

### COMMUNICATION OFFICE

#### **Computer Security Items**

**QuickTime:** Please be aware that support for QuickTime for Windows by Apple has been halted. There are at least two known vulnerabilities in QuickTime that are considered critical and continued use of the software will put your computer at risk. Please uninstall QuickTime from your computers.

**Malware/RansomeWare:** There is a new trend in Malware attacks against computers that you need to be prepared to counter. The attacks are designed to lock the contents of your computers using unbreakable 256bit encryption and then demand a ransom to get your files returned. You can get infected by clicking a link in an email, opening an infected attachment, or by visiting an infected webpage. Should you get infected there is no hope of recovering the data on your computer unless you pay the ransom to the hacker or can restore from a backup that is not attached to the network or your computer. The malware is network aware... this means that if you opened the file on a network attached computer that any document that you have access to on the network would also be encrypted. You could potentially lose all of your data. Extreme caution must be taken to insure that you do not open any attachments or click any links in email messages before confirming that they are legitimate. It is extremely important that you run up-to-date antivirus software and have a current backup of your essential data that you keep updated and properly secured.

Contact Rob Butterworth for questions regarding either of these issues: [butterworth@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:butterworth@davenportdiocese.org) or 563-888-4223.

### MERCY IN MOTION: A MINISTRIES OF MERCY CONFERENCE

In observance of the Year of Mercy, the Diocese of Davenport will be hosting *Mercy in Motion: A Ministries of Mercy Conference* on Saturday, July 30 at St. Ambrose University in Davenport. Guided by keynote speaker Tom East from the Center for Ministry Development, the faithful of the diocese are invited to reflect upon our call to be a Church of Mercy. The conference will feature a ministry fair with representatives from numerous local organizations and parish programs. Attendants will also be able to participate in a variety of breakout sessions focused on how to develop and maintain various “ministries of mercies” within their parishes and how to be involved as “merciful ministers” with organizations or ministries that implement works of mercy in the community. Please contact Marianne Agnoli, [agnolim@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:agnolim@davenportdiocese.org) if you have any questions or if you or one of your parish organizations is interested in providing information at the ministry fair.

### STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

**Best Practices in Parish Stewardship:** Tips from the Diocesan Stewardship Commission to effectively promote stewardship in the local community. *Communicate the good news about stewardship through a variety of media. Old standbys such as the weekly bulletin and pulpit announcements reach only a small segment of the parish population. Websites, newsletters, digital communications like email and texts, social media, electronic billboards, and parish apps recognize the importance of technology in our society and reach an audience beyond only those present at Mass on a given Sunday. Strive for content that informs, inspires and prompts action.*

### SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

**Grants Available:** The deadline for those applying for Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Grants or Rice Bowl Grants is May 30. Criteria for the grants may be found on the diocesan website, <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sagrants.htm>. Grants will be distributed June 23. For questions contact Loxi Hopkins, [hopkins@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hopkins@davenportdiocese.org) or 563-888-4212.

**Farmer to Farmer Program:** Once again Catholic Rural Life is looking for volunteers for the Farmer to Farmer Program. This year’s focus will be on Ethiopia, Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. Volunteers may be individuals, farmers, industry leaders with a range of expertise, including grains, animal husbandry, agri-business, leadership, nutrition, and food supply. Volunteers will travel, all expenses paid, to East Africa for one to six week assignments.

For more information contact Loxi Hopkins, [hopkins@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hopkins@davenportdiocese.org), or 563-888-4212. Visit [www.catholicrurallife.org](http://www.catholicrurallife.org) to learn more.

**Disaster Preparedness for Parishes:** We are working with the Scott County Emergency Coordinator to sponsor a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) presentation which compliments the Iowa Praise and Preparedness program for houses of worship. This presentation, like the Iowa program, features three key elements: protection of the house of worship, helping the members of the congregation and their families prepare, and looking at what greater community role a house of worship might play in the event of a disaster. We are currently looking at dates in July for this presentation to be held in a house of worship in Scott County. It will be a great opportunity for parishes to learn and prepare, including learning from some of our own parishes and other denomination's churches that have moved out on their own in a ministry of praise and preparation. Additional information will be forthcoming as planning progresses. If you have questions contact Glenn Leach, [leach@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:leach@davenportdiocese.org) or 563-888-4214.

