OFFICES CLOSED
The diocesan and Catholic Messenger offices will be closed on Labor Day, September 1.

Diocesan Liturgy Day of Renewal: September 27, 2014: Have you ever heard “Mass is boring” or “I don’t get anything out of going to church on Sunday”? Those of us who have experienced the transformative power and awesome drama of the liturgy cringe when we hear such complaints. We claim that the Eucharist is the “source and summit” of our lives as Catholics, yet attendance at the Sunday liturgy is decreasing—and even those who are there are not always fully engaged. How can we help the members of our communities return to and more fully immerse themselves in the Eucharist? How can we help our parishioners become re-energized and re-enthused about gathering on Sunday as a worshipping community? Gathered, how might we be changed and moved to be salt, leaven, and light in the world? Come and find out...! Visit the Liturgy Events webpage on the diocesan website for more information or to register for the event: http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE
Servant Leadership Workshop: 1) October 17, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. Dr. Owen Phelps, author of The Catholic Vision for Leading Like Jesus will share his philosophy regarding S^3 Leadership: Servant, Steward and Shepherd. “Dr. Phelps explains that leadership is not about power or authority. Effective leadership is not about formal power or money. It is about integrity. Leadership begins in the heart. Many people find themselves pondering over the following four powerful questions. The first three transcend people of all creeds, faiths and beliefs:
   1. Whom do I influence in big or small ways?
   2. How will I be remembered? What is my legacy?
   3. What is the source of influence with others and how can I exert this influence?
   The fourth question is one that many Christians who are passionate about service within their faith ask:
   4. How do I fit into Christ’s mission and message for the world?
Dr. Phelps answers these questions by introducing us to the concept of S^3 leadership – the concept that we all act as Servant, Steward and Shepherd as we serve our fellow human beings.” (Harry Tucker Blog Spot, October 15, 2009, http://harrytucker.blogspot.com).

2) October 18, 9 a.m. – Noon. Participants may also attend the Leadership Facilitator Training and Certification. This training by Owen Phelps will provide you with some leadership training with a group (such as your parish or finance council).

See the attached flyer to register.


SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
The 2014 Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award Ceremony will be held on Sunday, September 21, 3:00 p.m. at Christ the King Chapel, St. Ambrose University, Davenport to honor Sister Simone Campbell, SSS. Sister Simone’s book, A Nun on the Bus will be available at the St. Ambrose Book Store for purchase prior to the event.

Human Trafficking: Making a Difference will be presented September 23, at 6:30 p.m. at Mercy Hospital, Iowa City. See the attached flyer for more information.
Project Rachel: Understands the emotional pain that follows an abortion; provides free referrals for confidential and caring counseling and reconciliation by trained professionals and can help you on the road to spiritual recovery. The Project Rachel help line is now available to take calls: 563-333-4107 or 1-888-456-HOPE. Calls answered personally Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Voice messaging available all other times. All calls returned promptly and discreetly.

Holy Hour for Life: Our Lady of Victory, Davenport has begun a Holy Hour for Life. The Holy Hour begins at 7 p.m. followed by conversations, videos and handouts on a particular topic. The topics are:
- September 11: Pro Life Agenda in Iowa
- September 25: Project Rachel
- October 9: Immigration & Human Trafficking
- October 23: Caring for those with Alzheimer’s/Dementia
- November 13: Medical Treatment for the Terminally Ill: What Does the Church Say?

Respect Life Materials: Please use and display your Respect Life month packet materials. This year’s theme is *Each of us is a masterpiece of God’s creation.* If your parish missed the notice to order, a few parish kits are available by contacting Esmeralda Guerrero at guerrero@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4210. Also, for those of you who will like to order additional materials they are now available at [http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/).

Promoting Fair Traders in our Diocese: Now is the time to get excited about “shopping with a conscience!” For fall and Christmas bazaars— you can have a catalogue order and be able to retain 20% for your parish! These gifts are giving twice and you will be supporting our local and United States Bishops’ stance on Catholic Social and Economic Justice. To learn more about Fair Trade go to [http://www.crsfairtrade.org](http://www.crsfairtrade.org). The Fall/Winter catalog is now available. Consider hosting a Fair Trade Catalogue Sale before Christmas. For assistance or to obtain a free catalog contact Julie Davenport, 563-888-4376 or davenportj@davenportdiocese.org. Look for our Diocesan Fair Trade newsletter this fall and if you would like to submit something contact Julie.

Social Action E-Newsletter: The Diocesan Social Action office has an email newsletter filled with upcoming events and deadlines, calls to action and social justice news and views. You can view previous issues or subscribe to The Two Feet newsletter at [http://bit.ly/1mY1moJ](http://bit.ly/1mY1moJ). Or, send an e-mail to kerstena@diodav.org and we will add you to our subscription list.


