

DIOCESAN OFFICES CLOSED

The diocesan offices will be closed, Friday, March 18 for an all staff retreat.

DIOCESAN SUPPORT DAY

The Diocese is offering two days of workshops for parish personnel on May 24 and 25th. Some sessions planned are parish accounting, Office 2007 programs, Tech Q&A, Social Networking, and offerings from the offices of Faith Formation, Social Action, Vocations and The Catholic Messenger. Tours of the remodeled Chancery will also be provided. A registration form will be included with the April Mini and there is no fee for attending. The Annual Diocesan Appeal funds these days of enrichment. If you have questions please contact Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4220.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

The Administration section of the Diocesan Directory has been updated. It is attached to this issue. This replaces all the contents behind the Administration Tab of the Directory.

TWO RELIGIOUS EXHIBITS (in/near Dubuque)

Venerable Father Samuel Mazzuchelli Exhibit at Sinsinawa Mound, 8 miles from Dubuque. Father Samuel founded several parishes in our diocese in the mid-1800s. His cause for beautification is in Rome. For more information contact Sister Laura Goedken, 563-888-4252 or Sinsinawa Mound 608-748-4411.

Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America: All reports are that this is a very professionally done and well worth seeing. This traveling exhibition depicts the role of Catholic sisters in shaping America's history and the contributions they made and continue to make in shaping the nation's social and cultural landscape. From now through May 22 the exhibit will be in Dubuque at the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium. For information and highlights go to www.womenandspirit.org. The Iowa exhibit will also include a local component highlighting the histories of the 12 congregations based in the Upper Mississippi River Valley.

Tickets: Adults \$15, Senior (65+) \$13, Youth (3-17) \$10. **For school trips** contact Melissa Wersinger, 800-226-3369, ext. 213 or mwersinger@rivermuseum.com. For **group tours**/discounts, contact Nate Brietspecker, 800-226-3369, ext. 214 or nbrietspecker@rivermuseum.com. Other museum information can be found at www.mississippirivermuseum.com.

VOCATIONS OFFICE

Trip to Mundelein Seminary: Join other high school students around the diocese for a trip to Mundelein Seminary on Wednesday, March 16. Permission slips were sent to all parishes, priests, schools and DREs. Deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, March 9.

A "**Thinking of Priesthood Day**" will be held Saturday, March 26 at the St. Thomas Aquinas Student Center on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames. This event begins at 10 AM (registration is from 9-10 AM) and concludes at 5 PM with Mass and dinner following. Sponsored by the vocation offices of the four dioceses of Iowa, this day is for men, ages 17-45, who might be considering a possible call to priesthood. This day will include informal presentations and discussions, sharing from vocation directors of the four dioceses of Iowa and seminarians. Fr. Jonathan Fassero from St. Meinrad School of Theology will lead the discussions. For more information and to register, please contact Fr. Marty Goetz or your local priest.

Please contact Fr. Marty Goetz, goetz@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4255 regarding the above information.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002, or mail to vacdav@attglobal.net or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Annual Diocesan Appeal: I would like to set up some meetings around the diocese toward the end of March or early April to discuss the Annual Diocesan Appeal. I am inviting any pastors, parish staff or finance and pastoral council members to give ideas of how to best conduct the ADA. Should the diocese do a mailing for the ADA? How should the envelope be designed? Is a CD and/or DVD helpful? What information would you like to see in the brochure? If you are interested in attending such a meeting, please contact Sr. Laura Goedken, goedken@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4252 by March 10. Dates and places to accommodate those interested will then be determined.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

Stewardship Conference: *Journey to Holiness*, The Region IX International Catholic Stewardship Conference, will be held April 1 in Kansas City, KS. The fee is \$90 per person plus accommodations. There will be a keynote address with three breakout sessions regarding a variety of topics. The brochure can be found on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org under the Stewardship Office.

FINANCE OFFICE

Background Check Forms: This year a new firm will be conducting the 2011 Compliance Audit for implementing the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. Requests have been made for completion and submission of all background check forms due for individuals either employed by a parish or school or individuals volunteering with children or dependant adults four or more times during the audit period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Forms are to be completed and **signed**, accompanied with a copy of a driver's license and sent to Char Maaske no later than March 31, 2011. Questions regarding any requests or forms should be directed to Lynnette Sowell, sowells@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4364.

