

### OFFICES CLOSED

The Diocesan and Catholic Messenger offices will be closed on May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Safe Environment audit charts and lists of names must be sent to Virginia Trujillo by May 15. Charts and lists must contain numbers and names for those individuals in active employment and those individuals in active volunteering four or more times with children or dependent adults from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Records kept at the parish and school level must be in order and ready for review by the Stonebridge auditors as this year's audit is an onsite audit. Questions regarding either the chart or list can be directed to Virginia at [trujillo@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:trujillo@davenportdiocese.org) or Lynnette Sowell at [sowells@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:sowells@davenportdiocese.org).

### STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

The Diocesan Stewardship Commission has re-scheduled the Servant Leadership events with Owen Phelps of Rockford to the following dates:

- **Friday, October 17 - Servant Leadership Day**
- **Saturday, October 18 - Servant Leadership Facilitator Training**

This was previously scheduled for September 19-20 and was changed in order to avoid a conflict with the Christ Our Life conference in Des Moines. More details are pending.

### SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

**Diocesan CCHD Youth Art Contest winners:** Congratulations to our 2014 CCHD winners...all eighth grade students at St. Paul School, Davenport! First place: *Poverty Hurts* movie trailer submitted by Lydia, Bailey, Maddie, Lauryn, and Josie. Second place: *News Cast* by Connor, Ray, Eddie, and Jaxen. Third place *Power Point* by Logan, Danny, CJ, and Jack. The first place winning entry has been submitted to CCHD for national competition. To view the award ceremony please click this link:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sacchdmultimediyouthartcontest.htm>

**Social Action Newsletter:** Our first edition went out the second week of April. To view please click the link <http://eepurl.com/Sgdzy> or visit our diocesan website, [www.davenportdiocese.org](http://www.davenportdiocese.org), click on "News" and scroll down the drop down menu. If you want to subscribe click on the Subscribe button in the upper left-hand corner of the newsletter screen or e-mail [socialaction@diodav.org](mailto:socialaction@diodav.org).

**Available Grants:** Grant requests must be postmarked by May 31.

- **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>.

For questions call Loxi Hopkins at 563-888-4212.

**Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl!** Your parish helped make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world suffering from poverty and hunger. Please remit Rice Bowl contributions by **May 31**. 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.

**CCHD Intern:** Corrigan P. Goldsmith has been selected as the new CCHD Intern for the 2014-2015 school-year. Corrigan is a freshman at St. Ambrose University and a Sacred Heart Cathedral parishioner. She is majoring in Psychology Pre-Masters of Occupational Therapy, possibly a double major in communication and minor in organizational leadership. She is a member of Ambrosians for Peace and Justice. Corrigan will be working with the CCHD funded group Quad Cities Interfaith.

**The Social Action Summer Institute** will be held July 20-24 at Washington University in Saint Louis. See the attached flyer for more details

### **VOCATION OFFICE**

**“Project Andrew Dinner”:** May 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m., St. Mary, Oskaloosa. This is an opportunity for men 17-49 to meet in a casual setting with Bishop Amos and Fr. Thom Hennen. There will be a meal, a short presentation, sharing of vocation stories and plenty of time for questions. Please consider accompanying someone from your parish to this event. Or, if you are unable to attend yourself, please let anyone who might be interested know about this opportunity and have them RSVP to St. Mary’s Parish, 641-673-6690 or Fr. Thom Hennen at [hennen@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hennen@davenportdiocese.org) or 563-888-4255. A flyer is attached.

### **FAITH FORMATION**

**Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies:** Start earning your Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies this summer at St. Ambrose University! The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies is a ministry education program presented by the Center for Ministry Development, a Catholic organization that has been training youth ministers since 1979. This Certificate is designed to give those who work with youth the skills, experience, and tools needed to create and sustain youth ministry in our parishes, schools, and communities. Perfect for all those who minister with youth, whether they are new in the field, seasoned veterans, or anywhere in between. Earn your certificate in only two summers, or eight total classes. Classes are offered this summer on June 12-15 and July 10-13. Visit [http://www.sau.edu/Campus\\_Ministry/Learning/Certificate\\_in\\_Youth\\_Ministry\\_Studies](http://www.sau.edu/Campus_Ministry/Learning/Certificate_in_Youth_Ministry_Studies) to download the application, or contact Chris Clow at 563/333-6189 or [ministry@sau.edu](mailto:ministry@sau.edu) to learn more.

### **MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM**

<b>Track</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Course</b>
Basic: Year 1	May 17	Matrimony: IlaMae Hanisch

For information regarding the courses or the Ministry Formation Program contact IlaMae Hanisch, [hanisch@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hanisch@davenportdiocese.org) or 641-791-3435.

