

Walking Together in Faith

DEANERY MEETINGS - PARISH LIFE STUDY

The purpose of the study is to improve parish life by providing information that will facilitate parish planning. The information includes:

- What is the average contribution per family in your parish; is that amount going up or down and how does that compare to the rest of the Diocese?
- What percentage of your parishioners actually attend Mass (on the day we conduct Mass counts), is that number going up or down and how does that compare to the rest of the Diocese?
- In all, the Diocese will release to each parish the results of 25 quantifiable measures of parish life, along with comparisons on each measure to the other 83 parishes in the Diocese.

The parish life study began six months ago with the parish self-assessment (or viability report). All 84 parishes participated in that study and the first five measures of the parish life study are the results of the self-assessment. The other twenty measures were taken from sacramental records, financial accounts, census data, and other information that the parishes report annually to the Diocese, many of which the Diocese reports to the Vatican annually. Lay leaders in all parishes, including parish council, finance council, lay trustees and board of education members, are invited to join their pastors, deacons and all parish staff in attending their local deanery meeting in May (see list of meetings below). Diocesan staff will be on hand to distribute the results to each parish (or parish cluster) individually. We hope you will join us for this first time event.

Date	Deanery	Time	Location
May 2	Iowa City Deanery	7:00 p.m.	St. Patrick Parish Hall, Iowa City
May 4	Ottumwa Deanery	7:00 p.m.	St. Patrick Parish, Ottumwa
May 11	Clinton Deanery	7:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish, DeWitt
May 16	Keokuk Deanery	6:00 p.m.	SS Mary & Joseph, Fort Madison
May 18	Davenport Deanery	6:30 p.m.	St. Alphonsus, Davenport
May 25	Grinnell Deanery	6:00 p.m. (6:45 meeting),	Sacred Heart Parish, Newton

DIRECTORY CHANGES

New Contact Information:

Immaculate Conception, Petersville: For all parish matters contact:

Prince of Peace Rectory, 505 9th Ave. S., Clinton 52732-5854, 563-242-3311, or jcpop@clinton.net

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Sessions are open to all adults in the Diocese of Davenport and are mandated for all employees and for those volunteers who work on a regular basis with children. If you have a need for a session please contact a facilitator in your deanery (listed on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org) or Virginia Trujillo, trujillo@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 256.

Current training scheduled (as of April 25):

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Newton, Sacred Heart Church	5/7/06	6:45 p.m.
Fort Madison, SS. Mary & Joseph	5/24/06	7:00 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.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Ministry of Stewardship . . .

The Diocesan Stewardship Day is November 16 at Sacred Heart Parish, Newton. The keynote address will be given by Bob Voboril, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, in Wichita, KS, a very motivating speaker with first hand experience with one of the formative Catholic stewardship programs in the nation. He will be focusing on the USCCB pastoral letter, “*Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response.*” The \$10 per person registration fee includes lunch. Breakout sessions will be facilitated by parish and diocesan stewardship leaders.

The Msgr. McGread Stewardship Conference will be held May 10-11 and again August 9-10 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita, Kansas. Visit www.catholicsteward.com or call 888-822-1847 for details and registration information.

International Catholic Stewardship Conference: October 1-4, Boston. The theme is “Stewardship as a Way of Life with Christ.” This is the premiere stewardship event of the year, and attendees are uniform in their praise for the opportunity to attend. For a registration brochure, go to <http://www.catholicstewardship.org/en/events/conference.cfm>, or contact Dan Ebener, 563-324-1912, ext. 267, or ebener@davenportdiocese.org.

Ministry of Word . . .

NET Team Is Coming! NET (National Evangelization Team) Ministries is sending a team of young adults to our diocese Nov. 15 through Dec. 15 to lead retreats at parishes and schools. NET offers a variety of retreats, the details and prices of which can be found at www.netusa.org/retreats. These retreats will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. If your parish or school is interested in booking a date(s), please respond to Pat Finan at finan@harenet.net. Please include the following information:

- The name of your parish or school
- The three dates (in order of preference) that work best for you. At least one of these must be neither a Sunday nor a Wednesday. Please note that NET Team takes Monday off, although Monday, Nov. 20, is available. The team is available Nov. 24-26 (Thanksgiving weekend) if parishes wish to book one of those dates.
- The type of retreat you wish to hold, including ages of audience
- Your name and contact information

Parish and school leaders are encouraged to be flexible in their planning. NET can accommodate up to 150 participants at their events, so combining with neighboring parishes is allowed. In addition to retreat costs, host parishes and schools may be required to provide housing for the 8-10 young adults overnight, as well as some meals. Those details will be clarified once the final schedule has been determined.

