

OFFICES CLOSED

The diocesan and Catholic Messenger offices will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Background Check Audit Lists Due May 1: Lists detailing who has been or will be a state certified teacher/coach, employee or volunteer at your parish or school entity during the time period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 are due by May 1. All questions regarding the lists or background check forms can be directed to Lynnette Sowell, sowells@davenportdiocese.org.



LITURGY OFFICE

Webinar: *Is it Music to Your Ears, Lord?* Tuesday, May 7, 2 - 3 p.m. Choosing music for liturgies can be mind-boggling and challenging at times! This webinar will use the U.S. Bishops Document, “Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship” to discuss ways in which music can enhance the liturgical experience and how to choose appropriate music for liturgies. Time will be given for questions and answers. Presented by Patti McTaggart, Music Coordinator at St. Mary, Iowa City and serves on the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. To register go to <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/307780544>. If you are unable to attend a CD of the presentation may be requested by contacting Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Available Grants: Application deadline May 31. Grant applications are now being accepted for the local share of the CRS Rice Bowl and Catholic Campaign for Human Development collections. All grant requests must be postmarked by May 31 and sent to Diocese of Davenport, Social Action Office, 780 West Central Park Ave., Davenport 52804-1901. For questions call Loxi Hopkins at 563-888-4212.

- **Catholic Relief Services 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/saoperationricebowl.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>.

CRS Rice Bowl Contributions due May 31: Please remit payment, payable to Diocese of Davenport with “CRS Rice Bowl” in the memo field and mail it to the Finance Office. The 25% local share grants will be decided on June 27 and we want to have a full accounting of all the money collected. Thank you for your support.

Commemorating the Fifth Anniversary of the Postville Immigration Raid: Friday, May 10, Noon, Cedar Rapids in front of the Federal Court House, 111 7th Ave. SE. The purpose of the event, a remembrance ritual, is to remember the 389 persons who were arrested on May 12, 2008, to reconcile with those who contributed to the injustices and to advocate for the reform of immigration policies. This is an invitation from the event planning committee and the Catholic Sisters of the Upper Mississippi River Valley.

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

Marriage Preparation: The Diocese of Davenport offers several marriage preparation program formats. **One day, Weekend** (two day) and **Online**.

Dates for Weekend and One-day

- August 10-11, 2013: Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, *registration deadline is August 2*
- October 12-13, 2013: Muscatine, Ss. Mary & Mathias, *registration deadline is October 4*
- January 25, 2014: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, *registration deadline is January 17 (space is limited so register early)*
- February 22, 2014: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, *registration deadline is February 14 (space is limited so register early)*
- Additional dates and locations for 2014 are still being arranged.

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The fee, for both the One day and Weekend format, is \$125 per couple. 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 or IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

Online

This online program has been approved by the Diocese of Davenport as a formal marriage preparation program. Information on the program can be found at

<http://www.marriageministries.com/courses/catholic-marriage-prep-class/>.

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To register, pay and have access to the online class go to <http://www.catholicmarriageprepclass.com/>. As of this printing, the online class fee is \$195 per couple.

Marriage and Parenting Resource: Attached is the May issue of "Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers." This is produced by Susan Vogt and she has excellent resources to support couples and families:

<http://www.susanvogt.net/index.html>.

Lay Ministry Formation Opportunities: The Ministry Formation Program is offering Basic Year II (in English and Spanish) and a specialization track on Catechesis. More information can be found on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org [Chancery>Faith Formation>Lay Ministry (MFP)] or contact IlaMae Hanisch, 641-791-3435 or hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

Upcoming courses are:

| In English | In Spanish | Catechetical track |
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| Introduction to Catechesis: May 4 | Moral Themes in Ministry: May 19 | Comprehensive Youth Ministry: April 7- May 11 |
| | Old Testament: June 23 | Practicum: Catechetical Models, Methods & Resources: June 22 |

Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies: Join us this summer for courses for the Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies at St. Ambrose University. The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies is a ministry education program for those in ministry with youth ages 11-18, offered at St. Ambrose University in conjunction with the Center for Ministry Development. The program consists of 2-day classes which equip participants with knowledge, skills, and practical tools and techniques to assist in youth ministry programs. This certificate is perfect for youth ministry coordinators, high school campus ministers, youth retreat coordinators, directors of religious education, and all those who work with or are interested in working with youth. Classes will be offered June 6-7, 8-9, and July 11-12, 13-14. Contact Chris Clow at 563-333-6189 or ClowChristopherJ@sau.edu for more information.

