a Stewardship Parish by the Wichita Diocese. The US bishops make a plea for building a welcoming community in their 2002 pastoral letter on stewardship: “Parishes must be, or become, true communities of faith within which this Christian way of life is learned and practiced.” We will also share our stories and invite you to share yours as we work to enhance the hospitality of our parishes. To register go to https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/977088616. If you are unable to attend a CD of the webinar may be requested by contacting Laurie HoeHLing, hoeHLing@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4220.

Region IX Stewardship Conference: Friday, April 19, Kansas City, Kansas, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Join parishioners and priests, stewardship councils and parish staffs from across Region IX (Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas) for an informative and inspirational day, as we delve into the spirituality, the tools and the important purpose and impact of meaningful living of the Stewardship Way of Life in the Year of Faith. The fee (includes lunch) is $90. A brochure with housing details is attached. For those interested in carpooling contact Dan Ebener, ebener@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4251.

Stewardship Days: Two days are scheduled for this fall: Friday, October 11, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., St. Patrick, Iowa City and Saturday, October 12 at Holy Trinity, Richmond. The Cunneen Company will be presenting.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
Available Grants: Application deadline May 31. Grant applications are now being accepted for the local share of the CRS Rice Bowl and Catholic Campaign for Human Development collections. All grant requests must be postmarked by May 31 and sent to Diocese of Davenport, Social Action Office, 780 West Central Park Ave., Davenport 52804-1901. For questions call Loxi Hopkins at 563-888-4212.
• **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl:** For those providing/supporting *direct services* to people who are hungry (first foot of Social justice). If your parish or community would like to apply go to [http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/saoperationricebowl.htm](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/saoperationricebowl.htm).

• **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD):** For those organizations and projects that *promote systemic change* (second foot of social justice). To apply please send your request in a 1-2 page letter along with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant Agreement. To view grant criteria and obtain a copy of the agreement go to [http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sacchdapplyingfoagrant.htm](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sacchdapplyingfoagrant.htm).

**St. Vincent’s Home Corporation Grants:** Just a reminder that spring grants are no longer be awarded. Grants will only be awarded once a year in the fall. The next grant deadline is **September 15** and all applications must be postmarked by that date. Applicants are to be located within the 22 counties of the Diocese of Davenport or serve children within the diocese. The grant application and criteria are available at [http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sastvincenthomecorporation.htm#applygrants](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sastvincenthomecorporation.htm#applygrants).

If you received a grant in the past you must also submit your progress report by September 15. New funding applications will not be considered until Progress Reports regarding previously awarded grants have been submitted. For questions or information contact Esmeralda Guerrero, [guerrero@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:guerrero@davenportdiocese.org) or 563-888-4210.

**Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Catalog:** The spring/summer 2013 catalog is now available at the CRS website: [http://www.wcv2.com/publication/?m=10169&l=1](http://www.wcv2.com/publication/?m=10169&l=1). Purchasing a fair trade item helps increase the income of a farmer or artisan in another country, giving them a better chance at self-sufficiency in their homeland.

**CRS Rice Bowl:**

**Contributions due May 31:** Please count the money in your Rice Bowls, remit a check payable to Diocese of Davenport with “CRS Rice Bowl” in the memo field and mail it to the Finance Office. Your parish’s donation makes a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world suffering from poverty and hunger. Thank you for your support.

**Activate Your Rice Bowl:** You can go online, activate your parish’s support. Your parish will be represented on the participation map, you will get daily reflections and quarterly newsletter updates. To activate please go to [http://www.crsricebowl.org/](http://www.crsricebowl.org/)

**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**

**Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies:** Join us this summer for courses for the Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies at St. Ambrose University. The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies is a ministry education program for those in ministry with youth ages 11-18, offered at St. Ambrose University in conjunction with the Center for Ministry Development. The program consists of 2-day classes which equip participants with knowledge, skills, and practical tools and techniques to assist in youth ministry programs. This certificate is perfect for youth ministry coordinators, high school campus ministers, youth retreat coordinators, directors of religious education, and all those who work with or are interested in working with youth. Classes will be offered June 6-7, 8-9, and July 11-12, 13-14. Contact Chris Clow at 563-333-6189 or [ClowChristopherJ@sau.edu](mailto:ClowChristopherJ@sau.edu) for more information.

