LITURGY OFFICE
The March issue of Liturgy Notes is available.

Singing the Liturgy: March 8, 7:00 pm. Presented by Fr. J. Michael Joncas at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport. Explore the meaning of various elements of the Mass: Introductory Rites, Liturgy of God’s Word, Liturgy of the Lord’s Table, Dismissal Rites. Discover music that helps the “full, conscious and active” participation of the faithful associated with these elements. Fee: Free will offering.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE
Stewardship Day: March 6, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., St. Mary, Riverside. Registration. Bishop Zinkula will be our keynote speaker. Exhibits by Our Sunday Visitor and Liturgical Publications. Eight workshops will be offered. Lunch is free.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
Share the Journey - Prayer Walk: We still have dates available. To reserve the traveling prayer walk contact Kent Ferris, 563-888-4211. Online calendar for available dates.

Available Grants: Application deadline May 31. The Diocese of Davenport Social Action Department is accepting grant applications for the local share of the CRS Rice Bowl and Catholic Campaign for Human Development collections. For more information call Loxi Hopkins, 563-888-4212.

- Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl: For those providing/supporting direct services to people who are hungry (first foot of social justice).

- Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD): For those organizations and projects that promote systemic change (second foot of social justice).

Diocesan Volunteer Program Grant: Grants are open to any Catholic individual or parish within the Diocese. The primary focus of the volunteer program grant is to assist in providing support to individuals for short-term mission work and to support new and existing global projects and partnerships within the Diocese of Davenport. Grant criteria and application.

The Diocesan Immigration Program is a non-profit program that provides immigration counseling to help reunite families split by immigration, and assists immigrants to adjust their immigration status and advocates on their behalf. The Immigration Program focuses on family reunification immigration cases. The counselors are certified by the Department of Justice and work in close conjunction with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). More information.

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. Confidential referrals for individualized counseling with a Project Rachel priest or counselor are provided as well as a dedicated helpline and national website. More information.

The Social Action E-Newsletter is filled with upcoming events and deadlines, calls to action and social justice news and views. To view previous issues or subscribe to the Two Feet newsletter or email kerstena@diodav.org

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Youth and Young Adult:
FORUM 2018: Thank you to the parishes and the 50 attendees that participated in this first FORUM. In the evaluation segment that concluded this type of program that brings together youth, parents and adult ministry leaders to explore a topic is effective and worth repeating in the future. Results of a number of the conversations, breakouts, and workshops; follow the directions in the “Summaries…” section.

Calling all Youth and Young Adults (16-29 years of age): Pope Francis has called a World Synod on Youth this October, and in mid-March the Vatican is hosting a pre-synod gathering of young adults from around the world. Those representatives are requesting input from young people around 15 different questions using hashtags to collect that input. It would be most helpful if you could publicize this in your social media accounts, bulletin and website. More information.

Adult Formation:
Upcoming Courses: March 17, Eucharist I and April 7, Eucharist II, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Chancery presented by Dr. Corinne Winter. Join us to learn more about the Sacraments during our Spring Formation Courses. $25 per course. Register or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244 for more information.

Practices for Ministry: April 14-15 at the Chancery in Davenport. Looking for a fresh approach to advocating for, planning and organizing your faith formation or youth ministry? Practices of Ministry explores the development of comprehensive ministry through the collaborative sharing of the resources in the community. Rooted in a theological and pastoral vision of community life, this course develops foundational understandings that will assist leaders in setting and implementing a vision for dynamic ministry and catechesis. This second course in the Certificate in Ministry Studies can be taken as a stand-alone workshop or as part of the full Certificate program. More information and registration.

Walking Side By Side: A Different Perspective: April 20, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., St. Patrick, Iowa City. Robert Feduccia explores how our perspective changes when we walk side by side with our families, colleagues and parishes. Drawing on wisdom gained in the recent Roundtable Discussions, Robert will help us address the realities, challenges and needs we see in those with whom we share the Gospel and provide us perspective on journeying with one another. Cost is $35 per person by April 9 and $40 through April 16 (registration deadline). Register. For more information contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

Diocesan Retreat Opportunities: Rosina Hendrickson
Ministry Leader Retreat: I Have Seen the Lord! Alleluia!: 5 p.m. Monday, April 2 – 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, Prairiewoods. Ministry leaders are invited to join the Office of Faith Formation and facilitator Tammy Norcross-Reitzler for an Easter Retreat. Designed to help us open our minds and hearts with Easter Joy to the active presence of the Risen Lord in both everyday and extraordinary events of life, this 24-hour retreat calls us to renew our spirit through personal and communal prayer. Register by March 18 for early-bird pricing. Space is limited!

Men’s Retreat: Being a Catholic Man: April 21, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., St. Patrick, Iowa City. The questions that faithful men often ask are: What is God asking me to do? How can I be a better man for my family and in my job? How can I be a better Catholic? In this retreat, we will discover a path forward as we seek to answer life’s most prevailing questions. Cost is $30/person until April 1 and $40/person until April 16. Register.