**FAITH FORMATION**

**The Joy of the Gospel is a Call to Action!:** September 25, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., St. Patrick, Iowa City. In this workshop, Bill Huebsch will help us visit and use the *Joy of the Gospel,* with a special focus on how parishes in the Diocese of Davenport can be renewed in its vision and the spirit of missionary disciples. This will be a reflective and practical day, packed with fresh ideas! Cost: $30 (includes materials and lunch). Registration Deadline: September 19. See the attached flyer for registration information.

**Orientation for New (and “Old”) Parish Catechetical Leaders:** September 19, 9:50 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. The Office of Faith Formation will be hosting an orientation for all new parish leaders (Youth Ministers, DREs, PAs, etc.) at the Chancery. We would like to meet with you and get to know you. The day will be spent sharing our resources and information that will help you with your important ministry. See the attached flyer for an agenda and registration information. No fee, lunch included. Funded by the Annual Diocesan Appeal. All are welcome!

**Catholic Divorce Ministry:** *Healing the Wounded – God’s Mercy,* September 19-21, St. Louis. This is a Catholic National Conference and Leadership Seminar; open to all who have experienced divorce, loss of a relationship and those who minister to them. Learn about the journey toward healing, growth, wisdom and peace with a focus on spirituality to understand that God never abandons us. Keynote by Bishop Kevin Vann, Diocese of Orange, California. For information go to [www.nacsdc.org](http://www.nacsdc.org).
MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM

Retreat and Commissioning Mass: Saturday, September 20, 8:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m., SS. Mary and Mathias, Muscatine. Retreat Facilitator: Mary Wieser. Commissioning Mass is at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Amos presiding. See the attached flyer/registration form.

Basic Year II:

On-Site Format Schedule:

All courses held at the Diocese of Davenport, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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DVD Format Schedule:

The order of courses is as stated above; however each group will determine its monthly meeting time. Check with your facilitator about your schedule.

An application form and additional program information may be found on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Chancery-Faith Formation-Lay Ministry-MFP Forms). For information regarding the courses or the Ministry Formation Program contact Marianne Agnoli, agnolim@davenportdiocese.org, 563-888-4242.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass: At the request of Bishop Amos, the Office of Faith Formation is sponsoring a diocesan celebration for all couples who are celebrating fifty years of marriage this year. A Mass and informal reception will be held at SS. Mary & Mathias Catholic Church in Muscatine on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 2 p.m. Contact your parish to confirm that they have submitted your names and address.

Marriage and Parenting Resource: Attached is the September 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

- October 18, 2014: Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias, registration deadline is October 10
- January 31, 2015: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, registration deadline is January 23 (space is limited)
- February 28, 2015: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, registration deadline is February 20 (space is limited)
- August 8-9, 2015: Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, registration deadline is July 31

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.

Online: 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.
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

Taize’ Vigil Service, Sun, September 7 | 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.

Come to the Quiet – Autumn Equinox, Wed, September 17 | 9:30am – 3:30pm
Savor solitude, as Earth nears a place of balance. Refresh your centered self. Fee: $20

Cooking up a Storm, Tues, September 23 | 9:30am – 3:30pm
Prepare Earth friendly and health friendly foods from scratch. Experience working with quinoa, making kale chips, using fresh produce from the garden, and basics of making great soups and bread. Let’s prove to the world that many cooks do not spoil the soup! Chef: Kathleen Storms, SSND. Fee: $25

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS, CLINTON
For more information, call 563-242-7611 or visit www.clintonfranciscans.com.

Social Justice Book Club Discussion: September 8, 6:30 p.m. or September 16, 9 a.m. The Franciscan Peace Center has announced two options for discussion sessions for the September Social Justice Book Club selection. The book for September is “A Call to Action” by Jimmy Carter and will be discussed September 8 at a private residence in Clinton and September 16 at The Canticle. Book club participants are asked to call the Franciscan Peace Center at 563-242-7611 to register for their preferred date and location. There is no charge to take part in the book discussions.

Nonviolence Study Group: September 16, 6:00 p.m. The Franciscan Peace Center has announced open registration for a new fall session of the popular Nonviolence Study Group. The series is based on the book Engage from the nonviolence organization Pace e Bene. The group will meet at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 715 S. Third Street in Clinton. Cost for the program is $20 and includes a copy of the book. Subsequent meetings will be held on October 14, November 18 and December 9. Scholarships for those in need are available by contacting the Sisters of St. Francis.

Stop the Hate – Show the Love Walk: September 18, 4:45 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Clinton Peace Coalition and invites people of all ages to join us for this wonderful celebration of fun and unity beginning at Clinton Community College. There will be a short program at 5:15 and the walk will start at 5:30 p.m. to Ashford University. There will be a brief program at the conclusion of the walk with free food and a release of butterflies. The free screening of the movie Occupy Love will begin at 7:00 p.m. Occupy Love is a moving, transformative, heartfelt film, featuring stunning visuals and inspirational music. Woven throughout the action oriented film is a deep exploration of expressions of public love demonstrated in diverse peoples throughout the world with compelling stories of an emerging new world. It is a powerful experience that will leave you uplifted.

