

NOON HOUR AT THE CHANCERY

We are happy to announce that the switchboard and main entrance at the Chancery are now open from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Your calls will be answered by the receptionist; materials to be picked up can be found at the front desk; or if you are arriving for a 1 p.m. meeting you will be able to come and wait inside. Know that many employees take their lunch hour during this time. Our business hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

DIRECTORY CHANGE

St. Andrew, Blue Grass: New Sunday mass time effective October 4.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (new time)

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 Sept. 29):

Date	Location	Time
10/2/08	St. Mary Church, Albia	6:30 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 or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

VOCATIONS OFFICE

A "**Project Andrew Dinner**" will be held November 6, 6 p.m., at St. Joseph Parish, North English. This is a great opportunity for young men – ages 15-35 – who may be called to serve in the priesthood, and their parents, to gather with Bishop Amos and area priests to talk about their vocation and share a meal. To RSVP, for further information or if you know of someone who is just waiting to be asked, please contact Fr. Marty Goetz, 563-324-1912, ext. 259 or goetz@davenportdiocese.org or your local priest. A promotional flyer/poster is attached.

A "**Vocation Discernment Day**" for men and women college-age and older will be held November 8 at St. Ambrose University in Davenport. This is a wonderful opportunity for young men and women who might feel called to the priesthood or religious life. This day of prayer and reflection will start at 9 a.m. and conclude with Mass and dinner at 6 p.m. For more information and to register, please contact Fr. Marty Goetz, 563-324-1912, ext. 259 or goetz@davenportdiocese.org or Sr. Ramona Kaalberg, 515-282-3521 or ramonak1@juno.com. A promotional flyer/poster is attached.

An "**Encounter With God's Call**" retreat will be held November 8-10 at Conception Seminary College. This retreat is for young men 16 and older who are considering a vocation to priesthood. This is an excellent opportunity to meet priests and seminarians as they share their stories of responding to God's call. This visit is free. For more information, please contact Conception Seminary College at 660-944-2886 or vocations@conception.edu or Fr. Marty Goetz.

A “*Thinking of Priesthood Day*” will be held November 15 at St. Stephen Student Center on the campus of the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls. Registration is 9-10 a.m. with the conference beginning at 10 and concludes at 5 p.m. with Mass and dinner following. Sponsored by the vocation offices of the four dioceses of Iowa, this day is for men, ages 17-45, who might be considering a possible call to priesthood. This day will include informal presentations and discussions, sharing from vocation directors of the four dioceses of Iowa and seminarians. Fr. Jonathan Fassero from St. Meinrad School of Theology will lead the discussions. For more information and to register, please contact Fr. Marty Goetz or your local priest. A promotional flyer/poster is attached.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

Institute Closing Ceremony & Graduation: Oct. 30, 11:00 - 1:00, SS. Mary & Mathias, Gannon Hall, Muscatine. All coaches, members and graduates of the Stewardship Institute are invited to participate in a closing ceremony and graduation of our 2008 participants. The program will include gospel reflection and discussion on implementation of stewardship in a parish. Lunch will be provided. Contact Dan Ebener if you are interested in attending, ebener@davenportdiocese.org.

Parish Life and Servant Leadership: Dan Ebener has written an article for the fall issue of *CHURCH Magazine*, a quarterly publication of the National Pastoral Life Center. It is entitled, *Parish Life and Servant Leadership* and it covers both the parish life study conducted in the Diocese of Davenport in 2005-06 and his work on servant leadership. To read the article, go to http://www.churchmagazine.org/issue/0809/par_parish_life.php.

FINANCE OFFICE

Annual Diocesan Appeal final goal statements will be included in the parish bags of Annual Appeal materials that will be distributed at the Parish Corporate Board meetings on October 5 and 7. Contact Nancy Karn, karn@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 229 if you don't receive (or can't find) your statement.

Tax Exemption: The 2008 IRS Group Ruling granting federal tax exemption for Catholic institutions may be accessed on the USCCB web page at www.usccb.org/ogc - click on *2008 Group Ruling*. This ruling will load as an Adobe document. Please print a copy and retain for future use. You can also find the ruling on our website using this link, <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/finance/finlibrary.htm>. To verify tax exempt status you must present the Group Ruling letter along with a current copy of the Diocese of Davenport listing found in the *Official Catholic Directory* (OCD). **We will not routinely mail hard copies of the Group Ruling.** Please access yours through the USCCB website or contact Nancy Karn for assistance.

