CENSUS 2020
October 31 is the last day to complete the 2020 Census. Please respond today to help make sure your community is accurately funded and represented for the next 10 years. Learn more and complete your form at 2020CENSUS.GOV.

VICAR GENERAL
The 2020 annual meeting of the Parish Corporate Boards will be held on Sunday, October 11 at 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. Pastors and lay directors for every parish are required to attend one of the dates in order to have a quorum. Further details will be shared via email at a later date.

PRIEST ADDRESS CHANGES
Correction: Reynolds, Rev. William: 208 North 6th Avenue E, Newton 50208-3145; 641-275-5502

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY
An updated 2020 Directory will be released by August 1. If you receive the Mini-Messenger you will be sent an email of how to access it from the restricted/password accessible section of the diocesan website. If you have questions contact Laurie Hoefling, 563-888-4220.

LITURGY OFFICE
The August LiturgyNotes may be found here.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
Covid-19 Legal Advice Hotline: 800-332-0419, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday for those experiencing legal problems due to the pandemic. For more information go here.

Lunch and Learn: Our Call to Right Relationship: Appalachia Through the Lens of Laudato Si: Thursday, August 6, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Presenter: Ryan Burchett of St. Paul the Apostle parish in Davenport. The topic is especially timely as we prepare for the Season of Creation beginning in September and are currently celebrating the Laudato Si Anniversary year. Click here to register.

Virtual Social Action Deanery Meetings begin August 20 with the Grinnell and Ottumwa deaneries. These monthly Zoom noontime conversations are for those interested. Meetings will be held the third Thursday of the month for two assigned deaneries. For more information contact Esmeralda Guerrero.

St. Vincent’s Home Grant Deadline: For consideration at the November board meeting applications must be postmarked by September 15. For more information click here.

Rice Bowl Collection: Thank you to all the parishes that participated in the 2020 collection. This year we were able to distribute $8,270 in grants. If your parish has not yet sent in the collection funds please do so ASAP.
Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD):

- $7,500 from the 2019 collection was distributed through local grants. The 2020 CCHD Annual Collection will be held Nov. 23-24. Promotional materials will be mailed to parishes in early October.
- Jerilyn Cabrera has been selected to be the 2020-2021 CCHD Intern. She will be working with the Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa, (CWJ). Jerilyn is a recent first-generation graduate from the University of Iowa. Her parents are both immigrants from Mexico and her first language is Spanish. Jerilyn’s plans for the future are to become an immigration attorney. On her road to becoming that she decided to intern at the Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa, where its work, while not exclusive to the immigrant community, does help immigrants in many ways. Jerilyn has a passion for fighting for justice for everyone, especially the poor and the immigrant community and she hopes interning for CCHD will give her more knowledge and resources on how to do so.

Two Feet Social Action is a newsletter filled with upcoming events and deadlines, calls to action and social justice news and views.

Respect Life Materials: For those who ordered parish packets they will be mailed directly to the parish by mid-September. If your parish missed the notice to order, a few extras are available on a first-come first-served basis. Contact guerero@davenportdiocese.org.

Project Rachel services provided for those wounded by abortion are:

- Dedicated Helpline: 563-333-4107 (calls answered personally Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) Voice messaging available all other times.
- Dedicated e-mail: projectrachel@diodav.org
- Dedicated national website: www.hopeafterabortion.org

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Youth and Young Adult

August Youth Ministry Leaders’ Gathering: The August meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, August 4, beginning at 10 AM. Contact Barb Butterworth for the Zoom meeting link. Agenda includes diocesan programming updates, a discussion on “The Inefficient Innovator,” the future of our ministry in light of what we’re experiencing, and a time for sharing fall parish ministry plans. Agenda is available on the Gathering webpage.

Youth Ministry Resources for Online Ministry: In light of the diocesan Guidelines for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Programming for the 2020-2021 Year, a new Virtual Ministry Resources webpage has been developed where you can find resources for planning and implementing an online/non-gathered ministry. The page will continually be updated as more resources are discovered.

Mental Illness Awareness Week: Each year, millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition, including teenagers! However, mental illness affects everyone directly or indirectly through family, friends or coworkers. Despite mental illnesses’ reach and prevalence, stigma and misunderstanding are also, unfortunately, widespread.

In light of this and what we discovered from teens in our NCYC 2019 evaluations, the O.F.F. will take part in the annual Mental Illness Awareness Week October 4-10. During that week we will host a series of online programs featuring Roy Petitfils, a licensed counselor at Pax Renewal Center in Lafayette, LA, and host of the popular Today’s Teenager podcast. Watch the various diocesan communication media for more details.