### **FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**

**Strong Catholic Families:** Want to find out more about how your parish can move towards a partnership with parents in building strong Catholic families instead of continuing to serve as a provider of services to them? Contact [Don Boucher](mailto:Don.Boucher@davenportdiocese.org), 563-888-4243 to schedule an onsite consultation in your parish on the Strong Catholic Families, Strong Catholic Youth Initiative. Hear how other parishes are moving in this direction, and start getting ready to join the next Initiative cohort that begins in September.

**Major Youth Events Dates Announced:** Mark your calendars for the 2<sup>nd</sup> DCYC (Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference) for high school students on November 19-20 at St. Ambrose University, and the Junior High Rally on March 19, 2017. DCYC will also feature a parent program on either Saturday or Sunday of the conference; stay tuned for further details.

**New!!! Catholics In Action – Family Style:** Building on the popularity and success of Catholics In Action, a new version for families will take place July 7-10 at the Mazzucchelli Center in Muscatine. Know of a family in your parish that would enjoy an opportunity to be together and make a difference in the lives of others? Tell them about this great opportunity, and direct them to the [Catholics In Action webpage](http://www.catholicinaction.org) for more information. Space is limited, and registration is now open.

**Catholics In Action:** Registration is now open for the youth version of this service program. This year CIA will be held on June 26-28 at Holy Trinity Jr./Sr. High School in Ft. Madison. Visit the CIA webpage mentioned earlier for all publicity and registration materials.

### **MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM**

#### **Basic Schedule**

	5/21/16: <b>Cultural Diversity</b> , Miguel Moreno & Guest
6/16/16: <b>Matrimony</b> , Dc. Frank & Marianne Agnoli	7/16/16: <b>Holy Orders</b> , Bishop Amos, Fr. Thom Hennen & Deacon David Montgomery
8/20/16: <b>Personal/Pastoral</b> , IlaMae Hanisch	9/17/16: <b>Catholicism</b> , Dr. Corrine Winter
10/8/16: <b>Commissioning Liturgy</b> , Location TBA	

**On-Site Format:** All courses held at the Diocese of Davenport, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. DVD/YouTube Format: The order of courses is as stated above; however each group will determine its monthly meeting time. Application form and additional information may be found on the diocesan website, [www.davenportdiocese.org](http://www.davenportdiocese.org) (Chancery-Faith Formation-Lay Ministry-MFP Forms). For information regarding the courses or the Ministry Formation Program contact John Valenti, [valenti@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:valenti@davenportdiocese.org) or 563-888-4244.

### **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**

**National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week** will be celebrated on July 24-30. The slogan of the campaign this year is: *Natural Family Planning, Love, Mercy, Life, opening the heart of marriage*. Posters are available in both English and Spanish along with additional parish promotional materials, homily helps, prayers and other resources are on the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/awareness-week/index.cfm>

**Marriage Preparation Enrichment Videos:** Marriage Ministries has just released a series of marriage preparation enrichment videos that include specific topics such as Cohabitation, Military Couples, Interfaith and Interchurch Marriages, Second Marriages, and Forming a Stepfamily. Clergy and Marriage Ministry leaders may register for free access to these and other videos to use during the parish marriage preparation process at <http://marriageboosters.net>. Click on “Parishes and Dioceses” and you will be asked to fill out a short registration form. You will then be given access to all of the videos and a list of questions that can be used for further discussion on the selected topic.

**Marriage & Family Enrichment Pilot Project:** The Diocese of Davenport in coordination with John Bosio (author of *Happy Together: The Catholic Blueprint for a Loving Marriage* and *Blessed is Marriage: A Guide to the Beatitudes for Catholic Couples*) is inviting parishes in the diocese to pilot a new enrichment program: **Four Dates for Catholic Couples – the Virtues**. This innovative program will be made available free of charge to any parish participating in the Spring Pilot and has the potential of reaching not only the couples in your parish attending the four dates, but also those in the pews and beyond. Please contact Marianne Agnoli at 563-888-4242 or [agnolim@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:agnolim@davenportdiocese.org) for more details concerning this enriching opportunity for your parish.

**Marriage and Parenting Resource:** Attached is the May issue of “Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers.” These may be used in parish bulletins or as links on parish websites.

### **Marriage Preparation:**

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).

