

Rooted in Christ

DIRECTORY CHANGES

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ADMINISTRATION

The diocesan offices will be closed on March 19 for an all staff retreat and March 21 in observance of Good Friday.

COMMUNICATION DEPT.

Diocesan Support Day: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on April 22 in Richmond and April 24 in Davenport. This one-day workshop is for all who minister or serve in their parish or Catholic school. Sixteen different workshops will be offered. A registration form will be sent in early March. There is no fee to attend as the Annual Diocesan Appeal funds this educational opportunity for you.

VOCATIONS OFFICE

A "*Thinking of Priesthood Day*" will be held Saturday, April 5 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Student Center in Ames. The day begins at 9:30 AM and concludes at 4:45 PM with Mass and dinner following. This day is sponsored by the vocation offices of the four dioceses of Iowa and is for men, ages 17-45 who are or might be interested in a vocation to priesthood. The day will include informal presentations and discussions and sharing from vocation directors and seminarians. Fr. Jonathan Fassero from St. Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN will lead the discussions. For more information or to register, please contact Fr. Marty Goetz, 563-324-1912, ext. 259 or goetz@davenportdiocese.org.

FINANCE OFFICE

Parishioner Address Lists: This is a reminder to submit your parish membership and address changes on a monthly basis or whenever you are submitting changes to your envelope provider. Please remember to submit changes in the suggested format. Contact Lynnette Sowell, sowells@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 235 with questions.

Safety Inspections & Loss Control: It is the practice of our insurance carrier (GuideOne) to periodically survey the premises of their covered institutions. While we are pleased to report that no major concerns have surfaced out of the inspection process to date, we do want to draw your attention to several issues regarding fire prevention and life safety that continue to be identified during the visits.

- Please make sure that your fire protection systems (fire alarms, sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers, etc.) are inspected and tested on an annual basis by a certified contractor.
- Inspect and test all exit lights and emergency lighting units to determine if they are in good condition and functioning properly.
- Check heating, cooling and other mechanical equipment to make sure that they are clear of boxes, paper and other combustible materials.
- It is a good idea to perform a monthly (or at least quarterly) self-evaluation or survey of your facility and general property. Note corrective actions that are needed and repair or remedy as soon as possible.

These are simple tasks that can help reduce risk and prevent a major loss from occurring at your school or parish. We sincerely appreciate the time and attention given to protect the people and the assets of the diocese.

Budgets: The 2008-2009 budget documents will be sent out the first part of March and will be due back August 1.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Sessions are open to all adults in the Diocese of Davenport and are mandated for all employees and those volunteers who work on a regular basis with children. To schedule a session contact your deanery facilitator listed on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Offices, Protecting Children, Safe Environment, Protecting God's Children) or Virginia Trujillo, trujillo@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 256. Current training scheduled (as of Feb. 29):

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Davenport, Assumption High School Library	3/9/08	2:00 p.m.
Davenport, Assumption High School Library	5/4/08	2:00 p.m.

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, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002, or vacdav@attglobal.net or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

HOPE AND HEALING MINISTRIES

Hope and Healing Ministries is a ministry that offers healing retreats, toll-free hotline and counseling referrals to those (including family members) who are struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion or sexual abuse. For more information contact: 877-896-HOPE, 319-338-2497, hopeandhealing@davenportdiocese.org, or www.davenportdiocese.org/hopeandhealing.

Upcoming Retreats

- April 4-6: Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for men and women wounded by abortion, Cedar Falls
- June 27-29: Committed to Freedom Retreat for survivors of sexual abuse, Cedar Falls
- August 1-3: Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for men and women wounded by abortion, Cedar Falls
- September 12-14: Aftercare Retreat for men and women wounded by abortion or sexual abuse, Cedar Falls
- October 24-26: Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for men and women wounded by abortion, Rock Island, IL

PASTORAL SERVICES

Social Action . . .

Spanish Only Income Tax Workshop: March 7, 3:00-4:00 p.m., Chancery, 2nd Floor Conference Room. The Law Office of H.E.L.P. Legal Assistance will present a session on tax issues and credits for 2007 income taxes. An attorney will be present to answer questions. To register or for more information call the Immigration Program Office at 563-324-1912, ext. 262 or 232.

