

ADDRESS CHANGES

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MERCY IN MOTION: A MINISTRIES OF MERCY CONFERENCE

Mercy in Motion: A Ministries of Mercy Conference: Saturday, July 30, St. Ambrose University, Davenport. Registration is now open with a deadline of July 15. The schedule, descriptions of the 15 workshops and registration form may be found on the [Year of Mercy webpage](#). Please duplicate and distribute the attached flyer. For more information contact [Marianne Agnoli](#) or 563-888-4242.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

The Stewardship Day Presentations, Stewardship-Reclaiming Our True Identity given by Bishop Gruss and *Practice of Stewardship in the Parish* given by Tracy Welliver can be found on the [Stewardship page](#) of the diocesan website. Bishop Gruss' presentation is first and Tracy's is at the 1:21 point of the video.

Best Practices in Parish Stewardship: Tips from the Diocesan Stewardship Commission to effectively promote stewardship in the local community: *Demonstrate accountability and transparency with effective communications about a variety of ministry, operational and financial reports. Give specifics on programs and ministries that have made progress toward their annual goals. Summarize the parish financial status with information on income, expenses and budgets. Concentrate on producing timely, written information that is distributed to all registered households. Express gratitude for the gifts of time, talent and resources that made these achievements a reality. A Google search on "annual parish report" will bring up a host of samples from churches across the country.*

LITURGY OFFICE

New Marriage Rite Workshops: Workshops to introduce the new Order for Celebrating Matrimony and present updates in marriage preparation in the diocese will be held in each deanery beginning in August. The workshops are intended for those presiding at weddings and/or are involved in ministry to couples preparing for marriage, such as priests, deacons (especially those who will not be able to make it to the deacons' fall convocation), coordinators and team members in marriage preparation programs, music ministers, and parish wedding coordinators.

Our schedule of dates and locations is as follows:

- Aug. 6 = Keokuk Deanery (McAleer Hall, Holy Family, Fort Madison)
- Aug. 27 = Iowa City (St. Patrick, Iowa City)
- Sept. 3 = Ottumwa Deanery (St. Patrick, Ottumwa)
- Oct. 1 = Grinnell Deanery (Sacred Heart, Newton)
- Nov. 5 = Clinton Deanery (St. Joseph, DeWitt)
- Dec. 3 = Davenport Deanery (site TBA)

In addition, this material will be the topic of the Deacon Convocation on October 15-16. If a priest is unable to make it to one of the deanery workshops, please contact Deacon Terry Starns to arrange to attend the deacon convocation instead. Details to follow.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

The 30th Annual Social Action Summer Institute (SASI) will be held on July 17-21 at St. Xavier University, Chicago. The theme is *Who is My Neighbor? Discipleship in the Year of Mercy*. This national conference is organized by the Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Directors in partnership with the USCCB Offices of Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Justice Peace & Human Development, Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Relief Services and JustFaith Ministries. To learn more and to register go [here](#). Registration will close July 7.

2016-2017 Respect Life Materials: Parishes interested in receiving a free Respect Life Packet must submit their order request by June 10 to Esmeralda Guerrero, guerrero@davenportdiocese.org. Provide 1) parish name and address, 2) contact name, 3) contact phone number and 4) contact email address (if not the pastor or office contact).

St. Vincent's Home Corporation Grant: The grant program derives from the St. Vincent Home orphanage and continues to serve children with more than an ordinary need through grants to organizations providing such services. For consideration at the October board meeting, applications must be postmarked by September 15. Applicants are to be located within the 22 counties of the Diocese of Davenport or serve children within the Diocese of Davenport. The grant application and grant criteria can be found at the [Social Action grant page](#).

All organizations that work with children must document their efforts to perform background checks for employees and volunteers that work or have direct contact with children, in order to be eligible for funding. If an organization received a grant in the past, a Progress Report must also be submitted by September 15. New funding will not be considered until the Progress Report has been submitted.

CRS Rice Bowl 2017 Materials: CRS has mailed the ordering information for the 2017 CRS Rice Bowl Lent Materials. It is not in an envelope, but a self-mailer and could be mistaken as advertising. Please review and update your order quantities as needed; otherwise you will be sent the same quantity of materials you received this year. Even if you don't have any changes you still need to mail the postcard back to CRS.

