STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

The Stewardship Commission for the Diocese of Davenport:

- provides pastoral resources for parishes in need of stewardship practices,
- communicates a stewardship way of life throughout the diocese and
- develops diocesan activities to engage Catholics in the faith life of their parish communities.

The Commission is engaged in supporting Vision 20/20 along with Evangelization in the diocese. Initiatives in 2021 will be introduced by the Commission to further promote Stewardship in the diocese. Members of the commission are: Jim and Kathy DeMong, Fr. James Flattery, Bill Graf, Kathy Hammerly, Jake Jacks, Judy Johnson, Fr. Rob Lathrop, Deacon Jeff Schuetzle and staff member, Michael Hoffman. For more information on stewardship please email hoffman@davenportdiocese.org.

LITURGY OFFICE

The January LiturgyNotes may be found here.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Heating Cost Assistance for Low-Income Households: The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps qualifying low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs for the winter heating season. The application period ends 4/30/21. Customers who qualify for LIHEAP are protected from having their natural gas and electric utilities disconnected from November 1 to April 1. Applications are taken at your local community action agency. Anyone facing disconnection at any time should contact their local community action agency for assistance. Click HERE to find your local agency. Please go to the Iowa Department of Human Rights for more details and resources.

Iowa’s Freedom Summit: January 11, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. via Zoom, presented by the Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking and Slavery. The purpose of the summit is to educate the public about human trafficking (it's happening right here in Iowa) and what services are available in the state. For more information and to register click here.

January is Poverty Awareness Month, a month-long 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.

9 Days for Life - January 21-29 is a novena for the respect and protection of every human life. Find resources here.

Catholic Social Ministry Virtual Gathering: February 6-9. This year will be a virtual gathering. For more than 30 years, the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG) has brought together hundreds of participants whose faith inspires them to address pressing current domestic and global challenges affecting our most vulnerable brothers and sisters at home and around the world. The theme is “Make justice your aim” (cf. Is. 1:17): Rebuilding Together” See attachment for more information.

Catholic Relief Services:

- CRS Rice Bowl Collection begins Ash Wednesday, February 17
- Video recording of Kevin O’Brien’s presentation on December 7. Kevin shared his experience serving with CRS in Honduras and West Bank/Gaza. Link to the recording
Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection: Thank you for participating in the November 2020 collection. If you missed the collection, you may make your donation with a check payable to the Diocese of Davenport and marked CCHD Collection. You may submit it to your parish or mail it directly to the Diocese of Davenport, 780 West Central Park Ave., Davenport IA 52804-1901. Remember, 25% of the funds will stay in our diocese for antipoverty projects!

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Update: Please share with those who might need this information.

As of December 7, 2020 the Department of Homeland Security is accepting first time requesters for consideration under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. DHS is also accepting applications for advance parole documents and they will grant DACA and Employment Authorization for two years again instead of one year.

Call 563-324-1911 or e-mail Maricela Guzmán, guzman@davenportdiocese.org to schedule an appointment with one of our immigration counselors, have questions, or want additional information. The DACA requirements are explained in these videos made available courtesy of Catholic Charities Dubuque: English, Spanish.

You may also visit the diocesan Immigration page. An informational brochure may be printed and distributed to those who might be interested.

New Year, New Opportunities: Ways you can stay connected with our office.

- **Google Groups:** For more information contact Amy Kersten, kerstena@diodav.org or 563-888-4210.
  - **Social Action Advocacy:** Addressing legislative advocacy on social issues of concern to the Catholic Church and encouraging faithful citizenship.
  - **Parish Social Action:** Provides resources, ideas and opportunities for parishioners to live out their faith working for charity and justice.
  - **NEW Voices for Rural Life:** Educate, share concerns and suggest advocacy opportunities related to life in rural Iowa.

**NEWMAN CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

Seek21 Conference is an online conference running February 4-7 sponsored by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. Designed for high school seniors, college students, lay and religious faithful, young adults, and Emmaus groups, this is a conference that will engage you in the big questions about joy, peace, hope and salvation, which will transform your life and your parish. Content will be available live and recorded for on-demand access. Check out [seek.focus.org](http://seek.focus.org) for more information, the conference schedule and registration. Individual registration is $139 and group and parish packs are available. Contact Christine Wissink, Director of Outreach and Education at the Newman Catholic Student Center or Aurelia Isenbart, a FOCUS Missionary serving at the University of Iowa, with questions about the Seek21 Conference.