**Sponsor Couple:** It is preferred that those preparing for marriage meet with a trained parish Sponsor Couple. Contact Marianne Agnoli at [agnolim@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:agnolim@davenportdiocese.org) to schedule a training in your parish.

### **Weekend and One-day:**

**August 6-7, 2016:** Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, registration *deadline is July 29*

**October 15, 2016:** Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias, *registration deadline is October 7*

The current fee is \$125 per couple and is now also payable by credit card/PayPal. Please note that this fee will increase to \$150 for registrations received after July 1, 2016.

The registration form and more information can be found on the diocesan website at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Marriage%20and%20Family.htm>. If you have questions contact Barb Butterworth, 563-888-4240, [butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org).

**Online:** Go to <http://www.marriageministries.com/courses/catholic-marriage-prep-class/>. – to be used only under special circumstance with parish approval.

### **Natural Family Planning Links:**

**Engaged couples** are encouraged to begin NFP instruction at least four to six months prior to the wedding date.

**NFP Local Instructor** contact information can be found on the diocesan website at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Marriage%20and%20Family.htm>

### **Recommended NFP On-line Instruction**

**Billings Ovulation Method NFP course** is available at <http://learnnfponline.com>. A certificate of completion will be issued. Cost is \$49.

**Couple to Couple League (Sympto-thermal) Method** offers two online options for those couples who do not have a local teaching couple, or for those whose schedule prevents them from attending a local instruction. Couples will receive the same materials as those attending any on-site class, plus have access to professional chart reviews until confident in their method skills.

- Live Class Online (check website below for dates and times) - \$130
- Self-paced Online - \$99
- <http://ccli.org/productsservices/nfp-instruction/home-study-course.php>

**Additional NFP Distance Learning Resources are available at:**

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/nfp-distance-learning.cfm>

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.chmiowa.org).

**Don't Quit-Surrender:** Saturday, May 7 | 10am – 3pm. Step 7 - The key to transcending our lives into authentic purpose and usefulness. Simple activities, reflections and sharing on how Step 7 impacts our recovery and lives. Fee: \$20. Jean Simpson LISW

**Come to the Quiet: May: The Gift of Beauty:** Thursday, May 12 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. So often we miss the gifts of beauty that surround us in our everyday world—in our backyards, dusk and dawn, in the faces of those we love. The gift of beauty opens our eyes to the beauty that surrounds us. Fee: \$20. Pat Shea

**A Taste of Dances of Universal Peace:** Tuesday, May 17 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. An introduction to the dance circle as a form of prayer combined with delectable treats from The Prairie kitchen that reflect the cultural, global origin of each dance. This day is meant to be savored. Fee: \$20. Sophia Virginia Melroy and Mary Martin Lane

**Meet GK Chesterton:** Saturday, June 4 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Become familiar with the most quotable and exuberant defender of Catholic Christianity of the modern era: GK Chesterton. His wit, humility and humor are magnetic, matched only by his masterful common sense and intellectual levity. We will explore a small sampling of his astonishing body of literature. Fee: \$20. Jerry Schroeder

**The Work of Our Hands:** Thursday, June 9 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Learn to use clay as prayer as you shape a finger labyrinth, native rattle or small hand shaped bowl. Works will be fired and returned to participants at a later date. Limited to 8 participants. Fee: \$35. Kathleen Storms, SSND

**Come to the Quiet: The Gift of Love:** Tuesday, June 14 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. There are many weddings in the month of June, a celebration and commitment to live in love. The love that we receive so unconditionally from the Divine Lover invites us to love as we have been loved. 1 Corinthians 13 describes this so beautifully. Fee: \$20. Pat Shea

**Knit One, Pray Too!:** Thursday, June 16 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Seasoned knitters and novices are invited to bring their latest projects for a relaxing day of knitting, sharing, praying and enjoying the peace of The Prairie. Fee: \$20. Karen Brooke, Ann Green & Anne Johnson

**Prairie Field Day:** Fri, June 17 | 10am – 3pm. The 200-acre Prairie Retreat has incorporated environmental practices: prairie grass plantings, erosion control, pollinator strips, vegetable and flower gardens, tree harvesting and planting as well as pond management. Spend a day walking the serene grounds under the guidance of experts and learn with us how to enhance and protect this God-given gift. Fee: \$20. Local Educators on Land Development and Enhancement

**Summer Solstice Taize` Vigil Service:** Monday, June 20 | 6:30pm. Taize` is an ecumenical movement, drawing Christians of all denominations together in unified and compassionate prayer. All people of faith are invited to participate. Pre-registration encouraged. No fee.