Parishioner Address Updates: Please submit your parish membership and address changes monthly or when you receive this information from your envelope provider.

LITURGY OFFICE

Music Workshops: May 7 and 21. The registration forms for the Music Workshops will be posted on the diocesan RM3 webpage: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litromanmissal.htm#register2>. The purpose of these workshops is to introduce the **music ministry leadership** (choir/music directors, keyboardists, cantors) of our communities to Mass settings from each of the three major publishers. The workshop is *not* intended for all choir members; as with the deanery workshops, the hope is that those attending the workshop will bring what they learn back to their parishes. The morning will begin with a keynote address on "Introducing New Mass Settings in a Parish" from Alan Hommerding (May 7) or Jerry Galipeau (May 21) from WLP. They will then lead a choral reading of the Mass settings we have selected from their collection. The afternoon will be spent in three breakout sessions practicing with Mass settings from GIA, OCP, and the ICEL chants.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Social Action . . .

The Operation Rice Bowl Collection begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9. If your parish did not order or you need additional materials please contact the Social Action Office, 563-888-4210. 25% of the funds collected will remain in the Diocese to help organizations that fight hunger and poverty. See below for the awarding of funds through the grant process.

Social Action Deanery Meetings: The next set of deanery meeting will be this month. Dates and locations will be posted soon at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/index.htm>.

St. Vincent Home Corporation Grant: Final reminder that all grants must be postmarked by **March 19** for consideration at the spring board meeting. All applications must be postmarked by that date. Continuing the mission of St. Vincent's Orphanage, the grants are to reach out to children, particularly those in poverty or other special challenges. Go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sastvincenthomecorporation.htm> for an application and criteria.

Two Grants Available: Application deadline May 31

Operation Rice Bowl: For those providing/supporting direct services to people who are hungry (the first foot of social justice). If your parish or community would like to apply go to www.davenportdiocese.org and under offices click on Social Action. Here you can obtain grant criteria and instructions.

CCHD (Catholic Campaign for Human Development): For those organizations and projects that promote systemic change (the second foot of social justice). To apply send your request in a 1-2 page letter. In addition the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant Agreement must be completed and submitted with the grant request. To obtain a copy of the agreement go to www.davenportdiocese.org and under offices click on Social Action.

Submit applications to Esmeralda Guerrero, guerrero@davenportdiocese.org or Diocese of Davenport, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport 52804-1901. For questions contact Loxi Hopkins, 563-888-4212.

Fair Trade Work of Human Hands: Spring/Summer 2011 catalog is now available. To view all the new fair trade crafts or order a copy go to <http://www.serrv.org/New/Available.aspx> or call 1-888-294-6376.

Faith Formation . . .

Certificate Program in Youth Ministry Studies will again be offered this summer at St. Ambrose University. This program of the Center for Ministry Development includes eight courses to promote personal, spiritual and ministerial growth. It can be taken by people preparing for a career in youth ministry, veteran leaders seeking enrichment, or volunteers wanting to strengthen their skills. Courses to be offered this summer include:

June 9-10 (Th-Fr): Principles of Youth Ministry June 11-12 (Sa-Su): Practices of Youth Ministry

July 7-8 (Th-Fr): Foundations for Ministry Leadership July 9-10 (Sa-Su): Skills for Christian Leadership

Each course costs \$180, but parishes and schools can register additional participants at reduced costs. On-campus housing is available at SAU for \$28/night for a single room and \$23/night for shared rooms. For more information, contact Stella O'Rourke, at 563-333-6083 or OrourkeStellaJ@sau.edu.

Opportunities for Youth

"Peace, Love, Jesus" the Junior High Youth Rally: Registration deadline March 7. It will be March 20 at Regina Catholic Education Center. Our keynoters will be Oddwalk Ministries. For information go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/ffyouthrally.htm>. March 14 is the final deadline (at an additional \$5 per registration). Please steer your youth to www.davenportyouth.org for more information.

A Quest retreat for youth in grades 9 and 10 will be held March 26-27, at St. Mary's in Grinnell. Click [here](#) for application. For more information, contact Crystal DeNeve at (641) 236-8838 or grinnellstmarydre@diodav.org.