**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**

**Youth and Young Adult**

Hold On To Love: The first of four monthly live stream experiences for teens and parents will take place THIS SUNDAY, January 10, at 7 p.m. on the [Diocese of Davenport Youth & Young Adult Ministry webpage](http://Diocese of Davenport Youth & Young Adult Ministry webpage). This “time out” experience is designed to provide support, inspiration and hope for daily living in these challenging times. Hosted by a team of adults and teens, the live stream will include a message and prayer from Bishop Zinkula, music from Mitch Narvasa of St. John Vianney parish, an inspirational message from special guest Jesse Manibusan, and a time for prayer and reflection. This live stream is part of a larger comprehensive resource from the Office of Faith Formation. Attached is a graphic designed for publicizing this experience on your social media platforms.
NCYC 2021 News: We are still assessing our potential diocesan participation in NCYC 2021. To that end, youth ministry and faith formation leaders should have received an invitation via email to complete a survey indicating their present intentions on attending along with an invitation to attend one of two Open Forums on either January 21 or 22 to further explore this possibility. For more information, contact Don Boucher.

Adult Formation

Virtual Workshop Series Offered between January and March: Join us from the comfort of your own home for our Virtual Workshops on Evangelization, Discipleship, Hospitality and Engaging Students in the Liturgy. More than a webinar, these workshops actively engage participants in the conversation with no microphone or camera required. Discounts are available if you register for the entire Series! Visit our website, register online or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244 for more information on these virtual workshops.

- **Making Evangelization a Priority in Parish Life** - Tuesday, January 12 from 7PM-8:30PM. Our team of presenters will help us explore how faith formation, liturgy and parish life can form disciples that are well-equipped and energized to be Christ’s witnesses in the world. Cost of the workshop is $20 and the registration deadline is **this Sunday, January 10**.

- **Teaching Your Students about Mass and Discipleship** - Tuesday, January 26 from 10AM-11:30AM. Our team will help us explore how we can, and must, echo to our students our own faith as liturgical disciples, who gather weekly at Eucharist and are sent forth in mission. Early-bird Registration is $15 by January 15 or $20 until the registration deadline of Sunday, January 24.

- **Strengthening the Parish by Fostering Discipleship** – Tuesday, February 9 from 7PM-8:30PM. Our team of presenters will lead us in examining the characteristics of a strong and vibrant parish and help us to form and encourage all the baptized to serve as priest, prophet and king in 2021 and beyond. Early-bird Registration is $15 by January 29.

- **Engaging Teenagers: Building a Living Faith** – Tuesday, February 23 from 10AM-11:30AM. Our presenters will share successful strategies for inviting teens to greater participation in the liturgy and forming them as parish leaders through serving as liturgical ministers. Early-bird Registration is $15 by February 12.

- **The Hospitable Parish** – Tuesday, March 9 from 7PM-8:30PM. We will reflect on best practices and address common obstacles in the ways our parishes extend hospitality to members and strangers. Early-bird Registration is $15 by February 26.

- **Getting your Students (and their Parents) to Engage with Mass during this Pandemic** – Tuesday, March 23 from 10AM-11:30AM. Come explore ways the parish can collaborate with parents, grandparents, and guardians to ensure that participation in Sunday Mass becomes a family priority now, whether they are attending in-person or virtually, and as we look ahead to when we all rejoin the gathered assembly. Early-bird Registration is $15 by March 12.

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 on 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 February 15. [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.

Diocesan Lenten Retreat: **Praying the Psalms on the Way of the Cross**: Virtually gather with parishioners from across the diocese on Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. to meditate on the Stations of the Cross in a different way. You are invited to virtually gather and reflect on Jesus’ Way of the Cross by using the same prayers he used in his life: the Book of Psalms. Participants will draw from their own spiritual journeys to actively consider the role of the Cross and the implications it has for living out a life of discipleship in our complex, modern world. This virtual retreat is perfect for the busy individual who would still like to treat themselves to some spiritual
nourishment. No camera or microphone needed! Register online by March 8 for early-bird pricing of $20! Visit our website or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244 for more information.

Marriage and Family
Renewing Catholic Family Life– Evangelization in the Domestic Church Training Webinar Series for Ministry Leaders: Beginning on Friday, January 22, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and continuing through February 11. Join Gregory and Lisa Popcak live via Zoom as they present practical strategies for helping families of all shapes and sizes grow as a domestic church. Everyone engaged in ministry that touches the lives of families is encouraged to attend this series of four weekly webinars. Registration. Contact: Marianne Agnoli

Safe Haven Sunday (Year 2) – March 13-14: Now is the time to plan how your parish or school will participate in the second year of our diocesan Safe Haven campaign. The featured book for this year is titled Confident: Helping Parents Navigate Online Exposure. With the dramatic increase in virtual learning this past year, it is more important than ever to help individuals and families address online exposure to pornography. Year 2 materials for parishes and schools should be purchased directly from Covenant Eyes. Additional materials and links to free online resources in English and Spanish are available on the Diocese of Davenport Clean Heart webpage. Contact Marianne Agnoli for more information or if you are interested in purchasing any discounted Year 1 materials.