Women’s Retreat: Ruby Slippers and Yellow Brick Roads: April 28, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., St. Ann, Long Grove. Like Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz, we are searching for a way home. We will explore the opportunities we have every day to experience God in ways that change us forever and recall our eternal home and the path that shows us the way there. Register by April 8 for early-bird pricing of $30/person and $40/person until April 23.

Marriage and Family:
Sponsor Couple Training/Refresher: March 25, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., St. Joseph Church, DeWitt. Contact Marianne Agnoli, 563-888-4242 by March 19 to register or to discuss hosting a training in your parish/deanery.
Save the Date – Radical Listening in the Family: June 9, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00, St. Mary Church, Riverside. All couples are invited to enhance their listening skills for the benefit of their marriages and families by participating in this practical workshop. Sponsor Couples are especially encouraged to attend to meet their annual marriage enrichment requirement and to gain insights on how to model effective listening skills for the engaged couples with whom they journey. Registration and flyer.


Diocesan Marriage Preparation Policies and Procedures Fillable PDF Prenuptial Investigation forms are on the website: English and Spanish.

Marriage Preparation Instructional Programs: Several marriage preparation program formats offered. More information: Marriage and Family webpage.

Natural Family Planning: Participation in an Introduction to Natural Family Planning or a method specific instruction is required of all couples of child bearing age preparing for marriage in the diocese. Listing of free upcoming introductory sessions and specific method classes. Contact Marianne Agnoli, 563-888-4242 if you would like to schedule an NFP instruction in your parish or deanery.

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 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. To learn more about these programs and Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat visit www.chmiowa.org. All programs include a delicious homemade meal prepared with local and organic ingredients.

- Roman Catholic Thought and Practice 50 Years after Vatican II: March 9-10. Facilitated by Fr. J. Michael Joncas
- Icon Retreat: Mary Magdalen, Apostle to the Apostles: March 11 – March 17, 5:00pm – 4:00pm
- Come to the Quiet – Cultivating a Spiritual Practice: March 20, 9:30am – 3:30pm
- Visio Divina through Film, A Man Called Ove: March 20, 5:00pm light supper followed by 5:30pm film
- Lectio Divina through Current Writers - Book: “Lectio Divina, The Sacred Art”: April 5, 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- Come to the Quiet: Give Me a Word: April 10, 9:30am – 3:30 pm
- How Essential Oils Enhance Our Lives: April 11, 9:30am – 3:30pm
- Taizé Vigil Service at Humility of Mary Center: April 15, 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- Weaving Prayers and Baskets: April 18, 9:00am – 4:00pm
- Family Healing from Addiction: April 21, 9:30am – 3:30pm
- Honoring the Earth and the Web of All Life: April 22, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

EAGLES’ WINGS, DAVENPORT
To register or for more information contact marcia@eagleswings.ws, 563-324-7263. 5816 Telegraph Rd., Davenport 52804.

Masses:
With Prayers for Healing: April 12, 1 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at noon with confessions before Mass.

Unbound Introduction: March 17, 9:30 a.m. This brief introduction will give you an understanding of a new and gentle prayer for inner healing and freedom. An opportunity to request prayer; a prayer time will be offered. Please call or email if you are planning to attend.

Rise Up!: March 24, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Learn how to prepare yourself to become a prayer warrior through Scripture, growing in virtue, discernment, wisdom and keeping spiritual balance. Time for empowerment prayer in the afternoon. Fee: $35 and bring a sack lunch. Mail registration prior to attendance.

New Unbound Training: Come and learn from these all new DVDs by the Lozano’s. Even if you have received training in the past, these teachings are new and will give you more insight into praying for yourself and others using the 5 keys. Think you might want to be on a prayer team to help set others free or just want to learn more about healing prayer? Meets 4 Saturdays: April 7, May 12, June 16 and July 7 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Fee: $100 and bring a sack lunch.

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, 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.

- Portrait of a Radical: The Jesus Movement: Tuesday evenings: March 5, 12, and 19; 6:30-8 PM
- A Lenten Evening for Families: “A Walk With Jesus Through Holy Week”: March 6 5:30 - 8:00 PM
- Wisdom Woman: A Retreat for the Sisterhood of SMA: April 6 1:00 PM - April 8 1:00 PM
- Couple’s Retreat: “Memories Are Made of This”: April 13 6:00 PM - April 14 7:00 PM
- Mother/Adult Daughter Morning: Memories: April 28 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SHALOM SPIRITUALTY CENTER, DUBUQUE
To register call 563-582-3592 or email info@shalomretreats.org, 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001, www.shalomretreats.org.

Retreat: The Simple Care of a Hopeful Heart: Resilience, Compassion, Personal Well-Being and Prayer: April 27 7:00 p.m. – April 29 11:30 a.m. Early bird registration deadline is March 27.