

YEAR OF FAITH

The diocesan website has a page devoted to the Year of Faith. One section is a short video of people speaking about their faith. Currently Bishop Amos and Dan Ebener are featured. Other individuals will be added as the year progresses. There are links to other resources as well. Visit www.davenportdiocese.org/yearoffaith.htm. The Catholic Messenger has a webpage as well, www.catholicmessenger.net/year-of-faith/.



Our former bishop, Gerald O’Keefe attended the Second Vatican Council sessions. In 2000 Bishop O’Keefe was interviewed regarding his experiences. A DVD (research edition) has been made of these interviews and each parish has received a free copy. Copies of this “rough draft” production may be ordered for \$5.00 by contacting Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4220. Please send payment, name and mailing address to Laurie at 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1901.

Official Prayer of the Diocese of Davenport

O good and gracious God, we come before You as we celebrate the Year of Faith in the Diocese of Davenport and with the universal Church.

By faith, the disciples of Jesus formed the first community, celebrated Eucharist and met the needs of God’s people.

By faith, the martyrs gave their lives bearing witness to the truth of the Gospel.

By faith, countless Christians have promoted justice so as to put into action the Word of the Lord.

By faith, we, too, live knowing that You are present in our lives and walking with us today.

Send your Spirit to deepen our faith and proclaim it with joy in our hearts to our families, neighbors, friends and the whole world.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Oh Dios bueno y misericordioso, venimos ante ti cuando celebramos el año de fé en la Diócesis de Davenport y con la iglesia universal.

Por la fé, los discípulos de Jesús formaron la primera comunidad, celebraron la Eucaristía y conocieron las necesidades del pueblo de Dios.

Por la fé, los mártires dieron sus vidas enterando su testimonio de la verdad del Evangelio.

Por la fé, innumerables cristianos han promovido la justicia con el fin de poner en acción la palabra del Señor.

Por la fé, también nosotros sabemos que tú estás presente en nuestras vidas y caminas con nosotros el día de hoy.

Envía tú espíritu para profundizar nuestra fé y proclamarla con alegría en nuestros corazones, a nuestras familias, vecinos, amigos y al mundo entero.

Por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén

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.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection will be held the 17th and 18th of November. Please give generously as 25% of this collection stays in our diocese. With national grants to organizations, such as Quad Cities Interfaith, we actually have more money returning to do the work of justice in our diocese than we collect each year. If you have any questions about this collection please call Loxi Hopkins at 563-888-4212.

The Justice and Peace Advocacy Team (JPAT) meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at St. Patrick Church in Iowa City at 5:30 p.m. This meeting is open to justice-minded people throughout our diocese.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Parishes with new catechetical leaders: Directors or coordinators of faith formation, youth ministry, adult faith formation, RCIA, etc. are encouraged to contact our diocesan faith formation office. Please contact Barb Butterworth, 563-888-4240 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org, and she'll connect you with a staff person who can provide orientation and resources to help your new leader get a good start in ministry.

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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| Spirituality: Nov. 17 | Canon Law: Nov. 18 | Introduction to Catechesis: Oct. 14 -Nov. 17 |
| Old Testament: Dec. 1 & 15 | | |

Marriage and Parenting Resource: Attached is the November issue of “Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers.” This is produced by Susan Vogt and she has excellent resources to support couples and families. You have permission to reprint these in your parish bulletin. Please include the web address and information for those who want to read more written by Susan on these family life topics. Go to her website to review her ample resources: <http://www.susanvogt.net/index.html>.

Marriage Preparation Weekend:

- November 17-18: Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias, *registration deadline is November 9*
- January 26-27: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, *registration deadline is January 18* (space is limited so register early)
- February 23-24: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, *registration deadline is February 15* (When registering be prepared with an alternate weekend as this weekend is very popular and fills up fast... so early registration is a must!)
- April 27-28: Williamsburg, St. Mary, *registration deadline is April 19*
- August 10-11: Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, *registration deadline is August 2*
- November: TBA

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

Marriage Encounter Retreat Weekend: Nov. 30- Dec. 2 at Our Lady of Victory Church, Davenport. Give the gift of love to each other, renew your marriage relationship, improve your couple communication and enhance your mutual commitment. You deserve to spend a special weekend with your loved one away from everyday demands. Come to the upcoming Marriage Encounter weekend to celebrate and enhance your marriage! Whether you have been married 1 year, 20 years or more, you will enjoy this opportunity to spend quality time together. All discussions are private between you and your spouse. You will also enjoy five home cooked meals. Cost for

the weekend is \$95. Please call our registration couple, Joe and Tracy Ripslinger at [563-388-0355](tel:563-388-0355), or tracy@ripslinger.com for more information. There is no better way to say "I Love You".