BENET 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.

The Joy of the Gospel (Benet House Retreat Center): Sat. Sept. 6, 9 am-12 pm. Join us for this exciting opportunity to study and reflect on the document Evangelii Gaudium written by Pope Francis. Come learn as he encourages us to participate in sharing Christ’s love with our neighbors and the world. Presenter: Sr. Marilyn Ring, OSB (served as campus minister at Augustana College). Fee: $20, plus an option for lunch $8.

Sunday Brunch at the Monastery: First Sunday of each month; Lauds 9:30 am; Mass 10:30 am; Brunch 11:30 am. Single, Catholic women 18-50 years of age are invited to join Sr. Stefanie at St. Mary Monastery for liturgy, brunch and conversation about life as a Catholic Sister. Brunch will be served in the Sisters’ dining room overlooking the lake. You will have the opportunity to be with other women who are exploring religious life. Guests are invited to stay longer and use campus amenities for further prayer and reflection. There is no cost; you are our guest! For information contact Sr. Stefanie MacDonald, OSB 309-283-2300.
Women’s Interfaith Conversation - Are We Praying To The Same God?: Mondays, Sept. 15 & 22, 7-8:30 pm. Formerly called Jewish, Christian, Muslim Dialogue, our goal remains to provide an opportunity for faith-filled women of the Quad Cities to come together and share their beliefs. Come share and listen to other women tell who God is for them. The two-part program will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, 4501 – 7th Ave., Rock Island. For more information contact Sr. Catherine Cleary, OSB, 309-283-2118 or ccleary@smmsisters.org.

Pizza And Prayer: Last Wednesday of each month, Sept. 24-June 24. Interested in learning more about religious life and the Sisters of St. Benedict? Single Catholic women 18-50 years old are welcome to join us for pizza and prayer. There is no cost; you are our guest! For information contact Sr. Stefanie MacDonald, OSB 309-283-2300 or vocation@smmsisters.org.

Evening at the Monastery: Thurs., Sept. 25, 4:45-7:45 pm. Do you wonder what life is like in a monastery? Come for an evening of prayer, pleasant conversation and an opportunity to ask questions. Enjoy Vespers and dinner with the Benedictine Sisters followed by reflection and sharing on Scripture and the monastic way of life. Presenters: Sr. Margaret Murphy, OSB and Sr. Mary Schmidt, OSB. Fee: $15.

24 Hour Body, Mind, Spirit Retreat for Women: Fri., Sept. 26, 7 pm-Sat., Sept. 27, 7 pm. Thomas Merton once said, “If I find God, I find myself, if I find myself, I find God.” This year’s retreat will be a refresher course on how to travel the spiritual journey, what to put in our “backpacks,” how to read the “maps,” and what to do with those pesky little trolls under the bridge! Presenter: Helen Schiltz, certified spiritual director, wife, mother and grandmother. Fee: $125 (private room), $117 (shared room). Optional Yoga and Chair Massage available for an additional fee.

EAGLES’ WINGS COUNSELING AND RETREAT CENTERS, DAVENPORT
To register, for questions or information about obtaining a spiritual director, or Christian counseling contact Marcia Moore, marcia@eagleswings.ws or 563-324-7263, http://www.eagleswings.ws. Located at 5816 Telegraph Rd., Davenport.

Healing Mass: September 9 and October 14, 1 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:30. Reconciliation and prayer available after Mass.

Just Listen! DVD-based Course: September 25, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. This is a day to learn or refresh listening skills based on the Just Listen! DVD Course. We have offered this in the past with great success. Just Listen! is a lively and practical way of beginning to develop the listening attitudes and skills that we need. It offers foundational teaching on the value of listening to others, to God and to ourselves. The 90 minute DVD is divided into 6 short modules: Tuning In; What kind of Listener am I?; Developing a Listening Attitude; Identifying Obstacles; Doorways to Good Listening and Ideas to inspire you. More information is available on You Tube. Type in Christian Listeners USA and watch the short video about listening. Although the video is about the extended three day course, you will learn the value of listening even at a beginning level. Registration for the day is just $35. If you have taken the course, registration is $20. Bring a sack lunch. Register by sending your check to 5816 Telegraph Rd., Davenport 52804. Space is limited.

Celebrate the Miracle of the Fire and Apparition of Our Lady of Good Help on October 9, 10:30 a.m. This is the only approved apparition of Mary in the United States. We were blessed this summer to visit the Shrine and purchased a DVD telling the story of Adele Brise, the Peshtigo fire, the apparitions and miracles that have happened on that site. Be our guest to see and hear about this beautiful story. Bring a sack lunch.