Diocesan Youth Ministry Committee applications: Applications for the 2006 DYMC will be available May 1 at www.davenportyouth.org and www.davenportdiocese.org. The DYMC is a group of 18 youth who work with adult leaders to provide leadership and promote comprehensive youth ministry across our diocese. Three youth representatives are elected from each deanery. These youth must be sophomores, juniors or seniors, and should have attended the Christian Leadership Institute (see below) or attend it this summer. The group meets five times each year at locations around the diocese. For more information, contact Pat Finan, 641-842-5148 or finan@harenet.net.

Christian Leadership Institute for youth – Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) will be offered twice this summer, July 16-21 and July 23-28, at the YMCA Camp in Boone. This is an outstanding opportunity for youth from your parish to develop their leadership skills to serve the church. A brochure can be found on the youth ministry page at www.davenportdiocese.org. For more information, contact Pat Finan.

Catholics in Action, our annual diocesan youth service retreat, will be held June 25-27 in Riverside. This event brings teams of youth from parishes around the diocese for three days of service, prayer, learning and fun. The cost is \$35 per participant. Parish team registrations are due June 6. A brochure can be found on the faith formation page at www.davenportdiocese.org. For more information, contact Pat Finan.

Other events:

Diocesan Youth Rally with Jesse Manibusan:	November 12, Marriott Convention Center, Coralville
National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry:	November 30 - December, Las Vegas
Diocesan Junior High Youth Rally with Mike Patin:	April 29, 2007, Regina High School, Iowa City
National Catholic Youth Conference:	November 8-11, 2007, Columbus, Ohio

June Institute: “Let’s Put the ‘Life’ in Lifelong Faith Formation.” Renowned Catholic faith formation leader Maureen Kelly will be the speaker for the 2006 June Institute, to be held June 15-16 at St. Vincent Center in Davenport. She will discuss many themes important to catechetical leaders, including:

- The implications that the new National Directory for Catechesis has for adult faith formation
- The opportunities found in sacramental preparation programs to engage parents and learners of all ages
- A fresh look at liturgical catechesis

Housing for the event will be available at St. Ambrose University. A brochure is available on the faith formation page at www.davenportdiocese.org. Contact Pat Finan, 641-842-5148 or finan@harenet.net for more information.

August Gathering: “Who Do You Say That I Am?” The 2006 August Leadership Gathering will be held Aug. 11-12 at the Quality Inn Conference Center in Iowa City. Our keynoter will be Kate Ristow, national catechetical consultant for Resources for Christian Living (RCL) and a contributing editor for *Catechist* magazine. Her topics will include “How Catechetical Leaders Can Imitate Christ,” “Making Sense of the NDC,” and “Implementing the Six Tasks of Catechesis as a Springboard for Parish Planning.” A brochure will be available soon at www.davenportdiocese.org.

RCIA Conference: *Concerning the Baptized* on July 20-22 at Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart, Ankeny. Have these questions surfaced in your parish RCIA process? How do you distinguish between catechumens and candidates liturgically? Catechetically? Is it appropriate to adapt the initiation process for the baptized, and are there inappropriate adaptations? How do we truly respect a person’s baptism? The conference is co-sponsored by the Des Moines Diocese and the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. Brochure is online at www.dmdioocese.org (see “Faith Formation”). If you are unable to download the brochure and registration information, contact IlaMae Hanisch hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435.

Rev. Ronald Rolheiser VHS tapes/DVDs: There are a limited number of VHS tapes and DVDs for loan from Fr. Rolheiser’s presentation at the Iowa Conference on April 2-3. To borrow contact Virginia Trujillo, trujillo@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 256. For sale are a limited number of Fr. Rolheiser’s DVDs and VHS tapes: *Spirituality and the Two Halves of Life* and *Eucharist: God’s Way of Embracing Us*. The VHS tape is \$16.99 and the DVD \$19.99. Both prices include \$1.50 shipping/handling. Contact Virginia to purchase.

