

COMMUNICATION OFFICE

New email address: Divine Mercy Parish, Burlington, burldivinem@diodav.org

LITURGY OFFICE

LiturgyNotes: The February issue of *LiturgyNotes* is available on the diocesan website [here](#).

Singing the Liturgy: March 8, 7:00 pm. Presented by Fr. J. Michael Joncas at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport. Explore the meaning of various elements of the Mass: Introductory Rites, Liturgy of God's Word, Liturgy of the Lord's Table, Dismissal Rites. Discover music that helps the "full, conscious and active" participation of the faithful associated with these elements. Fee: Free will offering.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

Stewardship Day: March 6, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., St. Mary, Riverside. The day includes Bishop Zinkula sharing his stewardship story, choice of two workshops, witness talks, vendor tables and lunch. There is no fee to attend. Promotional flyer, workshop descriptions and registration form can be found at <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/stewardship-day>

FINANCE OFFICE

A Support Day will be offered May 2, 9:00-3:00 p.m., at St. Vincent Center (Chancery), Davenport. Presentations and workshops will address such topics as payroll, benefits and handbooks. There is no fee and includes lunch. For more information and to register go [here](#). Registration deadline is April 14. For questions contact Nancy Karn, 563-888-4367 or karn@davenportdiocese.org.

VOCATIONS OFFICE

Adopt a Seminarian Display: Please check the display in your church and/or school to check that it has been updated with a current roster of seminarians. Some have left formation and we have new seminarians. Contact the Office of Vocations for more cards, darland@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4378. The current roster can be found [here](#).

Totus Tuus 2018 is just around the corner! We are seeking enthusiastic, creative, caring, Christ-centered college students to teach elementary, middle and high school students about the Church, the Rosary and vocations! This is a paid summer position for 7 weeks plus two weeks of training and formation. Travel around the Diocese is necessary with food and lodging provided. For questions, please contact Colleen Darland, 563-888-4378. Applications are available [here](#). Please feel free to make copies and give to young adults you think would be willing to consider being a Totus Tuus teacher this summer. We look forward to having you on our team!

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Income Tax Help: Low-and moderate-income working families may qualify for help from two federal tax benefits: Earned Income Credit (EIC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC). For more information about the Tax Credit go to www.eitc outreach.org. Also, please encourage families to file their taxes through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA). This offers free tax help for low-to-moderate income people who cannot prepare their own return. To learn more and to find a location in your area call, 888-227-7669 or go to the IRS website [here](#).

Service Opportunity: The Social Action Office has the responsibility of promoting service and mission, as well as charity and justice. The Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque have service and mission opportunities for 2018 they are offering. The following may also be used as a bulletin announcement.

Franciscan Common Venture – a volunteer program sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa, provides the opportunity for persons age 20+ to contribute their time, commitment and talent in service among people who are poor. There are multiple service opportunities from quilting to a food bank’s community garden. Long-term service is also available. If interested, contact Sr. Michelle Balek, OSF; 3390 Windsor Ave; Dubuque IA 52001; 563-583-9786; balekm@osfdbq.org; or visit www.osfdbq.org/commonventure.

2018/2019 Internship for Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD): Applications are being accepted until February 16. The Intern must be able to attend the May 30 to June 1 CCHD Training in Washington, D.C. (expenses paid). Information, promotional flyer and registration link can be found [here](#).

CRS Rice Bowl Collection starts Ash Wednesday, February 14. Our Lenten season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving is almost upon us. If you haven’t done so already, take time to explore the [CRS Rice Bowl website](#). Materials have been shipped from CRS. If your parish did not order or you need additional materials contact [Esmeralda Guerrero](#). 25% of the funds collected will remain in the Diocese to help organizations that fight hunger and poverty. Criteria for the 2018 CRS Rice Bowl Grants is available [here](#). Applications are due May 31.

Fair/Ethical Trade Gifts: This Valentine’s Day give a gift that will change lives. When you purchase Ethical Trade chocolate and gifts artisans and farmers will receive a fair wage. Visit Catholic Relief Services partners, [SERRV](#) to purchase delicious chocolate or beautiful gifts that will benefit so many—here and around the world. Click this [link](#) to learn more or contact [Kent Ferris](#) if you are interested in hosting a fair trade sale.

Project Rachel is a confidential, post-abortion healing ministry of the Catholic Church offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. For more information go [here](#).

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Youth and Young Adult: FORUM 2018 will inspire, equip and empower participants to live as disciples of Jesus, and explore the kind of leadership necessary to provide effective ministry and faith formation for today’s youth and families. Final registration deadline is February 7. Download and submit your Registration Spreadsheet by this date. Submit your payment and participant forms by February 13. These forms can be found on the [FORUM website](#). Finally, please indicate your housing preference using the Housing Reservation Form by February 7.

Adult Formation

Upcoming Courses: 3/17/18 Eucharist I and 4/7/18 Eucharist II by Dr. Corinne Winter. Join us to learn more about the Sacraments during our Spring Formation Courses. Courses are held at the Chancery, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cost is \$25 per course. [Register here](#) or contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244 for more information.