**Lay Ministry Formation Opportunities:** The Ministry Formation Program is offering Basic Year II (in English and Spanish) and a specialization track on Catechesis. More information can be found on the diocesan website, [www.davenportdiocese.org](http://www.davenportdiocese.org) [Chancery>Faith Formation>Lay Ministry (MFP)] or contact IlaMae Hanisch, 641-791-3435 or [hanisch@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hanisch@davenportdiocese.org).

Upcoming courses are:

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Marriage and Parenting Resource: Attached is the April issue of “Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers.” This is produced by Susan Vogt and she has excellent resources to support couples and families: http://www.susanvogt.net/index.html.

Marriage Preparation Weekends:
- April 27-28: Williamsburg, St. Mary, registration deadline is April 19
- August 10-11: Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, registration deadline is August 2
- October 12-13: Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias, registration deadline is October 4

The registration form is on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Chancery>Faith Formation>Marriage and Family). Registration is $125 per couple. For more information contact Barb Butterworth, 563-888-4240 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IlmaHanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

Upcoming Youth Events/Retreats/Rallies:
- June 8-10: Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) – retreat for high school juniors and seniors, St. Mary, Solon
- June 17-21: Notre Dame Vision (week one) – Notre Dame, IN
- June 30-July 2: Catholics In Action (CIA) – service retreat for high school youth, Regina Catholic Education Center, Iowa City
- July 15-19: Notre Dame Vision (week four) – Notre Dame, IN
- October 27: High School Youth Rally – Marriott, Coralville
- November 21-23: NCYC – Indianapolis, IN

For information about these youth ministry events and resources go to Youth Ministry Davenport Diocese (http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Youth%20Ministry.htm) or contact Barb Butterworth, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org.

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.

A CONVERSATION ON SPIRITUALITY AND CANCER
April 22, 12:40 – 7:00 p.m., West Des Moines. Spirituality is one dimension of quality of life for people living with cancer. This conference will discuss the importance of spirituality when facing a disease like cancer. Health care providers, caregivers, cancer survivors, health educators, members of faith-based organizations, and members of the general public are all welcome to attend. There is no registration fee. For further information and to view the brochure, go to http://canceriowa.org/Files/Cancer-and-Spirituality/Spirituality-and-Cancer-Brochure.aspx. Sponsored by the Iowa Cancer Consortium.

ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY, DAVENPORT
The Icon of Guadalupe will be the topic of the 2013 Chair of Catholic Studies Lecture at St. Ambrose University on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rogalski Center by Jeanette Rodriguez, PhD, Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at Seattle University. Dr. Rodriguez’s lecture is entitled, “Out of the Ashes: Mestiza/o Christianity.” The St. Ambrose University Chair of Catholic Studies addresses concerns of a religious nature by providing guest lecturers who contribute to the Catholic intellectual tradition in fields including theology, history, literature, music, scripture, liturgy, and the sciences, among others. This year’s lecture coincides with a year-long Race Matters series presented by the College of Arts and Sciences. The lecture is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the lecture. For further information, contact Fr. Chuck Adam, adamcharlesa@sau.edu or 563-333-6151.

Bible and Justice Conference: May 30-June 2, St. Ambrose University. This conference will explore how biblical texts might address modern justice concerns, especially in the areas of empire, gender, poverty and the environment. Conference speakers will include several noted experts and academicians from theology, biblical
studies and other fields. Free on-campus housing available to the first 100 delegates. For more information go to http://www.sau.edu/Bible_and_Justice_Conference.html.

**Master of Pastoral Theology:** St. Ambrose University will be starting a new group of Master of Pastoral Theology students in August 2013. This graduate degree is offered as a 4-year program with classes that meet one weekend per month, August through May. It is designed for those who have baccalaureate degrees and are actively engaged in ministry. The university offers a one-third tuition remission for those who are active in ministry and are accepted into the program. Interested individuals are invited to read additional details about the mission and goals of the program by visiting www.sau.edu/mpth or by contacting the program director, Dr. Corinne Winter at 563/333-6442. Questions may also be emailed to mpth@sau.edu. Applications for the summer 2013 cohort are being accepted through June 30.