"Cool Congregations" March 8, 9 a.m. – Noon, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 2400 Middle Road, Bettendorf. Cool Congregations is a proven, effective stewardship program for helping people reduce their contribution to global warming, often saving money in the process. For information contact Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-324-1912, ext. 289 or guerrero@davenportdiocese.org.

New Feature Page Comes to *The Catholic Messenger*: Watch for the March 13 issue featuring a new Social Action page called: *Faith At Work!* Each month there will be a full page on a social action issue or theme. The March issue will showcase the issue of Food and Hunger. Members of the Social Action Team are serving as reporters.

St. Vincent Home Corporation Spring Grant Deadline: The St. Vincent Home Corporation Board will meet in March to review funding guidelines and a revised grant application. To accommodate these changes the deadline for spring applications is being moved to our traditional date in May. All applications must be postmarked by May 19. New applications will be available by the end of March. For information contact Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-324-1912, ext. 289 or guerrero@davenportdiocese.org.

CRS Intern: Donna Coen is currently working with the Catholic Relief Services Madagascar Staff to educate youth in that country. She will work as an intern for six months in the Social Action Office helping to increase awareness of CRS and the work being done in Madagascar. She is scheduled to arrive in late March or early April. Donna will be available for presentations to schools and other groups.

SHARE IOWA: Who wouldn't like to save money on their grocery bill these days? The SHARE Program was begun in Iowa with funding from St. Vincent Home Corporation 16 years ago and can offer you up to a 50% savings on nutritious food packages for just 2 hours of volunteer services each month. Please find out more at www.shareiowa.org or call 1-800-344-1107.

Liturgy . . .

Chrism Mass: The faithful of the Diocese are invited to join Bishop Amos for the Chrism Mass on Monday, March 10, at 5:30 p.m. at St. John Vianney Church in Bettendorf. The Chrism Mass is a wonderful opportunity for the entire diocese—priests, deacons, religious, and the lay faithful—to gather with our bishop for Eucharist. The blessing of the oils that will be used in the sacraments the coming year makes it a particularly special Mass for RCIA groups and confirmation classes to attend. Because the priests also renew their vows this day, coming to the Chrism Mass is a great way to prayerfully support and encourage them in their ministry to and with us.

Stewardship . . .

Saint Ambrose Stewardship Institute begins March 27, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at St. Patrick's Church, 120 5th St. NW, Cedar Rapids. The Stewardship Institute is a leadership development program for any parish leader in the Diocese of Davenport. There is no charge for the program. It can be delivered in either of two formats: 1. Participants can take most of the Institute on-line with one-on-one attention from a coach, combined with three face-to-face workshops; or 2. Participants can gather in a small group in a parish or a regional area and meet once a week for two 8-week sessions, along with the three face-to-face workshops.

Either way, this is an excellent opportunity for any or all parish leaders who wish to grow in their faith and learn more about stewardship ministry. The first half of the institute focuses on the pastoral letter on stewardship. The second half focuses on the implementation of stewardship in a parish. Registration deadline is March 17. Simply email a letter of interest to Dan Ebener at ebener@davenportdiocese.org.

The Opening Day Event is for any parish leader, lay or clergy. There is no cost for this event. To register anyone for the March 27 one-day Stewardship event, simply email by March 24 to Dan Ebener at ebener@davenportdiocese.org. The schedule is as follows:

- 9:30 a.m.: Prayer and reflection on Scripture; introductions and explanation of logistics for the Institute
- 10:45: Keynote by Michael Murphy, the executive director of the International Catholic Stewardship Conference
- 12:00: Lunch
- 1:00 p.m.: Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Jerome Hanus of Dubuque
- 2:00 Break-out session

Ministry of Word . . .