Generational Healing Day: October 30, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. In this informative and healing interactive day you will receive a better understanding of the need for healing of the generations. Prayer will be offered and the day will conclude with a Mass for healing of your family tree. The registration packet includes a questionnaire and family history for you to fill out ahead of time. The information is for you alone unless you care to share. Registration is $65. Bring a sack lunch. To register call 563-324-7263 or email info@eagleswings.ws.
Embracing Life After the Death of a Spouse or Significant Other Retreat Day: Saturday, Sept. 13; 8:30am – 3:30pm. Team: Jon Brachman, Barbara Meloy Callahan, Diane Fasselius, Jay Kiernan, Pat Pierce, Jim Swenson & 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 snacks and lunch. Register/prepay by Wednesday, Sept. 10.

Discover the Joy of Forgiveness: Saturday, Sept. 13; 8:30am – 4:00pm. Presenter: Sandy Hoenig, BA, MA There’s never been a better time to remove the barriers to a healthy, productive life! Even though people have hurt you and you cannot forget it, you can be free from grudges, resentment, self-defeating habits, and negative feelings. Forgiving is the only way to stop the pain and bring hope for the future. Come on a “healing journey” through a practical and personal retreat. You’ll discover that forgiveness is a profound emotional strength. Together we’ll identify and process the stages of forgiveness and healing. Along the way, you’ll learn strategies for your personal and work life to avoid or resolve hurtful situations. Make peace with your past so you can go on with your life! Offering: $45. Includes continental breakfast & lunch. Register/prepay by Tuesday, Sept. 9.

Days of Quiet & Prayer (four monthly sessions), Book: A Life of Being, Having and Doing Enough by Wayne Muller. Wednesdays, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17. 9:30am – 2:30pm (9:15am – continental breakfast) Facilitator: Eileen Miller OSF. Come for a relaxing, reflective day away each month. We open each session with a short prayer, spend much of the day in reading and reflection, have lunch, and close with a group discussion of the reading followed by prayer. Offering: $80/4–session monthly series. Includes book, program, materials, lunch and private room. Register by Sept. 2 (so we can order books).

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

2014 Rediscover: Catholic Celebration, October 3-4, Minneapolis Convention Center. Includes over a dozen sensational Catholic speakers including Scott Hahn, Archbishop Paul Coakley, Curtis Martink, Jeff Cavins, Leah Darrow and Fr. Dave Dwyer. Young Adults’ Night is Friday, Oct. 3. There will be a Latino track as well as multiple children’s tracks. Various popular musicians will provide entertainment. For information go to http://rediscover.archspm.org/rediscover_events/2014-rediscover-catholic-celebration.
Each of us is called to be a leader.

For all who desire to follow the leadership examples of Jesus Christ

The 2014 Diocesan Stewardship Day will feature Dr. Owen Phelps, author of *The Catholic Vision for Leading Like Jesus*. The program is designed to improve the leadership skills of Catholics at home, at work, in their communities and in their parishes by teaching them to lead as Jesus did – as a servant, steward and shepherd.

Phelps, a former faculty member at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee and diocesan staff in Rockford, IL, says: “Jesus is the best leadership teacher and role model of all time. The more we study effective leadership in the real world, the more we appreciate the leadership lessons Jesus provides for us.”

**Registration:** 8:30 a.m.    **Program:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** $20 (includes lunch and materials)

**Optional Facilitator Training and Certification:** Saturday, October 18, 8:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Vincent Center, Davenport. This is for anyone who wishes to share the *Lead Like Jesus* message by being a presenter/facilitator. There is no fee for this training. The Diocese is purchasing the kit of presentation materials that will be used by the facilitators.

To learn more about *Lead Like Jesus* go to [www.yeshualeader.com](http://www.yeshualeader.com) or contact Dan Ebener, [ebener@davenoprtdiocese.org](mailto:ebener@davenoprtdiocese.org) or 563-888-4251. For other questions contact Laurie Hoefling, [hoefling@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hoefling@davenportdiocese.org) or 563-888-4220.

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**Registration Form Due by October 13**

Name________________________________________

Parish__________________Parish Town__________

Email______________________________Day Phone__________________

Day(s) Attending: _____Friday, October 17 ($20)   _____Saturday, October 18 ($0)

Payment Enclosed: _____Yes (Payable to Diocese of Davenport)

Return to: Laurie Hoefling, Diocese of Davenport, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1901
Be a Good Steward of Your Faith this Autumn

There’s something wonderfully renewing about autumn, especially as it begins a new school year. It’s all about new beginnings. Maybe it has something to do with new classrooms, new teachers, the great smell of brand new shoes and the smooth touch of that new backpack.

We remember those feelings of starting again even if it’s been years since we walked through the school house door, and even if we don’t have our own children heading off to the classroom this fall. We still get that heady feeling of new possibilities in the crisp autumn air. This is the perfect time to bring a sense of spiritual renewal to your life and to your family – the domestic church.

