

OFFICES CLOSED

The diocesan and Catholic Messenger offices will be closed on Good Friday, April 6. Normal business hours will resume on Monday, April 9.

SPANISH INTENSIVE

Sr. Caridad will be offering her 2-week Spanish intensive again this summer, Monday-Friday, June 4-15. On each day, students meet 1:1 with her for 1½ hours. Four of the five time slots have been taken, so we have room for one more student. If you want to work on your pastoral Spanish, and are willing to commit to meeting with Sister from 4:10-5:40 each day of the two weeks, please contact Dc. Frank Agnoli 563-888-4257, agnoli@davenportdiocese.org. There is no cost to the participants.

DIOCESAN SUPPORT DAY

Finance and human resources will be the focus of the Diocesan Support Day on April 19. You may attend in person or via webinar. A complete list of topics and the schedule for the day are included in the attached information. There is no fee for attending as this is funded by the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Onsite Attendance: Complete the registration form (attached) and return by Monday, April 9.

Webinar Attendance: Click on these links to register (you must be registered by noon on April 18):

- 1) Morning finance workshop: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/489675280>.
- 2) Afternoon human resources workshop: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/894648297>

If you have questions please contact Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4220.

FINANCE

Budget: The 2012-2013 budget forms have been sent to bookkeepers, pastors, business managers and principals. They are due August 1. Some items you will need for the budget:

1. Priest Compensation – mailed April 2 to priests
2. Property and Liability Insurance – rates will not be known before June. Estimate insurance at a 10% increase.
3. Priests' Aid – estimate a 10% increase for budget purposes. Ann Ratliff (641-792-2050) will send bills July 1.

Included with the Priests Compensation mailing is the parish's ADA draft which excludes the parish goal and is being sent for the purpose of having the accounting checked. The fourth quarter insurance billing is also included.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Available Grants: Application deadline May 31

Operation Rice Bowl: For those providing/supporting direct services to people who are hungry (first foot of social justice). If your parish or community would like to apply go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sacrsapplyingfororbgrant.htm>.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD): For those organizations and projects that promote systemic change (second foot of social justice). To apply please send your request in a 1-2 page letter along with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant Agreement. To view grant criteria and obtain a copy of the agreement go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sacchdapplyingfoagrant.htm>.

All grant requests must be postmarked by May 31 and sent to Diocese of Davenport, Social Action Office, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport 52804-1901. For questions call Loxi Hopkins at 563-888-4212.

Justice and Peace Advocacy Team: Under the guidance of Bishop Martin Amos and in cooperation with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) we have formed a global and local advocacy team in our diocese to help provide a Catholic voice to legislators and to support CRS in its mission of offering humanitarian assistance to those in need

in nearly 100 countries throughout the world. The team meets once a month the last Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish, Iowa City.

All interested persons are invited to be a part of this new effort. To learn more about the team contact Loxi Hopkins at 563- 888-4212 or hopkins@davenportdiocese.org or go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sacrsjusticepeaceadvocacyteam.htm>

St. Vincent's Home Corporation Grants: Just a reminder that spring grants are no longer be awarded. Grants will only be awarded once a year in the fall. The next grant deadline is **September 15** and all applications must be postmarked by that date. Applicants are to be located within the 22 counties of the Diocese of Davenport or serve children within the diocese. The grant application and criteria are available at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sastvincenthomecorporation.htm#applygrants>

If you received a grant in the past you must also submit your progress report by September 15. New funding applications will not be considered until Progress Reports regarding previously awarded grants have been submitted. For questions or information contact the office of Social Action at 563-888-4210.

Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Catalog: The spring/summer 2012 catalog is now available at the CRS website: <http://www.wcv2.com/publication/?m=10169&l=1>. Purchasing a fair trade item helps increase the income of a farmer or artisan in another country, giving them a better chance at self-sufficiency in their homeland.

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, vacdav@attglobal.net or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser Conference: Due to unforeseen circumstances, Father Ron Rolheiser will be unable to be with us on April 14. We apologize for any inconvenience this cancelation may have caused. Please know that if you have already registered for the event, a refund will be sent to you. Thank you for your support of the continued workshops cosponsored by the Archdiocese of Dubuque and Dioceses of Davenport and Des Moines.

