

### Rooted in Christ

#### DIRECTORY CHANGES

Rev. Bill Reynolds: Add PO Box 1478 to address as mail is delivered to the PO Box & not the street address.

St. Joseph, East Pleasant Plain and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Richland have merged to form the new parish of SS. Joseph & Cabrini, Richland. Contact information: PO Box 130, Richland 52585-0130, 319-456-3161, [mcsjrich@iowatelecom.net](mailto:mcsjrich@iowatelecom.net).

Fr. Joseph Khan: New cell: 714-867-8129

Fr. Greg Steckel: Cell: 319-316-3814

Fr. John Whalen: Home: 920-632-7259

**New Parish Staff Orientation Day:** August 21, 8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Chancery in Davenport. This day is designed for new or nearly new employees in the parish office, new bookkeepers or other office support staff. Pastors are also welcome to attend. An email will be sent by August 1 with details and registration information.

#### 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](http://www.davenportdiocese.org) (Offices, Protecting Children, Safe Environment, Protecting God's Children) or Virginia Trujillo, [trujillo@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:trujillo@davenportdiocese.org) or 563-324-1912, ext. 256. Current training scheduled (as of July 29):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
8/14/08	Notre Dame School, Burlington	10:45 a.m.
8/15/08	St. Vincent Center, Davenport	10:45 a.m.
8/17/08	Assumption High School, Davenport	3:00 p.m.
11/9/08	Assumption High School, Davenport	3:00 p.m.
3/8/09	Assumption High School, Davenport	3:00 p.m.
5/17/09	Assumption High School, Davenport	3:00 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](mailto:vacdav@attglobal.net) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

#### VISIONING IN THE DIOCESE OF DAVENPORT

Bishop Amos intends to finalize the visioning process by the end of this calendar year. The next step in the process is to gather input and direction from the Diocesan Pastoral Council at their meeting on August 24.

A four-page summary of the diocesan visioning process has been attached to the diocesan web site. This summary was developed out of twelve reports that were submitted to Bishop Amos from various ministry groups around the diocese. The summary was written by a six-person committee appointed by Bishop Amos. If you would like to see the entire collection of twelve visioning reports, please email Dan Ebener at [ebener@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:ebener@davenportdiocese.org).

## PASTORAL SERVICES

### Liturgy . . .

**Bishop in the Liturgy Policy Revised:** This diocesan policy has been revised and the sheets used to plan Confirmations and other Solemn Liturgies at which the bishop presides have been updated. They are all available on the Liturgy Library webpage of the diocesan website, <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litlibrary.htm>. Priests are to replace this policy in their Handbook and inform their staff accordingly. Confirmations in the 2008-09 year must be planned using this new planning sheet and revised instructions.

### Social Action . . .

**The Friends of Madagascar Committee** met on June 24 to discuss the results of the survey sent by CRS (Catholic Relief Services) in Madagascar. The major thrust of the survey was to determine the top priority needs in Antsiranana in order for us to plan our assistance project. The number one need identified is vocational skill training for occupations that are in demand. The Committee is considering how to address this request and other services needed.

**Faith at Work:** This is the Social Action page in *The Catholic Messenger*. The September issue will focus on Children: Our Future! If you have a story to share please contact Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-324-1912, ext. 289.

**St. Vincent Home Corporation:** Beginning September 1 new grant applications and other information will be available to all parishes and other organizations eligible for funding on the diocesan website, [www.davenportdiocese.org](http://www.davenportdiocese.org). Grant requests will be reviewed and considered at the Fall Board meeting. Applications must be postmarked by October 15. Questions about the grant application process can be directed to John Kiley, 563-324-1912, ext. 269.

**2009 Social Action Institute:** January 18-19, St. Francis of Assisi Church in West Des Moines. The Iowa Institute for Social Action is an annual two-day event that traditionally coincides with the Sunday and Monday in January that honors the life and achievements of Martin Luther King, Jr. for more information and registration visit <http://www.iowasocialaction.org/>.

**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 service each month. Contact [www.shareiowa.org](http://www.shareiowa.org) or call 800-344-1107.