### **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**

**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. One-day, Weekend (two-day) and Online.

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

- August 9-10: Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, *registration deadline is August 1*
- October 18: Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias, *registration deadline is October 10*

The fee 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](mailto:butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org) or IlaMae Hanisch, [hanisch@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hanisch@davenportdiocese.org).

**Online:** For information go to <http://www.marriageministries.com/courses/catholic-marriage-prep-class/>.

## **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](mailto:vacdav@attglobal.net) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

## **OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND**

**Two Inspirational Popes:** Sun., May 4, 1:30 – 4:30pm. Corinne Winter, PhD, professor of systematic theology, St Ambrose University. We will look at Popes John XXIII and John Paul II with special emphasis on their exemplary lives, what they have taught us about faith and spirituality. Fee: \$20

**Family Day for Celebrating Mothers:** Sat., May 10, 10am – 2pm. Roberta Brick, CHM & Rosalind Restelli, CHM. Bring your family to celebrate your mother with a special day at The Prairie. Pay tribute to your mother by celebrating her influence in your life. Enjoy a special family meal. 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](mailto:kathleenstorms@yahoo.com) before May 6.) Fee: \$40/family (indicate ages of children.)

**The Jesus I Want to Know: A Women's Retreat:** May 16-18, Fri, 5pm – Sun, 10 am. Sandra Weinke, SSND. Christology for our time explains who Jesus is in a way that can be understood in today's diverse and pluralistic world. If Christology is meaningful, it will have an impact and empower love for Jesus and committed discipleship. To be faithful to the tradition, the four Gospels will be the first source of discussion about Jesus. Bring Bible or New Testament. Fee: \$125.

**Knit One, Pray Too!:** May 20, 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

**Gifts of the Celtic Year:** Fri, May 30, 5pm – Sun, June 1, 10am. Patricia A. Shea, PhD. Celtic spirituality embraces each season as a mystical gateway of opportunity to use the ancient seasonal wisdom to enrich and enliven our lives. In our time together we will explore and experience ways to use these seasonal sacred gifts to support our living of the days of each season. Fee: \$125

## **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](mailto:marcia@eagleswings.ws) or 563-324-7263, <http://www.eagleswings.ws>. Located at 5816 Telegraph Rd., Davenport.

Friday, May 9 and 23: 7 p.m. SWAP (Soaking With A Purpose) Prayer Meeting. Come for an evening of praise and worship, Scripture and prayer.

Tuesday, May 13: 1 p.m. Healing Mass

Saturday, May 17, 9:30 a.m., Biblical Counseling Class. This month's video is *Financial Bondage and Anger Management*. Anyone may attend the morning video sessions for a registration of \$40. Please call if interested.

*Unbound:* A DVD series by Neal Lozano. If you find yourself struggling with the same habit or sin area time after time and sometimes feel helpless in overcoming them in spite of your best efforts, then you will want to learn more from Neal Lozano. An introductory session will be held on July 19, 9:30– 11:30 a.m. This morning will include a few brief DVD presentations as well as some personal sharing on the effectiveness of Unbound prayer. Registration for the morning is \$10. Please call to register.

The complete series of *Unbound* training, 4 full Saturdays, will begin on August 16 and continue through November for those who have prior experience or training in the area of healing ministry. Cost for the individual Saturdays is \$35 or registration for the series is \$100. We are unable to offer make up sessions or refunds if you miss a class.

Eagles' Wings is available for individual or small group retreats. Please call to arrange.

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

All events held at Benet House Retreat Center, 2200 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Rock Island, IL 61201-7649. To register, contact Sr. Jackie Walsh at 309-283-2108 or [retreats@smmsisters.org](mailto:retreats@smmsisters.org).

**Benedictine Experience Weekend “Behold, here I am.” (Rule of St. Benedict and Psalm 33):** Fri., May 16, 7 pm-Sun., May 18, 1 pm. Join other single Catholic women for a weekend that focuses on the importance of Scripture in Benedict’s Rule. We will tour the St. John’s Bible Heritage Exhibit, explore Benedictine spirituality, pray with the Sisters and talk about what it’s like to live in community. Facilitator: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB, Vocation Director. There is no cost; you are our guest!