**SISTERS OF HUMILITY, DAVENPORT**

*The Christian Consumer:* Saturday, April 20, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Humility of Mary Center, Davenport. We know that the way we consume is having an adverse impact on the planet, on each other, and on our own well-being. But we must consume in order to live. How can we consume in a way that is ethical? How can we consume in a way that is Christian? The Christian tradition, broadly construed, offers many insights into this conundrum: it counsels ascetic restraint, joyful savoring, neighbor love, and pursuit of God’s kingdom through our consumption decisions.

Laura M. Hartman will be the presenter. She is the author of *The Christian Consumer: Living Faithfully in a Fragile World*. Her reflections on consumption have led Dr. Hartman, assistant professor of religion at Augustana College (Rock Island, IL) to become an advocate for public transit and a regular shopper at Goodwill and the farmer’s market. She encourages the gift of one’s time over pricey store-bought items, and yet she fully recognizes the challenges that ethical consumption presents. “As consumers in a first-world nation, Americans have myriad choices, whether it’s imported vs. local produce, brand name vs. fair trade coffee or meat vs. vegetables … These choices are ethical choices, and they’re difficult ones,” Dr. Hartman said. Dr. Hartman joined the Augustana faculty in 2008. Her areas of specialization include environmental, sexual, social and medical ethics. Free and open to the public. For more information contact the Sisters, 563-323-9466 or www.chmiowa.org.

**BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL**

*The Word Among Us:* 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 Sonneville, OSB; 2 Mondays each month April 1 and 15; 6:45-8:15 pm; Fee: $65 for the series or $5/session & cost of books. For more information call 309-283-2109.

*Centering Prayer:* Join others in a weekly practice of this method for fostering a deeper relationship with God. Leader: Sr. Catherine Cleary, OSB; Wednesdays 1-2 pm; Free Will Offering

*Discerning Read*  
Mondays, April 8, 22; 6:30-8 pm. Searching for something more in your life? Wondering where God is leading you? Seeking to know how God is working through you? Edward Little’s book, *Ears to Hear: Recognizing and Responding to God’s Call,* will direct our focus on these questions. Facilitator: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB. Fee: $5/session or $30 for the series (you supply the book) or $48 for the series and we provide the book.

*Centering Prayer Retreat: The Journey Continues*  
Thurs. April 11, 7:30 pm-Sun. April 14, 1 pm. Deepen your experience of Centering Prayer during this silent retreat. In addition to periods of Centering, there will be opportunities for Lectio Divina and individual conferences. Three months experience of daily Centering practice is required. Presenters: Florrie Dammers and Chris Kraft, Central Illinois Contemplative Outreach. Fee: $265.

*The Spirituality of Gardening*  
April 18, 9 am-12 pm. Do you recognize your garden as a true blessing? As each seed breaks forth and sprouts, do you stand in awe of God’s gift of life? People in many ways are gardens too, needing nourishment and
warmth for growth. Join us to reflect on and celebrate the gift of life sprouting forth in our midst. Presenter: Sr. Mary Schmidt, OSB. Thurs. Fee: $20, plus an option for lunch $8.

**Evening at the Monastery**
Thurs. April 25, 4:45-7:45 pm. Enjoy Vespers and dinner with the monastic community followed by reflection and sharing on Scripture and the monastic way of life. Presenter: Sr. Helen Carey, OSB. Fee: $15.

**New Catholic Retreat**
Sat. April 27, 9 am-12 pm. Have you gone through the RCIA process and become a member of the Catholic Church within the last five years? Do you miss the enthusiasm and support that you experienced during the RCIA journey? What have you done lately to renew your commitment and to find support? Join others who are searching for a deeper relationship with God and in the Christian community. Presenters: Sr. Kathleen Mullin, BVM, Sr. Judy Herold, SSND, Sr. Charlotte Seubert, FSPA, Barbara Roedel, Amy Catour. Free Will Offering, plus an option for lunch $8.

**OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND**
Visit [www.chmiowa.org](http://www.chmiowa.org) to learn more about Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat. For direct inquiries: 563-336-8414 or olpretreat@gmail.com.

