

ADDRESS CHANGES

Wiegand, Rev. William: Phone number: 563-322-1236

Young, Rev. Ron: 5048 Westlake Pkwy., Sacramento, CA 95835-2038; 916-333-3046

St. Joseph, North English: New mailing address: PO Box 219, North English, IA 52316-0219

The above changes were included in the Directory updates that were emailed on July 10.

The mailing address for **St. Mary, Pella** remains as published (PO Box 144). The new street address for the church and parish offices is 726 218th Place.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Sessions are open to all adults in the Diocese of Davenport and are mandated for all employees and those volunteers who work on a regular basis with children. To schedule a session contact your deanery facilitator listed on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Offices, Protecting Children, Safe Environment, Protecting God's Children) or Virginia Trujillo, trujillo@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 256.

Current training scheduled (as of August 3):

Date	Location	Time
8/13/09	Davenport, Diocese of Davenport	10:45 a.m.
8/14/09	Burlington, Notre Dame Jr.-Sr. High School	10:45 a.m.
8/16/09	Davenport, Assumption High School	3:00 p.m.
8/19/09	Pella, St. Mary	6:30 p.m.
8/20/09	DeWitt, St. Joseph Church	6:30 p.m.
8/23/09	Le Claire, Our Lady of the River	9:45 a.m.
9/02/09	Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias	6:30 p.m.
9/05/09	West Liberty, St. Joseph Church	9:30 a.m. Spanish

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, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002, or vacdav@attglobal.net or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

COMMUNICATION OFFICE

Having trouble opening Word or Excel documents sent by the Diocese? That is because on July 1 we began emailing all non-PDF documents in the Office 2007 format...the file name has an "x" at the end, e.g., .docx or .xlsx. To open these documents you need to download the compatibility patch or purchase Office 2007. This patch works for Office versions 2000, XP or 2003. If you have an older version of Office you must purchase a newer version as the patch will not work. The free patch can be downloaded from this website:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=941B3470-3AE9-4AEE-8F43-C6BB74CD1466&displaylang=en>.

Office 2007 orders are due August 10. On your behalf, the Diocese can order an Office 2007 Professional Plus license for \$67 (plus tax and handling) **per computer**. This package has Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher and Outlook included. To order send an email request to Rob Butterworth, butterworth@davenportdiocese.org.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Thank you to those who have sent in their Budget, Corporate Resolution, Workers' Compensation Audit Form, Summary of Financial data, Finance Council Report and QuickBooks Back-up. For those that have not yet sent them in, please remember that the deadline was August 1. Your attention to this process is truly appreciated. For questions contact Nancy Karn, karn@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 229.

VOCATIONS OFFICE

Holy Hours of Prayer for Vocations are continuing across the Diocese during the months of August, September and October. You are invited and encouraged to come and pray for the gift of vocations. The schedule follows:

August 4:	St. Joseph, DeWitt	5:30 PM Mass/6 PM Holy Hour
August 6:	St. Alphonsus, Mt. Pleasant	7 PM
August 19:	Sacred Heart, Newton	7 PM
August 20:	St. Mary, Oskaloosa	7 PM
August 31:	Assumption & St. Patrick, Charlotte	7 PM
September 2:	St. Ann, Long Grove	7 PM
September 4:	Church of the Visitation, Camanche	4:30 PM Mass/5 PM Holy Hour
September 22:	Prince of Peace, Clinton	10 AM
October 16:	SS. Mary & Mathias, Muscatine	6:30 PM

Please pray for the success of these Holy Hours and encourage your parishioners to come and pray for the gift of vocations. Please advertise the Holy Hours in your bulletin for those close to your parish. If you need a bulletin announcement or more information, contact Fr. Marty Goetz, goetz@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 259.

A **“Project Andrew Dinner”** will be held August 17 starting at 6 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Parish in Mt. Pleasant. This is a wonderful opportunity for young men – ages 15-35 – who may be called to serve in the priesthood, and their parents, to gather with Bishop Amos and area priests to talk about their vocation and share a meal. To RSVP or for further information or if you know of someone who is just waiting to be asked, please contact Fr. Marty or your local priest. Another Project Andrew Dinner will be held at Holy Family Parish in Davenport on Thursday, November 5.

A **“Thinking of Priesthood Day”** will be held on Saturday, October 17 at the Newman Center in Iowa City. More information will be included in the next *Mini-Messenger*.