Autumn can truly bring out a new resolve to improve our lives as summer’s freedom gives way to the structure of fall. For adults, faith formation classes and prayer groups are just forming in parishes. Check out the opportunities. With summer ending, many organizations are gearing up for new volunteers. Contact your local Catholic Charities or Habitat for Humanity to see how you might help out.

Think of the autumn season as a way to discover a new rhythm for your prayer life. If new activities can be scheduled into your daily life, start scheduling in more quality time for prayer. Fall is the perfect time to begin a 34-week Ignatian retreat, because if you start in September, the retreat-in-real-life schedule will conform to the liturgical year.

For the children in your house, early to bed and early to rise means there may be more opportunities to be together for short prayer. Say a blessing at breakfast, or a brief morning offering as kids head out for the bus. Try to bring a more regular prayer schedule to your home. Pray with your children as you tuck them in, making the prayer personal and about the day’s events. Make a resolve this fall to bring Christ more prominently into your family’s daily routine. Make the stewardship of your faith and family a commitment as autumn brings a sense of renewal.
The Saints of Korea

It was entirely by lay evangelization that Catholicism came to the Korean peninsula. That is what Pope Francis reminded us at a Mass on August 16 in Seoul, South Korea, where he beatified Korean martyrs Paul Yun Ji-chung and 123 companions, praising their “great sacrifices” and their call “to put Christ first.”

September 20 is the feast day of the Korean saints, 103 martyrs. Most prominent among these magnificent stewards of the Catholic faith are St. Andrew Kim Taegon, the first native Korean priest, and St. Paul Chong Ha-sang, a heroic Catholic lay leader. These 103 saints were canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1984, also in Seoul.

Because of the secrecy involved, it is impossible to date the origin of Catholic evangelization in Korea with any precision. It may have started in the early 17th century. For centuries, Korea was closed to outside influences, and all contact with foreigners was forbidden. Evangelization was difficult. No missionaries went there. Korea refused all contact with the outside world except for an annual journey to Beijing, China, to pay taxes. It was here that educated Koreans, hungry to learn about this outside world, obtained Catholic literature and began to study. From these small beginnings, the Catholic community grew.

A strong Catholic community flourished in Korea under lay leadership before and after missionary priests arrived in the early 19th century and introduced them to the sacraments. However, Korean Catholics continued to practice their faith secretly, knowing they might be killed if they were discovered. Catholicism was seen as a threat to the state ideology of Confucianism and during this century, over ten thousand Korean Catholics were executed with great cruelty. It wasn’t until 1883 that religious freedom finally came to Korea.

At his Mass of canonization in 1984, Pope John Paul II said:

The Korean Church is unique because it was founded entirely by laypeople. This fledgling Church, so young and yet so strong in faith, withstood wave after wave of fierce persecution. The death of these many martyrs became the leaven of the Church and led to today’s splendid flowering of the Church in Korea. Even today their undying spirit sustains the Christians of the Church of Silence in the north of this tragically divided land.

It is the passion of Korean Catholics that causes the Church to flourish in South Korea today, and to persevere in North Korea where it remains a secret, underground church.

STEWARDSHIP SAINTS FOR SEPTEMBER

The Saints of Korea

The month of September has traditionally been set aside to honor Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows, whose feast is September 15. All the sorrows of Our Blessed Mother are joined together with the passion and death of her son, Jesus Christ. And so we pray:

Oh my Jesus,
In your passion
came true the prophecy of Simeon,
that your mother would be pierced
by a sword of immeasurable anguish and sorrow.
Grant that as we who commemorate
the memory of her grief,
imitate her stewardship example
and participate in a profound way
in your redemptive work.
Help us to embrace the journey
of your passion,
so that like Our Blessed Mother,
your first and greatest disciple,
we too may be brought
from death to life
by your cross and resurrection.
We pray this to you, Christ, our Lord,
Amen.
Who is ICSC?

The International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) is a professional organization recognized internationally as a source of education, networking and information to advance the ministry of Christian stewardship as a way of life in the Roman Catholic Church in dioceses and parishes worldwide.

ICSC is the only organization dedicated exclusively to advancing Christian stewardship in North America as well as overseas. Founded in 1962, ICSC has over 1,200 members representing over 800 dioceses and archdioceses, parish communities, Catholic organizations and professional firms.