A **Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)** retreat will be held June 9-11. TEC is a three-day retreat focusing on the Paschal Mystery (dying, rising and going forth to serve Christ). It is for high school juniors and seniors, including students who will graduate this spring and those who will be juniors this fall. Registration material will be available soon. For more information, contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org or 641 842-5148.

Catholics in Action, our annual high school youth service retreat, will be held June 24-26 at Regina High School in Iowa City. CIA brings nearly 100 Catholic youth (incoming freshmen through graduating seniors) together for three days of service, prayer, learning and fun. More information about CIA can be found at www.davenportyouth.org.

The Iowa Christian Leadership Institute will be held Aug. 5-10 at the Christian Conference Center south of Newton. Students in grades 10-12 are invited to learn leadership skills in a Catholic context. Go to www.davenportyouth.org for more information, including a brochure, application, and scholarship information.

The Diocesan **High School Youth Rally** will be held Sunday, Oct. 21 at the Coralville Marriott. Our keynoter will be John Donahue-Grossman.

For information about these and other youth ministry events and resources, go to www.davenportyouth.org or contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org or 641 842-5148.

The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies is a ministry education program offered at St. Ambrose University in conjunction with the Center for Ministry Development for those in ministry with youth ages 11 to 18, in both parish and school settings. The program equips leaders with knowledge, skills, practical tools and techniques needed for creative and comprehensive youth ministry. The program includes eight courses over two summers.

The primary aim of the program is to promote personal, spiritual, and ministerial growth. The certificate program is utilized in a number of ways:

- as an integrated formation program leading to a Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies
- as an enrichment or continuing education program for veteran leaders
- as a workshop series which can be taken on a course-by-course basis by professional or volunteer leaders.

The course titles are *Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through:*

June 7 – 8: *Evangelization and Catechesis* June 9 – 10: *Pastoral Care*
 July 12 – 13: *Justice and Service* July 14 – 15: *Prayer and Worship*

Each class is \$200 for the first parish/school participant, \$140 each for 2 parish/school participants, and \$100 each for 3 or more parish/school participants. Books are \$52 for each class and housing is available upon request. For more information or to register please contact the site coordinator, Stella O'Rourke, at 563/333-6083.

Marriage and Parenting Resource: Attached is the April issue of "Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers." This is produced by Susan Vogt and she has excellent resources to support couples and families. Go to <http://www.susanvogt.net/index.html>.

Marriage Preparation Weekends:

April 28-29: Williamsburg, St. Mary, *registration deadline is April 20*
 August 11-12: Mount Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, *registration deadline is August 3*

The registration form is on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Chancery>Faith Formation > Marriage and Family). Registration is \$125 per couple. For information about marriage preparation in our diocese or neighboring dioceses contact Barb Butterworth, 563-888-4240 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

Ministry Formation Program (MFP): If you or someone you know is interested in joining a Ministry Formation Program please contact IlaMae Hanisch, 641-791-3435 or hanisch@davenportdiocese.org. We have an on-site group that meets in Davenport at the Chancery and DVD groups that meet once a month in West Burlington, Iowa City, Davenport and Newton.

You are welcome to join any courses at any time:

Year I: Basic (English):

April 21 & 28	Anointing/Reconciliation
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Year I: Basic (Spanish): El Bautismo; La Reconciliació La Unción de los Enfermos; La Confirmación; Catolicismo and Temas Personales Pastorales para el Ministerio. Remaining sessions will be held at St. James, Washington on the following Sundays, 3-6 p.m.: April 22; May 20; June 3; July 15 and Aug. 5.

Liturgy Specialization Track: Courses and practicum will be held at St. Vincent Center, Davenport, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on the following dates:

April 21	RCIA/Triduum		
May 12	Parish Devotions (intercultural issues/Marian devotions)	June 2	Parish Devotions (Eucharistic Adoration, Book of Blessings)
June 16	Practicum: Devotions	July 14	Pastoral Care of the Sick, Funerals
Aug. 4	Marriage, Baptism, Reconciliation Services	Aug. 18	Practicum: Funeral Rites

ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY CHAIR OF CATHOLIC STUDIES LECTURE