Team members for Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) #70 are being sought. Adults are needed for key leadership roles and as small group mentors. Younger adults and recent TEC candidates can serve in support roles. For the team application, go to <http://davenportdiocese.org/faithform/TEC.htm>.

"Signed. Sealed. Delivered." is the theme of the **2013 National Catholic Youth Conference**, to be held Nov. 21-23, 2013, in Indianapolis. NCYC is a biennial gathering of more than 23,000 youth and their adult leaders for three powerful days. Go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Youth%20Ministry.htm> for resources for promoting NCYC at your parish (including links to promotional videos), along with helpful information about costs, deadlines and other factors. The initial estimate deadline has passed, but parish groups interested in joining our diocesan pilgrimage can still contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org or 641-842-5148. You may be placed on a temporary waiting list, but we will have a better sense by early December whether we can include your group.

The 2013 Diocesan **Junior High Youth Rally** will be held Sunday, March 17 at Regina Catholic Education Center in Iowa City. The keynote act will be 5thousand.

Youth Retreat Dates:

- Feb. 16-18: Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreat for high school juniors and seniors at St. Joseph, DeWitt
- March 2-3: Quest Retreat for high school freshmen and sophomores at St. James, Washington
- March 8-10: Christ in Others (COR) retreat for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors at St. Joseph, DeWitt
- March 15-17: Christ in Others (COR) retreat for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors at Holy Trinity Parish in Keota
- June 8-10: Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreat for high school juniors and seniors, location TBA
- June 30-July 2: Catholics in Action service retreat for high school youth, location TBA

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.

SISTERS OF HUMILITY OF MARY

Holiday Movie and Gift Swap: Dec. 6, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Humility of Mary Center, 820 West Central Park Ave., Davenport. Cost: Free.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Before the film, visit with sisters and hand over your gift swap items. Also, enjoy cookies baked by CHM sisters and associates.

"The Story of Change": A new, fun and informative short film from the Story of Stuff project, "*The Story of Change*" explores why citizens (not shoppers) hold the key to a better world!

The CHM Holiday Gift Swap Meet: Why buy new stuff? As a way to reduce, reuse and recycle everyone is invited to bring new or gently used items that are perfect for RE-gifting ... then shop the swap for that perfect gift for one or more on your list! No money necessary. Leftover items will be donated to Humility of Mary Housing and Shelter programs.

ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY

Vatican Librarian to Make Historic Visit: Monsignor Cesar Pasini, prefect of the Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana in Rome, and one of the world's foremost scholars on Saint Ambrose of Milan, will give the lecture, "*Progressing with Freedom Toward Humility: Images and Thoughts of Ambrose of Milan*," at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Rogalski Center Ballroom. The lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer session, and is open to the public free of charge.

St. Ambrose Professor of Theology Rev. Robert Grant, who also serves as director of the university's Academy for the Study of Saint Ambrose of Milan, says that Msgr. Pasini's lecture will be a blend of spirituality and

theology, which “will discuss the Christian call to lose oneself, to surrender one’s own desires and ideologies in order to encounter Christ.”

The Feast of Saint Ambrose Mass, concelebrated by Bishop Martin Amos and Msgr. Pasini, will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2, in Christ the King Chapel. As part of the mass ceremony, the McMullen Awards, named in honor of St. Ambrose’s founder, Bishop John McMullen, will be presented to individuals who embody the university’s mission of enriching the lives of others. The public is invited to attend the mass and award ceremony. A reception will follow.

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, Nov. 5 & 19, Dec. 3 & 17; 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

Radical Christian Life: Equipping Ourselves for Social Change: Welcome Address Nov. 9, 6-7:30 pm; Keynote Speech Sat., Nov. 10, 12:30-2:00 pm. Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB addresses Trinity Institute’s 42nd National Theological Conference via webcast at Augustana College’s Olin Auditorium (Rock Island, IL). Everyone is welcome; no admission fee.

