OFFICE CLOSING
The diocesan and Catholic Messenger offices will be closed Tuesday for the 4th of July holiday.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
Official portraits of Bishop Zinkula are now available for purchase through Big Ed’s Studios and Gallery. Portraits can be ordered via email, regular mail, fax or by phone. Please fill out the two attached forms in their entirety and forward to the studio. The studio will be in touch with you regarding total amount due, how payment will be made, and to verify that the shipping information is correct. For questions contact Emily Pries, pries@davenportdiocese.org, 563-888-4360.

COMMUNICATION OFFICE
A recorded copy of the June 21 Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Bishop Zinkula’s Mass of Ordination and Installation on June 22 can be found on the diocesan YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/user/dioceseofdavenport.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
The Diocesan Immigration Program is non-profit; provides immigration counseling to help reunite families split by immigration; assists immigrants to adjust their immigration status and advocates on their behalf. The Immigration Program focuses on family reunification immigration cases.

The Immigration counselors are accredited by the Department of Justice (DOJ) formerly called BIA accredited. The diocesan immigration counselors work in close conjunction with the U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). See attached brochure for more information or go to https://www.davenportdiocese.org/immigration-program. A one page flyer is attached to be used as you see fit.

2017 Respect Life Materials: Thank you to all the parishes that ordered 2017-178 Respect Life Program (RLP) materials! If you forgot to submit your order, but would like to obtain a packet contact Esmeralda Guerrero at guerrero@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4210. A few extras will be available on a first-come first-served basis. This year’s theme is “Be Not Afraid.” Its dual purpose is to provide encouragement and comfort in difficult times, as well as to inspire the motivation and courage to accompany others and stand for life.

St. Vincent’s Home Corporation Grant: The grant program derives from the St. Vincent Home orphanage and continues to serve children with more than an ordinary need through grants to organizations providing such services. For consideration at the November board meeting applications must be postmarked by September 15. Applicants are to be located within the 22 counties of the Diocese of Davenport or serve children within the Diocese of Davenport. The grant application and grant criteria can be found here.

All organizations that work with children must document their efforts to perform background checks for employees and volunteers that work or have direct contact with children, in order to be eligible for funding. If an organization received a grant in the past a Progress Report must also be submitted by September 15. New funding will not be considered until the Progress Report has been submitted.

National March for Life is January 19, 2018 in Washington, DC for more information please go here.

Project Rachel is a confidential, post-abortion healing ministry of the Catholic Church offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. Project Rachel staff understand the emotional pain that follows an abortion. To learn more please go here. How you can help promote Project Rachel in your parish:

- Distribute the free brochure, “Peace Starts Here.” Call 563-888-4212 to receive.
- On your parish website put a link to the Project Rachel website
- Pray for women and men that have been affected by abortion
Include weekly bulletin announcements

Two ways to financially support Project Rachel: “Have a “Humble Angel Honey” Sale at your parish. Contact Kent Ferris or 563-888-4210 to make arrangements. Make a financial contribution, payable to the Diocese of Davenport and mail to Diocese of Davenport, Project Rachel, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1901.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT
Two different Safe Environment Webinars will be offered three times each. This will be beneficial in learning and understanding what the diocesan requirements are. This is designed for the local Safe Environment Designee, pastor and principal.

Session 1 webinars will be reviewing the Diocesan requirements, polices, and procedures of the Safe Environment Program. Some topics covered will be: who is required to do Safe Environment, scenarios on how to handle certain situations, what do you do when someone wants to be an employee or volunteer at your location, using free resources to get more information, Circle of Grace curriculum going forward. Do you know there is a policy and procedure if a parent or family member is on the sex offender registry? How do you handle this? Liability situations when someone uses your facilities. 3rd party businesses: what do you require from them to meet our Safe Environment requirements. To register click a link below.