Diocesan Volunteer Program: It has been two years since the Diocesan Volunteer Program (DVP) was reintroduced in the Diocese. The primary focus of the Volunteer Program grant is to assist in providing support to individuals for short-term mission work and to support new and existing global projects and partnerships within the Diocese of Davenport. People interested in applying can go to the [Diocesan Volunteer webpage](#) to obtain a copy of the grant criteria and application.

As the program is not supported by any diocesan collection; it is dependent on donations from those interested in promoting the global outreach the Holy Father seeks. If you would like to support this effort, please send a check payable to the Diocese of Davenport, with a memo line of "Diocesan Volunteer Program" Address: Diocese of Davenport, 780 West Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1901. Future volunteers will appreciate your support.

Project Rachel services for those wounded by abortion are:

- Dedicated Helpline: 563-333-4107 (calls answered personally Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm.) Voice messaging available all other times.
- Dedicated e-mail: projectrachel@diodav.org
- Dedicated national website: www.hopeafterabortion.org
- Confidential referrals for individualized counseling with a Project Rachel priest or counselor

How you can help promote Project Rachel in your parish:

- Distribute the free brochure, "Peace Starts Here." Call 563-888-4212 to receive.
- On your parish website put a link to the [Project Rachel](#) website
- Pray for women and men that have been affected by abortion
- Include weekly bulletin announcements

There are two ways to support Project Rachel:

1. "Humble Angel Honey": For parishes who are interested in having "Humble Angel Honey" for sale at their parish please contact Kent Ferris, ferris@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4210 to make arrangements.
2. Make a financial contribution, payable to the Diocese of Davenport and mail to Diocese of Davenport, Project Rachel, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1901.

Two Feet Newsletter: The Diocesan Social Action Office has a variety of tools to keep you informed of relevant issues and activities. One of these is our Two Feet Newsletter which is distributed monthly via email. If you would like to read previous issues you will find those at <http://bit.ly/TwoFeetNewsletter>. You can subscribe from that page if you choose or you can contact Amy Kersten at kerstena@diodav.org who will add you to our list of subscribers.

Social Action Google Groups: The Social Action office has two Google groups for people who wish to receive information related to parish social action or social action advocacy. The Google groups are intended to support discussion about issues, although you can simply read the emails without responding. If you wish to join either group contact Amy Kersten at kerstena@diodav.org.

Fair Trade Catalog: The new SERRV Summer 2016 catalog is available. For a chance to buy Fair Trade handcrafts and gourmet food items from disadvantaged producers around the world, go [here](#) and click on Interactive located at the bottom left of the page or the direct link to the [catalog](#).

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE



This is the theme for this year's August Gathering on Saturday, August 13 at St. Alphonsus, Mt. Pleasant. Parishes and Catholic schools are called to form people as missionary disciples in the world. Let's answer the call together! Our presenter, Jane Angha, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Services and Project Coordinator of Young Neighbors in Action for the Center for Ministry Development, will guide us through this workshop and share effective ways for parishes to engage children and youth, and empower them as young disciples who are growing as witnesses to their faith. Please refer to the [August Gathering website](#) or the attached flyer for complete details.

New!!! Catholics In Action – Family Style: Please consider personally inviting a family or two in your parish who might be interested in spending time away together engaged in service to consider this new program. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, this is a great opportunity to provide families with a quality experience that immerses them in living mercy in a creative and exciting way. The program takes place July 7-10 at the Mazzucchelli Center in Muscatine. Information can be found at the [Catholics In Action webpage](#).

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](#) for all publicity and registration materials.

Strong Catholic Families: NOW is the time to explore your parish's entrance into the Strong Catholic Families, Strong Catholic Youth Initiative. Explore how your parish can begin to move toward partnering with parents instead of simply providing a service to them on forming faith in families. Contact [Don Boucher](#) (563-888-4243) or [Marianne Agnoli](#) (563-888-4242) 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.