Upcoming Youth Events/Retreats/Rallies:

- June 8-10, 2013: [Teens Encounter Christ \(TEC\)](#) – retreat for high school juniors and seniors, St. Mary, Solon
- June 17-21, 2013: [Notre Dame Vision](#) (week one) – Notre Dame, IN
- June 30-July 2, 2013: [Catholics in Action \(CIA\)](#) – service retreat for high school youth, Regina Catholic Education Center, Iowa City
- July 15-19, 2013: [Notre Dame Vision](#) (week four) – Notre Dame, IN
- October 27, 2013: [High School Youth Rally](#) – Marriott, Coralville
- November 21-23, 2013: [NCYC](#) – Indianapolis, IN

For information about these youth ministry events and resources go to [Youth Ministry Davenport Diocese](#) (<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Youth%20Ministry.htm>) or contact Barb Butterworth, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org.

ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY, DAVENPORT

Social Justice Conference: The 15th annual St. Ambrose University Social Justice Conference, “The Cost of Social Exile: Race, Class and Mass Incarceration in the U.S.,” will take place Thursday, May 9, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Rogalski Center. Presented by the SAU School of Social Work, the conference is intended for social workers, social service providers, attorneys, criminal justice personnel, clergy, health care professionals and all other interested parties, including the public.

Keynote speaker Judith Willison has more than 20 years experience in forensic mental health and processes of change within juvenile justice, adult corrections and mental health systems. She has extensive clinical and programmatic expertise in violence prevention, and the relationship between trauma and violence. During the afternoon, master of social work candidates will present on a variety of current topics across all fields of practice.

The cost for the daylong conference is \$35 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. The cost is \$15 for those who wish to attend the morning lecture only (includes breakfast). Continuing education units are available to Iowa and Illinois licensed social workers. Reservations must be made by Thursday, May 2.

For more information, contact Christie Holdridge at 563/333-3911 or HoldridgeChristinaL@sau.edu, or go to www.sau.edu/msw.

Bible and Justice Conference: May 30-June 2, St. Ambrose University. This conference will explore how biblical texts might address modern justice concerns, especially in the areas of empire, gender, poverty and the environment. Conference speakers will include several noted experts and academicians from theology, biblical studies and other fields. Free on-campus housing available to the first 100 delegates. For more information go to http://www.sau.edu/Bible_and_Justice_Conference.html.

Master of Pastoral Theology: St. Ambrose University will be starting a new group of Master of Pastoral Theology students in August 2013. This graduate degree is offered as a 4-year program with classes that meet one weekend per month, August through May. It is designed for those who have baccalaureate degrees and are actively engaged in ministry. The university offers a one-third tuition remission for those who are active in ministry and are accepted into the program. Interested individuals are invited to read additional details about the mission and goals of the program by visiting www.sau.edu/mpth or by contacting the program director, Dr. Corinne Winter at 563/333-6442. Questions may also be emailed to mpth@sau.edu. Applications for the summer 2013 cohort are being accepted through June 30.

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; 2 Mondays each month May 6 & 20; 6:45-8:15 pm; Fee: \$65 for the series or \$5/session & cost of books. For more information call 309-283-2109.

Centering Prayer: Join others in a weekly practice of this method for fostering a deeper relationship with God. Leader: Sr. Catherine Cleary, OSB; Wednesdays 1-2 pm; Free Will Offering

Mary, Our Model

What do the Magnificat and Hail Mary tell us of the Mother of Jesus? We will look at the Scriptural references to Mary for answers to living our Christian faith. Presenter: Sr. Mary Core, OSB. Sat. May 4, 9 am-12 pm; Fee: \$20, plus an option for lunch \$8.

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.

Mini-Retreats with Fr. Bill Kneemiller

Wed., May 1, 10am – noon

(Come early, stay late)

Father Kneemiller will be with us for Mass at 10 am with lunch to follow. \$8

Taize' Vigil Service

Sun., May 5, 5pm

Taize is an ecumenical movement, drawing Christians of all denominations together in unified and compassionate prayer. Friends of the Prairie and churches of all faith traditions in the area are invited to participate. Supper following. Free will offering.