Sales Tax Reminder: Please note that the IRS Group Ruling applies to federal and state income and federal unemployment taxes only. The exemption **does not apply to sales tax** levied by the state of Iowa. Purchases made by a parish (and its affiliated groups) are subject to Iowa sales tax. Schools do enjoy immunity from sales tax in certain circumstances. For more information regarding Iowa sales tax, call the order line at the Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance, 800-532-1531 and ask for booklet #78-595 – *Iowa Tax Issues for Nonprofit Entities*. The booklet may also be downloaded from the web at www.state.ia.us/tax. Click on *Publications, Sales and Use Tax, For Specific Business Types, Nonprofit Entities: Sales to and Sales by (78-595)*. For assistance contact Nancy Karn.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Social Action . . .

Respect Life Month: Hope and Trust in Life is this year's theme. October, Respect Life Month is a month in which we are called to reflect on the precious gift of life. While we believe that life begins at conception, there are the circumstances leading to birth, the health of the infant and mother, the ability of the family to find life sustaining employment, health care, education and growth in faith, leading to a return to God in a natural death. These are all elements of a true respect for the fact that we are made in the likeness of God. For Respect Life information and resources, see: <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/programs/rlp/index.shtml>.

October 15 is the deadline for grant applications to St. Vincent Home Corporation: This is for all parishes and other organizations that are eligible for funding. To download an application go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sastvincenthomecorporation.htm>. Applications will be reviewed at the November board meeting. Questions about the grant application process can be directed to John Kiley, 563-324-1912, ext. 269.

Pacem in Terris Award: October 19, 3:00 p.m., Christ the King Chapel, St. Ambrose University, Davenport with reception following at 4:00. Msgr. Marvin Mottet of the Diocese of Davenport has been selected to receive the Pacem in Terris Award Peace and Freedom Award. We would love to have the many people who have been inspired by his leadership join us for this celebration of his work for peace and justice. If you can join us, please RSVP by October 5 to Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-324-1912, ext. 289 or guerrero@davenportdiocese.org.

Faith at Work: This is the Social Action page in *The Catholic Messenger*. The October issue will focus on Faithful Citizenship. Articles for future issues are always welcome! Please contact Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-324-1912, ext. 289.

Social Action Institute: January 18-19, 2009 at 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. The November *Mini* will have more information and details.

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 or call 800-344-1107.

Faith Formation . . .

Marriage Preparation Weekends:

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

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

April 25-26: Williamsburg, St. Mary (registration deadline April 17)

June: TBA

August 15-16: Newton, Sacred Heart (registration deadline August 7)

October: TBA

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.

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC): Parish leaders are asked to report an initial group size estimate by Oct. 16. "Christ Reigns" will be held in Kansas City, MO on November 19-21, 2009 and the high school youth of your parish are invited. An NCYC Welcome Packet can be found at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/ffyouthministrypg1.htm#NCYC>. A promotional DVD will be mailed to those parishes who attended NCYC in 2007. Other parishes may request a copy by contacting Barb Butterworth, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org.

Diocesan High School Rally is Nov. 16: Registration deadline is Oct. 31. "Alpha and Omega: Day by Day" is the theme for this year's rally, expected to draw 800-1,000 youth and adults to the Coralville Marriott. Through breakouts, prayer and plenty of fun activities, youth will learn more about living their Catholic faith amid daily challenges. Christian comedian Judy McDonald will be keynoter. Registration information is available at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/ffyouthministrypg1.htm#HighSchoolYouthRally>. Be sure to begin by checking out "Youth Rally Welcome." This year's packet includes an all-in-one publicity/permission sheet. Youth seeking more information can go to 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. 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.

NET (National Evangelization Team) will be in our diocese January 13- February 3 to present retreats to high school and middle school youth. If you'd like to arrange a retreat date, contact Pat Finan, finan@davenportdiocese.org or 641-842-5148. For more information about NET and its services, go to www.netusa.org.