ICSC Provides

- Expert advice for introducing Christian stewardship to your parish community
- Techniques proven to revitalize parish life
- Practical stewardship ideas
- Support for teaching stewardship to children
- Reflections for preaching stewardship
- A network of speakers for parishes and diocesan gatherings
- Conferences that offer the wisdom and experience of those committed to stewardship as a way of life
- Retreats that offer in-depth reflection and study on Christian stewardship
- Publications that inform and enhance our understanding of stewardship
- Access to stewardship resources, models and samples online
- Opportunities to exchange ideas and information with stewardship parishes in North America and beyond
- Best practices for promoting stewardship in the parish

Membership Includes

- Discounts for conferences, institutes and publications
- Membership directory
- Access to past conference presentations
- Monthly parish e-bulletins offering weekly reflections, prayers, bulletin inserts and much more
- Web site section for members only with the latest parish stewardship resources
- Access to parish leadership planning tools
- Opportunities to exchange ideas, network, share best practices and grow in faith

“The promotion of the practice of stewardship is important for the mission of the Church and for the spiritual well-being of each individual Christian. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his time, talent, and treasure.”

-Pope Benedict XVI
Fill Your Heart with Gratitude

There’s an old French proverb: Gratitude is the memory of the heart. It’s a beautiful thought. When we remember our grandparents, a special Christmas long ago, the day a child was born, a memorable celebration or achievement, we recall these events with deep warmth in our hearts. As Christian stewards, these memories remind us of God’s goodness and fill us with a deep sense of gratitude for having experienced them.

But when we look at the proverb a bit more closely, we realize those cozy thoughts are not exactly what it’s suggesting. It’s not that only when we remember good things, thankfulness fills our hearts. It is suggesting that for the heart, the spiritual life, gratitude must become our memory. That’s far more challenging, and for the Christian steward it is a challenge that needs to be met on one’s spiritual journey. No one lives this life without forming painful memories. For some, childhood was a difficult time. For anyone orphaned, or abused in any way, memories can be cloudy and hurtful. Marriages falter, friendships end, loved ones die. Even through our painful memories, there is reason for hope, trust in God, and for gratitude.

Thought-provoking lessons on gratitude, conversion and hope can be found in the bestselling biography Unbroken, soon to be released in film. It is the story of Louis Zamperini, who lived through incredible World War II experiences of surviving 46 days in a raft after his plane crashed, only to spend most of the war being tortured in a Japanese prison camp. The memories that filled his restless nights after his release were excruciating and brutal. Yet, as the title suggests, Zamperini came out of the ordeal, and through a spiritual awakening of his Christian faith, began to live an amazing life filled with gratitude. His conversion was so profound, that he was able to travel to post-war Japan and embrace his former captors.

Ultimately, when they bring their memories to prayer, the question for Christian stewards is, “Where was God for me in this or that situation or event?” When one can find God, struggling with us in the midst of pain, or rejoicing with us in happy times, one has discovered a hallmark of the spiritual life. When one can find God, struggling with us in the midst of pain, or rejoicing with us in happy times, one has discovered a hallmark of the spiritual life. God can heal memory and make it transformative. Here’s an exercise we might try today: perhaps this is an ordinary, seemingly forgettable day. Ask yourself, what would I most like to remember about this day if I could look back on it in years to come? Then live this day as if you are choosing to make a memory to fill your heart with gratitude.

Connect Parish Giving with “Great Ideas”

“What’s your stakes on great ideals, the ideals that enlarge the heart!” These were the words Pope Francis used to encourage young Catholics who were among his listeners at a papal audience last year. “Life is not given to us to be jealously guarded for ourselves, but is given to us so that we may give it in turn.” (April 24, 2013)

We can learn much from our pontiff’s teaching, especially in light of what we are learning about trends in giving among young adults. While the studies cited below include ongoing research into the giving patterns of millennial adults, here are three ideas we can consider when inviting members of our parish community to give:

1. Consider the Parish as a Giving Circle, or Consider Giving Circles within the Parish: One study concluded that people give more readily when they are part of a “giving circle.” When people are involved in determining the recipients of time, financial stewardship, and giving of their time and talent, they think more strategically and are therefore more generous in their giving habits.

2. Consider the Impact of Giving: People want to know that their giving will have an impact on the recipients, and on themselves as givers. Often, we focus on the call to give as a response to God’s love and as part of our responsibility as disciples of Jesus Christ. It is not that we will stop doing this, of course, yet the Pope’s urging to “set your stakes on great ideals” is a perfect example of a rallying cry that people are likely to want to follow, particularly younger adults. Show people the “great ideal” of living Christ’s mission, give them some indication of the potential impact on themselves and those to whom they give, and participation is likely to increase.

3. Consider How You Cultivate Relationships of Trust: People need a personal connection with or genuine trust in the leadership of an organization in order to increase the giving of themselves and their resources. These trusting relationships are built over time, and often begin with small, one-time “micro-volunteering” opportunities.