Discerning Read: Searching for something more in your life? Wondering where God is leading you? Seeking to know how God is working through you? This book discussion will focus on these questions through the writing of Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB in *Following the Path: The Search for a Life of Passion, Purpose & Joy*. Facilitator: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB. Remaining Monday sessions: Nov. 12, 26 and Jan. 14; 6:30-8 pm; Fee: \$5/session or \$25 for the series + cost of the books (\$20)

Day of Thanksgiving: Give Thanks and Remember: Nov. 15, 9 am-12 pm. This will be a time of sharing, challenging, and reflecting on the Biblical mandate to give thanks. We will also reflect on those everyday “Look for the Silver Lining” times that sometimes pass us by. Join us in remembering, praying, and taking time to thank God for all that is. Presenter: Sr. Charlotte Sonnevile, OSB. Fee: \$20, plus an option for lunch \$8

Facing the Holidays after a Loss: Dec. 1, 9 am-12 pm. How does one face holidays after the loss of a loved one? What has helped so far? We will listen, view, reflect, share and pray trusting in the wisdom of T. Moore’s, *Care of the Soul*: “Every face of the soul is sacred.” Grieving is so. It can become gratitude for what has been. Presenter: Sr. Helen Carey, OSB, PhD in Philosophy and former Hospital chaplain. Fee: \$20, plus an option for lunch \$8

Benedictine Experience Weekend: Come and See! Fri., Dec. 7, 7pm-Sun. Dec. 9, 1pm. Join other single women exploring a religious vocation. There is time for prayer and interaction with the Benedictine Sisters as well as discussion and quiet time. Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB, MA Religious Education and 8 years as Vocation Director, facilitates the weekend experience. Fee: there is no cost; you are our guest!

Advent Day of Reflection: Mary, Woman of Promise and Courage: Dec. 8, 9 am-2 pm. This will be a time for reflection on Mary, who “housed” the promise of life in Jesus, the Incarnate One, and whose courage in the face of many unanswered questions, inspires hope. We will listen to Mary’s wisdom in struggling to gracefully live life’s important moments. Presenter: Sr. Rachel Bergschneider, OSB. Fee: \$40, (incl. lunch)

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.

Wednesday, November 7 - "Ranger Rosary Workshop"

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Fr. Bill Kneemiller

Chaplains of all denominations request these rosaries as aids to prayer, especially in combat zones. The Rosary is a prayer for peace. As we pray for Mary's protection of our troops we unite with them in intercession to Mary, our spiritual mother, to protect all her children. Mass at 10:00, followed by a workshop on how to make the "Ranger Rosary." Introduce this olive wood crucifix into your parish and religious education program. It is a wonderful aid to prayer and you will fall in love at first sight with this rosary. Lunch is included. Cost: \$8.00. 563-336-8414 to register

Tuesday, November 13 – Gratitude Come to the Quiet

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

The awesome beauty of fall and fullness of life brings us to gratitude and quiet. The day is yours to shape as you will after a brief introduction to gratitude. Fee: \$20

Friday-Sunday, November 16-18 – Becoming Conscious – Tuning in to God's Universe

Fri. 7:00 pm – Sun. 11:00 am

Kathleen Spencer, SSND & Sandra Spencer

Participants will be led through the teaching and practice of energization, simple yoga and meditation, supplemented with chant, breathing exercise and affirmations. With new awakened energy, we will engage nature. These experiences and learnings will be integrated into a spirituality of the evolving universe through sharing, art, journaling and prayer. Fee: \$200. All retreats include delicious homemade meals using local and organic ingredients whenever possible.

Saturday, December 1 – A Day of Prayer for Men

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Msgr. Frank Henricksen, Gary Lane, Paul Krzmarzick, Tom Streveler

Come to the Prairie for a quiet day of prayer and sharing. This day is put together and led by the OLPR Advisory Committee men. Join them for an Advent day of quiet reflection, brisk walks as you enjoy the prairie landscape and a hearty soup with prairie bread for lunch. Fee: \$20

Wednesday December 5 – The Bible in Iraq Slide Show

10:00 am – Noon

Father Bill Kneemiller

The slide show as developed by Chaplains Deployed in Iraq (The Biblical lands of the Chaldeans). Father Kneemiller has been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and will share a bird's eye view of the biblical land. Mass at 10:00 followed by the presentation, time for sharing and a light meal. Fee: \$8.00

Tuesday, December 11 – Advent come to the Quiet

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Winter in its darkest time welcomes the Light of the World. Come and be in the quiet at this hectic time of Christmas preparation. Fee: \$20

January 2, 2013 – Ancient Tradition of Prayer with the Heart

10:00 a.m.-Noon

There are many ways to pray and connect with God. Fr. Kneemiller will share his thoughts on prayer and will give examples of how to pray. Mass at 10:00 followed by input on prayer, time for sharing and a light meal. Cost: \$8.00. Call 563-336-8414 to register

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.