July 25, 12:00 – 3:30 p.m.: #1, Option 1: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/226494279899830787
August 1, 8:30 a.m. – Noon: #1, Option 2: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4164594186406886401
September 19: 8:30 a.m. – Noon: #1, Option 3: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6490425217501938177

Session 2 webinars will be on managing the VIRTUS database and Stonebridge Audit. How do you run reports? How do you know if someone is compliant in VIRTUS? What does the Red Caution check box mean? What numbers do you report on the Stonebridge Audit? What if I have a person that is active in Sept. but no longer active for our location, what do I do? Questions and demonstrations will be reviewed during these sessions. To register click a link below.

July 27, 8:30 a.m. –Noon: #2, Option 1: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1137957533511586817
August 3, 12:00 – 3:30 p.m.: #2, Option 2: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/303297022030069249
September 28, 12:00 – 3:30 p.m.:#2, Option 3: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1325106507187016193

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE
Online Formation: Our Diocesan Partnership with the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) at the University of Dayton provides an opportunity for ongoing formation in an online format during the month of July. Courses are offered in a variety of topics and categories, and range from beginner to advanced levels. Take a look at the course offerings available here. Registration deadline is July 12 and cost is $50 per course. Courses begin July 19 and run through the end of August.

LAST CHANCE for Ministry Leaders to provide input for the 2018 Synod of Bishops on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment. The Vatican is asking for input on the synod topic in order to develop the synod’s work document or Instrumentum laboris. All youth ministry and religious education/faith formation leaders are asked to complete an online survey. Please take some time to complete the online survey.

Vatican releases Youth Survey to provide input for the 2018 Synod of Bishops. Pope Francis wants to hear from young people 16-29 years of age to provide input for the Synod. Please refer to the following article (https://www.ncronline.org/news/vatican/vatican-releases-online-questionnaire-youth#.WUakkkvsvXI.facebook) for some background on the survey, and please publicize this in your church bulletin and social media platforms utilized by your parish. Here is the direct link to the survey: https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718.

NEW DATE for Junior High Rally, October 15. Junior High Rally is moving to a new season, so please mark your calendars for October 15, 2017, at Regina Education Center in Iowa City. Bishop Zinkula will be with us for part of the day, and our musician and speaker will be Mathias Michael. Promo and registration materials will be available August 1. Look for more details in the August Mini and your inbox.
MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM

MFP Courses: Classes are held at the Chancery in Davenport from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. For information regarding the courses or the Ministry Formation Program contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

2017 Schedule

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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week will be celebrated July 23-29. The slogan of the campaign is: It’s Time! Say “Yes” to God’s Plan for Married Love. Posters are available in both English and Spanish along with additional parish promotional materials, homily helps, prayers and other resources on the USCCB website: http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/awareness-week/index.cfm.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass: At the request of Bishop Zinkula, the Office of Faith Formation is sponsoring a diocesan celebration for all couples who are celebrating fifty years of marriage this year. Couples that were unable to attend any prior celebrations are also welcome to participate. A Mass and informal reception will be held at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Davenport on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 2 p.m. Contact your parish to confirm that they have submitted your names and address. Invitations will be sent in September. (Parishes received an email from Barb Butterworth, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org on June 26 that provided the necessary information on submitting couple’s names and addresses.)

New Sponsor Couple Training/Refresher Workshops will be held on Monday, July 10, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 16, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Activity Center in Bettendorf. Please contact Marianne Agnoli at agnolim@davenportdiocese.org 563-888-4242 immediately to register for one of these sessions. Additional training opportunities for new and experienced Sponsor Couples are being coordinated in various locations throughout the diocese. Contact Marianne Agnoli if you are interested in hosting a training at your parish.

Register Now! Certification Training for the newly revised PREPARE/ENRICH Couple and Parenting Inventories on Friday, August 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Patrick, Iowa City. This training is intended for clergy & lay ministers who prepare couples for marriage, couples who promote marriage enrichment in their parishes and parish leaders who are interested in helping parents build strong families. $75 per person ($90 per couple) includes all instructional materials, lunch and hospitality. Register here (https://www.davenportdiocese.org/prepare-enrich-certification-workshop-1) by August 7. For a promotional flyer go here.

