VISION 20/20

The Theme Song, Renew Our Hearts, now has assembly refrains in Spanish and Vietnamese. Go here.

Promotional Flyer/Graphic: The image to the right can be downloaded as a flyer or graphic for your parish bulletin board or bulletin. Go here.

Additional Evangelization Resources have been added to the Vision 20/20 website. Go here to check them out.

The February meeting minutes of the Steering Committee are available here.

LITURGY OFFICE

The April edition of LiturgyNotes is available here.

Information regarding the Vision 20/20 Convocation Art Exhibit may be found here.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

2019 Pacem in Terris: April 9, 7:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose University Rogalski Center Ballroom. Please join Bishop Zinkula as he celebrates the work of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Event is free and open to the public. Go here for a flyer.

The next Diocesan Social Action Saturday (DSAS) will be held on April 6 in Iowa City at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. DSAS is a wonderful opportunity to gather with other parishioners from all over the diocese to learn about issues directly impacting Iowa and discuss how our Catholic faith calls us to respond. This third DSAS will focus on Ecumenism and Economic Justice. To register and for a promotional flyer go here.

Flood Preparation: Go to the Iowa Human Resources Disaster Council (of which the Diocese is a member) for help in crafting what may be lifesaving plans and preparations. If you need any more information about preparedness contact Glenn Leach, 563-888-4214. Go to our website to find additional links to resources.

Culture of Life Dinner: April 27, 5:15 p.m., St. Wenceslaus Church, Iowa City. This event explains the vast benefits of the Creighton Model Fertility Care System and offers attendees the opportunity to financially support the Culture of Life Grants. To register and more information about the dinner go here or call 913-426-5770. Registration deadline is April 13.

CRS Rice Bowl Funds due by May 31: Thank you for participating in this year’s collection and helping lift up those living in poverty. When submitting your Rice Bowl collection please use the Remittance form. Mail funds to: Diocese of Davenport, Attn: Nancy Karn, 780 West Central Park Avenue, Davenport, Iowa 52804-1901

- Seventy-five percent of the alms given through CRS Rice Bowl will go to Catholic Relief Services to support humanitarian aid projects that bring vital hope and life-saving aid to the poorest of the poor overseas.
- Twenty-five percent of CRS Rice Bowl donations will stay here in the Diocese of Davenport to help those suffering from poverty and hunger in our own community.
Available Grants: Application deadline is May 15, no exceptions. For questions 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). To apply please send your request in a 1-2 page letter along with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant Agreement.

Buy Ethical Trade: The new SERRV Spring/Summer 2019 catalog is now available for a chance to buy Ethical Trade handcrafts and gourmet food items from disadvantaged producers around the world. Online Catalog.

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. You may contact Project Rachel staff by calling the local Helpline: 563-333-4107 or email, projectrachel@diodav.org.

If you would like to support Project Rachel please make a financial contribution, payable to the Diocese of Davenport. In the memo line write Project Rachel and mail to Diocese of Davenport, Project Rachel, 780 West Central Park Avenue, Davenport, IA 52804-1901

St. Vincent’s Home Corporation Grants: Just a reminder that spring grants are no longer awarded and only awarded once a year in the fall. The next grant deadline is September 15. Click here for details on how to apply.

Catholic Charities in El Paso Seeks Help with the arrival of Asylum seekers and immigrants: Bishop Seitz of El Paso has appealed to Catholic Charities to request your assistance in responding to the overwhelming need at the border crossing in El Paso. More than anything the diocese needs volunteers who are willing to stay for a minimum of a week serving in a wide range of capacities. Spanish language ability would be a tremendous help but is not required. They need people to do everything from cleaning, to making contact with sponsor families, to driving families to the bus station, to coordinating shelters. While transportation to El Paso would be the responsibility of the sending agency, once there the diocese will provide housing and meals for the volunteers.

To volunteer go here https://annunciationhouse.org under “contact form” or call Daron Mulligan, 215-510-7128. For more information call the El Paso Diocesan Chancellor, Patricia Lopez, 915-872-8400. Learn more here.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Pope Francis Speaks to Young People: On Tuesday, April 2, Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation, based on the recent Synod, will be released. Entitled “Christus Vivit” (“Christ Lives”), it is written as a letter directly to the young people of the world. This is the first-ever Apostolic Exhortation not only written about young people but also to young people – and not Church leaders – as the intended audience. Watch your social media for links, or on Tuesday morning you can visit the diocesan youth ministry or young adult ministry webpages for a direct link to the document.

Adult Formation:
Diocesan Retreat Opportunities:
For more information about these retreats visit our website or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

Men’s Retreat: Disciples According to the Heart of Jesus: April 6, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., St. Mary, Solon. Have you ever wondered what does it really mean to follow Jesus? From the first moment Jesus stepped on this earth he invited us to follow him. He did it two thousand years ago with his first disciples and he continues inviting us today. His invitation was not an invitation that would lead us to emotional and spiritual slavery, but to be better people, parents, better spouses transformed by his Spirit and according to his heart. We invite you to spend a day with us, praying, reflecting and sharing your faith with others. The retreat is in both Spanish and English and costs $40/person. Register online.

Women’s Retreat: Mary: The Yes that Changed the World: April 13, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., St. Mary, Williamsburg. Mary is a courageous and exemplary woman. Her faith is inspirational, and we should follow
her example in the way we live our lives. Come and explore how Mary’s “yes” calls us to a deeper relationship with God in the silent moments of life, but also, and especially, in the loudest and most hectic moments. Be prepared to pray, laugh, share, create, and change the world. This retreat will be offered in Spanish and English and costs $40/person. Register online.