## **SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS, CLINTON**

*Contemplation in Our Lives*: June 2-7, The Canticle, Clinton. A silent preached retreat by Donald Goergen, O.P., Ph.D. Fr. Goergen is a Dominican priest, professor, retreat master, and author. He has published many articles and 10 books in the areas of Christology and Christian Spirituality. He has taught, lectured, and given retreats in Asia, Africa, and throughout North America. He is the recipient of the 2010 Yves Congar Award from Barry University in Miami.

The retreat will begin following the evening meal (4:45 p.m.) on Thursday, June 2, and conclude with lunch on Tuesday, June 7. Overnight accommodations are available for those who do not wish to commute. Go to <http://www.clintonfranciscans.com/news-and-events-events.html?id=332> for more information or call 563-242-7611.

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

Contact Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108, [retreats@smmsisters.org](mailto:retreats@smmsisters.org) or online at [www.smmisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs](http://www.smmisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs) to register for programs mentioned below.

**Creation - We Celebrate God's Beautiful World:** May 14, 9:00 am- 3:00 pm. A renewal day for adults and adolescents with developmental disabilities. Family members, friends and caregivers are also welcome to attend. Join us for a day filled with fun, sharing, activities, singing, and prayer. Bring a sack lunch and be ready to celebrate! Presenters: Steve and Kathy MacDonald. Fee: \$20/family 2-3; \$10 individual.

**The Spirituality of Gardening:** May 21, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Do you recognize your garden as a true blessing? As each seed breaks forth and sprouts, do you stand in awe of God's gift of life? People in many ways are gardens, too, needing nourishment and warmth for growth. Join us to reflect on and celebrate the gift of life sprouting forth in our midst. Presenter: Sr. Mary Schmidt, OSB. Fee: \$20, plus an option for lunch \$8.

**Day of Wonder:** June 21, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Take time out from busy! Make time to WONDER about the mysteries around us. The day will begin with a reflection on Wonder with the use of media, literature and music. Spend the rest of the day in quiet and prayer perhaps enjoying the walking paths, the lake area, the chapel, the library, porches, patios and other reflective places. Optional discussion and prayer will close the day. Bring your own lunch or have lunch at the Monastery. Facilitator: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB. \$20/day fee, plus an option for lunch for \$8. Chair or full body healing touch available for additional cost.

**Women's Retreat: The Mandala: A Pathway to One's Center:** Fri. June 24, (Check-in: 6:30-6:45 pm; Conference: 7 pm) 7 pm–Sun. June 26, 12 pm. Mandala is the Sanskrit word for circle. Today, the word mandala is used for sacred artworks in the form of a circle. Create your own mandalas and tap into the holiness of deep listening within you and in the world around you. Creating a mandala will help you gain access to the “soul-light,” the divine Spirit within. You will add luminous color effects to your mandala and learn to pray with it. This is a great opportunity for those interested in this form of prayer, inner reflection and living in the present moment! Supplies will be provided, but you may want to bring your own compass, ruler, and black/gel/Micron pens. No experience is necessary. Presenter: Sr. Joellen Price, PBVM. Fee: Register and pay in full by May 24: \$210 (private room), \$195 (shared room). Registrations after May 24: \$220 (private room), \$205 (shared room). Commuter fee: \$155, includes lunch, dinner and brunch.

**Silent Directed Retreat: God Speaks. Are We Listening?:** Sun. July 10 (Check-in: 4-6:30 pm; Conference: 7 pm) - Wed. July 13, 4 pm. God speaks to each of us in a multitude of ways. How well do we listen? How do we respond? Take time to listen to God and, perhaps, deepen your listening skills during these few days in July. Come with an open heart and be amazed at what God wants to say to you. Meet daily with a certified spiritual director: Sr. Mary Schmidt, OSB; Sr. Margaret Murphy, OSB; Abbot Philip Davey, OSB. Fee: Register and pay in full by June 10: \$315. Registrations after June 10: \$325. Commuter fee: \$225, includes lunches and dinners.