### Faith Formation . . .

**The Institute in Adolescent Catechesis**, a program of the Center for Ministry Development, will be held August 11-15 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. The institute will prepare parish faith formation and youth ministry leaders to plan and implement dynamic catechesis for youth. For more information, go to [www.cmdnet.org](http://www.cmdnet.org).

**Retreat for All Who Minister in the Church:** Saturday, September 6, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., St. Alphonsus, Mount Pleasant. The author of *Living Like Francis Today*, Sr. Marci Blum, OSF will lead a retreat and Bishop Amos will preside at Mass, followed by lunch. Registration for the retreat (\$15 per person) will include lunch and a copy of her book. The registration form can be found on the diocesan website, [www.davenportdiocese.org](http://www.davenportdiocese.org), scroll down the Faith Formation home page under the Just Announced section. Contact IlaMae Hanisch for more information at [hanisch@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hanisch@davenportdiocese.org) or 641-791-3435.

**Scripture Study Informational Workshops:** Two free workshops: Saturday, September 13, 9:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Davenport, Assumption High School Library and Sunday, September 14, 1:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Williamsburg, St. Mary Parish Center. *Little Rock Scripture Study* is a well-respected Catholic Bible Study with newly produced DVD's and uses the Revised Collegeville Bible Commentaries. The registration form is attached. For additional information contact IlaMae Hanisch, [hanisch@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hanisch@davenportdiocese.org) or 563-324-1912, ext. 271.

**Catechetical Sunday:** September 21. “The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church” is the theme for this year. Catechetical Kits including materials you’ll need to celebrate Catechetical Sunday in your parish are available at [www.nccl.org](http://www.nccl.org). There are also certificates, pins and prayer cards for purchase.

**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Diocesan Mass:** October 12, St. John Vianney, Bettendorf. All couples married in 1958 (or those who missed last year’s Mass) are invited to attend. Couples are to register with their parish. Parish reservations are due August 15 to Barb Butterworth, [butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org).

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

**The National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry** will be held Dec. 4-7 in Cleveland, Ohio. This biennial conference for adults who serve in youth ministry is a great opportunity to learn and to network with other youth leaders. Information, including an online promotional video and registration is available at [www.nfcym.org](http://www.nfcym.org). Registration is \$245 if done by Oct. 17. A \$20 discount is offered to members of the National Association for Catholic Youth Ministry Leaders. NCCYM registrants can join NACYML and receive this discount during the NCCYM online registration process.

**2009 Youth Ministry Dates:**

- Feb. 14-16: Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Retreat, St. Paul the Apostle, Davenport
- March 29: Jr. High Youth Rally, Iowa Memorial Union (location subject to change)
- June 28-30: Catholics in Action (CIA) service retreat, St. Mary, Riverside

**Marriage Preparation Currently Scheduled Weekends:**

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](http://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](mailto:butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org) or IlaMae Hanisch.

**Ministry Formation Program:**

*“In short, the MFP has literally changed my life! Not to sound cheesy but the light bulb went off within the last year and now I “get it”. I thank God every day for leading me to this program and back to the church.”* S.D., Iowa City (a current participant)

The Ministry Formation Program is more than a program to train people for ministry, it is also a great way to **grow in your faith and learn more about how you can become more active in your parish.**

The following two programs will be offered for 2008-09. The class schedule follows. Information including overview, application, and schedule is available for download for use within the Diocese of Davenport. Go to: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/ffmfppg1.htm>. Select Basic MFP Info Packet 2008-2009 (25 pages) or Catechetical Specialization Information Packet 2008-2009 (22 pages).