**Wed, April 3, 10am – noon**
Mini-Retreat with Fr. Bill Kneemiller
*(Come early, stay late)*
Father Kneemiller will be with us for Mass at 10 am with a sharing on Easter redemption. Lunch to follow. $8

**Sun, April 7, 5pm**
Taize Vigil Service
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.

**Wed, April 10, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm**
Be the Change: Creating Great Food
Local Growers and Prairie Staff
Join us for an inspiring day of dialogue with local farmers, growers and delicious locally grown foods. Plan your spring garden. Learn basic how to’s from Master gardeners. The new *Spirit of the Prairie: Catering to the Soul* cookbook, a gift to take home with you! Fee: $30

**Fri, April 12-14, 7pm – Sun 10am**
Magnificat Women and Men
Mary Penelope Wink, CHM *(Missionary in Chiapas, Mexico, for 37 years)*
Take time to be “faith-ful-ly” grateful for our personal and collective past; lovingly live the present in the midst of the “mixed” messages of our time; and walk with an open-to-God heart into the future. Fee: $125

**Fri, April 19-20, 7pm – Sat 3pm**
What is Pilgrimage?
Dianne Prichard, Pastor of Community Church of Toronto and Immanuel United Church of Christ, Big Rock
Develop a greater sensitivity to God’s presence and inspiration, learn basic spiritual disciplines to nurture your relationship with God, and experience ways to read Scripture. Practice the discipline of humility and solitude for an extended time of “silent with-ness.” Fee: $100

**Mon, April 22, 9:30 am – 3:30pm**
Desert Day for Clergy
Following Lenten and Easter celebrations come to the Prairie for a day of quiet reflection, nutritious food and a pause in your busy schedule. Open to pastors of all denominations. Fee: $20

**Wed, April 24, 9:30am – 3:30pm**
April Showers Come to the Quiet
*Reflect on the gift of rain in our lives. Enjoy the greening of spring and nutritious food.* Fee: $20
Fri, April 26-28, 7pm – Sun 10am
Introduction to SoulCollage® -Accessing Your Inner Wisdom
Kathy Schmittgens, SSND
Kathy, a certified SoulCollage® facilitator, returns for a second year! SoulCollage® is a creative and satisfying process of self-discovery. Make your own deck of cards – representing aspects of your personality or Soul. Joyfully deepen your understanding of the relationships between your personality parts, you and your family/community/world, and you and your dreams, symbols, and Spirit. Fee: $150

Celebrating Mothers: A Perfect Gift for Mother’s Day with Sister Judith Carrara, CHM has been moved from Friday, May 10 to Saturday, May 11, 10am-2:00pm.
Treat your mother with compassion and a special day with you at The Prairie. Join in reminiscing about the past, paying tribute to your mother’s accomplishments, and celebrating her influence on your life. Play our “Mother’s Day” game; enjoy a lunch featuring mom’s home cooking; and close with a mother’s day recognition ceremony. Listen to live jazz, explore the grounds, or just sit on the porch with your mom and watch the hummingbirds. (Please e-mail a favorite recipe from your mother’s kitchen to kathleenstorms@yahoo.com before May 8!) Fee: $50 for 2.

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

Being Present to Creation Retreat
Friday, May 3, 7:00pm – Saturday, May 4, 4:00 p.m.
Presenter: Meg Gemar OSF
This day will include a short history of our journey of our relationship with Earth along the way. Much of the time will be spent outdoors, experiencing creation. Commuter and overnight options available. Register by noon, May 1. Suggested reading prior to retreat: One Hundred Cranes: Praying with the Chorus of Creation by William Fitzgerald.

Silent Directed Retreat
Sunday, May 5, 5:30 p.m. – Saturday, May 11, 9:30 a.m.
Director: Kathy Lentsch OSF
A directed retreat is a very personal experience during which the retreatant engages in prayer, solitude and quiet. Sr. Kathy will tailor the retreat to meet the spiritual needs of the individual. Registration deadline: April 29.

Experiencing God in the Ordinary: Women’s & Men’s Perspectives
Friday, May 31, 5:00pm – Sunday, June 2, 1:00pm
Directors: Mitch & Kathy Finley - Nationally recognized, award-winning Catholic authors and speakers. Their exciting, inspirational books and live presentations focus on topics related to practical, everyday spirituality/authentic faith in today’s world and in the contemporary church. Mitch is a regular contributor to “Living Faith: Daily Catholic Devotions” and Kathy contributes regularly to “Living Faith for Kids”. Women and men tend to have unique, gender-based approaches to life, Christian faith, prayer, sacraments, relationships, work, and spirituality. In this weekend retreat, the Finleys will look at these and related areas of interest and discuss ways that men and women can enrich their lives and spirituality by attending to these concerns. Presentations are punctuated with good humor and filled with common sense and an enthusiasm for the joy of being Catholic. Offering: $185. Commuter: $175. Early Bird Discount: $175 overnight; $165 commuter, if registered by April 30, $50 Deposit. Registration deadline: May 24.