**Women’s Retreat: Viewing the New Creation Story with Faith-Filled Eyes:** Fri., June 20, 7 pm-Sun. June 22, 1 pm. We will view the video “Journey of the Universe” and consider how our understanding of the evolutionary story of creation relates to our understanding of God and our purpose in life. Time for quiet reflection and sharing will be included, plus the opportunity to pray with the Benedictine Sisters. Presenter: Sr. Sandra Brunenn, OSB, Prioress, St. Mary Monastery. Fee: Register and pay in full by May 20: \$175 (private room), \$160 (shared room). Registrations after May 20: \$185 (private room), \$170 (shared room).

**Silent Directed Retreat: “Listen with the Ear of Your Heart”:** Sun., Aug. 3, 4 pm-Wed., Aug. 6, 4 pm. As Christians we all believe that God is speaking to us to teach, console and guide us. Listening on a deep level is a skill that can be learned and improved, so we hope you will join us for a few days in August. God speaks exactly what we need to hear, but we are often blocked by many factors. 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. A limited number of retreatants will be accepted, so call soon. Fee: Register and pay in full by June 27: \$260. Registrations after June 27: \$275.

## **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)

**Retreat Day for 7th & 8th Grade Boys:** Saturday, May 10, 10:00am – 4:00pm. Spend a day sharing games, food, stories, fun and spirituality. There will be trivia contests, social competitions and open-ended discussions about what life means to this age group. Though structured to a point, the students will have a say in how the day progresses. Offering: \$40. Register/prepay by Wednesday, May 7. Director: Jim Swenson

**Longer Retreat: Abide: Keeping Vigil with the Word of God:** Monday, June 9, 5:30pm – Friday, June 13, 9:30am. Director: Macrina Wiederkehr OSB. Our quest for God is daily in our ordinary lives. Macrina opens fresh ways of perceiving tradition. She moves beyond our yearning for God to ways to deepen our relationship with the Divine. This involves a respect for the mysteries of God, the practice of deep listening, and opening your heart to guidance. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Offering: Overnight \$450, Commuter \$430. \$25 early bird discount if registered by May 9. \$75 deposit secures your reservation and is credited to the offering for the retreat.

**The Changing Nature of Contemporary Spirituality:** Monday, June 30, 9:00am – Wednesday, July 2, 3:00pm. Presenter: Fr. Diarmuid O’Murchu. In this workshop, Diarmuid O’Murchu will explore the changing nature of today’s spiritual landscape, the new challenges that ensue, and the relationship between spirituality and religion in our time. Offering: Overnight \$240, Commuter \$160. \$10 early bird discount if registered by May 30. \$50 deposit secures your reservation and is credited to the offering for the retreat.

**Franciscan Mysticism and the New Cosmology:** Sunday, July 6, 5:30pm – Sunday, July 13, 9:00am. Director: Fr. Norman Comtois OMI. The retreat will integrate the mystical insights of Francis of Assisi with new scientific theory and ecological understanding including our current environmental crisis. Participants will explore Francis’ love of creation and its implications for our lives today. Thomas Berry and Brian Swimme’s research will be integrated with Francis of Assisi’s Canticle of Creation and Peace Prayer as guides. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Offering: Overnight \$480, Commuter \$450. \$25 early bird discount if registered by June 6. \$75 deposit secures your reservation and is credited to the offering for the retreat.

**Growing in Wisdom & Grace: A Spirituality for Everyday Living:** Monday, July 21, 5:30pm – Saturday, July 26, 9:00am. Director: Helene Cote pm. We are invited to imitate Jesus and thus to grow in wisdom and grace. This retreat will focus on how to use the “stuff” of our everyday lives to walk faithfully on this journey towards wholeness and holiness, balancing spirituality with psychology. Some of the topics presented will include remembering our blessings, naming our losses, learning to let go, claiming our personal vocation and rediscovering the value of “waiting.” Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Offering: Overnight \$480, Commuter \$455. \$25 early bird discount if registered by June 21. \$75 deposit secures your reservation and is credited to the offering for the retreat.

**Detoxing the God-Image: Learning to Pray:** Friday, August 1, 5:30pm – Thursday, August 7, 1:00pm. Director: Brother Don Bisson, FMS, D.Min. In our spiritual life we are invited to let go of our distorted and broken images of God. When we do that, we experience healing and loving more deeply. This silent, guided retreat weaves contemporary psychology and spirituality to help participants love and feel more deeply loved by God. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Offering: Overnight \$500, Commuter \$470. \$25 early bird discount if registered by July 1. \$75 deposit secures your reservation and is credited to the offering for the retreat.

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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).