Marriage Preparation Weekends: The Registration Form is on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org. On the home page (left side) click on “Marriage Preparation Weekends.” Currently scheduled weekends are:

June 24-25:	Williamsburg, St. Mary
August 5-6	Fort Madison, SS. Mary & Joseph
November 18-19:	Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias
February 3-4:	Bettendorf, St. John Vianney

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, 641-791-3435 or hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

Training for Leaders of Divorce Support Ministry & Parish Support Groups: June 29-July 1 at the University of Notre Dame. This is sponsored by The North American Conference for Separated and Divorced Catholics. For more information or to register visit their website www.nacsd.org or contact IlaMae Hanisch.

Ministry Formation Programs 2006-2007

For the following three programs the **application forms will be available after May 20 on the diocesan web site, www.davenportdiocese.org**. You may also request an information packet by contacting IlaMae Hanisch at hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435. If leaving a voice message please leave your name, phone number and mailing address.

MFP- Basic Year II:

Want to become an “informed” leader in your parish? Just want to update and know more about your faith? This “basic” ministry formation program is open to those who want to grow in their faith. For ICN participants classes are 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. two Saturdays a month at ICN locations around the diocese. Non-ICN participants meet once a month for three hours and the schedule is determined by your group and its facilitator.

Sept. 9	Retreat (required by all)	Sept. 23	Old Testament I
Oct. 7	Catechetical Themes	Oct. 21	Old Testament II
Nov. 4	New Testament I	Nov. 18	New Testament II
Dec. 2	Moral Themes	Dec. 16	Discipleship Themes
Jan. 6, 2007	Theological Themes I	Jan. 20	Theological Themes II
Feb. 3	Liturgical Themes I	Feb. 17	Liturgical Themes II
March 3	Spiritual Themes I	March 17	Spiritual Themes II
April 14	Legal Themes I	April 28	Legal Themes II

Registration Fee-Basic MFP Year II (8-month program): This includes most books, reading packet, instructor stipend & facilitator stipend for non-ICN groups (non-chancery staff), retreat day, and ICN line use. It does not include food or transportation costs.

ICN format:

- \$150/person (resident of diocese)
- \$100/person (group rate of 5 or more registered from same parish or cluster with same pastor)
- \$225/person (non-resident of diocese)
- \$25 per individual course

Non-ICN format:

- \$175/person (resident of diocese)
- \$125/person (group rate of 5 or more registered from same parish or cluster with same pastor)
- \$250/person (non-resident of diocese)
- \$25 per individual course

Credentials may be reviewed to “waive” some course requirements. Contact IlaMae Hanisch for more information.

Parish Life Administrator Training and Formation Program:

Sessions are 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Williamsburg Community Recreation Center; 939 S. Highland Street, Williamsburg, (handicapped accessible with elevator, 2nd floor, meeting room A).

Aug. 19	Psychological Screening, St. Vincent Center, Davenport	Sept. 9	Retreat at St. Mary, Riverside
Sept. 16	Presiding: Parish Worship & Prayer	Oct. 14	Parish Management-Finances, Stewardship, & Personnel I
Nov. 11	Parish Management-Finances, Stewardship, & Personnel II	Dec. 16	Sacramental Preparation & RCIA I
Jan. 13, 2007	Parish Leadership & Organization I	Feb. 10	Sacramental Preparation & RCIA II
March 10	Annulments	April 14	Parish Leadership & Organization I
May 5	Parish Life	June 16	Preaching the Word I
July 14	Preaching the Word II	Aug. 11	Lifelong Faith Formation

Concurrent with the above courses is the 12-month internship for Parish Life Administrators. Credentials may be reviewed to “waive” some course requirements. Contact IlaMae Hanisch for more information.

Registration Fee-Parish Life Administrator (12-month program): This includes reading packet, level one psychological evaluation, instructor & internship mentor stipends (non-chancery staff), retreat day, and site charges. It does not include food, books, or transportation costs.

