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COMMUNICATION OFFICE

The diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org now has a translate feature. It can be found in the upper right hand corner of each page. Click the arrow for your language preference and the page is immediately translated.

We are in a continuous process of making improvements to the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org. Suggestions are welcome. Contact Tony Forlini, webmaster, forlini@davenportdiocese.org.

LITURGY OFFICE

The November issue of *LiturgyNotes* is now available at:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2017/10/Nov2017LN.pdf>

Past issues are also available on the diocesan website, at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-notes>.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

Look for the *Faith First* prayer resource on the Diocesan web page under “Stewardship,” or use this link to access stewardship-based prayer and reflections for the Sunday Gospels: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/stewardship>. *Faith First* is intended especially for parish leadership groups, families, or anyone wishing to better understand the Gospels. Reflections for the remainder of this liturgical year are now online. Check back regularly because new editions will be added before Advent to incorporate the Cycle B readings. Sharing *Faith First* is an ideal way to focus on the presence and power of God, be formed as a community of faith, and add effectiveness to parish meetings.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection will be held November 18 and 19. Please insert your parish bulletin and display the poster the weekend of November 11-12. If you have any questions about the collection please contact [Loxi Hopkins](mailto:Loxi.Hopkins@diocese.org), 563-488-4212. [Read more...](#)

Share the Journey, Love Your Neighbor Campaign: On September 27 Pope Francis launched a global campaign to support migrants and refugees around the world. Please see coverage of the campaign in the September 28 edition of *The Catholic Messenger* or [click here](#). The mobile prayer walk is now available to parishes. A calendar of reservations/available dates can be found [here](#). To reserve a date contact [Kent Ferris](mailto:Kent.Ferris@diocese.org), 563-888-4211.

CRS Ethical Trade: This holiday season share the Journey with your brothers and sisters around the world by choosing to purchase Ethical items this holiday season. To purchase go to <http://ethicaltrade.crs.org/guide/> or <http://www.serrv.org/>. If your parish is interested in hosting a CRS Fair Trade Consignment Sale please contact Lori and Clare Ferris, Fair Trade Ambassadors at 563-888-4211 or [Esmeralda Guerrero](mailto:Esmeralda.Guerrero@diocese.org).

The 2018 CRS Rice Bowl Collections starts Ash Wednesday, February 14. Now is the time to place your order for your FREE promotional materials. Materials will be shipped January 5. Place your order by calling 800-222-0025 or return the [Postcard](#) (see photo) that was mailed to your parish. The postcard has the quantities listed from what you ordered last year. The postcard needs to be mailed even if you have no changes for your 2018 order.

2018 National Migration week will be held January 7-14, 2018. Resources are available [here](#).

Social Action Two Feet Newsletter: To view past issues or to subscribe go to <http://bit.ly/TwoFeetNewsletter>.

Project Rachel 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. Brochures are available by contacting [Esmeralda Guerrero](mailto:Esmeralda.Guerrero@diocese.org). Local Helpline: 563-333-4107, projectrachel@diodav.org. Financial contributions are welcome, payable to the Diocese of Davenport, Project Rachel, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1901.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Last chance to register for *Preparing GenZ for Confirmation*. November 7, 8:30 a.m. at St. Patrick, Iowa City. This workshop is for ALL leaders in ministry – religious education or youth ministry – who work with today’s middle and high school youth. See how this generation is different and how to adapt ministry and formation to more effectively engage them. Details and instructions on how to register can be found on the [workshop webpage](#).

NCYC Chaperone Preparation Events. Two more of these events for all adults attending NCYC:

- Davenport deanery: Thursday, November 2, Our Lady of Victory Parish Center-Davenport, 6:00-8:00 pm
- Ottumwa deanery, Thursday, November 9, St. Mary of the Assumption-Ottumwa, 6:30 pm

Please keep NCYC in your prayers. Some 820 youth and adults will be attending NCYC in Indianapolis on November 16-18. Pray that during this pilgrimage of faith our young people will have an encounter with Jesus and their faith will come alive for them in a very unique way. Many of the general sessions will be live streamed; check out the schedule at www.ncyc.info.

Certificate in Ministry Studies: All DREs, youth ministers, catechists and youth ministry team members are invited to join the Office of Faith Formation in a formation process to discover more deeply the practices and foundations of ministry. Sponsored by the Center for Ministry Development, the Certificate in Ministry Studies offers 8 courses to deepen our understanding of ministry. Courses will begin in January 2018. For more information contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244.

Adult Formation Upcoming Classes: 11/4/17, Ecclesial Ministry by IlaMae Hanisch and 12/2/17 Baptism by Dr. Corinne Winter. Courses are held at the Chancery in Davenport from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. For information regarding the courses contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Marriage and Parenting Resource: Beginning in November downloads of “Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers” will no longer be sent out as an attachment. Please register on the author’s website [here](#) if you would like to receive future weekly/monthly installments directly to your e-mail. These publications are available in both English and Spanish and may be used in parish bulletins or as links on parish websites.

