**CENSUS 2020**

**Deadline is now September 30.** Make sure everyone in your community gets counted. Households must complete the 2020 Census by this date. Visit [2020Census.gov](https://2020Census.gov) or call 884-330-2020 to complete your Census.

**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.

**LITURGY OFFICE**

The September *LiturgyNotes* may be found [here](https://www2.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy). 

**SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE**

**Derecho:** With nine (Cedar, Clinton, Iowa, Jasper, Johnson, Muscatine, Poweshiek, Scott and Washington) of our 22 counties falling under Governor disaster declarations the Iowa Department of Human Services’ Disaster Assistance Programs [webpage](https://www2.davenportdiocese.org/disaster) becomes a valuable resource. It has information on Food Replacement Assistance, Case Management and Disaster Behavioral Health Response Team. For additional information go to the diocesan disaster response [webpage](https://www2.davenportdiocese.org/disaster).

The Refugee Alliance of Central Iowa has a webpage for COVID-19 information in more than 20 languages and covers the whole state. The hotline, 877-558-2690 is operational Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. This is open to anyone from any location, and the service is free. [Website](https://www2.davenportdiocese.org/disaster).

**Economic Impact Payment (Stimulus Check):** People in your community might still be able to receive their stimulus payment. For more information, go to [https://www.211.org/pages/stimuluscheck](https://www.211.org/pages/stimuluscheck) or call 1-844-322-3639.

**Lunch and Learn:** Our session will be Thursday, September 3, 12:00-1:00 PM. Tom Chapman of the Iowa Catholic Conference will speak on *Faithful Citizenship for Iowa Catholics* as we approach the November elections and beyond. Click [here](https://www2.davenportdiocese.org/disaster) to register.

**Saint Peter Claver Evening Prayer:** Please join the Social Action Office, on Wednesday, Sept.9, at 4pm, for Evening Prayer by Zoom as we come together to pray, learn and reflect on the life and work of Saint Peter Claver. [Meeting link](https://www2.davenportdiocese.org/disaster) For questions, please contact Kent Ferris, OFS, at [ferris@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:ferris@davenportdiocese.org).

**Final Reminder - St. Vincent’s Home Corporation Grant Deadline September 15:** For consideration at the fall board meeting applications must be postmarked by September 15. Applicants are to be located within the 22 counties of the Diocese of Davenport or serve children within the Diocese of Davenport. Also if you have not submitted a progress report for a past grant, you must submit a progress report along with your application. The grant application and the progress report form can be found [here](https://www2.davenportdiocese.org/disaster).

**Virtual Social Action Deanery Meeting** on September 17 for the Iowa City and Keokuk 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](mailto:EsmeraldaGuerrero@). 

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees** will be September 27. The theme for this year is “Forced like Jesus Christ to flee.” [Pope’s Message](https://www2.davenportdiocese.org/disaster) and to [View resources page for more information](https://www2.davenportdiocese.org/disaster).
The Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection will be held November 21-22. With your support, people living on the margins can create a real change in their lives. Remember, 25% of funds collected stay in our diocese for anti-poverty projects! Promotional materials will be mailed to parishes in October. Contact Esmeralda Guerrero with questions, 563-888-4210.

Project Rachel Ministry is a confidential, post-abortion healing ministry of the Catholic Church offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. Project Rachel staff understand the emotional pain that follows an abortion.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE
Youth and Young Adult

September Youth Ministry Leaders’ Gathering: The September meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, September 1, beginning at 10 AM. Contact Barb Butterworth for the Zoom meeting link. Agenda includes diocesan programming updates including the upcoming Mental Illness Awareness Week project, a discussion on the recent diocesan e-communication policy, and a time for sharing fall parish ministry plans. Agenda is available on the Gathering webpage.

Youth Ministry Resources for Online Ministry: The Virtual Ministry Resources webpage continues to be updated with new resources for planning and implementing online/non-gathered ministry.