Who Do You Say That I Am? Longer Retreat
Sunday, June 9, 5:00pm – Saturday, June 15, 9:30am
Director: Don Goergen OP, Dominican priest, preacher, teacher, author; Teaches at Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, MO; Author of many articles and ten books, the most recent being “The Fire of Love: Encountering the Holy Spirit”. We will consider together our life in Christ. Who is the Jesus of the New Testament? Who is Jesus for us today? Why did Christ come? What does it mean to be his disciples? How do we put on the mind of Christ? What is Christ consciousness? We will think together, pray together, and be together in silence. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Offering: $400. $75 Deposit. Early Bird Discount: $375, if registered by May 9.
Jesus – Through a 21st Century Lens Longer Retreat
Sunday, June 23, 5:00pm – Saturday, June 29, 9:30am
Director: Michael Morwood - From Australia, is presently Theologian in Residence at Kirkridge Retreat Center in Bangor, Pennsylvania; Author of many books, including Tomorrow’s Catholic: Understanding God and Jesus in a New Millennium; Praying a New Story and From Sand to Solid Ground. Over 40 years’ experience in retreat work and adult faith education. The 21st century provides us with images, data and an understanding of the cosmos and how life developed on earth that are radically different from the worldview and cosmology which have shaped formal religion’s understanding of Jesus as revealer of God-with-us. We will use this “lens” to focus on God, on the human endeavor, on revelation, on Judaism, on Jesus and his message of the “kingdom of God” here on earth, on what Jesus was ready to die for, on the mystery of what lies beyond death, and on prayer and sacraments. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Offering: $400. $75 deposit. Early Bird Discount: $375, if registered by May 25.

Seraphic Love: The Franciscan Way Longer Retreat
Sunday, June 30, 5:00pm – Saturday, July 6, 9:30am
Director: Ramona Miller OSF - Wide experience in pastoral ministry-parishes/retreat centers; Served 25 years on Franciscan Pilgrimage team; Past-president of the Franciscan Federation; Author of In the Footsteps of Saint Clare, and co-author of Praying With Clare of Assisi. Franciscans are members of the Seraphic Order, religious whose Love for God enflames their hearts for prayer and for ministry. Two conferences each day will incorporate Scripture, and excerpts from the writings of Francis, Clare and Bonaventure. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Offering: $400. $75 deposit. Early Bird Discount: $375, if registered by May 30.

To support the ministry of your parish, school and the diocese these groups automatically receive the Mini-Messenger:

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- Bookkeepers
- Principals

Other interested persons are welcome to subscribe. If you have questions regarding your subscription contact Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org.
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NEW THIS CONFERENCE!

HOSPITALITY – ALL ARE WELCOME

Looking for new ideas to enhance your parish hospitality program? Have you created items or hosted events that foster a sense of belonging? We learn best from one another.

Please bring an idea or item the morning of the conference to add to our hospitality display.

Examples might include:
- Welcome packets, baskets or bags
- Invitations to parish events
- Photos of hospitality gatherings
- Written materials for hospitality committee members

International Catholic Stewardship Council
Region IX Stewardship Conference

Friday, April 19, 2013
Savior Pastoral Center
12601 Parallel Parkway
Kansas City, KS 66109
913-647-0236

Sponsored by the Stewardship and Development Offices of Region IX, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska & Kansas

ACCOMMODATIONS

A limited number of private and semi-private rooms on a first-come, first-served basis at the Savior Pastoral Center for Thursday, April 18, 2013: in the Vianney Suites at $50, single occupancy; Stecker Suites at $65 for double occupancy, and $35 for single. Groups may also inquire about dormitory style accommodations (segregated by gender) in Hunkeler Hall at $18 per person. To reserve year rooms, call the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas at 913-442-9533 or email stwdv@archkc.org. The deadline for reservations is Friday, April 12, 2013. (Another conference commences on Friday evening so most rooms will not be available on Friday night.)