Diocesan Marriage Preparation Policies and Procedures: The new diocesan marriage preparation policies were promulgated on December 30, 2016 and applies to all couples beginning marriage preparation in the diocese after December 31, 2016. This policy is available on the diocesan website here. Note that the diocesan Prenuptial Investigation form has been revised to reflect the new marriage preparation requirements. Access a fillable PDF form in English here and the Spanish fillable form here.

Marriage Preparation: In the hope of helping to build a solid foundation for an enriching life-long marriage, engaged couples beginning preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Diocese of Davenport after December 31, 2016 will participate in the following preparation activities:

1. Initial personal interview with the priest, deacon or pastoral minister
2. Completion of an approved Premarital Inventory: FOCCUS, REFOCCUS or PREPARE/ENRICH
3. Follow-up meetings as determined by the minister.
4. Participation in a Marriage Preparation Instructional Program:
   - Sponsor Couple (preferred option)
   - Approved Diocesan Marriage Preparation Day/Weekend - see dates below
   - Approved Online option (only under special circumstance – requires parish approval)
5. Participation in an approved Introductory Natural Family Planning Instruction-see options below
6. Completion of the pre-nuptial investigation form.

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7. Post-wedding couple contact plan.

**Marriage Preparation Instructional Programs:** The Diocese of Davenport offers several marriage preparation program formats: Sponsor Couple (through your parish), One-day, Weekend (two-day), and Online (under special circumstances-with parish approval).

**Sponsor Couple:** It is preferred that those preparing for marriage meet with a trained parish Sponsor Couple. Contact Marianne Agnoli to schedule a training in your parish to serve in this important ministry with couples preparing for marriage.

**Weekend and One-day:**
- **August 5-6, 2017:** Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, registration deadline July 28
- **October 7, 2017:** Muscatine, SS Mary and Mathias, registration deadline September 29
- **February 17, 2018:** Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, registration deadline February 9

Registration fee: $150 per couple. The registration form and more information can be found on the [Marriage and Family webpage](#). If you have questions contact Barb Butterworth or 563-888-4240.

**Online:** Go [here](#) – to be used only under special circumstance with parish approval.

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

**Natural Family Planning:** Participation in a diocesan approved *Introductory NFP Instruction* is required for all engaged or civilly married couples of child bearing age preparing for marriage in the diocese. General information as well as method specific content is available in a variety of formats in both English and Spanish. A listing of diocesan approved NFP online and local instructional resources can be found [here](#).

Engaged couples are encouraged to begin NFP instruction at least four months prior to their wedding date and may select to participate in one or more of the options based on their individual level of interest or particular life circumstance. All diocesan NFP instructional resources are updated regularly with the latest version accessible through this [diocesan website](#). This link will also provide a list of any upcoming NFP instruction opportunities scheduled in the diocese. A current listing of these opportunities can also be found below.

**NEW – NFP Postpartum Instruction:** CCL now offers the Postpartum Class in a self-paced online option. Teaching couple is Dr. Matt and Franchelle Jaeger, of Little Rock, Arkansas. Postpartum Class was transformed into a series of video modules. There are mini-quizzes after each module to test for comprehension, as well as sample charts that the students interpret. All students also have access to a Teaching Couple for assistance. Questions? Contact Director of Promotion & Enrollment Angela Exner at 800-745-8252, ext. 1050.

**Upcoming Free NFP Instruction:** Beth and Al Budelier at Diocese of Davenport (780 West Central Park Ave., Davenport). All sessions on the following Sundays are from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- August 6
- October 1
- December 3

Couples may register to attend one of these sessions by contacting Marianne Agnoli at 563-888-4242 or agnolim@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, [vac@diodav.org](mailto:vac@diodav.org) 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](mailto: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](http://www.chmiowa.org).