The Theologies of the Four Evangelists is the theme for the Day of Reflection on February 24, 2009, 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary, Williamsburg. Micah D. Kiel, assistant professor of theology at St. Ambrose University will be the presenter. A registration form will be available at a later date.

2009 Youth Ministry Dates:

- High School Youth Rally: Nov. 16 at Coralville Marriott
- NCCYM Conference: Dec. 4-7 in Cleveland. Go to www.nfcym.org for more info
- Teens Encounter Christ (TEC): Feb. 14-16 at St. Paul the Apostle, Davenport
- Quest Retreat: Feb. 28-March 1 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Bettendorf
- COR Retreat: March 6-8 at St. Joseph's Parish, DeWitt
- Quest Retreat: March 7-8 at St. Mary's Parish, Grinnell
- Junior High Youth Rally: March 29 at Iowa Memorial Union in Iowa City
- Retreat for youth ministry leaders, late Spring at Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat Center
- Catholics in Action: June 28-30, home-base site still to-be-determined
- TEC Retreat: July 11-13 at Sacred Heart Parish in Newton
- High School Youth Rally: Oct. 18, 2009 at Coralville Marriott
- National Catholic Youth Conference: Nov. 19-21, 2009 in Kansas City, MO

Free Scripture Resources are available from Little Rock Scripture Study, www.littlerockscripture.org. *What Does the Bible Say About the Rapture* and *What Does the Bible Say About Six Days to Create the World* are available as a two-page insert for bulletins/newsletters or an eight-page format for group discussion. Future titles are *Being Born Again* and *Faith & Works*. A 13-part series on Saint Paul beginning June 2008 is also a free download. For a small fee *A Year of Sundays* may be purchased. It includes a brief reflection and questions for each Sunday's Gospel for 2009.

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.**

Two options are available for this program: a) one meeting a month (times and locations around the diocese) or b) two Saturdays a month (uses the Iowa Communications Network also in several locations around the diocese). 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:

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.

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

HYMNALS FOR SALE

St. Mary of the Visitation, Ottumwa has 250 hardbound Worship hymnals (©1986 by GIA) for sale at \$1.00 each. To purchase please contact Tom Shadonix, musicoffice@awsllc.net or 641-682-0026.

THE CATHOLIC MESSENGER

New Employee: *The Catholic Messenger* is pleased to announce the appointment of Kathy Weiss as advertising and marketing manager. Her first day of work was Sept. 17. This is the first time the paper has had a full-time advertising/marketing manager in recent history. Kathy is a writer and marketing professional, as well as a former staff member of *The Catholic Messenger*. She served as a diocesan reporter during the 1980s and later as advertising manager before moving out of the diocese. A native of Davenport and mother of three, she now lives in Coralville with her husband, Steve, and youngest son, Calvin.

The Catholic Messenger also is in the process of developing a new web site. The designer is Townnews.com. We are excited about the prospect of launching a new web site with advertising capabilities.

Barb Arland-Fye, Editor

HOPE AND HEALING MINISTRIES

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion in Rock Island, IL on October 24-26. This confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone hurting inside after abortion. For more information or to donate or volunteer call 563-322-1645 or email hopeandhealing@mchsi.com. Scholarships are available. You can also visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or call a toll-free hotline: 1-877-896-HOPE.

ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY, DAVENPORT

Human Trafficking: Local and Global Perspectives: October 21, 7 p.m. in the ballroom of the Rogalski Center (corner of Ripley and Lombard Streets). The presenter is author and human rights activist Ninotchka Rosca. This keynote address of the Ambrose Women for Social Justice (AWSJ) conference will explore the nature of the problem as well as the work of those who seek to assist victims. The lecture is free and open to the public.

A political prisoner under the Marcos regime in the Philippines, Rosca founded and chaired GABRIELA, the preeminent women's rights organization of the Philippines. She has participated in numerous world forums and conferences and has served in leadership positions with Amnesty International and the U.N. "Women 2000" conference. Rosca is the author of six books, including "State of War," (1988) and "Twice Blessed" (1992), which earned the 1993 American Book Award for excellence in literature. Rosca is a two-time recipient of the New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship and a frequent contributor to several U.S. and European periodicals.