Mental Illness Awareness Week: It’s no secret that peer pressure, academic stress, uncertainty about the future, parental pressure, and technology are just some of the more common causes of stress and pressure among young people today. Little wonder then that 1 in 5 teens experience some form of mental illness. In light of this and what we discovered from teens in our NCYC 2019 evaluations, the O.F.F. announces a new project: the observance of 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, and Sean Robinson, Coordinator of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Columbus. For a complete schedule and details of programs, downloadable resources, and more information, visit the MIAW Project webpage.

Adult Formation

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 October 12. 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.

Curated Resources: The Office of Faith Formation is curating online formation, webinar and retreat opportunities, as well as resources and activities around a variety of Faith Themes. If you have questions on these resources, please contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

Marriage and Family

“New Beginnings” Virtual Retreat for Divorced/Separated Catholics (English & Spanish): September 11, 7:30 pm and September 12, 11 am – bulletin/website announcements below:

Are you experiencing the pain of separation or divorce? Learn how you can find peace and joy again at the New Beginnings’ online summit, Friday, September 11, 7:30pm and Saturday, September 12, 11am. The event is free, with donations accepted. Presentations will be in English with simultaneous Spanish translation. The expert presenters include author John Gray (Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus), Fr. Roger Gustafson, Fr. Al Groskopf, Dr. Ann Vano, author Vince Frese, and many more. Information/Registration https://www.newbeginningsevents.org/

“Tu camino hacia una vida de abundante amor y esperanza comienza aquí:” Únete a nosotros el viernes 11 de Septiembre a las 7:30 pm (CST) para comenzar un fin de semana de sanación y esperanza para las
personas que han sufrido el dolor y el aislamiento de la separación y el divorcio. El evento continuará con una conferencia virtual el sábado 12 de septiembre. Aprende cómo puedes encontrar el amor y la alegría nuevamente en nuestra conferencia virtual: https://www.newbeginningsevents.org/
Se aprecian tu asistencia y apoyo (registrate GRATIS). Las presentaciones serán en inglés con traducción simultánea al español. Encuentra detalles sobre los oradores y el horario, y registra tu asistencia en el sitio web de arriba. El famoso escritor del libro “Los hombres son de Marte, las mujeres de Venus”, John Gray, abrirá este maravilloso encuentro de sanación.

Diocesan Marriage Preparation Workshops Go Virtual: Until further notice all diocesan marriage preparation workshops previously held in person will take place virtually via Zoom. The next workshop is scheduled for Saturday, October 3. All previously registered engaged couples will be notified of the new format. Additional registrations for this virtual workshop will be accepted through September 25. Registration

Diocesan Live Online Introduction to NFP Instruction: 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. Sessions this month will be held live via Zoom on Saturday, September 5, at 9:00 pm. Additional instructional times are listed on the diocesan NFP website. Couples should contact Marianne Agnoli by email or at 563-676-9745 if they are interested in registering for a free live online instruction.

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.theprairieretreat.org.

Wed, September 2 | Outdoor Mass on The Prairie, 10:00am-11:00am

Tues, September 15 | FREE online Retreat: Come to the Quiet: Blessings of the South, 9:30am-3:30pm

Wed, September 23 | Exploring the Prairie through the Seasons, 9:30am-3:30pm

Thurs, September 24 | Beauty of Autumn Skies: Moon, Planets, and Solar System, 6:00pm-9:00pm

Sat, September 26 | Tree Energy: The Wisdom of Trees, 9:00am - 4:30pm

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: Sept. 17; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Maggie Doyne shares the story of how she traveled to a remote village in Nepal where she felt a deep sense of belonging, a sense of home. She decided to sponsor the education of one child; one became five, five became ten. At the age of 23, Maggie became mother to 25.
Facilitator: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB. Fee: $10
Retreat: The Road Less Traveled: Fri. Sept. 25 (Retreat opening: 7 pm)–Sun. Sept. 27, 1 pm. We make a decision each day to take the road less traveled so that the Promises of AA will allow us to know a new freedom and happiness. May you make the decision to take the road less traveled. This retreat is for anyone involved in any twelve-step program (AA, Al-ANON, NA, OA etc.). Participants need at least 3 months in recovery. Facilitator: Sister Kerry Larkin, OSM. Fee: Registrations $115.

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

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