Diocesan Junior High Youth Rally is April 13: Bob Perron, the "Stooge for Christ," will be the keynoter for our second-annual Junior High Youth Rally. The theme is "CSI: Catholic Soul Inside," and the event will be held at the newly renovated Iowa Memorial Union in Iowa City. The day also will include exciting breakout sessions, lunch, Mass with Bishop Amos, games and much more. Cost is still just \$20. Registration deadline is April 3. A welcome memo with all the details you need to lead a parish group can be found on the youth ministry page at www.davenportyouth.org. For more information, contact Pat Finan at 641-842-5148 or finan@davenportdiocese.org,

Youth Ministry Leaders Retreat with Fr. Joe Miller is April 20-22 at Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat Center near Wheatland. Fr. Joe will focus on themes of hope and renewal near the end of a busy ministry year. The retreat will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday and end with lunch on Tuesday. Cost will be \$120 (including food, lodging and resources) or \$35 per day (lodging not included). For more information, contact Pat Finan.

Youth Retreats:

COR (Christ in Others) retreats are for sophomores, juniors and seniors. COR is a weekend full of personal reflection about family and relationships with other people in our lives. COR retreats will be held:

- March 14-16 in Ottumwa
- April 4-6 at Holy Trinity in Keota

Applications and information on all Quest and COR retreats can be found at www.davenportdiocese.org.

Catholics in Action Youth Service Retreat is June 22-24 at St. Mary, Riverside. This annual retreat is an opportunity to learn about Catholic Social Teaching, serve at sites in and around the central part of our diocese, praise and worship God, and have fun with new friends. It is open to youth in grades 9-12, including incoming freshmen and graduating seniors. More information can be found at www.davenportyouth.org.

Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) will be again offered twice this summer. The dates are July 6-11 at Twin Lakes Christian Center near Manson, and July 20-25 at Christian Conference Center near Newton. CLI is a weeklong training event designed to teach young people the skills necessary for effective leadership with other youth and adults in a parish or school youth ministry setting. CLI is for young people ages 15-18, who are preparing to enter at least their sophomore year of high school. Each candidate should be either currently involved with or beginning a leadership role in a parish, school, or diocese. Applications will be available soon at www.davenportyouth.org.

Diocesan High School Rally is Nov. 16: Christian comedian Judy McDonald will be keynoter. The event will again be held at the Coralville Marriott. For more information, go to www.davenportyouth.org.

Marriage Preparation Currently Scheduled Weekends:

May 3-4: Wilton, St. Mary (registration deadline April 25)

July 12-13: Williamsburg, St. Mary (registration deadline July 3)

August 16-17: Newton, Sacred Heart (registration deadline August 8)

October 25-26: Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias (registration deadline October 17)

February 21-22, 2009: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney (registration deadline February 13)

The registration form is on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Faith Formation Office, Marriage Preparation). Registration is \$125 per couple. For information about marriage preparation in our diocese or neighboring dioceses contact Barb Butterworth at 563-324-1912, ext. 265 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IlaMae Hanisch.

M.O.M.S. (Ministry of Mothers Sharing): This program of spiritual enrichment is designed to help women have a greater awareness of their inner sacred self and teach them new ways to inspire and affirm each other. **Renee J. Crock** has led several MOMS groups in her parish and she has completed training with Sr. Paula Hagen (MOMS co-creator) at St. Paul's Monastery in St. Paul, Minnesota. We welcome her as a regional coordinator. If you have MOMS groups in your parish please let her know how she might resource you. If you would like more information about MOMS or would like to start this program, please contact Renee at rjayck@iowatelecom.net or 563-886-1249.

In the Vineyard is an electronic newsletter published by the Diocese of Davenport for all who minister in the Catholic Church. Each issue contains articles for ongoing ministry formation, workplace ideas, updates on pastoral leadership, reviews of outstanding resources for parish life and space for spiritual enrichment. To request this free newsletter send your name and email address to IlaMae Hanisch at hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

Certification Program for Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education (D/CRE), Youth Ministers (YM), Principals and catechists (all who teach children, youth and adults): A DVD has been distributed to each parish and school about the certification program. Information regarding certification and the forms for recording hours may be found in the new Faith Formation Handbook. The Handbook and a Certification Brochure can be found at www.davenportdiocese.org. Go to Faith Formation Office and links are located in the "Just Announced" section. For questions contact IlaMae Hanisch, 641-791-3435 or hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

The "Echoes of Faith" video/DVD series which is used for certification is available for loan by contacting Virginia Trujillo, trujillo@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 256. To purchase your own series contact Resources for Christian Living (RCL), <http://rclbooksandmore.stores.yahoo.net/catfor.html>.