**Come to the Quiet:** Tues, July 11 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. St. Benedict gave us a little rule written for beginners. His little rule summons us to listen with the ear of your heart. Benedict knew that a gentle silence was necessary to hear the Divine speaking to us in our hearts. Fee: $20. Pat Shea
Visio Divina through Film: Tues, July 11 | 5:30pm light supper followed by 6:00pm film. Film: *When Love is not Enough: The Lois Wilson Story*. This is the remarkable story of two towering characters that started AA and Alanon to support individuals and families plagued by alcoholism. This is an historically accurate film spanning 50 years of their lives, love, failure and redemption. (98 minutes) Fee: $15

Come Apart Into Solitude: Private or Directed Retreat: July 23 –July 29 | Sun, 5:00pm – Sat, 11:00am. Creation is the first place of the revelation of God. The Prairie offers exquisite beauty, profound silence and deep communion with God in this holy place. Experience the labyrinth, cosmic walk, reflection by the pond and meditative walking on our many trails. Spiritual Direction available upon request before July 15. Fee: $500

Lectio Divina through Current Writers: Sun, July 30 | 2:30pm – 4:30pm. Linda Clewell, Oblate of St. Benedict Book for Lectio: *Awe and Wonder* by Barbara Fiand. This little 80-page book is power-packed! The author invites us to explore spirituality through the lens of science. Indeed we can experience spiritual transformation in an expansion of consciousness. Fee: $15

Come to the Quiet: Wed, August 9 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Miriam the Prophet proclaims in Exodus 15, “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously.” Her prophetic voice calls us to imagine the world as it might be; liberated from injustice, where all people live together in abundant compassion, singing to the Lord. Fee: $20

Knit One, Pray Too! Thurs, August 10 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Karen Brooke, Ann Green & Anne Johnson. Seasoned knitters and novices are invited to bring their latest projects for a tranquil day of needlework, sharing and praying while enjoying the seasonal serenity of The Prairie. Fee: $20

Eating Your Way through the Gospel of Luke: Mon, August 14 | 9:00am – 4:00pm. Fr. Bob Miller, Pastor of St. Dorothy Church, Chicago, with Mark Nimo. Using a deep study and exegesis of Luke’s writings, we will unpack the abundant gift that Jesus was/is for our world! Fee: $30

7th Annual Spirit of the Prairie Benefitting Our Lady of the Prairie Programs: Sun, August 20 | 3:00pm – 6:00pm. A spirit-filled afternoon at The Prairie: Summer Buffet ~ Spirits ~ Music. Locally produced food, wines and beer! Fee: $50

Lectio Divina through Current Writers: Sun, August 27 | 2:30pm – 4:30pm. Linda Clewell, Oblate of St. Benedict Book for Lectio: *Seasons in My Garden* by Elizabeth Wagner. We are invited to a meditative garden with a blending of Scripture, the liturgical calendar and nature’s seasons. The Prairie is the perfect place for this reflection. Fee: $15

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS, CLINTON
Active Nonviolence: Building Just Peace in a Polarized World: July 24, 7:00 p.m., Rastrelli’s Tuscany Special Events Center, 2417 Cleveland Street, Clinton. The Clinton Franciscans are excited to host Marie Dennis, co-president of Pax Christi International for this presentation. Marie has dedicated her life to fostering nonviolence and peace from the grassroots to the global level. Marie is a primary initiator of the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative, calling the church and us to recommit to the centrality of Gospel nonviolence and to developing Catholic Social Teaching on just peace. Called “a voice for peace” Marie offers us a way forward together in these perilous times.

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER/ST. MARY MONASTERY, ROCK ISLAND, IL
Contact Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108, retreats@smmsisters.org or online at http://www.smmsisters.org/retreats/ to register for programs mentioned below.

Silent Directed Retreat: 3 and 5 Day Options: God speaks to each of us in a multitude of ways. How well do we listen to God's message? How do we respond? Take time to listen to God and, perhaps, deepen your listening skills on these few days in July. Come with an open heart and be amazed at what God wants to say to you. Meet daily with a certified spiritual director: Sr. Mary Schmidt, OSB; Sr. Margaret Murphy, OSB; Abbot Philip Davey, OSB.