SHALOM RETREAT CENTER, DUBUQUE

Deep Listening . . . A dramatic presentation on death, dying and end of life issues

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 7:00 – 9:15pm

Presenter: Lisa Wagner of Still Point Theatre Collective - Chicago, IL

After interviewing health care providers, playwright Teresa Weed was informed that “as a culture we are dying very badly.” In collaboration with artists and those in the healthcare field, this vivid, moving 70 minute play examines the subjects of death, dying and end of life care. It engages the audience with familiar stories, gentle humor and music, exploring what it is like “to look death” in the face on a daily basis. Encourages audience to integrate head and heart into their work. Intended audience: physicians, nurses, hospice workers, students, administrators, social workers, ministers and counselors, anyone interested in these issues.

Offering: \$20. 0.24 CEUs for nurses, 2.0 CEUs for social workers available through IBN Provider #7, Northeast Iowa Community College, for additional \$6, bring SS & License #

Registration and prepayment required by Monday, Nov. 3. TO REGISTER, send name of event, your name, address, phone, and email with check made payable to Shalom Retreat Center, 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001.

Bishop Gumbleton Advent Retreat Weekend . . . The People That Walked in Darkness Have Seen a Great Light

Friday, Dec. 5, 7:00 p.m. - Sunday, Dec. 7, 1:00 p.m.

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.

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

Deacons	Diocesan Corporate Board	Youth Ministers	Pastoral Associates
Diocesan Liturgical Commission	Parishes	Parish Lay Directors (Trustees)	Sisters
Priests	Principals	Diocesan Board of Education	Bookkeepers
RCIA Parish Contacts	Seminarians	Directors/Coordinators of Faith Formation	

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

PROJECT ANDREW DINNER

**Has the call to priesthood ever crossed your mind?
Do you have questions?**

**You and your parents are invited
to join Bishop Amos
and area priests for prayer and dinner
as they share the joy of their call to priesthood.**

**Thursday, November 6, 2008
5 - 7 PM**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
North English, Iowa**

This is for men ages 15-35.

If you wish to attend or have any questions
please contact your local priest or:

Fr. Marty Goetz

Ph. 563-324-1912, ext. 259

E-mail: goetz@davenportdiocese.org

Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 4



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Vocation Discernment Day

**SATURDAY,
November 8, 2008**

**St. Ambrose University
518 W. Locust Street
Davenport, IA 52803**

9 AM — 6 PM

Men and Women College Age and Older

There is no fee.

Please register by November 5, 2008

This day-long event for single men and women, college age and older, will give participants some practical ways to discern God's call in their lives with the main focus on vocations to priesthood and religious life. It will provide some time to learn and reflect upon ways God gives us guidance in recognizing and answering our call. You will not want to miss this opportunity.

Highlights

- Talks on discernment/recognizing God's call
- Sharing of personal stories by priests, religious women and seminarian
- Time for personal prayer and reflection
- Celebration of the Eucharist
- Sharing of meals and conversation

For more information, contact:

Fr. Marty Goetz at 563-324-1912, ext. 259 or goetz@davenportdiocese.org

Sr. Ramona Kaalberg at 515-282-3521 or ramonak1@juno.com

To register, please fill out the form below and return by Wednesday, November 5, 2008 to:

Fr. Marty Goetz, Diocese of Davenport, 2706 N. Gaines Street, Davenport, IA 52804 or e-mail information to goetz@davenportdiocese.org

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Thinking Of Priesthood Day

“Could God be calling me to the priesthood?”

Is this lingering question on your heart & mind?

Join other College students and single men
between the ages of 17 and 45 years to
THINK ABOUT PRIESTHOOD

Saturday, November 15, 2008

10 AM to 5 PM

(Registration at 9:00 AM)

Mass and dinner will follow at 5 PM

**St. Stephen Student Center
Cedar Falls, Iowa**

ABSOLUTELY NO COST — ABSOLUTELY NO OBLIGATION

Informal presentations and discussions
Sharing from vocation directors of the four dioceses of Iowa
and seminarians

**Discussions will be led by
Fr. Jonathan Fassero
from St. Meinrad School of Theology
St. Meinrad, IN**

If you are desiring to attend this gathering, please contact:
Fr. Marty Goetz
Ph. 563-324-1912, ext. 259
E-mail: goetz@davenportdiocese.org

Is God calling you to be a PRIEST?

Come and See.....

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