VISION 20/20

Parish Evangelization Teams will have an opportunity to be part of a Google Group. Like a Listserv, group members communicate with each other via email. This group will also include the Parish Mentors and Chancery Staff. Membership information will be forthcoming.

The Vision 20/20 Steering Committee and the Catholic Schools office are discussing/planning ways our diocesan Catholic schools can participate in the evangelization efforts of Vision 20/20.

DISASTER TEAM

The few cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 19) in the United States were contracted overseas (only 2 were direct household contacts with those so infected). However, Dr. Nancy Messonnier, director of the CDC’s National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, said that the novel coronavirus will most likely spread in the U.S. and we should take steps to prepare for such outbreaks now. We need to be prepared for the possibility of workplace and schools being closed and public events being canceled. Pastors, Principals, and their staffs should thoroughly review the pandemic flu policy now. The policy is available at: https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2016/5/PlanningforPandemicInfluenzaRevised090809.pdf

Parishes and schools were instructed to implement Step One of the policy at the start of flu season last fall. This is the time to ensure that all the aspects of Step One (as well as the preparatory steps leading to it) are well in place. Based on the current status of infection in the United States, and on guidance so far received, there is no need for other interventions right now… but this is a quickly evolving situation. Therefore, parishes and schools should also carefully review Step Two of the policy. It is very likely that these interventions will need to be implemented, perhaps sooner than we think. Pastors, Principals, and parish and school staff should be aware of what this Step entails and should ensure that all materials needed are in hand and in sufficient supply; our policy calls for a 3-week supply of materials to be stockpiled. We continue to monitor this situation closely. A number of helpful links are posted on our “flu” webpage: https://www.davenportdiocese.org/flu.

CENSUS 2020

Sacred Heart Cathedral will host a Census Day event on April 1 beginning with Mass at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and people will have the opportunity to complete their census information. The Census impacts funding that flows to our communities and our government representation for the next 10 years. Parishes and schools are encouraged to host their own Census Day events and provide access to computers so community members can complete their census survey. Thank you for supporting the 2020 Census, because everyone counts!

Census 2020 Getting the Word Out: Bishop Zinkula has made it a priority to promote Census 2020 throughout the Diocese and encourage participation. In the upcoming weeks you should see and/or hear information in your parish. Participating in the 2020 Census is a vital, civic duty for everyone living in our Diocese. For additional information go to our diocesan census page. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Kersten.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Webinar: Completing the Audit Worksheets: This presentation will go over, step-by-step, how to fill out the audit spreadsheets, who to count, etc. The forms will be sent prior to this webinar/in person training so you can have your items in front of you. This will cover all active employees, children and volunteers during the audit period July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020. Items due to the office for audit will be April 1. If you have questions you may send them to
Virginia, trujillo@davenportdiocese.org one week prior to the webinar as she will answer them during the webinar. If you prefer to attend in person you are welcome to do so. Please send an email to her to RSVP.

- Option 1: March 3, 8:30-11:30 a.m.: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3954782101349424651
- Option 2: March 3, 12:30-3:00 p.m.: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/51218954607002125

**LITURGY OFFICE**

The March issue of LiturgyNotes is available here.

Some items of note:


By request, we’re highlighting the different pages of the diocesan liturgy website. This month, our focus is on the Liturgy Links page (https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-links). This page provides links to liturgical resources outside of the diocese. Of particular note, there are a number of links provided for the various parish liturgical ministries (sacristan, reader, musician) as well as for helping the assembly enter into the liturgy. Videos, articles, websites, and other libraries with even more resources are linked to from this page.

**SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE**

The Rice Bowl Collection began Ash Wednesday. If your parish did not receive promotional materials and you would like some contact Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-888-4210.

Walking with Moms in Need is a year of service that begins March 25, 2020 and goes through March 25, 2021. This is an effort to better serve pregnant women in need. A pledge to prayerfully support pregnant women in your community is available here.

Faith Climate Action Week: April 17-26. Kits are available to promote love for the earth this week in your parish. For more information or to order a kit go here. Looking for a Lenten Soup Supper idea? There is a screening kit for The Human Element, a captivating film that follows environmental photographer James Balog on his quest to highlight Americans on the front lines of climate change.

Culture of Life Dinner: Saturday, April 25, 5:15 p.m., St. Wenceslaus Church, Iowa City. The complimentary dinner’s two-fold purpose includes educating women and couples of the many physical and spiritual benefits of fertility care as well as generating grant funds for individuals interested in training at the St. Pope Paul VI Institute’s National Center for Women’s Health. To register and for more information go here or call 319-400-5695.