Renowned biblical scholar, Luke Timothy Johnson, Ph.D. will present the 2012 Chair of Catholic Studies Lecture on Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rogalski Center ballroom. Dr. Johnson's lecture is entitled: "How is the Bible True? Let Me Count the Ways." Dr. Johnson is a highly sought-after lecturer, a member of several editorial and advisory boards, and a senior fellow at Emory University's Center for the Study of Law and Religion. He received the prestigious 2011 Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion for his most recent book, *Among the Gentiles: Greco-Roman Religion and Christianity*, which explores the relationship between early Christianity and Greco-Roman paganism. A prolific author, Dr. Johnson has penned numerous scholarly articles and more than 25 books. His 1986 book *The Writings of the New Testament: An Interpretation*, now in its second edition, is widely used in seminaries and departments of religion throughout the world. The Commonwealth Speakers Program is a supporting partner in presenting this year's lecture.

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND

Visit www.chmiowa.org to learn more about Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat. For direct inquiries: 563-336-8414 or olpretreat@gmail.com.

April 5-8: Triduum at the Prairie

Thurs. 9:30 am – Sat. 3:00 pm

Come for quiet days focused on preparation for Easter. Daily reflection offered by Prairie staff. Participate in services at local churches. Fee includes overnights/meals: \$200

April 11: Nonviolent Action as Resistance

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

The workshop offers Gene Sharp's work on nonviolence...moving from dictatorship to democracy. Three key points: hierarchical institutions depend on the obedience of the governed; obedience is voluntary; if enough of the governed resist for a long enough period of time, the structure changes or falls. Fee: \$20

April 17: Easter Come to the Quiet

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Where do you look for the Risen Jesus? Come to the Prairie to find him. The day is yours to shape as you will after a brief introduction into being resurrection people. Fee: \$20

April 22: New Life for The Prairie

Sun. 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

A special celebration on Earth Day formally welcoming Prairie Director Kathleen Storms, SSND, plus new OLPR staff and advisory committee members. Activities will include a brief presentation, refreshments, music, a walk to the labyrinth and planting of flowers. No Fee.

April 30: Plant and Picnic at The Prairie

Mon. 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

With the early arrival of spring this year The Prairie is very alive and green. Come for an hour or two to weed, prepare for mulching or plant annuals. Tools, plants and picnic provided! Plan it as a family outing and enjoy the walking paths while you are here. Registration required; no fee.

May 11: A Mother's Day Gift

Fri. 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

A gift for your mother, a time with her at The Prairie. Reminisce about the past, pay tribute to her accomplishments, celebrate her influence in your life, enjoy a lunch with your mom's recipes, and join in May devotions to Mary. Fee: \$50 for two.

May 15: Come to The Prairie in May

Tues. 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

The Prairie is beginning to burst with signs of life. Come enjoy the beauty, the solitude, the time with your Creator. Fee: \$20

May 16: Knit One, Pray Too!

Wed. 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

A day of knitting, fellowship and prayer. For beginning and seasoned knitters. Fee: \$20

May 23 – Nature at the Prairie

Wed. 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Within the boundaries of Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat there are several different habitat types which can support a wide range of life. This program will explore the diversity through hands-on activities and nature walks. Fee: \$20

Or come for a personal day of quiet at the Prairie. Kathleen Storms, SSND is available for spiritual direction. Call to set up an appointment: 563-374-1092.

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL

All events held at Benet House Retreat Center, 2200 88th Avenue West, Rock Island, IL 61201-7649. To register contact Sr. Jackie Walsh at 309-283-2108 or retreats@smmsisters.org.

The Word Among Us: Read, reflect, pray and share with other committed Christians seeking to grow in reflecting on the challenges of Scripture for everyday life. We share a new book each month. Presenter: Sr. Charlotte Sonnevile, OSB; Mondays each month, April 9 & 23, 7-8:30 p.m. Fee: \$5/session + cost of books or \$50 for series + cost of books.

Holy Week Retreat: Thur., April 5, 4 p.m.-Sun. April 8, 1 p.m. Participate with the monastic community in silence, prayer and the solemn liturgies of the Last Supper, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fee: \$155. To discuss participation that works for your schedule contact Sr. Catherine Cleary, 309-283-2118 or ccleary@smmsisters.org.