DYMC: The deadline for applying for the Diocesan Youth Ministry Committee has been extended to June 3. DYMC is open to Catholic youth who will be in grades 10-12 in the fall of this year. Information and application materials are available on the [DYMC webpage](#).

Major Youth Events Dates Announced: Mark your calendars for the 2nd 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.

MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM

Basic Schedule

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

On-Site Format: All courses held at the chancery in 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 [MFP website](#). For information regarding the courses or the Ministry Formation Program contact John Valenti, valenti@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4244.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Sponsor Couple Training: A workshop to train new Sponsor Couples will be held on Sunday, June 26 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport immediately following the 9:00 a.m. liturgy. A light lunch will be provided. The training is scheduled to conclude at 1:00 p.m. Contact Marianne Agnoli at 563-888-4242 or agnolim@davenportdiocese.org to register couples for this training or to schedule a training session in your parish or deanery.

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 on the [USCCB](http://USCCB.org) website:

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 for more details concerning this enriching opportunity for your parish.

Marriage and Parenting Resource: Attached is the June 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 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 [Marriage and Family webpage](#). If you have questions contact Barb Butterworth, 563-888-4240, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org.

Online: Go [here](#) – 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 [Marriage and Family webpage](#).

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 [here](#).

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.

CENTERING PRAYER “REUNION”

A reunion picnic will be held on Saturday, June 4, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Northwest Park Pavilion in Davenport (3400 N. Division St.). Eastern Iowa Contemplative Outreach is celebrating those who started the organization and the many years of service it has provided to the people of eastern Iowa, and now western Illinois as well. Marie Howard, who took part in bringing Centering Prayer to the Davenport Diocese along with Lolita Dierickx and the late Sr. Kathleen Ebert, CHM will be presenting the program, which will begin around 1:00 p.m. We will be honoring, in a special way, those who have served on the EICO Board since our beginnings. All are welcome, whether part of our organization or not. A greeter with a wheelchair will be ready to assist anyone wary of uneven ground in getting to the shelter. Food and drink will be provided. Please RSVP to Stephanie Haskins at SAH1205@hotmail.com or 563-221-1982 if you know in advance that you will be attending.

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL, DAVENPORT

Mark Forrest, an International Irish Tenor, leads a special Year of Mercy Holy Hour of prayer, song, adoration and healing on Sunday, June 5, 7:30-9:00 pm. Those attending will have the opportunity to obtain special graces by passing through Sacred Heart Cathedral’s Doors of Mercy. Free will offering. Mark Forrest has captivated audiences from the White House and Carnegie Hall to cathedrals and stages worldwide. He is the father of eight boys and currently resides in Northern Virginia. Mark and his wife Muriel are founders of the Faith and Family Foundation, which helps special needs children. For more information go to www.markforrest.com. Sacred Heart Cathedral is located at 422-E. 10th Street, Davenport; phone 563-324-3257; email davsacredheart@diodav.org.

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.

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 or online at www.smmisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs to register for programs mentioned below.

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, 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.

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.

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	Directors/Coordinators of Faith Formation
Parishes	Catholic Foundation Board	Sisters	RCIA Parish Contacts	Diocesan Liturgical Commission
Priests	Parish Lay Directors	Bookkeepers	Diocesan Board of Education	Diocesan Planning Commission
Seminarians	Diocesan Pastoral Council	Principals	Parish Life Coordinators	

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

The Diocese of Davenport Presents

Mercy in Motion



A Ministries of Mercy Conference

Saturday, July 30, 2016

St. Ambrose University
Davenport, Iowa

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
4:45 Closing Liturgy
(Bishop Amos Presiding)

\$30 – includes hospitality, lunch and materials

Online [Registration](#) & Additional Information at:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/YearOfMercyConference.htm>



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CALLING YOU TO
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PARISH AND
COMMUNITY

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TOM EAST &
MUSIC MINISTER
SARAH KROGER

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FAITH FORMATION
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

the August Gathering

sponsored by Office of Faith Formation

Saturday, August 13, 2016
St. Alphonsus, Mt. Pleasant



CALLING YOUTH TO MISSION

Equipping Young Disciples

“The Church which ‘goes forth’ is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice.”
- Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* #24, 2013



For all parish leaders whose ministries touch the lives of children and adolescents: pastors, deacons, pastoral associates, coordinators of youth ministry, DREs/CREs/faith formation leaders, youth ministry core team members and volunteers, catechists, Confirmation preparation leaders, and Catholic school teachers

FEES

- Early-Bird (by July 29): \$30/person; \$150 maximum per parish
- Standard (after July 29/by August 10): \$35/person; \$175 maximum per parish

TO REGISTER

Go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/>. Click on **August Gathering**.