“Year of the Priest”: You are invited to explore the Diocesan website and the USCCB’s Year for Priests webpage, www.usccb.org/yearforpriests which has been updated to include many resources for your use. Recently added resources include:

- High resolution logos and icon for print promotion
- Link to order an 18x24” poster through the NFPC
- Link to order prayer cards by the Knights of Columbus
- Liturgical resources: Prayer of the Faithful & quotes about the priesthood for homilists, including many by St. John Vianney

PASTORAL SERVICES

Social Action . . .

The Mexican Consulate of Omaha will be coming to Davenport on August 15 or 22. They will be assisting people with their Mexican passport and matricula consular. Interested persons **MUST** have an appointment to be seen. For information on what documents to bring and how to schedule the appointment contact Karina Garnica, garnica@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 232 or 563-324-8119. Only 200 appointments will be accepted and no walk-ins will be allowed.

Know Your Rights DVD: This DVD, in Spanish and English, explains how to respond if stopped by law enforcement officials, especially Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents. There are 3 scenarios: an ICE raid at place of employment, ICE knocking at the door of a home and police confronting someone in a car. This DVD is recommended for members of our immigrant community as well as for those who advocate on behalf of the immigrant. It is compelling, even, if not particularly for those who have nothing to fear from ICE.

To borrow a copy, contact Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-324-1912, ext. 289 or guerrero@davenportdiocese.org. When returning the DVD, we would appreciate learning how it was used: What group or individuals saw it, how many saw it, and what their reactions were. This type of information helps us to provide better assistance in the future.

Respect Life Materials: All parishes who ordered the 2009 Respect Life Materials please note that your packet will be sent directly to your parish in early August. As soon as the material has been received please send an e-mail confirming the delivery to Esmeralda Guerrero at guerrero@davenportdiocese.org. If your parish missed the notice to order, a few extras are available for purchase on a first-come-first-served basis. Contact Esmeralda to order, 563-324-1912, ext. 289.

Pacem in Terris: September 20, 3:00 p.m., Christ the King Chapel, St. Ambrose University. Hildegard Goss-Mayr, one of the world's leading advocates of nonviolence will receive the Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award. A promotional flyer can be found on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org. Click on offices, Social Action and the link is under the photo.

St. Vincent Home Corporation Grants are due October 15 for consideration at the fall board meeting. All applications must be postmarked by that date.

To be consistent with its purpose, St. Vincent Home Corporation will focus on those projects that assist children who are in the greatest need. Projects that address children in general should explain the extent to which the project also supports children who have special needs, such as poverty, family breakdown or other disadvantage. The grant application and criteria are available at the Diocese website, <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sastvincenthomecorporation.htm>.

If you received a grant in 2008 you must submit your progress report also by October 15. No new funding application will be considered until Progress Reports are submitted from the previous grant. Questions about the grant application can be directed to Loxi Hopkins, hopkins@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912 ext. 246.

Iowa Institute for Social Action: There will be no institute for 2010. The Diocese of Davenport and the Iowa Catholic Conference are looking at the possibility of moving the institute back to the Davenport Diocese and organizing one for 2011. If you have any questions about the Institute please contact Glenn Leach at leach@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 244 or leach@davenportdiocese.org.

Iowa Resources for International Services: *At a time of dramatic global changes and challenges, Catholics in the United States face special responsibilities and opportunities. We are members of a universal Church that transcends national boundaries and calls us to live in solidarity and justice with the peoples of the world. We are also citizens of a powerful democracy with enormous influence beyond our borders. As Catholics and Americans we are uniquely called to global solidarity.*

As was stated by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops we are called to reach out across physical boundaries to our family throughout the world. Are you looking for an opportunity or new experience, a chance to practice global solidarity? Want to open your home to an exchange student or do you know someone who would? Iowa Resource for International Service (IRIS) is looking for host families for their exchange program. Students are English-speaking high school juniors from Nigeria and Tanzania. IRIS works through the Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program funded by the State Department.

If you have questions or would like some more information, please contact IRIS directly at 515-292-7103, email jessica@iris-center.org, or check the website at www.iris-center.org.

Faith Formation . . .

New Parish and School Leaders Orientation: August 11. New parish faith formation leaders, youth ministry leaders and principals of Catholic schools are invited to this diocesan orientation gathering at St. Vincent Center in Davenport. The gathering begins at 9:15 a.m. and concludes at 3 p.m. Registration deadline is Monday, Aug. 3 so immediately contact Virginia Trujillo, trujillo@davenportdiocese.org to register.

Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated September 19-20. The theme is *Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word*. Parishes are encouraged to recognize and bless their catechists and to authorize catechetical leaders. Resources for Catechetical Sunday are now online (and free) at <http://www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday/>.

Family Day-A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children: September 28. The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University has conducted research on the importance of family dinners, especially among teens. Several years ago they issued a report showing that families who ate together were less likely to abuse substances, and academic performance was enhanced. The dinner table is a good time to pray, talk about your faith, and share how your faith and life connect. Look for intentional ways to enhance family spirituality. The attached flyer lists three resources that are among many great resources families can use to ritualize, discuss, and learn about their faith. Further information about can be found at www.casafamilyday.org.

Diocesan High School Youth Rally: “Jesus Christ: King of Heart & Soul” will be Sunday, October 4 at the Coralville Marriott. Our keynoter will be storyteller and singer ValLimar Jansen. Cost is \$38 per person for parishes registering by Tuesday, Sept. 22. Additional registrations will be taken until Tuesday, Sept. 29 at a higher fee. A promotional flier and other registration materials will be e-mailed to all parish leaders soon.

NET (National Evangelization Teams) retreats will be offered in our diocese December 4-16. If you are interested in hosting NET at your parish or school, please contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org as soon as possible. Parishes and schools requesting dates are asked to provide their top THREE dates; at least one of these dates should not be a weekend date. Mondays are not available. For more information about NET, please go to www.netusa.org.

The 2010 Junior High Youth Rally will be held Sunday, March 21 at Regina Catholic Education Center in Iowa City. Our keynoter will be Catholic storyteller and singer Anne Marie Cribbin. For more information, go to www.davenportyouth.org.

Marriage Preparation Weekends:

August 15-16: Newton, Sacred Heart (registration deadline August 7)

October 17-18: Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias (registration deadline October 9)

February 20-21: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney (registration deadline February 12)

Additional 2010 dates will be added. If your parish is willing to host a weekend (diocese pays all expenses) please contact Barb Butterworth or IlaMae Hanisch.

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, 563-324-1912, ext. 265 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

One Day Retreat: September 19, 8:30-3:00 p.m., St. Mary Parish Center, Solon. IlaMae Hanisch will facilitate the day using the book, *Open the Door-A Journey To The True Self* by Joyce Rupp. The day includes Mass with Bishop Amos. Registration is \$20 per person and due by September 11. A registration form can be found at www.davenportdiocese.org, faith formation office and scroll down under the staff photo for the link.

Ministry Formation Program (MFP):

“In short, the MFP has literally changed my life! Not to sound cheesy but the light bulb went off within the last year and now I “get it”. I thank God every day for leading me to this program and back to the church.” S.D., Iowa City (a current participant)

The Ministry Formation Program is more than a program to train people for ministry, it is also a great way to **grow in your faith and learn more about how you can become more active in your parish.**

The following two programs will be offered for 2009-10. Information including overview, application, and schedule is available for download for use within the Diocese of Davenport. Go to: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/ffmfppg1.htm>. Select Basic MFP Info Packet 2009-10 or Catechetical Specialization Information Packet 2009-10.

The offerings for the year are:

- 1) **Year I Basic:** Two options for attending: 1) Two Saturdays per month on the following dates with instruction via the ICN [Iowa Communications Network] or 2) Once a month (location and time TBD).

Sept. 12: Ecclesial Ministry & Ministries	Sept. 19: Retreat (held in Solon)
Oct. 10 & 24: Baptism	Nov. 7: Holy Orders
Nov. 21: Matrimony	Dec. 5 & 19: Anointing & Reconciliation
Jan. 16 & 23: Confirmation	Feb. 6 & 20: Eucharist
March 6 & 20: Personal & Pastoral Themes for Ministry	April 10 & 24: Catholicism

- 2) **Catechetical Specialization:** Highly recommended for parish DRE's, CYM's, Directors of Catechumenate processes, theology and religion teachers in Catholic Schools. Meets in Williamsburg.

Sept. 19: Retreat (held in Solon)	Sept. 26: Catechesis
Oct. 17: Catechetical Minister	Nov. 14: Program Development
Dec. 12: Professional Practice I	Jan. 9: Professional Practice II
Feb. 13: Pastoral Praxis I	March 13: Pastoral Praxis II
April 17: Legal Issues	May 8: Youth Ministry/Young Adult

A brochure with additional details can be found at, www.davenportdiocese.org, faith formation office, Ministry Formation Program. If you would like full-color brochures for distribution contact Barb Butterworth, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org. For further information contact IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435.