Input requested for Virtual Workshops: The Office of Faith Formation is planning to partner with Liturgy Training Publications to offer Virtual Workshops for Clergy, RCIA and Faith Formation leaders, catechists and team members for this 2020-2021 year. We are seeking input as to the workshop topics and times to offer them. If you serve in one of these ministries, please provide your input in our online form by Friday, August 21. For more information, contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.
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 desiring to deepen their knowledge of the faith. The next session of courses begins August 31. [Click here for a list of courses.](#) Cost is $74.25 per course after diocesan discount. Additional scholarships are available. For more information on the courses or scholarship opportunities, contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244 or visit our [website](#).

Family-Based Diocesan Curriculum for Faith Formation: The Office of Faith Formation is offering a Family-Based Diocesan Curriculum for parishes to utilize during the 2020-2021 Faith Formation year. If your parish is electing to utilize this curriculum, please [register online](#) to receive the materials. For more information, contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

Faith Themes: The Office of Faith Formation is beginning to curate online resources and activities around a variety of [Faith Themes](#). Check out the available resources on our [website](#). If you have a particular theme that you would like addressed to assist you in your ministry, please contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244 to make the recommendation.

**Marriage and Family**

Diocesan Live Online Introduction to NFP Instruction: Saturday, August 8 at 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 15 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. 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. Additional instructional times are listed on the [diocesan NFP website](#). Interested couples are to contact Marianne Agnoli, 563-676-9745.

The Diocesan Marriage Preparation Workshop scheduled for August 15 in Mount Pleasant has been moved to a virtual format via Zoom due to the pandemic. All previously registered engaged couples have been contacted. Additional registrations for this virtual workshop will be accepted through August 7 at the reduced fee of $75. [Registration Form](#)

Virtual Sponsor Couple Training: Since several gathered diocesan marriage preparation workshops had to be cancelled, more parishes have been successfully assigning Sponsor Couples to journey with their engaged couples through virtual web meetings. If you are interested in having married couples from your parish be trained to serve in the Sponsor Couple ministry, please contact Marianne Agnoli to set up a virtual instruction.

NOURISH for Caregivers: In response to COVID-19 and social distancing, NOURISH has converted its traditional model curriculum (English and Spanish) to one facilitated by lay leaders via virtual web meeting (Zoom, etc.). Church ministers are encouraged to consider learning more about supporting caregivers in their parish and to let them know about House Calls and other useful resources available to them on the [NOURISH](#) website. Contact Marianne Agnoli for more information.

**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](mailto: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.theprairieretreat.org.

Social distancing and wearing of masks are in place at the Prairie Retreat. Visit our website listed above for full covid-19 protocols.

- **Tree Energy: The Wisdom of Trees**: Sat., August 1, 9:00am - 4:30pm
- **Online Retreat: Come to the Quiet: Blessings of the East**: Tues., August 4, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- **Mass at The Prairie**: Wed., August 5, 10:00 - 11:00am
- **Online Retreat: Living Inside the Trinity**: Mon., August 10, 9:00am - 3:30pm
- **Online Retreat: Finding Faith: Past Tense, Present Joy**: Wed., August 12, 10am - 12pm
- **Volunteer Workday at the Prairie**: Thurs., August 12, 9:00am - 4:00pm

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.

Due to COVID-19, **Benet House Retreat Center will remain closed through September**. We have developed several virtual retreats to provide spiritual and prayerful opportunities during this difficult time. These virtual sessions are held via Zoom or Cisco WebEx. Once registered, you will receive a link to join the retreat and access to materials. For payment, checks may be made payable to the Sisters of St. Benedict or you may call Sr. Jackie Walsh at 309-283-2108 to provide credit card information.

- **Voices to be Heard: Teach Me to Be Wild**: Thursday, Aug. 13; 6:30-8:30 pm. We will explore work of Wildlife Associates in northern California where non-releasable wild animals become Wild Teachers and are helping heal generations of hurt children. Facilitator: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB; Fee: $10.

- **From Seeker to Sage: Journey to the Unknowable**: Wednesdays Aug. 19, 26; Sept. 2, 9, 16; 1-3 pm. This 5-week virtual retreat provides an opportunity to reflect upon our personal spiritual journey from Seeker to Sage. Join us as we move through different stages of our journey from awakening moments, through our seeking and gradual movements to transformation. Presenter: Susan Komis. Fee: $150 for series

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To support the ministry of your parish, school and the diocese these groups automatically receive the *Mini-Messenger*:

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