Parishes and Catholic schools are called to form people as missionary disciples in the world. Let's answer the call together! This workshop will share effective **ways for parishes to engage children and youth**, and empower them as young disciples who are growing as witnesses to their faith. We will include vision and practical ideas for these topics:

- Calling Children and Youth to Missionary Discipleship
- Growing as Leaders in Our Relationship with Jesus
- Transforming Faith Formation and Youth Ministry into Disciple-Building
- Supporting Families of Disciples
- Knowing Young People Today
- Equipping Young Disciples (*Providing an Encounter, Building Relationship, Forming Faith, Empowering for Mission*)
- Accompanying Children and Youth



PRESENTER

Jane Angha is Coordinator of Youth Ministry Services and Project Coordinator of Young Neighbors in Action for the Center for Ministry Development. She previously served as Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry at St. Bernard Parish in Appleton, Wisconsin.

She has worked with high school youth for the past 20 years as a high school teacher, youth minister, and coordinator of religious education. Jane holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Wisconsin and a Master's degree in Theological Studies from St. Norbert College in DePere, Wisconsin.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.	Registration and Hospitality
9:00 a.m.	Introductions, Overview of Workshop
9:05 a.m.	Session 1: Following Christ—Mini-Retreat
10:45 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m.	Session 2: Calling Youth to Missionary Discipleship
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Session 3: Becoming a Disciple Building Parish
2:15 p.m.	Session 4: Disciple Building Action Plan
2:45 p.m.	The Year Ahead
3:15 p.m.	Closing Prayer

Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers

June 2016

FOR MORE extended marriage and parenting articles, plus archived Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers, go to: www.SusanVogt.net ***BLOG:** *Living Lightly.* www.SusanVogt.net/blog

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MARRIAGE MOMENTS

678. June 6: Married couples don't often think of being widowed but no one lives forever. Lest this thought seem too morose, remember that one day one of you will be alone to help you appreciate your beloved today. Honor or pray for a widow(er) you know today.

679. June 13: "Your sins are forgiven" (Luke 7: 48) Any couple who have spent much time together inevitably have things to forgive. How do you usually handle forgiveness in your relationship? Is one of you the usual initiator? Why? You may need forgiveness after this discussion.

680. June 20: June 20 is the Summer Solstice which means it's a long day. Use the light to do something outdoors to renew your love in the early morning or late evening.

681. June 27: "I will follow you." (Luke 9:57) In couple dancing more often the man is the lead. Marriage, however, is more than a dance. It works best when both are adept at both leading and following as circumstances and talents dictate. How do you balance this in your marriage?

PARENTING POINTERS

679. June 3: How many shoes does your child have? How many do you? How many can you wear at one time? The first week in June is National Barefoot Week. Have fun going barefoot for a day or an hour this week, but remember that some kids don't have any shoes. Check out Soles4Souls to see how you can help. <http://barefootweek.com/>.

680. June 10: Friendship is important to both kids and adults. Do you know who your child's best friends are? Childhood friends often move away. Call, e-mail or Skype a childhood friend of yours. Is there someone your child would like to reconnect with too?

681. June 17: June 19 is Father's Day and June 20 is the Summer Solstice. You have an extra long "day" to celebrate these. Did you also know that June 19 is Juneteenth which celebrates the emancipation of slaves throughout the Confederate South. Teach your children. <http://www.juneteenth.com/>

682. June 24: Summer is vacation time and often that means travel. In addition to relatives, national parks, and monuments, consider visiting a holy place. Of course any place can be holy when looked at with eyes of faith, but also consider visiting a religious shrine or a different church.