Ministry with Families 101: October 8-9, Sacred Heart, Newton. This is a formation experience for all whose ministry efforts impact families and is sponsored by the four dioceses in Iowa. The fee of \$125 includes meals and materials. Participants are to arrange their own housing. Additional information, including a registration form (two-page) can be found on our website, www.davenportdiocese.org, faith formation office, family life. Since this is a state-wide event we encourage you to register early.

INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER

This one-day introduction to the practice of Centering Prayer will be held, Saturday, August 29 at Our Lady of Victory, Davenport. A registration form is attached.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE JOHN PAUL II'S VISIT TO IOWA

On October 2-3 a symposium, *What God Has Given, Human Hands Have Made*, will be held in the Des Moines Diocese commemorating the Pope's visit. The symposium will feature Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Pope Benedict XVI's representative to the United Nations and former ambassador Dr. Ken Quinn, president of the World Food Prize. The focus of the events is agriculture and its future implications. More information may be found in the press release issued by the Diocese of Des Moines, www.dmdiocese.org.

SHALOM RETREAT CENTER, DUBUQUE

Celebrating 20 Years of Peace, Prayer & Hospitality! 1989 - 2009
563-582-359, www.shalomretreats.org

Days of Quiet & Prayer (4-session series)

Wednesdays, Sept. 16, Oct. 14, Nov. 18, Dec. 16

9:15am – 2:30pm

Facilitator: Margaret Jungers OSF

Book: *Living The Lord's Prayer* by Albert Haase, OFM

Learn to live – rather than to simply say – the Lord's Prayer. Topics range from our view of God to our most intimate human relationships to how we treat the world around us and the people in it. This book is not about only the Lord's Prayer – it is about how we conceive of God, and what happens when we encounter God.

Offering: \$75 – includes book, program, materials, continental breakfast, lunch & private room.

Register/prepay by Sept. 8. Online registration is available at <http://www.shalomretreats.org/register.html>.

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND

For information or to register contact Barb Gross, olpretreat@gmail.com or 563-336-8414.

“LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED”

Being at peace in an anxious world

Tuesday, August 11, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Presenter: Fr. Robert J. Miller

Fee: \$15:00 – includes lunch

Never before in history has our world been filled with such intense anxiety. This uneasiness causes society to regress, families to become reactive and blaming, and impacts politics, culture, and health. We will examine all this, and offer timeless wisdom from Scripture, spirituality and psychology to promote calm, non-anxious, courageous living and leadership for our 21st century.

Target Audience: Anyone who loves the Lord and Scripture, and seeks to live more deeply and spiritually in an anxious culture!

Fr. Robert J. Miller, former associate pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in Davenport, IA, is pastor of St. Dorothy Parish in Chicago. He preaches missions and retreats nationally, celebrates healing and charismatic Masses, and teaches in the archdiocesan deacon formation program.

KNIT ONE, PRAY TOO!

A Day of Knitting, Fellowship & Prayer

Tuesday, August 18, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Presenters: Ann Green, Anne Johnson, Karen Brooke

Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

“Everyone seems to be knitting these days . . .” Its very rhythm encourages contemplation and invites us to be open to the Holy Spirit. Bring size 11 or 13 knitting needles, 3 six-ounce skeins of yarn (or a project in progress), and join us as we create a prayer shawl, a scarf or a special gift for someone in need of comfort. We will knit and pray together, share “yarns” of our individual journeys, and enjoy the beauty of The Prairie.

Target Audience: All knitters, including beginners, women and men

Ann Green is a lay minister at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and a private piano instructor.

Anne Johnson is a fiber artist who has been knitting, spinning and sewing since childhood.

Karen Brooke is a lay minister at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and development director for the Sisters of Humility. Call 533-336-8401 for more details.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: A Healing Balm

Tuesday, August 25, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Lucy Abbott Tucker

Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

Everyone experiences trauma in life, from mild to severe depending upon one’s life circumstances. We will define trauma and its characteristics, and will help spiritual directors be a compassionate presence to others as they heal from their traumas. We will talk about how and when a spiritual director should refer a directee. This program will be didactic and experiential.

Target Audience: Spiritual directors but open to anyone who sits with others in a helping relationship.

