VISION 20/20

A Vision 20/20 Celebration will be held June 14, 2020 at St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. The day will begin at 2:00 with Mass followed by adoration. Mike Patin will be the keynote speaker and several parishes will speak about their evangelization efforts. The day concludes with a barbeque meal. Registration information will be forthcoming.

The first meeting of mentors to assist parishes with their evangelization efforts has been held. Mentors are being assigned and will have another meeting in mid-January.

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LITURGY OFFICE

The December issue of LiturgyNotes is available here.

By request, with this issue of the Mini Deacon Frank Agnoli will begin highlighting the different pages of the diocesan liturgy website. As one might expect, we’ll begin with our homepage (https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy). The homepage features a description of (and links to) all the other pages in our website. You’ll also find the latest liturgy news as well as two sub-pages dedicated to the Diocesan Building and Liturgical Commissions. So, if you want to know when upcoming meetings of these Commissions might be (or read past minutes), see the latest liturgy news, or want to get an overview of what else is on the website, this is the page to visit.

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians has asked us to help them better assess the field of pastoral music ministry in the Catholic Church in the United States today. To that end, they have prepared a brief, fourteen question survey. It is intended for pastors and directors of music ministry. The responses to the survey will help NPM continue serving both all pastoral musicians and Catholic parishes. The survey is available in both English and Spanish. It may be found through the following link: https://npm.org/npm-pastoral-music-ministry-survey/

VOCATIONS OFFICE

Bringing Vocations Home: December 7, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. Where do vocations come from? Have you ever talked to the parent of a priest or religious? If a young person asked you about a vocation in the Church, would you know what to say to encourage them? Come explore this inner heart of the Church, guided by the mother of a priest! All are invited to learn how you can create vocations in your family and in your parish. Admission is free, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Lunch will be provided. To learn more or sign-up for this unique event, go here.
Project Andrew Dinner: January 13, 2020, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Divine Mercy, Burlington. The Project Andrew dinner is an evening that provides an opportunity for discerners high school aged and older to meet with Fr. Joseph Sia in a casual setting and get to know some of the local clergy and other discerners. In addition to a wonderful meal, there will be a short presentation and sharing of vocation stories with plenty of time for questions and conversation. Please visit here for more information.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection: Thank you for participating in this year’s collection. Your generosity to this collection will make a difference for people living in poverty across the United States. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give. Please make your check payable to the Diocese of Davenport and mark CCHD Collection. You may submit it to your parish or mail it directly to the Diocese of Davenport, 780 West Central Park Ave., Davenport IA 52804-1901.

CRS - Give a Gift of Hope this Holiday Season: You can make a life-changing difference this holiday season for families around the world. Please share your blessings with our brothers and sisters around the world who are facing hunger and poverty by giving them a Gift of Hope.

Shop Fair Trade for the Holidays: Catholic Relief Services (CRS) encourages us to put Christmas back in our shopping with ethically produced gifts that uplift a world of people. CRS vets its partners for fair wages, safer working conditions and environmentally sustainable practices. Look through the Ethical Trade Shopping Guide or browse the Serrv website for gifts.

If your parish is interested in hosting a CRS Fair Trade Consignment Sale during the holidays, contact Lori and Clare Ferris, Fair Trade Ambassadors, at 563-888-4211. Some parishes have fair trade items available for purchase already, and Lori can help you connect with them. There are also some fair trade shops throughout the Diocese: The Work of Our Hands, Pella, Ten Thousand Villages, Iowa City, SIS International Shop, Davenport.

World Day of Peace (Jan. 1): For resources and information click here.

2020 National Migration week, January 5 – 11: “Promoting a Church and a World for All” National Migration week is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of immigrants, refugees, migrants and survivors of human trafficking have done in our community. 2020 Toolkit, Resources

National Prayer Vigil for Life January 23 – 24: An all-night pro-life prayer vigil held on the eve of the March for Life each January held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. For more details click here.

Important Update for CRS Rice Bowl: Catholic Relief Services, CRS, is asking that each parish check in with them in order to provide the best resources for the 2020 CRS Rice Bowl collection. We are asking parishes to honor this request at this time. Please go online, call 800-222-0025, or mail in the pre-paid postcard to update your parish information. Feature Countries for 2020 will be: Honduras, Vietnam, and Kenya.

9 Days for Life: January 21-29 is an annual period of prayer and actions focused on cherishing the gift of every person’s life.

