

LITURGY OFFICE

LiturgyNotes: The January edition is available at:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2018/1/Jan2018LN.pdf>.

Rite of Election: Please remember that registrations are due by February 1. For all the details see:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/rite-of-election>.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

Stewardship Day: March 6, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., St. Mary, Riverside. The day includes Bishop Zinkula sharing his stewardship story, choice of two workshops, witness talks, vendor tables and lunch. There is no fee to attend. Registration information will be forthcoming.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

January is Poverty Awareness Month: For resources and information go [here](#).

CRS Rice Bowl Collection:

- **Starts Ash Wednesday, February 14.** Materials will be shipped January 5. If you need more rice bowls or other resources, visit crsricebowl.org/order. For questions contact [Loxi Hopkins](mailto:Loxi.Hopkins@diocese.org), 563-888-4212.
- **Kick-off Event:** January 27, St. Joseph, West Liberty: Mass, lunch and presentation. For more information go [here](#).

Catholic Social Ministry Gathering: February 3-6, Washington, D.C. For information go [here](#).

2018/2019 Internship for Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD): Applications are being accepted until February 16. Are you Catholic? Interested in fighting poverty? Then consider being an intern for CCHD. Information, promotional flyer and registration link can be found [here](#).

Social Action Two Feet Newsletter: To view past issues or to subscribe go [here](#).

Project Rachel: Assist us with the promotion of Project Rachel. Please place [this insert](#) into your bulletin on a quarterly basis or as space allows. A sample bulletin announcement can be found [here](#) under resources.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

“Do What Matters-Creating a Faith-forming Culture for the 21st Century”: January 18, 12:00p.m. Transmitting faith to the next generation has never been more challenging. This professional development conference call will explore five key factors for effective faith formation today: relationships, generations, adults, family/home and digital enablement. For details and a promotional flyer go [here](#).

Youth and Young Adult:

FORUM 2018: Reserve space for your parish delegation **by Monday, January 8**. No names necessary at this time, just the number of spaces (up to 10) you want reserved. The registration deadline for actual participants and forms is February 7. Space is limited so be sure to reserve the number of spaces you will need. Delegations include high school youth, parents, and adult leaders in faith formation/youth ministry. This program, on February 17-18, inspires, equips and empowers participants to live as disciples of Jesus, and explore the kind of leadership necessary today to provide effective ministry and faith formation for today’s youth and families. Keynote speaker: [Mike Patin](#). For more information, visit the [FORUM website](#).

Adult Formation Upcoming Courses: 2/3/18 Confirmation by Don Boucher and 3/17/18 Eucharist by Dr. Corinne Winter. Join us to learn more about the Sacraments during our Spring Formation Courses. Whether you need a refresher for yourself or are a catechist forming students or catechumens/candidates, these courses are for you! Courses are held at the Chancery, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cost is \$25 per course. [Register here](#) or contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244 for more information.

Shredding the Doubts: A Faith Formation Roundtable: Friday, January 12 and Saturday, January 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (lunch to follow). Choose your location each day: St. Mary, Oskaloosa or SS. Mary & Mathias, Muscatine. Join the Office of Faith Formation for a Roundtable Discussion in which we will be “Shredding the Doubts” about Faith Formation. We will listen to each other and examine the reality of our parish and formation efforts. This event is designed for all parish formation leaders, pastors, deacons, catechists, team members, parents, grandparents and those interested in learning more about sharing their faith. [Registration](#) required by [January 8](#). A freewill offering will be collected. Visit our [website](#) or contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244 for more information.

Certificate in Ministry Studies begins January 27 & 28, Saturday 9AM-6PM and Sunday 9AM-4PM at the Chancery. Principles of Lifelong Catechesis and Principles of Youth Ministry courses will be offered as part of the [Certificate in Ministry Studies](#). The first of 8 courses over two years for those working in lifelong catechesis, faith formation and youth ministry, participants will gain an understanding of the vision and context for these ministry areas. Cost is \$150 for those currently involved in ministry in the Diocese of Davenport. Register [here](#) and visit our [website](#) or contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Celebrate World Marriage Day (Feb. 11) and National Marriage Week USA (Feb. 7-14): A variety of resources are available from the USCCB: Click [here](#) for a bulletin insert and [here](#) for preaching resources. Additional resources can also be found on the diocesan [Marriage and Family webpage](#).

NEW! Catholic Wedding Video from USCCB. Watch the video, “Saying I Do: What Happens at a Catholic Wedding” and share it with the engaged couples you are preparing. Go [here](#).

“**Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers**” can be obtained from 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 Marriage Preparation Policies and Procedures is available on the diocesan website [here](#). Fillable PDF Prenuptial Investigation forms are on the website: [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Marriage Preparation Instructional Programs: The Diocese of Davenport offers several marriage preparation program formats. More information can be found on the [Marriage and Family webpage](#).

Natural Family Planning: Participation in an Introduction to Natural Family Planning or a method specific instruction is required of all couples of child bearing age preparing for marriage in the diocese. A full listing of free upcoming introductory sessions and specific method classes is available on the diocesan [NFP page](#). Please contact [Marianne Agnoli](#), 563-888-4242 if you would like to schedule an NFP instruction in your parish or deanery.

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

Come to the Quiet: Wed, January 11, 9:30am – 3:30pm

Contemplative Photography: "The Art of Seeing": Monday, January 29, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Tuning into our Inner and Outer Guidance as We Move Forward in Life: Tuesday, January 30, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Tangle your own Circle of Life: The Mandala: Wednesday, January 31-Thursday, February 1, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Contemplative Prayer in Watercolor: Friday, February 2, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

How Essential Oils Enhance Our Lives: Monday, February 19, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Blest4today Healing Retreat: Wednesday, February 21, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Holy Resilience – Spirituality for the Second Half of Life: Thursday, February 22, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Singing the Liturgy: March 8, 7:00 pm. Fr. J. Michael Joncas at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport

Roman Catholic Thought and Practice 50 Years after Vatican II: March 9-10. Facilitated by Fr. J. Michael Joncas

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, 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.

Silent Directed Retreat: And Jesus Said to Them "Follow Me" (Mark 1:14-20): Jan 14, 4:00 PM - Jan 17 4:00 PM.

Valentine Evening for Couples: Laughter - The Language of Love: Feb 9 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Dominion to Dragons: Can the Bible Teach Us How to Care for the Environment?: An Advent and Lenten series on Scripture and the Environment. Feb 28 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Men's Retreat: Be a Builder: Mar 2 6:30 PM - Mar 4 12:00 PM

A Lenten Evening for Families: "A Walk With Jesus Through Holy Week": Mar 6 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

SHALOM SPIRITUALTY CENTER, DUBUQUE

To register call 563-582-3592 or email info@shalomretreats.org. 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001, www.shalomretreats.org,

Concert with David Haas: Friday, February 16, 7:00pm-8:30pm

Lenten Retreat Day: That You Might Have Life: Spiritual Practices For The Call To Holiness: Saturday, February 17, 9:00am-3:00pm. Facilitated by David Haas. Register and prepay by Tuesday, February 13.

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

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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	

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