Lucy Abbott Tucker has worked at the Institute for Spiritual Leadership in Chicago for over 25 years preparing individuals for the ministry of spiritual direction. She is active in the work of Spiritual Directors International and has been involved in retreats and workshops in Europe and Canada. She is the author of several articles related to the ministry of spiritual direction.

CREATING A NEW PARISH CULTURE

Thursday, September 3, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Presenter: Sr. Caridad Inda, CHM

Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

Old customs, behavior patterns and convictions are disappearing, causing apprehension and uncertainty as well as liberation and freedom. These shifts redefine our culture that is always geographic and time specific.

We will examine a small but significant aspect of these current shifts as they impact parish culture, especially parishes that are becoming more bicultural or multicultural. We will address changes in behaviors and qualities, deeply-rooted attitudes as distinguished from “fads” of the moment, process of cultural shift, and the process of building a comfortable, sustaining faith community that embraces all significant elements of multicultural traditions in the parish.

Target Audience: Multi-cultural parish personnel: pastors, DREs, parish councils, school principals, teachers, youth ministers, lay leaders and active parishioners.

Sr. Caridad Inda, CHM, a Sister of the Humility of Mary, is an international educator who co-founded CIRIMEX, a total immersion, one-on-one Spanish Language and Culture Center in Guadalajara, Mexico, where she has served as executive director for nearly 30 years.

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

Deacons	Diocesan Corporate Board	Youth Ministers	Pastoral Associates
Diocesan Liturgical Commission	Parishes	Parish Lay Directors	Sisters
Priests	Principals	Diocesan Board of Education	Bookkeepers
Diocesan Pastoral Council	Seminarians	Directors/Coordinators of Faith Formation	RCIA Parish Contacts
Diocesan Planning Commission			

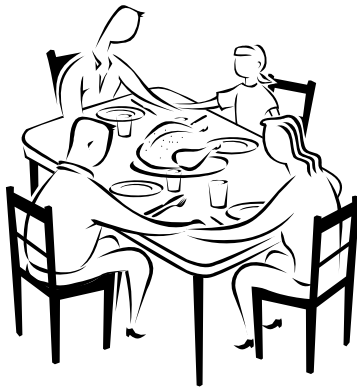
Other interested persons are welcome to subscribe. If you have questions regarding your subscription contact Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org.

September 28: Family Day

A day to eat dinner with your children

www.CASAFamilyDay.org

National Center on Addiction And
Substance Abuse at Columbia University



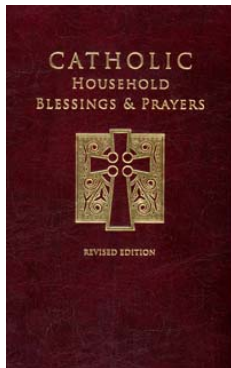
Dinner Makes A Difference!

Dinner time is the perfect time to connect with your kids on a daily basis. Through the reflective prayers said during grace plus the array of favorite meals served and the loads of laughs shared about the day's events, you can continually feed your child's mind, body, and soul. The parental encouragement fostered during your frequent family dinners can help keep your kids substance free. More than a decade of research by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University has consistently found that the more often kids eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs. Family Day-A Day to Eat Dinner With Your Children is a national movement that reminds parents what your kids really want at the dinner table is YOU.

FAMILY DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED NATIONWIDE ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2009.

For more information log onto www.FamilyDay.org

Other resources for families:



Catholic Household
Blessings & Prayers (book)
www.usccb.org

THE MEAL BOX

Fun questions and family faith tips
spark dinnertime discussions



The Meal Box (set of cards)
www.loyolapress.com



Keep Talking
(Conversation Starters for
the Family Meal)
www.ligouri.org



IlaMae Hanisch, M.P.S.
hanisch@davenportdiocese.org

July 2009

Centering Prayer Introduction Day

Our Lady of Victory is proud to host an introduction to the practice of Centering Prayer. This method, popularized by Fr. Thomas Keating, can lead to Contemplative prayer. All faiths are welcome.

Saturday, August 29 10 AM-3 PM Rectory meeting room

Cost is \$25 for book, *Open Mind, Open Heart*, materials and lunch.

Please pre-register by enclosing the fee and the form below in an envelope marked "Centering Prayer" in the collection basket or send to the Faith Formation Office. Checks may be made payable to OLV Faith Formation. Contact Trish for more information (391-8384).

Centering Prayer Introduction Day: Saturday, August 29.
Please pre-register by August 22.

Full Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____

Email Address _____