March for Life is January 24. This is an annual rally to oppose the practice of and legality of abortion. Each year the event is held in Washington, D.C. on or around the anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Project Rachel Special Request: We are asking all parishes to assist us with the promotion of Project Rachel. Please consider placing Project Rachel in bulletin inserts on a quarterly basis. A sample bulletin announcement can be found here, under resources.

Other resources available for your parish to assist with the promotion are:
- Peace Starts Here brochure
- How to talk to a friend who has had an abortion
• Banners: The Office of Social Action has three banners for parishes to use to help promote Project Rachel Ministry. If you would like to reserve banners for your parish please contact Esmeralda Guerrero guerrero@davenportdiocese.org or at 563-888-4210.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Marriage and Family

Remarriage Preparation Workshop: Saturday, January 25, 2020, Chancery, Davenport. This marriage preparation workshop is designed to meet the unique needs of couples in which one or both of the individuals have been previously married. Registration is available on the Marriage Preparation webpage.

Civil Marriage Initiative (Witness to Love) provides resource materials in both English and Spanish for ministers working with couples in civil unions preparing for a sacramental marriage. Online instruction is now available at a reduced fee for our diocese. Access the online training and click “Add to Cart.” Once added to the cart, use the coupon code dio55 to get a reduced rate of $55 (usually $135). This will purchase you the materials pack and access to the three hours of video training content. Parishes may also request a free parish review pack through the Civil Marriage Initiative website.

NOURISH – Caregiver Support is a Catholic faith-based program provided to churches and healthcare organizations to support the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of family caregivers. Materials now available in both English and Spanish on the NOURISH website.

STRIVE: Free 21 day on-line pornography addiction program for men 18 years and older. Materials available in both English and Spanish on the STRIVE website.

Covenant of Love Marriage Mentor Ministry: Trained Covenant of Love Marriage Mentors are now available throughout eastern Iowa. Mentors provide support, information, and guidance for restoring and strengthening Christian marriages. More information and registration for couples interested in being paired with a mentor couple is available on the diocesan Covenant of Love webpage.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

To report child abuse call the Iowa Attorney General Clergy Abuse hotline at 855-620-7000 (M-F, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) to speak with a trained advocate or the Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178. 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.

In 2020, while we celebrate the Fifth Anniversary of Pope Francis’ encyclical, Laudato Si’, and the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, our focus at The Prairie will be on how we care for Earth. We offer a variety of opportunities to embrace, explore and care for God’s sacred creation – Our Common Home. The entire 2020 calendar can be downloaded at www.chmiowa.org/retreat. To receive your hard copy in the mail call us at 563-336-8414.

Come to the Quiet: The Way of Joy: Tues, Dec 10 – 9:30am-3:30pm at OLPR
Act of Power: Sat, January 4 – 9:30-3:30 at OLPR
Weaving Prayers & Baskets: Tues, January 14 – 9:00am-3:00pm at OLPR
Taizé Prayer: Sun, January 19 – 6:30-7:30pm at Humility of Mary Center in Davenport
Stewards of God’s Gifts: Wed, January 22 – 9:00am-3:00pm at OLPR
EAGLES’ WINGS, DAVENPORT
To register or for more information contact marcia@eagleswings.ws, 563-324-7263 (leave a message). 5816 Telegraph Rd., Davenport 52804.

Christmas Art Project: December 6, 6:00 p.m. Please join us for an evening of wine, cheese and crackers and a Christmas art project! No talent needed!! Enjoy the fellowship, Advent/Christmas music, have some snacks and take a Christmas project that you will complete.

All art supplies are included. Register early as space is limited. Registration is just $25. Maybe you can even use your project as a Christmas gift! You can reserve your space by sending your registration to the above address.

Adoration and Mass: Thursday, December 12, noon Adoration, 1:00 p.m. Mass with prayers for healing.

“Name of Grace” Retreat Day: Saturday, January 4, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Discover your Name of Grace and create a piece of art to express who God has called you to be. Learn what a Name of Grace is and spend time in prayer and reflection discovering yours! The day includes time for learning, time for quiet reflection and time to create a piece of art unique to you. You may already know your Name of Grace or feel you don’t have artistic talent. Come anyway and enjoy the day and receive the graces God has in store for you. Bring your Bible, a notebook, pictures of yourself, and a sack lunch.

All supplies are included in this day, registration is just $49. Register early as space is limited. Mail your registration to the above address.

Please note that all winter events are totally dependent on the weather. If for weather reasons we need to reschedule, a message will be left on the answering machine at 563-324-7263.

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/retreats-and-programs to register for the program mentioned below.


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To: Diocesan staff, parishes and schools

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