Diocesan Sponsor Couple Training/Refresher Workshops:

- Bettendorf – Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center - November 5, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Bettendorf – Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center - November 6, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- Farmington – St. Boniface Church Basement – November 12, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Please contact Marianne Agnoli at agnolim@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4242 at least one week prior to the scheduled training session.

Diocesan Marriage Preparation Policies and Procedures: The new diocesan marriage preparation policies were promulgated on December 30, 2016 and apply to all couples who began marriage preparation in the diocese after December 31, 2016. This policy is available on the diocesan website [here](#). Note that the diocesan Prenuptial Investigation form has been revised to reflect the new marriage preparation requirements. Access a fillable PDF form in English [here](#) and the Spanish fillable form [here](#).

Marriage Preparation Instructional Programs: The Diocese of Davenport offers several marriage preparation program formats: Sponsor Couple (through your parish), One-day, Weekend (two-day), and Online (under special circumstances-with parish approval). More information can be found on the [Marriage and Family webpage](#).

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, 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. All programs include a delicious homemade meal prepared with local and organic ingredients. To learn more about Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat visit www.chmiowa.org.

Weaving Prayers and Baskets: Wed, November 8 | 9am – 4pm. Kathleen Storms, SSND. Learn simple basket weaving in the context of prayer and meditation. Make a market basket for harvesting produce, holding magazines or sewing projects. Fee: \$30

Men’s Retreat: Christmas in the view of St. Francis: December 1 – December 3 | Fri, 5:00pm – Sun, 11:00am Father Michael Schaab. The season of Advent prepares us for the celebration of Christmas and Epiphany, feasts that were especially important to St. Francis of Assisi. In the spirit of St. Francis, we’ll reflect on this season to discover how the incarnation of Christ reveals who God is and who we are called to be, not just on December 25 but every day of the year. Fee: \$125

Come to the Quiet: Tues, December 5 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Pat Shea. Rainer Maria Rilke, wrote beautifully of his love for the mystery of life and his desire to grow in intimacy with the sacred. He urges us to *divine into your increasing depths* to find the doorways to the abundant, compassionate Love of God. Fee: \$20

Visio Divina through Film: Tues, Dec 5 | 5:30 pm light supper followed by 6:00pm film. Film: *Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring*. This story takes place in a small Buddhist monastery that floats on a raft in a breathtaking landscape. A young child, destined to be the old man’s protégé begins his lifelong journey of hope, despair, passion and redemption. (102 minutes, subtitles) Fee: \$15

EAGLES’ WINGS, DAVENPORT

For inquiries call or email: 563-324-7263 or Marcia@eagleswings.ws; 5816 Telegraph Rd., Davenport, IA 52804

A Day on Discernment, What’s it all About? November 4, 9:30 AM-3 PM. St. Ignatius sets forth a clear set of ‘rules’ to help us understand the ups and downs of our spiritual journey. Although Ignatius may seem a bit daunting at first. People who have taken this class in the past comment: “Why haven’t we heard this before?” “This makes sense!” “I wish I had heard this sooner!” and “I can see how this works in my life.” Please join us for this fulfilling day. Bring a sack lunch. To register, mail name, phone and email along with your fee of just \$35.

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER/ST. MARY MONASTERY, ROCK ISLAND, IL

Contact Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108, retreats@smmsisters.org or online at <http://www.smmsisters.org/retreats/> to register for programs mentioned below.

“Dominion to Dragons: Can the Bible Teach Us How to Care for the Environment?” An Advent and Lenten series on Scripture and the Environment: Nov 29 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. The book of Genesis says that humans are supposed to have dominion over the earth. Does this give us the right to trample and dominate? Is creation just there for us to consume? Are there other texts in the Bible that suggest a different relationship between humans and the natural world? Are there reading strategies that can help us understand the Bible’s message about the environment? These three sessions will address these questions and more. We will explore the variety of ways that Scripture discusses the natural world, and what it says to us today. We will also discuss Pope Francis’ recent encyclical on the environment, ‘Laudato Si’. Presenter: Dr. Micah Kiel, SAU Theology Dept. Wednesdays: Nov. 29 (focuses on the Old Testament); Dec. 13 (focuses on the New Testament); Feb. 28 (focuses on the Book of Revelation); Fee: \$15/session or \$30/for all three sessions.

Silent Directed Retreat: And Jesus Said to Them "Follow Me" (Mark 1:14-20): Jan 14 4:00 PM - Jan 17 4:00 PM. Register now for this popular retreat which fills early. You will receive personal time with a spiritual director. In addition to daily Eucharist, there will be opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Centering Prayer, personal prayer, silence, rest, prayer with the Benedictines and walking the grounds. Spiritual Directors: Sr. Margaret Murphy OSB; Sr. Mary Schmidt, OSB; Toni Petersen, St. Mary Monastery Oblate; Fr. Mark DeSutter. Fee: Register and pay in full by Dec. 14: \$330. Registrations and payments after Dec. 14: \$345.

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