COR retreats for youth in grades 10, 11 and 12 will be held:

- March 11-13 at St. Joseph's in DeWitt. For information, contact Pat Sheil at (563) 659-3514 or dewittstjosephym@diodav.org.
- March 25-27 at Holy Trinity Parish in Keota. For information, contact Connie and Jay Peilffer at 641-635-2695 or jpeifferfam@cloudburst9.com.

A Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreat for youth in grades 11 and 12 and college freshmen will be held June 11-13 at St. Ann's Parish in Long Grove. Click [here](#) for an application packet; deadline for application materials is May 31. For more information, contact Pat Finan at (641) 842-5148 or finan@davenportdiocese.org.

Information for all events is at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/ffyouthministrypg1.htm>. Youth can go to www.davenportyouth.org for brochures and more details.

Upcoming youth events

- **Notre Dame Vision:** The ND Vision program helps young people recognize God's call in their lives and respond to that call with courage and faith. High school students from across the nation will join together at the University of Notre Dame for five days of discernment about how they can grow and use their gifts. Our diocese is coordinating a contingent to attend June 20-24. Youth applying should have attended CLI (see below). Scholarship support will be available. For more information, go to www.vision.nd.edu or www.davenportyouth.org.
- **Catholics in Action**, our annual high school youth service retreat, will be held **June 26-28** at Regina High School in Iowa City. CIA brings nearly 100 Catholic youth (incoming freshmen through graduating seniors) together for three days of service, prayer, learning and fun.

- **Christian Leadership Institute (CLI)** will be held July 24-29 at the Ewalu Camp and Retreat Center in Strawberry Point. Students in grades 10-12 are invited to learn leadership skills in a Catholic context. For more information including a brochure and registration form go to www.davenportyouth.org. An application for scholarship assistance is also at this site.
- **2011 High School Youth Rally** will be Sunday, Oct. 23 at the Coralville Marriott. Our keynoter will be Mike Patin!
- **National Catholic Youth Conference** will be Nov. 17-19 in Indianapolis, IN. A waiting list has been established. If you are interested in joining our diocesan contingent, please contact Pat Finan at (641) 842-5148 or finan@davenportdiocese.org. For more information, go to www.davenportyouth.org.

Marriage Preparation Weekends:

The registration form was updated in January. Please refer to the diocesan website for the current copy.

April 9-10: Williamsburg, St. Mary (registration deadline April 1)

June 25-26: Sigourney, St. Mary (registration deadline June 17)

August 6-7: Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus (registration deadline July 29)

The registration form is on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Faith Formation Office> Marriage Preparation). Registration is \$125 per couple. For information about marriage preparation in our diocese or neighboring dioceses contact Barb Butterworth, 563-888-4240 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

Ministry Formation Program (MFP): The Ministry Formation Program is a way to grow in your faith and learn how you can become more active in your parish and its ministries. Participants are welcome to register at any time for any number of courses. The remaining courses follow. An informational brochure, registration information and application are in the Faith Formation Library on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org.

MFP Year II Basic Classes, English:

March 5	Canon Law	March 19	Civil Law
April 2	Liturgical Themes	April 16	Liturgical Themes

MFP Year II Basic Classes, Spanish:

March 20	Introduccion a la Espiritualidad	April 17	Biblia Viejo Testamento
May 1	Biblia Nuevo Testamento	June 5	Introduccion a los Temas de Catequesis

Parish Life Administrator: All the following; Pastoral Associate: +; Finance Administrator: *

March 19	RCIA in the Parish+	April 16	Parish Leadership*
May 7	Sacramental Prep I+	June 4	Annulments+
July 9	Sacramental Prep II+	August 27	Parish Life*

SISTERS OF HUMILTY

Deepening Appreciation of Eucharist through the Roman Missal: March 12, 9:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Humility of Mary Center, Davenport. Kathy Coffey will show how newly composed music broadens our familiar concepts, focusing on the prayers of the assembly, helping people to take ownership of their role and understand their responses. The workshop includes practical strategies for catechizing adults, and scriptural liturgical background researched by Father Paul Turner. You'll leave this workshop with a deeper appreciation, confident about implementing the changes and knowing what resources are available. Registration 8:45, lunch included, no fee to attend. To register call Roxanne at 563-323-9466 with your name and phone number by Monday, March 7.