**Year II of Basic MFP:**

Sept. 6: Retreat- <i>Living Like Francis Today</i> -Mount Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, 8:30-3:00	Sept. 20: Spiritual Themes
Oct. 4: Old Testament I	Oct 18: Old Testament II
Nov. 1: New Testament I	Nov. 15: New Testament II
Dec. 6: Moral/Discipleship I	Dec. 20: Moral/Discipleship II
Jan. 3: Catechetical Themes I	Jan. 17: Catechetical Themes II
Feb. 7: Liturgical Themes I	Feb. 21: Liturgical Themes II
March 7: Legal Themes I	March 21: Legal Themes II
April 4: Theological Themes I	April 25: Theological Themes II

**Specialization in Catechetics:**

This is highly recommended for parish directors of faith formation/religious education, youth ministers, theology and religion teachers in Catholic Schools.

Sept. 6: Retreat- <i>Living Like Francis Today</i> - Mount Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, 8:30-3:00	Sept. 20: Catechesis
Oct. 25: Catechetical Minister	Nov. 22: Program Development
Dec. 13: Professional Practice I	Jan. 24: Professional Practice II
Feb. 28: Pastoral Praxis I	March 28: Pastoral Praxis II
April 18: Legal Issues	May 9: Youth Ministry/Young Adult

### **STEWARDSHIP OFFICE**

**“Seven Steps to Becoming Financially Free”:** The diocesan Stewardship Commission has reviewed this material from Veritas Financial Ministries. This is a small group, faith-sharing program developed for Catholics. It is intended to help Catholics reflect upon their family budgeting systems and become more aware of how our faith informs some very specific aspects of our family finances, including spending priorities, investments, money management and getting out of debt.

The parish packet includes a book by Phil Lenahan, a Leaders’ guide, a sample Participant’s workbook, and three DVDs that will walk any parish commission through the steps of organizing a small faith sharing group. The materials are reasonably priced and you can find out more by calling 1-800-348-2440 x 2545.

### **FINANCE OFFICE**

**August 1 Due Date:** Thank you to those who have sent in their Budget, Corporate Resolution, Workers’ Compensation Audit Form, Summary of Financial Data, Finance Council Report and QuickBooks Back-up. For those that have not yet sent them in please remember the August 1 deadline. Your attention to this process is truly appreciated.

**Mileage Reimbursement Rate:** The mileage rate increased from \$0.45 to \$0.52 effective July 1, 2008.

**Credit Card Protection of Electronic Payments:** Recently there have been legislative changes, both national and in Iowa, that affect the workplace. The following is important for finance: Standards have been developed to protect credit card information. Parishes or schools which accept electronic information for tuition payments or donations must keep this information locked. Any electronic storage or transmission of this information needs to be reviewed for encryption to protect the person’s financial information. There will be further information on this later.

## **HOPE AND HEALING MINISTRIES**

Helps alleviate the emotional, psychological and spiritual suffering caused by sexual abuse and/or abortion. Our office has relocated. Our new contact information is:

Address: PO Box 2772, Davenport, IA 52809-2772

Phone number: 563-322-1645

Fax number: 563-322-1684

Toll-free hotline: 877-896-HOPE

E-mail: [hopeandhealing@mchsi.com](mailto:hopeandhealing@mchsi.com)

Web page: [www.hopeandhealingtoday.org](http://www.hopeandhealingtoday.org) (under construction)

### **Upcoming Retreats**

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

## **QUAD CITIES PAX CHRISTI**

*"Angelus Bells": an Animated Movie of the Nuclear Bombing of Hiroshima/Nagasaki:* August 3, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Bettendorf. This free exhibit and film show the terrible suffering and devastation caused by the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima/Nagasaki on Aug. 6, 1945. It reflects how the people of Japan want peace and do not want any nation to have to suffer as they have. Please join us for this evening of reflection on the need for peace. Materials are on loan from Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Japan. For further information contact S. Cathleen Real, 391-0567 or [ccreal@msn.com](mailto:ccreal@msn.com).

## **OUR LADY OF VICTORY, DAVENPORT**

*Spiritual Mission with David Haas*, September 12 and 13, Our Lady of Victory Church, Davenport

- Friday evening concert, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public. No fee; free will donations accepted.
- Saturday workshop from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. for all musicians, cantors, and liturgy volunteers (\$10 fee per person) Pre-registration required, see attached form.