A limited number of rooms are available at the Super 8 Benner Springs, 13491 Ridge Avenue, Benner Springs, Kansas, 66012 (at the I-70 exit at K7 about 5 miles from the Savior Pastoral Center) at $99 per night. Please call 913-722-5877 to book a room by April 1, 2013.

Because it is NASCAR Weekend, please do not delay if you seek a hotel room. Visit www.visitkansascityks.com for a list of nearby hotels. Hotels located at Village West and Benner Springs are the closest in proximity to the Savior Pastoral Center.

REGISTRATION

The Year of Faith Region IX ICSC Regional Conference

Please complete the form and return with check for $50 per person to:
Eric Hazelbaker
Diocese of Dodge City
910 Central
Dodge City, KS 67801
Phone: 620.227.1535
or register online at:
http://www.dcdiocese.org/stewardship/4490-region-ix

Arch/diocese, Parish, Religious Community or Association

Contact Person

Street Address/City/State/Zip

Email/Phone

Attendees (Please print full names for badges.)

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YEAR OF FAITH CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m.  Registration
8:00 a.m.  Rosary in the Chapel
8:30 a.m.  Welcome
8:45 a.m.  Plenary Session:
           Magr. Gregory R. Mikesh
           “The Grateful Heart has been touched by Love”
10:45 a.m.  Break
10:45 a.m.  Break out Session 1
11:00 a.m.  Break
11:00 a.m.  Mass
11:30 a.m.  Lunch
1:45 p.m.  Break out Session 2
2:30 p.m.  Break
2:45 p.m.  Plenary Session: Casting Nets with
           Chris Stewart and Tony Brandt
           “Sharing The Faith with the Seven Pillars of Evangelization”
3:30 p.m.  Closing

TRACK A: NEW EVANGELIZATION AND STEWARDSHIP

Session 1:
Ancient Yearnings in a Digital Age
Deacon Dana Neumeyer
Tapping into basic human needs, the Church can create authentic community and vibrant opportunities to live out our call to stewardship, in this digital age that is so often impersonal and isolated. We will explore the role of language, listening and communication in building organic Christian community in a post-modern culture.

Session 2:
Stewardship is the same in any Language
Scott Whitaker
The message of Stewardship is the same across all languages. It’s all about how gifted we are, and our responsibility to share generously, sacrificially and proportionally of all our gifts.

Session 3:
The Steward’s Voice – Lay Witness Formation
E. Jane Rutter
Inviting laity to share their personal stories is a wonderful way to inspire others in their faith walk. Developing lay witnesses will provide you with tips to recruit speakers and help them develop and present their talks.

TRACK B: PARISH STEWARDSHIP BEST PRACTICES

Session 1:
Social Media Ain’t Scary
Eric Haverhast & Joan Bindel
Eric and Joan will share ideas to make the best use of social media in a parish to engage parishioners where they are.

Session 2:
Stewardship – Inspiration and Perspiration
Brian Niebuhr
“How do I increase my Offertory collection?” This is the most common question that stewardship committees face. While it is an important question, another is more important...”How can I love Christ?” In both, questions are very closely related. The good steward can, should, and will answer both. This session will explore the inspiration behind stewardship, perhaps in some new ways you haven’t considered before. It will also explore re-prioritization, providing concrete ideas and tips to take your inspiration and move it forward.

Session 3:
A Legacy of Stewardship: Building a Culture of Planned Giving in Your Parish
Gary Pratt
In 2004 the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas started the Planned Giving initiative to increase charitable giving at all levels. This effort has so far resulted in parishes and schools being notified of more than 265 Catholic legacy gifts. Learn simple, practical and measurable activities and tools you can use to build the spiritual message of planned giving into your parish.

Session 4:
Blessings for Leaders: How Leading by the Beatitudes can Enhance Stewardship in Your Parish
Dan Eberen
This interactive workshop will begin with a reflection on the wisdom of the Beatitudes applied to leadership. Using an interactive teaching style, the presenter will describe servant leadership, explain how and why it works and explores various approaches to developing parish leaders for stewardship ministry. The workshop will conclude with discussion about practical ways that any parish or diocese could develop leaders for various forms of ministry.