MFP Basic Year I Courses

For ICN participants: Classes are from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at ICN locations around the diocese two Saturdays per month. Non-ICN participants review the recorded ICN classes then meet once a month for three hours for small group work. Your schedule is determined by your group and its facilitator. Registration and detailed information is on the diocesan website www.davenportdiocese.org (Libraries > Faith Formation > Ministry Formation Program > Forms).

March 15: Eucharist-Dr. Corinne Winter
April 5 & 19: Personal/Pastoral Themes-IlaMae Hanisch
Credentials may be reviewed to “waive” some course requirements. For more information contact IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435.

Liturgical Ministry – MFP Specialization

Sessions are 8:30 a. m. to 2:30 p .m. at the Williamsburg Community Recreation Center, Williamsburg, (handicapped accessible). Registration and detailed information is on the website, www.davenportdiocese.org. (See above)

April 12: Volunteer Liturgical Ministers, Tammy Norcross & Patti McTaggart

June 28: Practicum III, Deacon Agnoli & Patti McTaggart

May 24: Music Ministry, Patti McTaggart & Diane Mahoney

July 12: Overview of Other Rites, Deacon McCoy & Tammy Norcross

June 14: Pastoral Care of the Sick / Funerals, Deacon Agnoli

Aug. 2: Leading Prayer & Planning Retreats (*recommended for SCAP certification*), Sr. Joann Kuebrich, Gale Francione, & Tammy Norcross

Aug. 16: Practicum IV, Sr. Joann Keubrich, Gale Francione, & Tammy Norcross

Tentative Plans: Ministry Formation Programs 2008-2012

2008-2009: MFP Basic Year II, Catechetical Ministry Specialization

2009-2010: MFP Basic Year I, Parish Life Administrator and Finance Administrator

2010-2011: MFP Basic Year II, Liturgical Ministry Specialization

2011-2012: MFP Basic Year I, Catechetical Ministry Specialization

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE, WHEATLAND

Knitting for Peace

Tuesday, April 1 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

“Make the world a better place, one stitch at a time.” Join us for a peaceful and prayerful day of knitting and sharing at The Prairie. Bring a project, or start a new one: prayer shawls, socks, hats, afghans and more. Learn about charity knitting programs and how to start your own. Be inspired! We can, stitch by stitch, move the world in a more positive direction. Knitters of all levels are welcome. Each participant will receive a copy of Betty Christiansen’s book “Knitting for Peace.” Cost: \$25/ lunch included. Reservations are required.

Presenters: Ann Green is a lay minister at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and a private piano instructor. Anne Johnson is a fiber artist who’s been knitting, spinning and sewing since childhood. Karen Brooke is a lay minister at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and development director for the Sisters of Humility. Call Karen at 563-336-8401 for more details.

The Three in One: What Does the Trinity Reveal about God in Your Life?

Thursday, April 10 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Through a combination of self-discovery and guided explorations we intend to come to a deeper awareness and understanding of the Trinity. From these experiences and prayerful reflection, we hope to know, love and serve better in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Cost: \$12/ lunch included. Reservations are required.

Presenter: IlaMae Hanisch, Diocese of Davenport

“Fear of the Lord”

Thursday, April 17 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

“Fear of the Lord.” What does this mean? What does it mean when Scripture says, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom?” How does fear of the Lord relate to the Christian spiritual life and everyday moral decision making? Cost: \$12/ lunch included. Reservations are required.

Presenter: Father Thomas Hennen is a priest of the Diocese of Davenport, ordained in 2004. He is currently serving as parochial vicar for Jesus Christ Prince of Peace Parish in Clinton, Iowa.

Programs limited to 30. For more information or to make your reservations early contact Barbara Gross at 563/336/8414 or e-mail: olpretreat@gmail.com.

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