- \$350/person (resident of diocese)
- \$500/person (non-resident of diocese)
- \$40 per individual session (one Saturday)-some courses require 2 sessions (\$80)

Finance Administrator Training Program:

Sessions are 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Williamsburg Community Recreation Center; 939 S. Highland Street, Williamsburg, (handicapped accessible with elevator, 2nd floor, meeting room A).

Sept. 9	Retreat at St. Mary, Riverside	Oct. 14	Parish Management-Finances, Stewardship, & Personnel I
Nov. 11	Parish Management-Finances, Stewardship, & Personnel II	Jan. 13, 2007	Parish Leadership & Organization I
April 14	Parish Leadership & Organization I		

Concurrent with the above courses is the 12-month internship for Parish Life Administrators. Credentials may be reviewed to “waive” some course requirements. Contact IlaMae Hanisch for more information.

Registration Fee-Finance Administrator (4-month program): (Year II of MFP basic is also a requirement. See fee listed above for that program). This includes the reading packet, instructor & internship mentor stipends (non-chancery staff), retreat day, and site charges. It does not include food, books, or transportation costs.

- \$150/person (resident of diocese)
- \$40 per individual session (one Saturday)-some course require 2 sessions (\$80)

Ministry of Service . . .

Immigration Issues: The Catholic Church and its stand on immigration issues is a hot topic in parishes with the Congress struggling to write immigration legislation. The US Catholic Bishops have established a web site that provides a wealth of information on the positions of the Church as well as the Scriptural and Catholic Social Teaching basis for those positions. That web site is: www.justiceforimmigrants.org. At the site are many aids for those who want to understand the current debate, the various pieces of legislation, and information about migration in general.

Davenport Deanery Social Action Meeting: May 2. (The 1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul the Apostle, McEleny Hall, lower level, north door, Davenport.) The featured topic this month will be the Catholic Church’s positions on immigration issues and the Scriptural basis for those positions. In addition to the presentation, the meeting will highlight the social action activities and events of parishes in the Davenport Deanery.

Social Action Commission Meeting: May 16, 10:00 a.m., St. Thomas More, Iowa City. The meeting will transition into a meeting of those interested in working on the Diocesan Global Solidarity Program with the Archdiocese of Antsiranana, Madagascar.

St. Vincent Home Corporation Board will meet to address grant requests on May 5 from 10:00 to 2:00 at St. Vincent Center, Davenport.

Social Justice Conference: “Race, Power, and Inequality: Confronting the Power of Whiteness,” May 10, 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose University. Fr. William Dawson will receive the prestigious St. Ambrose University School of Social Work Social Justice Award at 9:00 a.m. To register, contact Kathy Riepe at 563-333-6495 or RiepeKathleenS@sau.edu.

Operation Rice Bowl Grant applications are due May 30. If you sponsor or know about a program that works to alleviate hunger or poverty in the diocese, that program may be eligible for grant support from the retained portion of the annual Operation Rice Bowl Collection. Application requires only a simple letter of application. Criteria and instructions were included in the April Issue of the *Mini-Messenger*. For a copy go to the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org and click on the Mini-Messenger Newsletter from the drop down menu. An evaluation of grant requests will occur in June

JustFaith Seminar: May 20, St. Mary's Parish, Moline, Illinois. Jack Jezreel will be the featured speaker. Based on RCIA as its model, the JustFaith program combines scripture, theological considerations, and practical, real world situations to bring participants to a heightened sensitivity to the Church's mission in the world. The JustFaith program has reawakened the zeal for discipleship that characterized the early Church, and has given participants whole new perspectives. It is a life changing experience. A registration form for this free workshop (including lunch) is attached.

The Social Action Summer Institute: July 16-21 at the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio. This is co-sponsored by all the major social action agencies (USCCB, CRS, CCUSA, CCHD, and the Roundtable of Diocesan Social Action Directors). It will feature a number of outstanding speakers and two tracks of Social Action training. For a copy of the brochure go to <http://www.nplc.org/roundtable/events/SummerInstituteBrochure06.pdf>.