Centering Prayer Retreat: The Pursuit of Happiness: Thur., April 12, 7:30 p.m.-Sun., April 15, 1 p.m. Deepen your experience of Centering Prayer during this silent retreat of Centering, *Lectio Divina* and individual conferences. Three months experience of daily Centering practice is required. Presenters: Florrie Dammers and Chris Kraft, Central Illinois Contemplative Outreach. Fee: \$250.

Evening at the Monastery: April 26, 4:45-7:45 p.m. Enjoy Vespers and dinner with the monastic community followed by reflection and sharing on Scripture and the monastic way of life. Presenter: Sr. Helen Carey, OSB. Fee: \$15.

Men's Retreat: Discovering the Spirituality You May Not Have Known You Already Have: April 28, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon. As the title suggests, this retreat will help you unwrap your relationship with God. It will open up to you ways in which you already know, love and serve God, but are uncertain if God hears you. Come and enjoy the time to listen, to pray, to be reassured and to strengthen your faith. Presenter: Rev. Michael Schaab, pastor of St. Pius Parish, Rock Island; STL from CUA and Doctor of Ministry from Chicago Theological Seminary. Fee: \$15, plus an option for lunch \$7.50.

EAGLES' WINGS COUNSELING AND RETREAT CENTERS, DAVENPORT

To register, for questions or information about obtaining a spiritual director, or Christian counseling contact Marcia Moore, marcia@eagleswings.ws or 563-324-7263, <http://www.eagleswings.ws>. Located at 5816 Telegraph Rd., Davenport.

'SWAP', *Soaking With A Purpose Prayer Meetings*: April 13, 23, May 11 and 25; 7 p.m. Join us for an evening of praise, worship, and prayer. Let the Holy Spirit move in your heart.

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS, CLINTON

For more information, call 563-242-7611 or visit www.clintonfranciscans.com.

Peace Soup: A Lenten series of community and discussion at St. Boniface Hall, 2520 Pershing Boulevard, Clinton, on the Wednesdays of Lent, beginning at 6:00 pm. Join Jesus Christ Prince of Peace Parish Pax Christi for a simple Lenten supper of homemade soup and bread followed by a presentation and discussion on active nonviolence in today’s sometimes violent world.

April 13 – Engaging in Nonviolent Demonstrations – Mike Gayman of Davenport and Lee Mickey of North Liberty share their experiences of engaging in civil disobedience at the School of the Americas combat training facility.

SHALOM RETREAT CENTER, DUBUQUE

To register call 563-582-3592 or send check payable to Shalom Retreat Center with your contact information to: 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001. www.shalomretreats.org, info@shalomretreats.org

Living Like St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi

Thursday, April 19, 6:30 - 8:00pm

Learn about the spirit and values of Francis and Clare, and how to live a Franciscan way of life.

No charge. Registration not required.

Finding Peace in Today’s World Retreat Day

Sunday, April 29, 12:00 – 5:00pm

Presenters: Ginny Helderfer OSF, Pat Farrell OSF and Marci Blum OSF

How can we find peace in a fast-paced and anxious world? We will explore ways to find peace in our inner world, relations with others, and the outer world. Includes a walking meditation. The retreat will begin with lunch. Offering: \$40, includes lunch & snacks. Register by April 25.

A Celebration of German Food & Music

Tuesday, May 1, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Musicians: Dave Overby & Friends

Join us for this very popular annual evening celebrating the German-American heritage of so many of us. Once again our dietary department promises to go all out in creating the cuisine all good Germans crave, and once again Dave and his friends will keep our toes tapping and our hearts dancing!

Offering: \$22. Register/prepay by April 27. Early registration is recommended as this evening often sells out.