May Flowers Come to the Quiet

Wed., May 8, 9:30am – 3:30pm

Come to the Quiet and savor solitude, nutritious food and emerging Spring at The Prairie. Fee: \$20

Celebrating Mothers: A Perfect Gift for Mother's Day with Sister Judith Carrara, CHM

Saturday, May 11, 10am-2:00pm.

Treat your mother with compassion and a special day with you at The Prairie. Join in reminiscing about the past, paying tribute to your mother's accomplishments, and celebrating her influence on your life. Play our "Mother's Day" game; enjoy a lunch featuring mom's home cooking; and close with a Mother's Day recognition ceremony. Listen to live jazz, explore the grounds, or just sit on the porch with your mom and watch the hummingbirds. (Please e-mail a favorite recipe from your mother's kitchen to kathleenstorms@yahoo.com before May 8!) Fee: \$50 for 2.

Knit One, Pray Too!

Wed., May 15, 9:30am -3:30pm

Karen Brooke, Ann Green & Anne Johnson

The rhythmic nature of knitting encourages contemplation and invites openness to the Spirit. Bring skeins of yarn and join us as we create a prayer shawl, scarf or special gift for someone in need of comfort. We will knit and pray together, share "yarns" of our individual journeys, and enjoy the beauty at the Prairie. Price includes a nutritious and scrumptious lunch. Fee: \$20

Praying with Images

Wed., May 22, 9:30am -3:30pm

Kathleen Storms, SSND

Nature is a gift from God, and is alive with the colors of Spring. Bring your camera and capture the beauty of the Creator's artistry in photos. Enjoy a nutritious meal, guided imagery and shared prayer. Fee: \$20

Quilts Without Corners

May 31 – June 2, Fri 7pm - Sun 10am

Maria Delsing, CHM Associate

Join us for a weekend of quilting. Learn to make and top finish a circular quilt. It is fun and easy to do. Bring quilting supplies and a sewing machine. (List of quilting supplies that are needed will be sent to you upon registration.) Fee: \$125

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

Being Present to Creation Retreat

Friday, May 3, 7:00 p.m. – Saturday, May 4, 4:00 p.m.

Presenter: Meg Gemar OSF

This day will include a short history of our journey of our relationship with Earth along the way. Much of the time will be spent outdoors, experiencing creation. Commuter and overnight options available. Register by noon, May 1. Suggested reading prior to retreat: *One Hundred Cranes: Praying with the Chorus of Creation* by William Fitzgerald.

JustFaith Ministries – Engaging Spirituality Leadership Training

Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Presenter: Susie Paloma, JustFaith Ministries Board Member & Regional Animator

This day is a regional training session for all those interested in learning more about the JustFaith Ministries Engaging Spirituality program. In the morning, Susie will lead an Engaging Spirituality session and answer questions about the program. The afternoon will be dedicated to those interested in co-facilitating an Engaging Spirituality group in your parish, congregation, or other group. Options: Morning only: \$15 (no lunch). Morning & afternoon, includes lunch - \$40. Register/prepay by Wednesday, May 15.

Experiencing God in the Ordinary: Women's & Men's Perspectives

Friday, May 31, 5:00 p.m. – Sunday, June 2, 1:00 p.m.

Directors: Mitch & Kathy Finley - Nationally recognized, award-winning Catholic authors and speakers. Their exciting, inspirational books and live presentations focus on topics related to practical, everyday spirituality/authentic faith in today's world and in the contemporary church. Mitch is a regular contributor to "Living Faith: Daily Catholic Devotions" and Kathy contributes regularly to "Living Faith for Kids". Women and men tend to have unique, gender-based approaches to life, Christian faith, prayer, sacraments, relationships, work, and spirituality. In this weekend retreat, the Finleys will look at these and related areas of interest and discuss ways that men and women can enrich their lives and spirituality by attending to these concerns. Presentations are punctuated with good humor and filled with common sense and an enthusiasm for the joy of being Catholic. Offering: \$185. Commuter: \$175. Early Bird Discount: \$175 overnight; \$165 commuter, if registered by April 30. \$50 Deposit. Registration deadline: May 24.

Who Do You Say That I Am? Longer Retreat

Sunday, June 9, 5:00 p.m. – Saturday, June 15, 9:30 a.m.