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**Father Ron Chochol**, Archdiocese of St. Louis

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- **Network** with **Social Action** and **Parish Social Ministry** colleagues
- **Reflect** on your work for social action through worship and **prayer**
- **Share** community with old friends and meet new friends
- **Open** to people of all faiths interested in social justice and restorative justice



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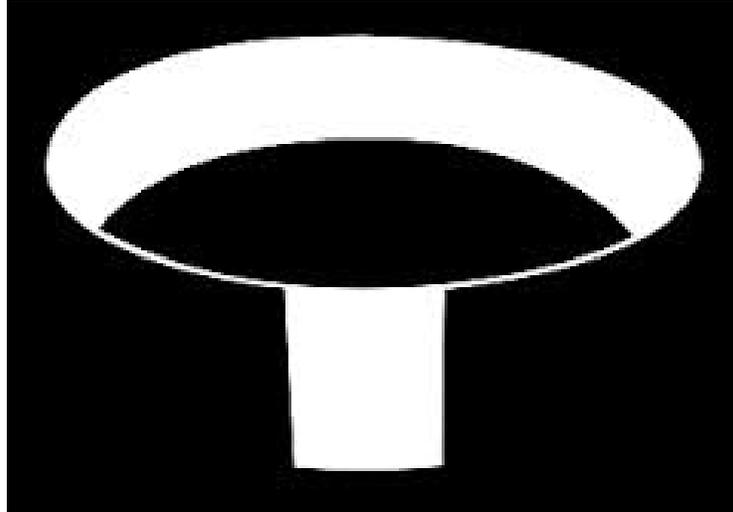
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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Please visit [www.catholicroundtable.org](http://www.catholicroundtable.org) in April for a complete schedule and registration information.

# Could God be calling you to the priesthood?



Spend an evening with Bishop Martin Amos (Bishop of Davenport) and Fr. Thom Hennen (Vocations Director) pondering the possibility of the Catholic Priesthood. **Dinner will be provided.**

**When:** *Tuesday, May 6, 2014*  
*6:00-8:00 PM*

**Where:** *St. Mary's Parish Center, Oskaloosa*  
*(301 High Ave. E.)*

**Who:** *Men ages 17 to 49*

Please RSVP to St. Mary's (641-673-6680)  
or directly to Fr. Thom Hennen  
([hennen@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hennen@davenportdiocese.org) or 563-888-4255)

## Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers

May 2014

*I offer you these tidbits of wisdom as prayer prompts to remind you (and your constituents) of the sacredness of marriage vows and the value of every child. The commitment to love a spouse forever, and the generous gift of life parents offer a child are indeed spiritual under-takings and cannot be done alone. May the God of Love be with you and your work. Susan*

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

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### **MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

571. May 5: Good communication is essential in healthy marriages; but, some spouses talk too much. Whether you are an extrovert or an introvert, why not try to communicate mostly non-verbally for one day or one hour this week. It might just cause some silly fun - or it might give you some insight into each other. Talk about it afterwards.

572. May 12: "If you are patient when you suffer... this is a grace before God" (1Peter 2:20) In any marriage there are times of suffering. Sometimes it is physical, other times emotional. Sometimes our beloved might even be the source of our trial. Check in with each other today. Is your spouse suffering in silence? Can you bring words of comfort?

573. May 18: Are you a complainer. Even valid complaints can cause wear and tear on a marriage. Pick a day not to complain this week. Was it hard?

574. May 26: (Memorial Day) On Memorial Day we remember those who have defended our freedom. Humorists suggest that once couples marry they lose their freedom. True, we are not free to enter into other intimate relationships or to make important decisions based solely on one's own desires. But, marriage can free us to stop searching, to stop putting up a front, to risk being our truest, best self because we are loved unconditionally.

### **PARENTING POINTERS**

570. May 2: May 5-11 is [Screen Free Week](#). Talk with your family about whether you'd be willing to take the Pledge. If not for a week, try a day. Secret weapon: Tell your child it would make a great Mother's Day gift.

571. May 9: "Come to Christ, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God." (1 Peter 2:4) Sometimes one of our children may feel rejected or left out. Perhaps they are socially awkward, visually unattractive, or handicapped in some way. Share a time you felt rejected with your child.

572. May 16: "You need to water those plants." "Your skin looks dry - why don't you try some moisturizer." As your kids grow into adults, your role needs to change too. Unless it's a life or death situation, only give advice when asked. Try to be a listener and encourager, instead of a criticizer. (from Mark Merrill's Family Minute)

573. May 23: Parental words that sustain and heal: "It's normal." "I'm proud of you." Look for an opportunity to say something like this today.

574. May 30: The end of the school year can bring lots of banquets and ceremonies. For high achievers this is reward time but not all kids get honored. Perhaps make some silly home awards like, *Best finisher of other people's food; Fastest to answer the door or phone; One who remembers where Mom put her keys...*