Shredding the Doubts: A Faith Formation Roundtable: March 2, 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. with lunch to follow at St. Andrew, Blue Grass. Did you miss the Roundtables last month? If so join us for this chance to participate. Designed for all parish formation leaders, pastors, deacons, catechists, team members, parents, grandparents and those interested in learning more about sharing their faith. We will listen to each other and examine the reality of our parish and formation efforts. [Registration](#) required by February 27. A Freewill Offering will be collected. Visit our [website](#) or contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244 for more information.

Practices for Ministry: April 14-15 at the Chancery in Davenport. Looking for a fresh approach to advocating for, planning and organizing your faith formation or youth ministry? *Practices of Ministry* explores the development of comprehensive ministry through the collaborative sharing of the resources in the community. Rooted in a theological and pastoral vision of community life, this course develops foundational understandings that will assist leaders in setting and implementing a vision for dynamic ministry and catechesis. This second course in the *Certificate in Ministry Studies* can be taken as a stand-alone workshop or as part of the full Certificate program. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Walking Side By Side: A Different Perspective: April 20, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., St. Patrick, Iowa City. Robert Feduccia explores how our perspective changes when we walk side by side with our families, colleagues and parishes. Drawing on wisdom gained in the recent Roundtable Discussions, Robert will help us address the realities, challenges and needs we see in those with whom we share the Gospel and provide us perspective on journeying with one another. Cost is \$35 per person by April 9 and \$40 through April 16 (registration deadline). [Register here](#) and [visit our website](#) or contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244 for more information.

Diocesan Retreat Opportunities:

For more information about these three retreats visit our [website](#) or contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244.

Ministry Leader Retreat: *I Have Seen the Lord! Alleluia!*: 5 p.m. Monday, April 2 – 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 3 at Prairiewoods in Hiawatha. Ministry leaders are invited to join the Office of Faith Formation and facilitator Tammy Norcross-Reitzler for an Easter Retreat. Designed to help us open our minds and hearts with Easter Joy to the active presence of the Risen Lord in both every day and extraordinary events of life, this 24-hour retreat calls us to renew our spirit through personal and communal prayer. Register [online](#) by March 18 for early-bird pricing. Space is limited!

Men’s Retreat: *Being a Catholic Man*: April 21, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., St. Patrick, Iowa City. The questions that faithful men often ask are: What is God asking me to do? How can I be a better man for my family and in my job? How can I be a better Catholic? In this retreat, we will discover a path forward as we seek to answer life’s most prevailing questions. Cost is \$30/person until April 1 and \$40/person until April 16. Register [here](#).

Women’s Retreat: *Ruby Slippers and Yellow Brick Roads*: April 28, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., St. Ann, Long Grove. Like Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*, we are searching for a way home; in this retreat, we will explore the opportunities we have every day to experience God in ways that change us forever and recall our eternal home and the path that shows us the way there. Register [here](#) by April 8 for early-bird pricing of \$30/person and \$40/person until April 23.

Marriage and Family

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

“The Family as a Domestic Church – Practical suggestions for having Christ at the center of family life”: February 15, 12:00 p.m. This is a free Conference Call. This presentation will explain the importance and necessity for every family to live as a domestic church. Practical suggestions to help parents fulfill their call to function as priest, prophet and king in the family will be explored. For more information go [here](#).

Divorced and Separated Ministry: A support program will begin February 22, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Mazzuchelli Center, (2407 Cedar St.) Muscatine. The resource, *Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for Catholic Families*, a 12-session series will be used. Contact Sr. Cheryl Demmer, srcheryl@marymathias.org or 563-263-3848 to register. Go [here](#) to access additional resources for individuals and families. Contact [Marianne Agnoli](#) to discuss starting a support group in your school, parish or deanery.

International Catechesis On-Line for Families: In preparation for the 9th World Meeting of Families, to be held in Dublin, Ireland, August 21-26, the Vatican will present a catechetical initiative for families. The catechesis will be available [here](#) beginning February 2. Videos and musical works will accompany seven catechesis. Each catechesis, built around the evangelical account of the finding of Jesus in the Temple (*Luke 2:41-52*), and the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, will include prayer and discussion questions.

“Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers” can be obtained from the author’s website [here](#) if you would like to receive future weekly/monthly installments directly to your e-mail. These publications are available in both English and Spanish and may be used in parish bulletins or as links on parish websites.

Diocesan Marriage Preparation Policies and Procedures is available on the diocesan website [here](#). Fillable PDF Prenuptial Investigation forms are on the website: [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

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

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

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator: 563-349-5002, vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND

To register contact: 563-336-8414 or olpretreat@gmail.com. To learn more about these programs and Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat visit www.chmiowa.org. All programs include a delicious homemade meal prepared with local and organic ingredients.

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

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

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

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

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

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL

Contact Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108, retreats@smmsisters.org or online at <http://www.smmsisters.org/retreats/> to register.

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

Bookmarks: Through Her Eyes: Biblical Studies on Women in Scripture: Feb. 13, 27; Mar. 13 and 27; 9:30-11 AM

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

Friday Night in Color: Feb. 16 (soup supper 5:30-6:15 PM) 6:30-8:30 color time

Lectio for Lent: Feb. 24, 9-11 AM

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

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

SHALOM SPIRITUALTY CENTER, DUBUQUE

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

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

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

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

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