Virtual Marriage Preparation Workshops: Until further notice all diocesan marriage preparation workshops previously held in person will take place virtually via Zoom. The following Saturday dates have been scheduled for the first half of 2021: January 16, March 6, and May 1. Additional dates will be posted for the second half of 2021. Registration information can be found on the diocesan Marriage Preparation webpage.

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. All offerings are online.

January 12, Telling Our Stories of Derecho: 6:30-8:00pm. Free

January 14 Finding Peace: Letting Go of Stress and Worry (session 1): 10:00am-11:30am. Fee.

January 19 Ecumenical Prayer Service for Our Elected Leaders: 7:00pm-8:30pm. Free.

January 21 Finding Peace: Letting Go of Stress and Worry (session 2): 10:00am-11:30am, Fee.

January 27 Faith, Farms and Climate: Iowa Farmers Helping Solve Our Climate Crisis: 9:30am – 11:30am Free.

January 28 Finding Peace: Letting Go of Stress and Worry (Session 3): 10:00am-11:30am. Fee.
BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL

Benet House will remain closed through March 2021 and the offerings below are virtual. To register for the following contact Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108, retreats@smmsisters.org or online at https://smmsisters.org/retreats. For payment, checks may be made payable to the Sisters of St. Benedict or you may call to provide credit card information.

**Pilgrim People:** Using a series from Little Rock Scripture, this retreat covers four major pilgrimages in Scripture and how they may relate to your life journey. Retreat Leader: Sister Bobbi Bussan, OSB. 1-2:30 pm; Fee: $50 series, plus $17 for book, if ordered through Benet House.

Dates: Mondays: Feb. 8: (Introductory Meeting)
           Feb. 15: (Journey of Trust with Abraham and Sarah)
           Feb. 22: (Journey of Freedom with Moses and the Hebrew People)
           Mar. 1: (Journey of Exile and Return to Israel)
           Mar. 8: (Journey of Discipleship with Jesus and His Followers)

**Compassion to Self: A Day for You:** Sat. Feb. 13, 9 am-4 pm. This retreat features the teachings of Sr. Joyce Rupp and the Boundless Compassion program. Retreat Leader: Sister Bobbi Bussan, OSB. Fee: $40.

**Lent 30: Music Reflection from Musician Monica Brown:** Energize your Lent experience with Friday morning 30-minute, 9:30-9:30 am, reflection with music and images.


Dates: Fridays: Feb. 19: (A New Heart)
           Feb. 26: (Always There)       Mar. 5: (By His Wounds)
           Mar. 19: (I’ll Be Always Loving You) Mar. 26: (This Is Your Way)

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

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- Diocesan Board of Education
- Seminarians
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- Parish Life Coordinators

Other interested persons are welcome to subscribe. If you have questions regarding your subscription contact Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org.
Register Now for the 2021 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering!

“Make justice your aim” (cf. Is. 1:17): Rebuilding Together

February 6-9, 2021, Virtual Gathering

This year, registration is only $50!

Register now and save the date for this four-day virtual event.

Don’t miss this transformative annual gathering for leaders in Catholic social ministry and advocacy! For more than 30 years, the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG) has brought together hundreds of participants whose faith inspires them to address pressing current domestic and global challenges affecting our most vulnerable brothers and sisters at home and around the world.

This year, we will pray, learn, and advocate together on the disparities revealed by COVID-19 and re-imagine new models of justice and solidarity.

Dynamic and thought-provoking presentations, workshops, and grassroots breakouts will invite us to work together as a Church to rebuild the common good in our communities. Then, we’ll raise our voices in solidarity by advocating to our members of Congress.

This year’s virtual gathering will include:

- Inspiring leading voices in Church and society.
- Workshops with policy experts and grassroots community leaders.
- Intentional opportunities for best practice-sharing among participants.
- Resources from dozens of Catholic social ministry organizations.
- Virtual advocacy visits with elected officials.
- And much more!

Act now to be part of our special initiative for young leaders in Catholic social ministry and learn more about our Diversity Outreach Initiative.
Register Now for the 2021 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering!

Having trouble with the link? Simply copy and paste the entire address listed below into your web browser:
Click here

If you no longer want to receive emails from Catholic Social Ministry Gathering please click the link below.
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This pandemic has been tough on all of us. Our lives have been majorly disrupted. We’ve missed out on significant life moments. We’ve lost a lot, including loved ones.

Are you frustrated, maybe a little depressed, anxious?

Asking why is this happening?
Wondering if this will ever end?
Looking for a little inspiration, a little hope?
Need a break from it all?

> Teens & Parents <

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7:00 pm
on the “Diocese of Davenport Youth & Young Adult Ministry” Facebook page