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS, CLINTON

All events are held at The Canticle, 841-13th Avenue North, Clinton, and are open to the public. For more information, call 563-242-7611 or visit www.clintonfranciscans.com.

March 6 Sustainable Clinton series: "Plastic Bag Fast" – program on why we might all give up plastic bags for Lent – 2:00-3:00 pm; free & open to the public.

March 12-13 “Choosing Compassion in Troubled Times” – a weekend retreat at The Canticle with Franciscan priest Michael Crosby OFM, Cap., award-winning author of 18 books including *Paradox of Power*, who proclaims the gospel of God’s Trinitarian reign and the conversion that is needed to bring Trinitarian relationships of equality to all levels “on earth as it is in heaven.” Visit www.clintonfranciscans.com for details. Advance registration required.

Lenten Vespers: Every Sunday in Lent, 6 p.m. Pray Evening Prayer with the Clinton Franciscans.

Peace Soup: A Lenten series of community and discussion the five Wednesdays of Lent, beginning at 6:00 pm. Location: St. Boniface Hall, 2520 Pershing Boulevard, Clinton. This year, we are focusing on immigration and the gospel call to stand with the poor and marginalized and welcome everyone as brother and sister. Each evening will open with shared reflection on “*Strangers No Longer*,” the 2003 pastoral letter on migration from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States.

March 16 - Dan Vondra, immigration attorney from Iowa City, speaking on “The History of U.S. Immigration.”

March 23 – “The Roots of Migration” – A film from Witness for Peace detailing the causes of the current immigration crisis in the U.S.

March 30 – Michelle Luna – “The Long and Bumpy Road to Citizenship” – the story of a recent Clinton County citizen.

April 6 – “In the Shadow of the Raid” - A film about the effects of the Postville raid on a village in Guatemala presented by Clinton Franciscan Sister Jane McCarthy, Hispanic Minister at Prince of Peace, who volunteered in Postville.

April 13 – “Little Salsa on the Prairie” – Professor Jody Swilke, Drake University, will show segments of his film about immigration gone right in Perry, Iowa, and lead discussion.

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL

To register call 309-283-2108 or go online: retreats@smmsisters.org.

The Gospel of Matthew: March 20, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Spend an afternoon exploring the Gospel of Matthew and its unique perspective, exploring such issues as: When and why was this book written? Why does Matthew include four obscure women among Jesus’ ancestors? What do his statements about the Jewish law say about his unique presentation of Jesus? And, how is Matthew’s perspective important for Christian communities today? Presenter: Micah D. Kiel, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Theology, St. Ambrose University. Fee: \$15.

Women and Spirit Day: March 22 or April 5. Join us on a trip to Dubuque to see the extraordinary national touring exhibit, *Women and Spirit*. Gather for coffee and a brief presentation at 9 a.m. before carpooling to Dubuque at 10. Museum admission: \$13.

SHALOM RETREAT CENTER, DUBUQUE

For more information or to register, contact Karen Knepper: 563-582-3592, kknepper@shalomretreats.org or visit www.shalomretreats.org.

Hope, The Expectation of Good Things To Come: Ash Wednesday, March 9, 9:30am – 3:30pm. Presenter: Msgr. James Barta. Through presentations, quiet time and the celebration of the Eucharist, participants will begin this Lent with a day of reflection on the meaning of hope as it applies to our life’s destination, as well as to our journey along life’s way. Offering: \$40. Includes coffee/juice on arrival & lunch. Register by March 4.

Retreat: Deepening the Contemplative Attitude: April 3, 5:30pm – April 8, 1:00pm. Director: Don Bisson FMS, D.MIN, Pioneer in Jungian-Christian dialogue. During this lenten season, this retreat invites us to grow in our mindfulness of God’s presence while also inviting the retreatant to engage optional processes which deepen our relationship with God such as mandalas, poetry, journaling, etc. Daily Eucharist. Offering: \$425. Early Bird: \$400, if registered by March 3. (\$75 deposit). Registration deadline: March 30.

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

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Other interested persons are welcome to subscribe. If you have questions regarding your subscription contact Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org.