As parish leaders, let us set our stakes on great ideals, and invite our parish members to do so as well. In this way we have an even greater chance of helping them see themselves as good stewards of the many and varied gifts of God. This is the third in a series of stewardship reflections by Leisa Anslinger for parish stewardship leaders. Leisa is an author and co-founder of Catholic Strengths and Engagement Community (CSEC).
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Weekend of September 6/7, 2014  
In Saint Paul’s letter to the Romans he suggests that God lavishes his love upon us through Jesus Christ, who calls us to the kind of loving relationship, if we so choose it, that demands accountability. It is like, in Saint Paul’s vocabulary, a kind of “debt” that we can never “pay-in-full.” But we begin to repay by following the direction of one of the most familiar statements in the Bible: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Good stewards realize that God does not call them just to love those who are easy to love, but to love the unloved and the hard-to-love people in this world as well. This week, remind yourself: “I am put here as an ambassador of God’s love.”

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
September 13/14, 2014  
Today’s second reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Christian community at Philippi offers that beautiful testimony of Christ Jesus who loved us enough to give up his life for us by death on a cross. There is great hope in the cross, yet very few of us will be called to die the way Jesus died. Saint Paul helps us understand that to be authentic stewards of our faith we must be willing to lay down our lives for Jesus. To be faithful to the Gospel is to be willing to take up our cross daily and follow him. In that way we will find our dying and our rising equally assured. Reflect this week on how you embrace the cross, and how you, at times, shirk the cross in your daily life.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Weekend of September 20/21, 2014  
From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of “fairness”: “I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who’s going to fix it?” We also know the age-old expression: “Who ever said life was fair?” Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today’s Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when they need them. Consider which servants you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand “fairness”, or that final servant who, seemingly, deserves the least.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Weekend of September 27/28, 2014  
Saint Augustine, a doctor of the church, once wrote that the first, second, and third most important attitude in Christianity is humility. In today’s second reading, Saint Paul is concerned with how we conduct ourselves in our community of faith. He urges us to let our conduct be worthy of the Gospel we say that we believe; and that it all begins with humility. He asks us to consider others better than ourselves, and to serve them by looking out for their best interest, not ours. Consider how Saint Paul’s appeal to imitating Christ’s humility can enhance your relationships.

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You are cordially invited to a free community program

**Human Trafficking: Making A Difference**

**PRESENTERS:** Sister Emily Devine, RSM, of Cedar Rapids, is a member of the religious order Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Community, is involved with the Network Against Human Trafficking, and is co-chair of Sisters/Brothers Collaborating Against Trafficking in Cedar Rapids.

**THE SISTERS OF MERCY** have a mission devoted to the welfare of women and children dating back to their founding by Catherine McAuley in Ireland in the 1830s. In recent years the Sisters have worked to raise awareness about the global issue of human trafficking, which is a $32 billion industry affecting women, men, and children.

**TO REGISTER:**
Call Mercy On Call at 319-358-2767 or 800-358-2767 or visit www.mercyiowacity.org

**Tuesday, September 23**
Doors open at 6 p.m.
Program 6:30-7:30 p.m.
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540 E. Jefferson Street
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**The Joy of the Gospel**

is a call to action!

Everyone must, therefore, be ready and willing!

**St. Patrick Parish**

4330 St. Patrick Drive
Iowa City

**September 25, 2014**

9:00 Coffee and Rolls
9:15 Prayer/Introductions
9:30 Session 1
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Session 2
2:30-3 Questions and Wrap-up

**In this workshop, Bill Huebsch will help us visit and use the Joy of the Gospel, with a special focus on how parishes in the Diocese of Davenport can be renewed in its vision and the spirit of missionary disciples.**

Here is what Pope Francis wrote in article 33 of The Joy of the Gospel:

Pastoral ministry in a missionary key seeks to abandon the complacent attitude that says: “We have always done it this way.” I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style, and methods of evangelization in their respective communities. A proposal of goals without an adequate communal search for the means of achieving them will inevitably prove illusory. I encourage everyone to apply the guidelines found in this document generously and courageously, without inhibitions or fear.

This will be a reflective and practical day, packed with fresh ideas!
Meet Bill Huebsch

Writer of works "in plain English," theologian, former DRE, farmer, friend and leader of the PastoralPlanning.com web site!

Bill Huebsch holds a BA in religious studies and a Masters in Theological Studies from the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago. He is the past president of Twenty-Third Publications, and has served in management roles in other Catholic publishing houses since 1995.

In 1990 he established The Vatican II Project which contributes to the effort being made within the Church to keep alive the spirit and energy of Vatican II. As part of that project, he published Grace: God’s Greatest Gift and Vatican II in Plain English, along with several other books outlining key features of the Council.

In 2000 he helped establish the movement for Whole Community Catechesis and published The GDC in Plain English and Whole Community Catechesis in Plain English, The Pastor’s Guide to WCC, along with other books, support materials, articles, and presentations.

One of his important projects has been The Growing Faith Project, which is a resource for youth, adult, or young adult faith formation. It provides a complete summary of the Catechism with an orientation to personal conversion. Es disponible en español también.