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

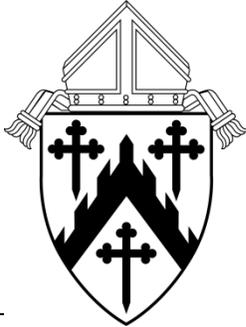
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Parishes	Catholic Foundation Board	Sisters	RCIA Parish Contacts	Diocesan Liturgical Commission
Priests	Parish Lay Directors	Bookkeepers	Diocesan Board of Education	Diocesan Planning Commission
Seminarians	Diocesan Pastoral Council	Principals		

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

Diocesan Support Day

April 19, 2012

St. Vincent Center
780 West Central Park Avenue
Davenport IA 52804



Park and enter through the main front door

<p>Schedule</p> <p>8:30 - 8:45..... Registration 8:45 - 9:00..... Welcome, Prayer 9:00 - Noon.... Finance 12:15 - 1:00... Lunch 1:00 - 3:00..... Human Resources 3:00 - Optional tour</p>	<p><u>General Topics Covered:</u></p> <p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parish Accounting• QuickBooks• Internal Controls• Payroll <p>HR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employment Law• Job Descriptions• Employee Performance reviews• Employee Personnel files• Staff Handbook• Internet Access• Human Resources Internal Audit• Administration of Health and 401k plans• Human Resources Current Events• Hiring/Interviewing• Background checks• Exit Interviews
<p>Who is Invited?</p> <p>Any person who works, ministers or volunteers for their parish or school that would benefit from the topics being covered this day.</p>	
<p><u>Webinar Attendance:</u></p> <p>Click on these links to register (you must register by noon on April 18):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Morning finance workshop: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/4896752802. Afternoon human resources workshop: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/894648297	
<p>Fee: no charge, funded by the Annual Diocesan Appeal <u>Onsite Registration Deadline:</u> Monday, April 9th Return to: Barb Butterworth (563-324-1911), butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org Fax: 563-324-5811</p>	

(To type your responses click on the grey box. Save document and send as an attachment or print and fax.)

Name		Email	
Parish & town		Day phone	
Attending:	Onsite <input type="checkbox"/>	Morning only <input type="checkbox"/>	Afternoon only <input type="checkbox"/>
Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> If attending morning or afternoon only, please indicate if you will be here for lunch.			
Comments – Dietary restrictions/allergies			

Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers, April 2012

If you are a pastoral minister or marriage and family educator, you are welcome to reprint these in bulletins, your church or agency website, or other similar resource as long as you use the credit line: "by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net". If you use these on a website, please also link to my website. You may also send these out to your own database. Please abide by the following:

1. Send e-mails only to people who request it, i.e. "opt in"
2. Use the entire quote.
3. Include the credit line: "by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net"

All Marriage Moments are by Susan Vogt unless otherwise noted.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

462. Apr. 2: Palm Sunday/Holy Week. From the ecstasy of Palm Sunday to the crucifixion on Good Friday; it all seems so foolish and surreal. Is your life ever like this roller coaster? How do you calm each other in the midst of joy and tragedy?

463. Apr. 9: Easter. Celebrate new life today! Recall a hardship in your marriage that is now history. Rejoice that you've weathered it together. Remember this, and Jesus' resurrection, in future tough times.

464. Apr. 16: "No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common." (Acts 4: 32) What's your attitude toward his money and her money? Does it matter who earns it? Does one of you have more say in how it's spent than the other?

465. Apr. 23: "Have you anything here to eat?" (Lk 24: 41) Eating together is not just about food but the nourishment of each other's company. What's your favorite way of dining - fast food, meat and potatoes, vegetarian, restaurant, picnics, candlelit at home...? Try it tonight.

466. Apr. 30: "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11) In today's world time is often our most precious commodity. It reflects your priorities. When you give time and attention to your beloved, it's like laying down your life for the other. Save time for each other today.

PARENTING POINTERS

462. April 6, Good Friday: "Humility is the virtue of parenthood. It usually comes unbidden after the pride of being the perfect parent is punctured by our children's honesty and raw edges." (*Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference*) Not all suffering is physical. How have your children purified you this Lent?

463. April 13, Friday 13: Feeling lucky or unlucky often depends on what you focus on. Today, no matter how bad or unlucky your life seems, think of at least one thing for which you are grateful - your health, your freedom to worship, a friendship, the fact that you didn't have an accident today...

464. April 20: April is Child Protection Month. What things do you protect your children (and your community's children) from? Perhaps it is internet garbage, junk food, unsafe travel, advertising, bullies or predatory adults.

465. April 27: April 30-May 6 is Screen Free Week- a national celebration where children and families spend 7 days turning off entertainment screen media and turning on life. It's a time to unplug and play, read, daydream, create, and spend time with family and friends. Afraid you can't do a full week? Start with a day.