**Online Adult Formation:** There’s still time to take advantage of the April online sessions from STEP at the University of Notre Dame. Courses begin on April 22 and cover a wide variety of topics. Participants completing the Core Course: *Introduction to the Catholic Faith* partially complete coursework for the Diocesan Basic Formation Certificate. Cost is $74.25 per course; participants work at their own pace each week. Visit our website for additional details or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

**Evangelization and Catechesis:** April 27 and 28 at the Chancery in Davenport. Join the Office of Faith Formation for a 2-day course developing the foundations and practices for nurturing faith growth and Catholic identity through evangelization and catechesis. Through a combination of theory, experience and practice, participants will explore a variety of ways to promote a living relationship with Jesus in the lives of students. Cost is $150 for those active in ministry in the diocese. Register online by April 11. For more information, visit our website or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

**Ministry Leader Appreciation Dinners:** The Office of Faith Formation invites all Ministry Leaders to gather for an Appreciation Dinner to celebrate the 2018-19 Faith Formation year and rejoice in your ministry efforts. Join us either at SS Mary and Mathias School on Monday, May 6 or at St. Mary, Oskaloosa on Tuesday, May 7 for dinner, prayer, fellowship and a few surprises. Both evenings will run from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Register online by May 2. For more information, visit our website or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

**Marriage and Family:**

**From This Day Forward: The Theology of Marriage and NFP:** April 13, 9:30 a.m. – Noon, Our Lady of Lourdes, Bettendorf. All married and engaged couples are invited to attend this event on the theology of marriage and Natural Family Planning. Features presentations by Fr. Chris Weber and NFP instructors Jessica & Nick Ragsdale. See flyer for more details.

**Essential Elements of a Strong Catholic Marriage Day:** April 27, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at St. Ludmila Church, Cedar Rapids. All married couples are invited to strengthen their marriage by attending this day of renewal led by Greg and Julie Alexander. Additional information and registration.

**Called to Virtue – Catholic Men’s Conference:** May 18, 8 a.m. – Noon, Our Lady of Lourdes, Bettendorf. Join Bishop Zinkula, Deacon Chris Kabat and Dr. Michael Havercamp for a morning of challenging and inspiring talks just for men. Registration required with no fee to attend. See flyer for more information.

**Natural Family Planning:** Participation in an Introduction to Natural Family Planning or a method specific instruction is required of all couples of childbearing 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 English or Spanish in your parish or deanery.

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

**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.
• Lenten Tuesday with Barb Arland-Fye: Being Muslim in a Polarized Society: Tues, April 2, 6:00pm-8:30pm
• Come to the Quiet: The Way of Purity of Heart: Thurs, April 11, 9:30am-3:30pm
• Retired with a Life Full of Meaning: Sat, April 13, 9:30am-3:30pm
• May Day Mass with Fr. Odoom: Wed, May 1, 10:00am
• World Labyrinth Day: Walk as One at One: Sat, May 4, 10:00am-3:00pm
• Come to the Quiet: The Way of Humility: Mon, May 13, 9:30am-3:30pm
• Knit One, Pray Too.: Thurs, May 16, 9:30am-3:30pm
• Creative Spirituality and the Art of Beading: Sun, May 19, 1:30pm-4:00pm
• Cosmic Walk: Wed, May 22, 9:30am-3:30pm
• Taizé Vigil Service at Humility of Mary Center, May 26, 6:30pm-7:30pm

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.

Centering Prayer Retreat: The Gifts of Centering Prayer: Thurs. Apr. 11 (Arrival: 4:30 pm; Soup Supper: 5:30 pm; Retreat opening: 7:30 pm)-Sun. Apr. 14, 1 pm

Triduum Retreat: Thurs. Apr. 18, 5 pm-Sun. Apr. 21, 1 pm. Contact: Sr. Stefanie MacDonald, OSB at 309-283-2300, vocation@smmsisters.org

Guided Retreat: The Wonder of it All: Tues. May 7 (Arrival: 4:30 pm; Soup Supper: 5:30 pm; Retreat opening: 7:30 pm)-Fri. May 10, 1 p.m.

Honoring Grief…Intending to Heal: Grief Support Companion Training: Tues. May 14 & 15, 8 am-4 pm each day.

Grieving Through the Seasons: Day Long Spiritual Retreat for the Bereaved: Either Fri. May 17 or Sat. May 18, 9 am-4:30 pm.

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

Confronting the Collective Dark Night & Journeying Toward Hope: Friday, April 12, 7:00PM—Sunday, April 14, 1:00PM. Registration Deadline: Friday, April 5. Unconscious content is highly disturbing. This includes phenomena like the rising expression of hate speech in our public life. We live in a time of tremendous upheaval and our response will determine whether this current eruption of darkness will bring about expanded consciousness or set loose great destruction in our world. Join us in exploring these living dynamics and the kind of authentic, transpersonal hope that is available to us as an imperishable resource for times like these.

The Challenge of Interiority: Sunday, June 2, 5:30PM—Friday, June 7, 9:00AM. Registration Deadline: Friday, May 24. Despite our success and accomplishments in many other areas of life, it is the creation of a rich interior life which sustains us. God invites us into that “interior garden” and we must respond. This retreat will look at the elements of interiority: faith, prayer, conversion, community, and ministry to self.

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