VISION 20/20

Resources for Evangelization Teams: Liturgy, Preaching, Scripture:
Here is a PDF listing liturgical and related resources for parish evangelization teams. Please click here for a complete listing of all the resources we’ve recommended for parish teams.

Lenten Resources:
The following are based on Pope Francis’ Evangelii Gaudium, Joy of the Gospel.
- Stations of the Cross created by Fr. Corey Close, pastor at St. Patrick, Brooklyn and St. Bridget, Victor.
- An Examination of Conscience During Lent: a version for both parishes and schools
The above are available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. To access go to the Vision 20/20 Liturgy page.

LITURGY OFFICE
The January issue of LiturgyNotes is available here.

Some items of note:
- Rite of Election: https://www.davenportdiocese.org/rite-of-election
  o Please note: registration is due by February 1!
- Sunday of the Word of God: https://www.davenportdiocese.org/events/sunday-of-the-word-of-god
  o Join us for an afternoon of prayer and reflection on the Spirituality and Ministry of the Reader Sunday, January 26, St. John Vianney Church, Bettendorf from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Together, led by Dr. Ella Johnson, theology professor at St. Ambrose University, we’ll explore how our spiritual lives are enriched by being rooted in the Bible, whether we formally proclaim the Scriptures at Mass, or do so informally by our lives. Refreshments will be provided. All are invited!

By request, we’re highlighting pages of the diocesan liturgy website. This month, our focus is on the Liturgy Events page (https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-events). This page focuses on the liturgical calendar and notes any changes or adjustments being made in any particular year. The page also includes information on diocesan liturgies and formation opportunities as well as on the celebration of the Extraordinary Form of the liturgy and on the Eastern Catholic Outreach in our diocese. There is also a subpage with resources for keeping the liturgical seasons and saints’ days.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
Service Opportunity: The Social Action Office promotes service and mission as well as charity and justice. The Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque have service and mission opportunities for 2020.

Franciscan Common Venture – a volunteer program sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa, provides the opportunity for persons age 20+ to contribute their time, commitment and talent in service among people who are poor. There are multiple service opportunities from a Native American Retreat Center in Montana to a food bank’s community garden. Long-term service is also available. If interested, contact Sr. Michelle Balek, OSF; 3390 Windsor Ave; Dubuque IA 52001; 563-583-9786; balekm@osfdbq.org; or visit www.osfdbq.org/commonventure.

January is Poverty Awareness Month... a call to attention to poverty in America. Please join the US bishops and CCHD and the Catholic Community in the United States to live in solidarity with the poor. For many resources, including a printable calendar with information and links for study and reflection materials, visit the USCCB Poverty Awareness Page.
Income Tax Help: Low-and moderate-income working families may qualify for help from two federal tax benefits: Earned Income Credit (EIC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC). For more information go to www.eitcoutreach.org. Also, please encourage families to file their taxes through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA). This offers free tax help for low-to-moderate income people who cannot prepare their own return. To learn more and to find a location in your area call, 800-906-9887 or go to the IRS website here.

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. Find resources here.

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

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.

Prepare for Lent 2020, CRS (Catholic Relief Services):
- Rice Bowl Collection begins Ash Wednesday, February 26. 25% of the funds collected will remain in the Diocese to help organizations that fight hunger and poverty. Click here for Grant Criteria. All grant applications are due May 15, 2020.
- CRS Rice Bowl Breakfast: Breakfast events over the past years have helped to increase awareness of the Rice Bowl campaign. We encourage every parish in the diocese to host and plan a kick off breakfast. The Office of Social Action is willing to assist with the ordering of materials and walking parishes through the process of hosting a breakfast. Contact Kent Ferris, 563-888-4211.

Social Action E-Newsletter: To subscribe or view previous issues of The Two Feet newsletter go here or send an e-mail to kerstena@diodav.org.

Project Rachel services for those wounded by abortion:
- Dedicated Helpline: 563-333-4107 (calls answered personally Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm.) Voice messaging available all other times.
- Dedicated e-mail: projectrachel@diodav.org
- Dedicated national website: www.hopeafterabortion.org
- Confidential referrals for individualized counseling with a Project Rachel priest or counselor

Please consider having Project Rachel as a bulletin insert on a quarterly basis. A sample bulletin announcement can be found here, under resources. Other resources available to assist with the promotion are:
- Peace Starts Here brochure
- On your parish website put a link to the diocesan Project Rachel website
- Pray for women and men that have been affected by abortion
- Display Banners: The Office of Social Action has three banners (six feet tall) 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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE
Adult Formation
Dr. Mel Kennedy is a musicianary (musician and missionary) who brings the gospel message into the hearts of those who hear her, through song, story, Scripture and prayer. Mel is the facilitator for our annual Women’s Retreat on Saturday, April 18. She will be in the Davenport Diocese April 17-20 and is available to parishes for concerts, speaking engagements or liturgical minister training during this time frame. Her ministry is about empowering and inspiring men and women to share their faith and radiate God’s love through liturgy, service, relationship and the
simple actions of daily life. She holds a Doctor of Ministry in Applied Ministries from Graduate Theological Foundation, an MA in Liturgical Ministry and a Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Studies from Catholic Theological Union, Chicago. If you are interested in more information, please contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

**Catechist Skills Workshop Series Next Sessions:** “Incorporating Technology in Faith Formation” on January 11 at Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, Clinton and “Creative Catechesis” on February 8 at St. Andrew, Blue Grass, 9:30 am-12:30 pm. This offers practical skills for all who work to share the faith with our students. Visit our website to see additional dates and topics. Register online or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244 for more information.