Social Action Summer Institute (SASI) will be held July 23-26 in Atlanta. This year’s theme is Mercy and Mental Health: Strengthening Our Response.

Available Grants:

- **Rice Bowl Grant Deadline:** All grants must be in our office by 4:00 p.m. on May 15, 2020. 1) This grant is for organizations providing/supporting direct services to people who are hungry (first foot of Social justice). The project requesting funds must be operated within the geographical boundaries of the Diocese of Davenport. 2) Projects must conform to the social teachings of the Catholic Church. 3) The project requesting funds provides direct services to alleviate poverty and hunger in the Diocese of Davenport.

- **CCHD Grant Deadline:** All grants must be in our office by 4:00 p.m. on May 15, 2020. This grant is for organizations and projects that promote systemic change (second foot of social justice). To apply send your request in a 1-2 page letter along with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant Agreement.

- **Diocesan Volunteer Program Grant:** This is open to any Catholic or parish within the 22 counties of 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.
The Diocesan Immigration Program is a non-profit program that provides immigration counseling to help reunite families split by immigration, and assists immigrants in adjusting their immigration status and advocates on their behalf. The Immigration Program focuses on family reunification immigration cases. The immigration counselors are certified by the Department of Justice. The Diocesan immigration counselors work in close conjunction with the U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). To learn more or for an informational brochure go here.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Adult Formation Courses are held at the Chancery in Davenport from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and offer an opportunity to grow in our faith. Courses include: “What is Ministry?” on March 21 and “Biblical Literary Forms” on May 9. 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.

Diocesan Retreat Opportunities

For more information about these two retreats visit our website or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

**Women’s Retreat: God’s Simple Path:** April 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Holy Trinity, Richmond. Drawing from the wisdom of St. Mother Teresa, this retreat explores the stones of her “Simple Path” - silence, prayer, faith, love, service and peace. In discovering how these stones help us to love, serve and respect our Lord and our fellow human beings, we will draw closer to God and one another. Join women from across the diocese for a day filled with Scripture, story, song, prayer and action, and be reminded how we are daily called to embrace holiness and see how our lives can run more smoothly, joyfully and peacefully. Register by March 29 for early-bird pricing of $30/person and $40/person until April 13.

**Men’s Retreat: From Wild Men to Wise Men:** April 25, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., St. Mary, Solon. Freedom is found, not in being wild, but in being wise. Wisdom comes through our call to lead, our understanding of truth and morality, a freedom from sin and prudently embracing our free will. Join men from across the diocese for a day discovering what is needed to truly be wise men and experience real freedom – in life, in faith and in relationships. Be prepared, though, to take a closer look at the real you. Register by April 5 for early-bird pricing of $30/person and $40/person until April 20.

Marriage and Family

**Get Ready for Safe Haven Sunday (Feb. 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. 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 p.m. 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. Information and 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.

Two Become One Remarriage Preparation Workshop: Saturday, May 30, St. Mary Church, Solon. 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. Couples can register until May 22, on the diocesan Marriage Preparation website.

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 prairieretreat.org. All programs include a delicious homemade meal prepared with local and organic ingredients.

Mass at the Prairie – a special Mass with Father Francis Odoom: March 4, 10:00-11:00 am
Wednesday Lenten Nights with Barb Arland-Fye: Wed, March 4, 11, 18, 25; 6:30pm-8:00pm (at Humility of Mary)
Come to the Quiet: The Blessing of Divine Creation: Tues, March 10, 9:30am-3:30pm
Exploring God’s Creation: Generating Hope and Energy: Sat, March 14, 8:30am-3:30pm
Taizé Vigil Prayer Service: Sun, March 22, 6:30pm-7:30pm (at Humility of Mary Center)
Beauty of Spring Skies: Stars and Galaxies: Tues, March 24, 6:00pm-9:00pm

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 or online at http://www.smmsisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs to register.

Introductory Strengths-Based Talent Development: For Individuals or Ministry Teams: Tuesdays, Mar. 3 and 24, 9 am-12 pm
Voices to be Heard: Women Activists in History: Thurs. Mar. 19, 6:30-8 pm
Centering Prayer Retreat: Christ Our Center: Thurs. Apr. 2 (Arrival: 4:30 pm; Soup Supper: 5:30 pm; Retreat opening: 7:30 pm)-Sun. Apr. 5, 1 pm

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