## **SHALOM SPIRITUALTY CENTER, DUBUQUE**

To register call 563-582-3592 or send check payable to Shalom Spirituality Center with your contact information to: 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001. [www.shalomretreats.org](http://www.shalomretreats.org), [info@shalomretreats.org](mailto:info@shalomretreats.org)

***Mysticism From A Cosmic Perspective:*** Tuesday, June 21, 9:30am to Thursday, June 23, 7pm. Facilitator: Fr. Diarmuid O'Murchu. The rediscovery of the sacredness of creation, and how we encounter the sacred within God's creation, requires a fresh look at the wisdom of mysticism, and the awakening of the mystic in the spiritual experience of many people today. Retreat closes with Eucharistic service. Fr. O'Murchu is a member of the Sacred Heart Missionary Order in England, a social psychologist, and a workshop leader and group facilitator. He has ministered in Europe, USA, Canada, Australia, India, Africa, and is the author of 16 books. Offering: Overnights — \$250, Commuters — \$175. Includes 3 lunches & 3 dinners. Additional overnight stay with breakfast: \$42. Register by Thursday, June 16. \$50 Non-refundable deposit required. \$10 Early bird discount if registered by May 21.

***Performing Ordinary Things in Extraordinary Ways:*** Monday, June 27, 5:30pm to Saturday, July 2, 9am. Facilitator: Fr. Joe Chinnici. This retreat will explore the theology and daily practice of the Gospel way of life in the footprints of Francis and Clare of Assisi. Building on the Joy of the Gospel, themes will focus on the humanity of Christ, practice of the virtues, the Lord's presence, and the Franciscan way of life in the contemporary world. Daily Eucharist. Fr. Chinnici is a Franciscan friar of the province of Saint Barbara. He is currently President of the Franciscan School of Theology, Oceanside, California, in affiliation with the University of San Diego. He has written extensively on the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition and the evangelical life in the contemporary world. A specialist in the history of Catholicism in the United States, he tries to be, first of all, a human being. Offering: Overnights — \$450. Commuters — \$425. Includes 4 lunches & 5 dinners. Additional overnight stay with breakfast: \$42. Register by Wednesday, June 22. \$75 Non-refundable deposit required. \$25 early bird discount if registered by May 27.

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Other interested persons are welcome to subscribe. If you have questions regarding your subscription contact Laurie Hoefling, [hoefling@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hoefling@davenportdiocese.org).

## Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers May 2016

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### **MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

673. May 2: Trip down Memory Lane #14 - Remember your first long trip together - either for fun, to meet each other's family, or even a funeral. What did you like about making travel plans together? What was a stress because of your differences? What have you learned?

674. May 9: "That they may be one, as we are one." (John 17:22) Although you and your beloved are united in spirit there still may be many things you disagree on. The crucial thing is not that you are 100% alike, but that you find ways to manage your differences. What's a difference that you've compromised on? What have you agreed to do your spouse's way?

675. May 16: On Pentecost we remember how the apostles became strengthened in their commitment. Sure, they loved being with Jesus most of the time, but Pentecost sealed the deal. Yes, we can do this! Share one experience that strengthened your marriage.

676. May 23: How do you get your spouse to really talk? Try pulling out their high school yearbook, your wedding album, or family videos and look at them together. Ask stuff like "What was your favorite memory?" or "What did you like most about that?"

677. May 30: "Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:24) Jesus used these words when sharing bread and wine with the apostles at the Last Supper. When we consume food and drink it becomes part of our body and blood. Be mindful of Jesus presence in the next meal you eat together.

### **PARENTING POINTERS**

575. May 6: Mother's Day. What's a father to do on Mother's Day? It's not your job to get a gift for your wife but rather to coach your son or daughter (if need be) in deciding how they can best honor their mother. Be there, but not the primary giver.

576. May 13: When kids leave their toys and clothing lying around the house, try this: The offending items go to jail. Put a note in the child's room saying, "Help, I'm your \_\_\_\_ and I'm in jail." The child then has the choice of letting it serve out its time or bailing it out by doing a chore. (author unknown)

577. May 20: "The Spirit of truth will guide you to all truth." (John 16:13) We humans may be tempted to lie, or at least bend the truth, when we are afraid. Talk with your child about times when it might be hard to tell the truth. Perhaps share a time that was difficult for you.

578. May 27: The end of the school year can bring lots of banquets, and ceremonies. Inevitably some kids get more awards than others. Help your child recognize his/her internal worth that goes beyond trophies.