A Peace Conference, "Giving Witness to Nonviolence", sponsored by the Clinton Franciscans and Friends, is planned for September 29, 30 and October 1 at Ashford University Campus in Clinton. Featured speaker will be Ched Meyers. Watch for more updates on this conference.

Pro-life Masses:

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| May 6 | St. Paul the Apostle, Davenport, 8:30 a.m., rosary after Mass and then at Planned Parenthood, Bettendorf |
| June 3 | St. Mary Church, East Moline, IL, 8:00 a.m., rosary after Mass and then at Planned Parenthood, Bettendorf |
| July 1 | St. Joseph Church, DeWitt, 8:00 a.m., confessions before Mass and rosary after Mass and then at Planned Parenthood, Bettendorf |
| November 4 | St. Alphonsus Church, Davenport, 8:00 a.m., rosary after Mass and then at Planned Parenthood, Bettendorf |

SHARE Iowa: Would you like to save money on groceries? Do you know someone who could benefit from stretching his or her food dollars? SHARE can offer you up to a 50% savings on nutritious food packages for just 2 hours of volunteer service each month. To find out more about SHARE check out the web site: www.shareiowa.com, email: shareiowa@lisco.net or call 1-800-344-1107. Volunteer service is sharing your time and talents with others without being paid. Ideas include, helping a neighbor, visiting a shut in, activities with your church or other local civic organization. You can even help out your local SHARE host site. You choose!

FINANCE OFFICE

Raffles: With spring in the air, many are planning their fund raising activities. The following are a few reminders if a raffle is in your plans:

- All raffles (regardless of size, prizes, etc.) require an Iowa gambling license.
- The gross receipts from all raffles are subject to state sales tax and local option sales tax.
- Prize winners must pay income tax (federal and state) on their winnings of any dollar amount.
- Withholding tax applies to all cash prizes of more than \$600.

If you have any questions please contact the Finance staff at 563-324-1911.

Address and Parish Membership Updates: It is that time of year again when we begin updating our database with address and parish membership information. Beginning in May, current mailing information will be emailed to the parishes for review and adjustment. Please have changes submitted by June 1 to Lynnette Sowell at sowells@davenportdiocese.org.

NEW MELLERAY ABBEY, PEOSTA

The Vowed Life: A Contemplative Retreat for Couples, August 17-20. This is a retreat for married couples on the common ground of monastic and married life as a vowed way to live out one's vocation. The fee for room, meals, and materials is \$320 per couple; it is \$170 per couple for those who choose to commute. Deadline for registration is August 11. For more information and to register see our website: www.newmelleray.org or call the Guestmaster at 563-588-2319, ext 100.

CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH EASTERN IOWA AREA

Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop: June 17, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., St. Andrew Church, Blue Grass. For information contact Joan Timmons, 563-381-4558.

Silent Saturdays: 9:30 – 11 a.m., Humility of Mary Center, Davenport. These are half-day silent mini-retreats. This includes two Centering Prayer sessions, a silent break and closing with Lectio Divina. Dates are:

May 13	June 10
July 8	August 12

For information on the above of local support groups contact Lolita Diericks, 563-285-7242.

CONGREGATION OF HUMILITY OF MARY, DAVENPORT

Hildegard of Bingen and Her World: An Exploration. May 11, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat, Wheatland. Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) was a remarkable woman, a “first” in many fields. At a time when few women wrote, Hildegard produced major works of theology and visionary writings. When few women were accorded respect, she was consulted by and advised bishops, popes, and kings. She was a mystic poet, a musician and a visual artist. Meet this unique woman through her writings, her music and her art within an historical, cultural and ecclesiastical context. Her story is an inspirational account of an irresistible spirit and vibrant intellect overcoming social, physical, cultural, and gender barriers to achieve timeless transcendence. Presented by Pat McGuire Rock & Benita Moore. Fee: \$10 (includes lunch). **Pat McGuire Rock** is an adjunct professor at New York University where she teaches courses in medieval and renaissance literature. This summer she will teach a course on Hildegard of Bingen at General Theological Seminary in New York City. **Benita Moore** has degrees in music and religion from the University of Iowa and is a retired professor of the former Marycrest College. For more information or to register contact Sr. Cathleen Real, CHM, 563-336-8414 or ccreal@msn.com or visit www.chmiowa.org.