## **SHALOM RETREAT CENTER, DUBUQUE**

### **Clare of Assisi: A Miracle for All Ages**

Thursday, Aug. 14, 9:30am – 3:00pm

Facilitators: Margaret Jungers OSF & Eileen Miller OSF

In her time, Clare's life and miracles brought consolation and healing to the people of her world. For those who still follow in her footsteps, she remains a shining light. Participants will be inspired and challenged as they probe the miracle stories that surround her life – stories of healing, multiplying bread and keeping enemies at bay. Her life and miracles will be celebrated with song, bread and storytelling.

*Offering: \$30, includes program & lunch. Register/prepay by Aug. 11.*

### **Learning the Gospel Way of Francis**

Friday, Oct. 3, 5:30pm - Friday, Oct. 10, 9:30am

Michael Crosby O.F.M. Cap

- *Belongs to the Midwest Province of the Capuchin Franciscans*

- *Award-winning author of 16 books*

- *Offers retreats and workshops in Americas, Africa, Asia and Europe*

In the midst of the violence of his day--in church and society--Francis discovered God calling him to embrace a gospel vision that linked him with the lepers of his day. Building on his new book: *Finding Francis, Following Christ*, Michael Crosby will develop this theme with two extended conferences a day ending with the call to living the "life of penance" in joy.

*Offering: \$365 (\$75 deposit) Early Bird Discount Rate: \$345 - if registered by Sept. 3*

## **The People That Walked in Darkness Have Seen a Great Light**

Friday, Dec. 5, 7:00pm - Sunday, Dec. 7, 1:00pm

Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton

- *Retired Bishop, Detroit, Michigan*

- *Noted international peace and justice speaker, writer & activist*

- *Founder of Pax Christi USA*

The biblical readings of Advent invite us to expect and await the coming of the Messiah in deeper ways in our own lives. God's advent words inspire hope and instill confidence for all who hear this call and accept the invitation to assist in creating a world where peace and justice will find a home. For we, like people in times past, have walked in darkness and now see a great Light. Includes communal prayer, Eucharistic liturgy, talks, and quiet time.

Commuter: Offering: \$110; *Early Bird Discount Rate: \$95, if registered by Nov. 5*

Overnight: Offering: \$125; *Early Bird Discount Rate: \$110, if registered by Nov. 5*

For information and registration contact 563-582-3592 or [info@shalomretreats.org](mailto:info@shalomretreats.org). Check out the new web site: <http://www.shalomretreats.org>.

## **EWTN'S FAMILY CELEBRATION**

***Called to Conversion in the Year of St. Paul:*** October 4 & 5, Dekalb, IL, Northern Illinois University. There is no registration fee or tickets required. For details go to EWTN's website, [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com) or call 1-205-795-5820, Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

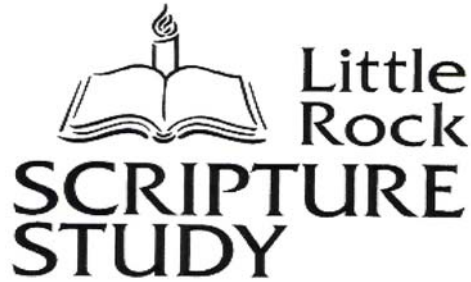
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Other interested persons are welcome to subscribe. If you have questions regarding your subscription contact Laurie Hoefling, [hoefling@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hoefling@davenportdiocese.org).

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## INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND EITHER:

**Date** **Saturday, September 13, 2008**

Time 9:15 – 9:30 Registration  
9:30 – 2:30 Workshop

Place Davenport, Assumption Library

**Date** **Sunday, September 14, 2008**

Time 1:15 – 1:30 Registration  
1:30 – 5:30 Workshop

Place Williamsburg, St. Mary Parish Center

REGISTER FOR THIS 'FREE' WORKSHOP by **August 29, 2008**

Fax 563-324-5811 or email requested information to Barb Butterworth

[butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org)

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Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

E-mail:

Parish and Parish Town:

Circle day attending:    September 13<sup>th</sup>                      September 14<sup>th</sup>

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