**Online Formation through STEP at Notre Dame:** The Diocese has partnered with STEP at the University of Notre Dame to offer online formation for parishioners. Courses are offered in a variety of topics and no prior formation is necessary. **Core Course: Introduction to the Catholic Faith** is a great course for catechists and adults who desire to deepen their knowledge of the faith. The next session of courses begins January 13. Click here for a list of courses. Cost is $74.25 per course after diocesan discount. For more information, contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244 or visit our website.

**Adult Formation Courses:** Join the Office of Faith Formation for an Adult Formation Course this spring. Courses are held at the Chancery in Davenport from 9 am-4 pm and offer an opportunity to grow in our faith. Courses include: “An Introduction to Sacraments” on Saturday, January 18, “Biblical Literary Forms” on February 22 and “What is Ministry?” on March 21. Visit our website for additional information. Cost is $30 per course and includes lunch. Register online or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244 for more information.

**Shifting to a New Paradigm Roundtable Discussions** will be held on Thursday, January 30 from 9 am-12 pm, with lunch to follow, at St. Mary, Wilton and on Friday, January 31 from 9 am-12 pm, with lunch to follow, at St. Mary, Fairfield. Join the Office of Faith Formation and colleagues from across the diocese for a day devoted to discussing how we minister to youth and the need for new styles and strategies in ministry. Designed for clergy, catechists, ministry leaders, youth ministry team members, and parents, this is a day to hear from each other about what is occurring, discover best practices and identify challenges in youth ministry. Participants select one of the two dates to attend. A freewill offering will be taken for morning hospitality and lunch. Register online by January 27. For more information, visit our website or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

**Engaging Families in Sacramental Ministries** on Saturday, February 29 from 9 am-4 pm at St. Patrick, Iowa City. Join the Office of Faith Formation and parish ministers and clergy from across the diocese to reimagine sacrament preparation and consider engaging families in sacramental ministries. Joan Weber, from the Center for Ministry Development, will guide us in exploring vision and resources for knowing, welcoming, engaging and empowering parents and communities as they share faith and sacramental life with their children. Cost of the workshop is $35 by February 10. Team Pricing is Available! Visit our website, register online or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244 for more information.

**Marriage and Family**

**Divorced and Separated Ministry:** Using Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for Catholic Families this new weekly 12-session program will begin meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 – 8:00 pm at St. Patrick Church in Iowa City. Material cost is $20. For more information contact Stephanie Zeising, 319-530-5487 or joyinggratitude@gmail.com.

**Two Become One Remarriage Preparation Workshop:** Saturday, January 25, 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.

**It is time to begin Parish/School Preparation for participation in the Safe Haven Sunday Diocesan Initiative on February 29 – March 1.** This diocesan sponsored awareness opportunity provides excellent resources to aid families, schools and parishes in navigating modern technology usage and the deep harm that is caused by pornography. Take advantage of the free training programs, articles and videos available on the Diocese of Davenport Clean Heart webpage and share these resources with your parish/school families and ministry leaders. Parishes and schools can place orders for the book Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture (English or Spanish) on the diocesan Order Form by January 27 to avoid shipping costs. Download the Parish
Implementation Guide (page 14) has links to homily helps, general intercessions, bulletin inserts, etc. for more information or questions contact Marianne Agnoli.

An Evening for the Divorced & Separated and Those Who Love Them: March 27, St. Pius X Church, Cedar Rapids, 6:30-8:30 pm. Whether you are divorced or separated, want to help someone you love, or are interested in working to help divorced families, join Catholic author and evangelist, Rose Sweet to hear what the Church really teaches about divorce and how to help those who have experienced it. Flyer

Surviving Divorce Facilitator Program Training: March 28, St. Pius X Catholic Church, Cedar Rapids. If you would like to begin outreach and support to people who have experienced the pain of separation or divorce, Rose Sweet, program creator, will offer inside tips on starting, running and successfully managing a Surviving Divorce support group in your parish, school, cluster or deanery. Flyer. More information and Registration.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN
To report child abuse call the Iowa Attorney General Clergy Abuse hotline at 855-620-7000 (M-F, 8 am.-4:30 pm.) 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.

Weaving Prayers & Baskets: Tues, January 14 – 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Taizé Prayer: Sun, January 19 – 6:30-7:30pm at Humility of Mary Center in Davenport
Stewards of God’s Gifts: Wed, January 22 – 9:00 am-3:00 pm at OLPR
Filling in the Gap: Women in the Bible: Tues, February – 9 11 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Valentine Evening for Couples: Fri, February 14 – 6:00-9:00 pm
Community Prayer Service: Tues, February 18 – 4:00-6:30 pm
Falling Upward Weekend Retreat: February 21-23 – 9 Fri 5:00 pm - Sun 11:00 am
Brave Hearts: From Loss to Resilience: February 28-March 1, Fri 5:00 pm - Sun 11:00 am

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL
Contact Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108, retreats@smmsisters.org or Sr. Stefanie MacDonald, OSB at 309-283-2300, vocation@smmsisters.org ** or online at http://www.smmsisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs to register for programs mentioned below.

Catholic Princess Retreat: Sat. Feb. 1, 9 am-3 pm**
Peacemaking: Tues. Feb. 6, 9 am-3:30 pm
Prayer and Poetry: A 24-Hour Retreat: Fri. Feb. 7-Sat. Feb. 8, 4 pm
Breathing Under Water: A Spiritual Study of the Twelve Steps: Mondays from Feb. 17 to May 11; 1-2:30 pm
Girls Be a Catholic Sister for a Day: Sat. Feb. 22, 9 am-4 pm**
Boundless Compassion Book Study: Thursdays beginning Feb. 27; 9:30-11:30 am

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