His most recent works include Dreams and Visions: Pastoral Planning for Lifelong Faith Formation and the very-popular Growing Up Catholic which is a way to coach parents to form their own children for sacrament prep. His latest book is Great Expectations: A Pastoral Guide for Partnering with Parents which is available on this web site as well.

Bill has recently pulled together (working with a team of pastoral leaders) the wonderful new resource on the Joy of the Gospel.

Registration deadline: September 19, 2014
Cost: $30 (includes coffee, rolls and lunch)

For information and directions, contact Barbara Butterworth butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org (563) 888-4240

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Welcome to the Diocese of Davenport as we begin our ministry together to provide the best Faith Formation to our young people and adults of southeast Iowa. Our people are our number one priority—the reason for our being. To give passionate witness is a given. You must remember that you, the leaders of our parish communities, are important sources of inspiration, learning and evangelization for others. This is why we would like to meet with you and get to know you. We have resources and information that will help you with your important ministry. And, oh yes, show you around our Chancery offices and meet some of the staff.

**Agenda**

9:50  Coffee and Rolls

10:00  Prayer, Welcome, Introductions: Bishop Amos and Msgr. John Hyland

10:15  Faith Formation Team

- Mary Wieser - Director of Faith Formation/Safe Environment Coordinator
- Don Bucher - Youth and Young Adult Ministry
- Barb Butterworth - Administrative Assistant for Office of Faith Formation
- Marianne Agnoli – talk about the MFP program, Marriage Prep and Family Life

10:40  Rob Butterworth - DIODAV, technology and computer security in the parish

11:00  Liturgy Planning - Deacon Frank Agnoli

11:35  Break

11:45  Life Long Faith Formation Curriculum, Circle of Grace - Mary Wieser

12:15  Lunch

1:00  Virginia Trujillo and Barb Butterworth - Background Check follow-up - Protecting God’s Children - Using the Diocesan Website [www.davenportdiocese.org](http://www.davenportdiocese.org) - Updating Information - Emergency Email - Spreadsheet of Required Items - Weekly emails

1:45  Break


2:50  Tour of the Chancery

If you want to bring a laptop, you may find it helpful.

**Email by September 12th** to let us know if you are attending so that we have an accurate count for lunch. butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org Please provide the following information:

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Longing for the Holy-Spirituality for Everyday Life
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You are invited to a day retreat sponsored by the Diocese of Davenport
Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 8:30-3:00
SS. Mary and Mathias, 215 W. 8th St., Muscatine
Commissioning Mass at 11:00 with Bishop Amos Presiding
Retreat Facilitator: Mary Wieser
Registration deadline: September 5, 2014

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MARRIAGE MOMENTS
589. Sept. 1: Labor Day "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice." (Romans 12:1) Sexual intercourse is one of the joys of married love, but our sexual desires may differ. If (when) "desire discrepancy" appears in your marriage, sometimes one sacrifices for the love of the other. Sometimes it's the reverse.

OR, for bulletins and other public distribution: Isn't it ironic that Labor Day is a holiday - when many people get a break from their ordinary jobs. Still, someone has to cook, clean up, take care of kids or work around the house. Perhaps make this Labor Day a day to do those chores together as a team.

590. Sept. 8: A trip down Memory Lane #5: In any evolving relationship there are times of rough edges. Can you remember the first serious disagreement or fight that you had before you were married? How did you resolve it? Is the general topic still one you struggle with?


592. Sept. 22: September 22 is the Fall Equinox meaning that we have equal daylight and nighttime. The parable of the generous landowner (Mt 20:1-16) reminds us that life is not always equal and fair.. Likewise, marriage is not always 50/50. Sometimes one of you will need to give much more than the other. Striving to give your all to your beloved is better than measuring tit for tat.

593. Sept. 29: "Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves." (Ph 2:3) Humility is a great asset in marriage provided it is not laziness disguised as humility. "I don't care. Whatever you want" can be gracious or it can mean you are overly passive. Check it out.

PARENTING POINTERS
588. Sept. 5: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Romans 13:9) Do you know your immediate neighbors? Do any of them have special needs? Talk with your children this week about some favor you could do for a neighbor. Maybe invite them over for dinner.

589. Sept. 12: **10 Life Skills Your Teen Needs Before Leaving Home**. #9 is Ability to discern between love and infatuation. #10 is Ability to admit fault and start over. These last two skills are hard won and too many adults have still not learned them. Gently ask your teen's opinion about how to learn these skills.

590. Sept. 19: Next Monday (September 22) is National Eat Dinner Together Day. Maybe you always eat dinner together. If not, make a special effort to eat together on this day. Tell stories of your day. What was the high? What was the low?

591. Sept. 26: "You say, 'The Lord's way is not fair!'" (Ezekiel 18:25) Kids often complain about things not being fair. Sometimes life isn't fair. Talk to your children about what they don't think is fair in their life or the world. Can they do anything about the unfairness? Sometimes Yes. Sometimes No.