- 5 Days: Sun. July 16, 4 pm-Fri. July 21, 4 pm; Fee: 505.
Exploring the Human Condition: A Journey to Interior Freedom and Self-Transcendence: This weekend retreat will be led by Susan Komis who is widely known for her work with Contemplative Outreach. The retreat will focus on 4 themes: The Awakening; The Human Condition and Divine Therapy; The Power of Formative Thought; and Transformation. **Fri. Aug. 18 (Arrival: 4:30-5:15 pm; Soup Supper: 5:30 pm; Retreat opening: 7 pm)** – **Sun. Aug. 20, 1 pm.** Fee: Register and pay in full by July 18: $235. Registrations and payments after July 18: $250.

The Centering Prayer Post-Intensive Retreat is an opportunity for more extensive periods of Centering Prayer to deepen the personal practice of contemplative prayer. The Post-Intensive retreat focuses more on complete silence for the duration of the retreat with no educational component presented. All meals are silent with no conversation. A minimum of one year regular practice of Centering Prayer is a prerequisite to attend a Post-Intensive Retreat. Facilitator: Susan Komis. **Sun. Aug. 20 (Arrival: 6-6:45 pm; Retreat opening: 7:00 pm)** – **Fri. Aug. 25, 4pm.** Fee: Register and pay in full by July 20: $490. Registrations and payments after July 20: $505.

Combine the Two Retreats: Fri. Aug. 18 (Arrival: 4:30-5:15 pm; Soup Supper: 5:30 pm; Retreat opening: 7 pm) – Fri. Aug. 25, 4pm. Fee: Register and pay in full by July 18: $680. Registrations and payments after July 18: $695. Registration Information for both retreats: A non-refundable deposit of 25% at time of registration is required. [Online Registration](#), email: retreats@smmsisters.org or phone: 309-283-2108.

**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](http://www.shalomretreats.org), info@shalomretreats.org

The Mystic Prophetic Life: Sunday, July 23, 5:30 pm — Friday, July 28, 9:00 am. Facilitator: Sr. Nancy Schreck, OSF. This retreat will focus on the call to be both contemplative and active and will use the biblical traditions of prophets, psalms, and parables for insight into this way of being in the world. The format will involve reflection on the scriptures and contemplative sitting with the Word of God. Includes daily Eucharist. Offering: $350. Includes 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, & 5 dinners. Commuter: $400. Includes 4 lunches & 5 dinners. $75 Nonrefundable deposit.

Vang: A Drama about Recent Immigrant Farmers: Sunday, September 17, 2:00-3:00 PM — Play, 3:00-4:00 PM — Mary Swander’s Sharing with the Audience. This documentary play weaves together photographs and transcript interviews to tell the story of families who have immigrated to America and are actively making farming and agriculture a part of their new lives here.

For any sensitive soul, it is not possible to be a witness to this play and not to be changed by it, not be moved by the gut-wrenching experiences of these recent refugees and immigrants. We applaud their ability to survive the horrific and find solace in their farms and gardens.

Poet Laureate of Iowa Mary Swander, Pulitzer Prize winning photographer Dennis Chamberlin, and Kennedy Center award-winner Matt Foss collaborated to create a drama called Vang (meaning “garden” or “farm” in Hmong). Swander and Chamberlin documented recent Iowa immigrant farmers. Swander wound their words together to form a verbatim play that captures the immigrants’ journeys to the U.S. Hmong, Mexican, Sudanese, and Dutch immigrants all speak of their struggles, survival skills, and their intense desire to return to the land. Chamberlin took stunning photos of the immigrants in their greenhouses, farms, and dairy barns. Foss added his theatrical brilliance to the production, bringing Vang to life on the stage. And Michael Ching, past executive director of the Memphis opera, composed music to underscore the play’s message. Offering: Free & open to the public. No preregistration needed.