Director: Don Goergen OP, Dominican priest, preacher, teacher, author; Teaches at Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, MO; Author of many articles and ten books, the most recent being "The Fire of Love: Encountering the Holy Spirit". We will consider together our life in Christ. Who is the Jesus of the New Testament? Who is Jesus for us today? Why did Christ come? What does it mean to be his disciples? How do we put on the mind of Christ? What is Christ consciousness? We will think together, pray together, and be together in silence. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Offering: \$400. \$75 Deposit. Early Bird Discount: \$375, if registered by May 9.

Jesus – Through a 21st Century Lens Longer Retreat

Sunday, June 23, 5:00 p.m. – Saturday, June 29, 9:30 a.m.

Director: Michael Morwood - From Australia, is presently Theologian in Residence at Kirkridge Retreat Center in Bangor, Pennsylvania; Author of many books, including *Tomorrow’s Catholic: Understanding God and Jesus in a New Millennium*; *Praying a New Story* and *From Sand to Solid Ground*. Over 40 years’ experience in retreat work and adult faith education. The 21st century provides us with images, data and an understanding of the cosmos and how life developed on earth that are radically different from the worldview and cosmology which have shaped formal religion’s understanding of Jesus as revealer of God-with-us. We will use this “lens” to focus on God, on the human endeavor, on revelation, on Judaism, on Jesus and his message of the “kingdom of God” here on earth, on what Jesus was ready to die for, on the mystery of what lies beyond death, and on prayer and sacraments. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Offering: \$400. \$75 deposit. Early Bird Discount: \$375, if registered by May 25.

Seraphic Love: The Franciscan Way Longer Retreat

Sunday, June 30, 5:00 p.m. – Saturday, July 6, 9:30 a.m.

Director: Ramona Miller OSF - Wide experience in pastoral ministry-parishes/retreat centers; Served 25 years on Franciscan Pilgrimage team; Past-president of the Franciscan Federation; Author of *In the Footsteps of Saint Clare*, and co-author of *Praying With Clare of Assisi*. Franciscans are members of the Seraphic Order, religious whose Love for God enflames their hearts for prayer and for ministry. Two conferences each day will incorporate Scripture, and excerpts from the writings of Francis, Clare and Bonaventure. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Offering: \$400. \$75 deposit. Early Bird Discount: \$375, if registered by May 30.

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

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

Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers, May 2013

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:

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MARRIAGE MOMENTS

519. May 6: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid...I am going away and I will come back to you." (John 14: 27-29) Separations like business trips or military deployments can strain a marriage. Plan a daily way to reconnect even if it is simply to pick a common time to pray for each other.

520. May 13: (Mother's Day) "When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world." (John 16.21) What a difference a day makes.

521. May 20: "How does each of us hear them in our native language?" (Acts 2:1-11) At Pentecost show the miracle of understanding different languages. Are you familiar with Gary Chapman's *The 5 Love Languages*? Do you understand your spouse's love language?

522. May 27: "Everything that the Father has is mine." (John 16:15) The same can be said for spouses - Everything that the husband has is the wife's and vice versa. This sounds nice and fair until you talk specifics, like my paycheck, my time, my toothbrush... Is there anything you don't want to share?

PARENTING POINTERS

518. May 3: Criticism - Sometimes it's necessary to correct a fault in your child, but there is another way. Try encouragement. This doesn't mean praise and rewards for things they should do any way. Encouragement involves noticing effort and pointing out strengths a child can use to overcome a difficulty rather than giving up.

519. May 10: (Mother's Day) Everyone has a mother. Some of us are mother's ourselves. Your child will learn how to honor his/her mother by watching how you honor yours. Whether your own mother is alive or dead, share with your child something you appreciate about your mother today.

520. May 17: As we near the end of a school year, children may look forward to more free time during the summer; maybe you do too. Summer can be more relaxed but also an opportunity to include your child in tasks you need help with. Consider starting the custom of a summer job jar. After their job is done, their time is free.

521. May 24: (Memorial Day weekend) This weekend gives most families an extra day to play or travel. It's also a day to remember those who have served our country. Take time to play together today. At meal time remember those who have died in the service of others. Some might have served in the military, others just died after a long life of loving and serving.

522. May 31: Have a "Gratitude Day." Brainstorm with your family all the things you are grateful for: mind, heart, hands, feet, health, food, time to work, someone who loves me, pets, a loving and forgiving God... From your list, each person might name the thing they are most grateful for.