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.

Healing Masses: 1:00 p.m. on November 13 and December 11

Soaking with a Purpose (SWAP): Nov. 9 and Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m. Spend an evening in the presence of the Lord through praise and worship.

Open House Celebrating 20 Years: November 18, 3 -5 p.m. Bishop Amos will give a special blessing at 3:30 p.m. The vision for the future of Eagles' Wings will follow the blessing.

Listening, the Sacrament of Encounter, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. This is a video presentation by Rev. Russ Parker followed by discussion, practice and prayer. Russ is the Director of *Acorn Christian Listening Foundation* whose mission is to bring the love of Jesus Christ to a broken world through [listening](#), [healing](#) and [reconciliation](#). Come for the day, bring a sack lunch. Registration \$20

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

Come Meet Alice, Meg & Their Nine Friends! An Enneagram Workshop

Saturday, Nov. 17, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Presenters: Meg Bolich & Alice Martin – Enneagramists certified by Loyola University

Join this lively twosome for a day of self-discovery and spirituality. The Enneagram is a powerful and dynamic personality system that describes nine distinct and fundamentally different patterns of thinking, feeling and acting. As you discover your personality type and its underlying basic proposition, you will discover what motivates you, your coping strategy and keys to personal development. Offering: \$50. Includes materials, program and lunch. Register by Nov. 14.

Personal Well-Being Film Series

Film #2 — Happy for No Reason: 7 Steps to Being Happy from the Inside Out, with Marci Shimoff

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 6:30 – 8:00pm

This film offers an approach to being happy that doesn't depend on achievements, goals, money, relationships or anything else "out there." Based on cutting-edge research in the fields of psychology and neurophysiology, this 7-step program shows how you can become a happier person – no matter where you start.

Free will offering. Call to register by Nov. 13.

Film #3 — Celebrate What's Right with the World, with DeWitt Jones

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 6:30 – 8:00pm

This highly inspirational, best-selling program utilizes stunning photography and powerful dialogue to help viewers approach their lives with celebration, confidence and grace.

Free will offering. Call to register by Nov. 27.

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

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MARRIAGE MOMENTS

493. Nov. 5: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mk 12:31) This presumes that you do indeed have a humble but honest self-love. Keep yourself healthy as a gift to your closest neighbor, your spouse. Yes, this includes getting exercise and not smoking or drinking excessively.

494. Nov. 12: "Elijah said to [the widow] "Do not be afraid." (1 Kings 17:13) Do you have money worries? Have you ever? Do you or your spouse worry more about money? If you don't have true worries about money, it's time to give some away.

495. Nov. 19: "But of that day or hour, no one knows..." (Mk 13:32) Death is not something most people like to think about, but it is inevitable and indeed we don't know "the day or hour." Don't avoid talking about your deaths - even if you're young. Do you know each other's final wishes?

496. Nov. 26: As a husband and wife were hanging wallpaper together, the husband felt his wife seemed, to be indifferent about the quality of her work and was doing a poor job. He finally said, "The problem is that I'm a perfectionist and you're not." The wife replied, "Exactly! That's why you married me and I married you!"

PARENTING POINTERS

492. Nov. 2: All Soul's Day "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamenting and weeping bitterly; it is Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted because they are no more." (Mt. 2:18) Have you ever "lost" a child through miscarriage, death, drugs, or distance? Pray for those who have. Perhaps you are praying for yourself.

493. Nov. 9: November is Adoption month. Have you ever considered adopting or becoming a foster parent? This may not be your call but you might still mentor a child who needs a little more attention. Remember, Jesus was a foster child.

494. Nov. 16: To "admonish sinners" is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy. This wording may sound harsh. Our own family rephrased it as "Help people when they make a mistake." Humility, sensitivity, and giving your child an opportunity to redeem him/herself are key. Has your child ever corrected you?

495. Nov. 23: Thanksgiving is one of the best holidays for Christians because it's more about family reunions than buying stuff. Keep it that way. Share some family history, funny stories, connect with far flung relatives (by the internet if necessary). Christmas is in the future. Live in the present this weekend.

496. Nov. 30: December 1 is the first Sunday of Advent. Do you know how you will use these 23 days before Christmas? Can you wait with Mary or will your time be spent celebrating before the feast? See [Advent Waiting 1](#) to help you think it through