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Gricelda Garnica and Karina Garnica
DOJ Accredited
Phone: 563-324-1911
Fax: 563-888-4383
https://www.davenportdiocese.org/immigration-program

Lawlogix Immigration Case Management Software for Immigration Office operations was provided by a generous grant from the Riverboat Development Authority
Mary Ellen Chamberlin, President.
Activities/Actividades

- Help immigrants to obtain legal documentation
  Ayudámos a los inmigrantes a legalizarse
- Refer immigrants to other community services
  Recomendámos a los inmigrantes a otros servicios comunitarios
- Develop education and outreach programs
  Desarrollámos programas educativos
- Nurture a community spirit to welcome our newcomers
  Alimentámos al espíritu comunitario a recibir al nuevo inmigrante

Vision Statement/Declaración Visual

- Strengthening our community by welcoming newcomers
  Fortaleciéndo nuestra comunidad recibiendo a los nuevos inmigrantes.

Mission Statement/Nuestra Misión

- To empower immigrants to become more self-sufficient through counseling, education and advocacy
  Animámos a inmigrantes a ser más autosuficientes mediante consejería, educación y abogacía

July 2016
What is an Immigrant?  
Qué es un Inmigrante?

An immigrant is a person who migrates voluntarily to another country.

Un inmigrante es una persona que emigra voluntariamente a otro país.

In the U.S. an immigrant may be eligible for legal status that can be issued by U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

En los Estados Unidos un inmigrante puede ser elegible para su estado legal por medio de los servicios de inmigración y Ciudadanía en Estados Unidos.

Examples:

- Work permits
- Legal residence
- Citizenship

Ejemplos:

- Permisos de trabajo
- Residencia legal
- Ciudadanía

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- Immigrant Visas/Visas de Inmigrante
- Temporary Protective Status/Protección de Estado Temporal
- Employment Authorization/Permiso de Trabajo
- Travel Documents/Documentos para viajar
- VAWA/Casos de violencia doméstica/Domestic Violence
- U-Visas/Victimas de Violencia/Victims of Violence
- FOIA
- Deferred Action/Accion Diferida
- Provisional Waivers/Perdon Provisional
- Inadmissibility Waivers/Perdon de Inadmisibilidad
- FBI Check/Chequeo con FBI
- Resources and Referrals/Recomendaciones y Referencias

Cost/Costo  

Because we offer assistance only for family reunification we are able to charge less than an attorney.

Porque ofrecemos asistencia para la reunificación familiar cobramos
MARRIAGE MOMENTS

736. July 3: Independence is an important step on the journey to adulthood, but marriage also requires dependence. I depend on you to keep your word, to be there when I’m feeling hurt, to watch the kids so I can have a break. How do you depend on one another?

737. July 10: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened..." (Mt.11:29) One grace of marriage is having a partner who is there for us when one of us feels burdened or discouraged. We may not always respond perfectly, but the opportunity is there. Is there anything burdening your beloved these days?

738. July 17: Not everything married couples say to each other is kind and gentle. Sometimes it’s thorny or boring. Carve out 5 minutes (or more) for deep sharing today. Perhaps something like, "A fear, need, or joy I have is..." 

739. July 24: "For we do not know how to pray as we ought." (Romans 8: 26) Praying together is one of the most intimate (and scary) deeds a couple can do. Revealing our innermost thoughts and feelings can be a risk. Read Who Me,..Pray? With Her? for ideas go here.

740. July 31: One version of the wedding vows states: "I will love and honor you all the days of my life." But what does honor mean? Consider these guidelines: When talking give your undivided attention (make eye contact, don't interrupt. Listen closely). Back your beloved up in front of other people, Show your support. Be selfless.

PARENTING POINTERS

736. July 7: "...although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to little ones." (Mt 11:25) What have you recently learned from your child?

737. July 14: "...all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now." (Romans 8:22) Indeed, we know that the natural world speaks to us of God's being and creative spirit. Choose one way to join with your child to respect creation this week - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

738. July 21: When speaking to your kids (or anyone) consider these proverbs: "It is better to leave angry words unspoken than to mend the heart those words have broken." and "The tongue is the only instrument that gets sharper with use."

739. July 28: Solomon asked God for an understanding heart. Surely this is the attitude we want to take toward our own children. Yet children test us. They do dumb, crazy, and selfish things. They need to be corrected and disciplined. An understanding heart does not mean ignoring bad behavior but rather loving our child through it.