Session 5:
Engaging the Next Generation in Stewardship
Shawn Crawford
Engaging a new generation in stewardship will require more than simply turning on the latest social media app. We will examine demographic and social trends to create a unique approach to delivering the stewardship message in today’s culture.

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PLENARY SESSION SPEAKERS

Casting Nets:
Chris Stewart and Tony Brandt
Casting Nets Ministries, a non-for-profit lay apostolate, is a refreshing look at evangelization and catechesis. Casting Nets is dedicated to the challenge of New Evangelization. Their ministry is to be a resource for individuals, organizations, and parishes who want to answer the challenge of the New Evangelization.

Tony Brandt and Chris Stewart have a combined 32 years of experience in almost every level and form of ministry, from the youth to college, and from RCIA to adult formation. They have applied their unique approach to ministry with astonishing success and in a variety of settings, including retreats, lecture series, keynotes at conferences and the classroom.

Magr. Gregory R. Mikesh was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of St. Louis on May 24, 1975. He has served in several parishes in the Archdiocese and was the pastor of St. Alphonsus in Wildwood, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis. In this parish of 240 families, Magr. Mikesh established a very active Stewardship Committee which called upon the talents of numerous parishioners. Magr. Mikesh has served, and continues to serve, on several archdiocesan committees, such as the Stewardship Education Council and the Board of Catholic Education. While a member of the Annual Catholic Appeal Committee, he initiated a stewardship effort to educate the children in Catholic elementary schools and Parish Schools of Religion to the works of charity accomplished by the Annual Catholic Appeal. Last year over 10,000 children participated in the Appeal either as donors or supporters in prayer.

Most recently, Magr. Mikesh has been asked to serve as Vice Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis. Archbishop Carlson of St. Louis asked him to share his parish experience with the men studying to be parish priests. He brings his stewardship message to the young men who will be pastors of parishes in the near future.

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Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers  
April 2013

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**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

514. **Mar. 31, SUNDAY** (Easter) The resurrection of Jesus which we celebrate on Easter was a pretty hard story for the women and apostles to believe. Today, we believe on the testimony of others and thousands of years of retelling the story. Unconditional love is so hard to believe. Believe your spouse's love anyway.

Apr. 1, **MONDAY** (April Fools' Day) Laughter, when shared, is a healing balm. Share jokes today. Does your family have any stories about family foibles that get repeated over and over at family gatherings? It doesn't matter that it's embarrassing, it becomes family mythology. What's yours?

515. **Apr. 8:** Are you a "Doubting Thomas?" Sometimes we doubt our beloved's good intentions; sometimes we doubt our own ability to live up to our commitments. Trust takes time and a track record. Have you earned your beloved's trust? Not sure? Ask - if you dare.

516. **Apr. 15:** "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" (John 21:16) Sometimes married couples feel they have to fish for compliments or for those magic words, "I love you." Can you be the first to say them to your beloved today? If you missed being first, try being the last.

517. **Apr. 22:** "So they shook the dust from their feet..." (Acts 13:51) Some arguments just aren't worth fighting. If you and your beloved have an ongoing disagreement, consider whether it's the hill you want to die on. or if it's time to shake the dust from your feet and let this one go.

518. **Apr. 29:** "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34) So how does God love us - self-sacrificing, unconditionally, like a shepherd, seeking the lost, forgiving... Ponder the way Jesus loved and choose one element to lavish upon your beloved today.

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**PARENTING POINTERS**

514. **Apr. 5:** April is Child Protection Month. Of course all good parents want to protect their children from harm. Part of protection is prevention education. Check in with your child about safety rules such as a fire escape route, how to say no to uncomfortable sexual advances, internet and phone family policies. Tell them not to be afraid to tell you "secrets." **Click here for resources.**

515. **Apr. 12:** Happiness is a side effect of helping others. Give your children the opportunity to be happy. Don't do everything for them. Let them serve others -even you.

516. **Apr. 19:** Earth Day is April 22. Pope Benedict called us to be good stewards of creation in his 2010 World Day of Peace message: "If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation." Help your children celebrate Earth Day. **Click here and here for ideas.**

517. **Apr. 26:** April 28 - May 4 is Screen-Free Week. Can your family live without TV, computer, and other screens for a week, a day, an hour? Can you? Talk with your kids and make a plan. **Click here and here for more ideas.**