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HOLIDAY CLOSING

The diocesan offices will be closed on November 27-28 in observance of Thanksgiving.

DIRECTORY CHANGE

New Residence:

Rev. Msgr. Michael Morrissey:

St. Vincent Center, 2706 N. Gaines St., Davenport 52804-1998; 563-324-0383

Rev. Joseph M. Wolf:

Our Lady of the River Rectory, 28200 226th Pl., PO Box 32, LeClaire 52753-0032; 563-289-5736;

wolfj@diodav.org

N.B.: Please continue to send all correspondence regarding Marriage Tribunal matters to the Diocese (2706 N. Gaines St.).

New Mailing Address:

Clinton, Prince of Peace, Fr. Tony Herold and Fr. Thom Hennen:

1105 LaMetta Wynn Dr., PO Box 578, Clinton 52732-0578

New Deacon at Sacred Heart, Newton:

Deacon Daniel Goetz, 902 East 17th Street N, Newton 50208-2435, W: 641-792-3121, ext. 612; C: 641-521-9929

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

From Sr. Laura Goedken, OP: I am the new Director of Development for the Diocese. I started on October 1 and my office is on the first floor of the Pastoral Center. This is a new position for the Diocese and I am happy to be here. You will hear more from me as time goes on. I hope you stop and say hello when you are in the Center.

Charitable IRA Rollover: Along with the \$700 billion rescue plan passed by Congress very recently, a two-year extension of the IRA rollover provision was included. This charitable option allows donors age 70 or older to move \$100,000 per year from their IRA directly to an eligible charity without having to pay income taxes on this money. This law provides that, in each of the calendar years 2008 and 2009, an owner of an IRA may instruct the trustee to distribute directly to a charity up to \$100,000 without the distribution being included in taxable income, and that distribution will count toward the IRA owner's mandatory withdrawal amount.

The following rules apply:

- The donor must be age 70 or older and own a traditional or Roth IRA. Other retirement plans, such as pensions, 401(k) plans and others are not eligible.
- The annual cap on IRA rollovers is \$100,000.
- The donor must direct the IRA administrator to transfer funds to a qualified organization. If IRA owners withdraw funds and then contribute them separately, the amount withdrawn will be included in the donor's gross income.
- No charitable deductions are allowed, but gift amounts will not be included in the donors' income.
- The provision will be made retroactive to January 1, 2008 and will apply to gifts made from that date through December 31, 2009.
- The gift must be outright; rollovers to a planned gift, such as a gift annuity or charitable remainder trust, do not qualify.

MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL

All clergy and pastoral ministers who assist couples with their preparation for Catholic nuptials are reminded that all current forms are available on the diocesan web page, <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/trib/triblibrary.htm>. Forms for initiating marriage cases can also be found here.

N.B. The optional social security information has been deleted from the prenuptial investigation forms. And a special **thank you** to those who send the prenuptial papers to the office four weeks before the wedding!

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 Oct. 31):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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 "**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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

Growing Deeper, Region IX Stewardship Conference, March 26 & 27. Kansas City, KS. Keynote speakers are Bishop Michael Jackels from the Diocese of Wichita and Dan Conway who has 30 years of experience helping Catholic organizations with strategic planning, communications, stewardship education and development. Workshops are: *Creating a Parish Pastoral Plan*, *The Stewardship Committee: A Practical Approach*, *The Foundations of Stewardship in Sacred Scripture* and *Encouraging a New Generation of Stewards: Stewardship Among Generation Wh(y)*. Contact Dan Ebener for a registration form, ebener@davenportdiocese.org.

LITURGY OFFICE

St. Paul Vespers: The Diocese is invited to gather at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Davenport on Sunday, January 25, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. to celebrate Vespers (Evening Prayer) in honor of St. Paul. Since the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul also closes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we will be joined in prayer by the pastors and people of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport. Their senior pastor, Rev. Peter Marty, will preach that evening along with Bishop Amos.

Focus on Initiation: Mystagogy, July 24-25, 2009: The North American Forum on the Catechumenate is returning to the Diocese of Davenport this summer to present this 2-day institute on the period of Mystagogy. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

FINANCE OFFICE

Snow & Ice Precautions: Falls on steps and sidewalks increase during the winter season. Here are a few measures that should be considered to safeguard the people, facilities and ministries of our communities.

- Take special care to see that steps and sidewalks are clean and well tended.
- GuideOne Insurance has issued a directive that each location must keep a salt and sanding log book. This will provide documentation in case of an accident.
- Have the employees responsible for snow removal wear the appropriate footwear.
- When possible, offer assistance to anyone who might have difficulty walking.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Social Action . . .

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) collection this year is the weekend of November 22 and 23. Every parish should receive a packet of materials: posters, some envelopes and copies of the bulletin insert adapted to our diocese. Please place the insert in your parish bulletin the weekend of November 15-16, and we would like to have the poster displayed prominently. Please use the following link to order promotional material; <http://www.usccb.org/cchd/resources/index.shtml>. If you need more materials or have any questions, please contact Loxi Hopkins, 563-324-1912, ext. 246 or hopkins@yahoo.com. We are grateful for the continued support of the Campaign.

Café on Vine: In August 2007, John Lewis Community Services, Davenport announced the closing of the John Lewis Café. Immediately, a small group of committed people led by Msgr. Marvin Mottet, Sister Bea Snyder, and Nora Dvorak, a community volunteer, met to determine how best to respond to this dramatic closing of an essential service. This group founded Café on Vine and developed a detailed, bold plan to realize its mission statement: *To promote the dignity of each person by feeding the hungry and advocating for an end to hunger in our community*. One year later after a lot of hard work and great support from the community, Café on Vine is ending its first year of operations with some very impressive results:

People/Meals Served: nearly 40,000	Volunteers Serving the Hungry: 800
Total Hours Volunteered: 3500	Value of Donated Food/Supplies: over \$100,000
Total Cost of Operating Café: \$60,000	Average Cost per Meal Served: \$1.50

If you want to see this important mission continue, please consider a gift to help Café on Vine fight hunger one meal at a time. Café on Vine relies almost exclusively on donations by individuals and church and civic groups for financial support. Remit checks to Café on Vine, PO Box 3375, Davenport, IA 52808-3375.

The Catholic Messenger Faith at Work page will be published quarterly. Please be on the look for our first 2009 edition during the month of March. There will be no publication for the month of December. The last 2008 edition will focus on poverty.

The Friends of Madagascar Committee met October 28 and has decided on the size of the delegation for next June's visit. The Committee is working with John Taylor of Catholic Relief Services to develop the service project to meet the vocational training needs of our partner Diocese in Madagascar. A brochure describing the project and the help needed will be developed in the coming month and distributed to parishes.

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 . . .

Diocesan High School Rally is Nov. 16: Late registration deadline is Nov. 7. Cost is \$40 for late registrations. "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 online 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 network with other youth leaders. Information, including an online promotional video and registration is available at www.nfcym.org. 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-Feb. 3 to present retreats to high school and middle school youth. Dates still available are:

Jan. 14 (Wednesday) Jan. 20 (Tuesday) Jan. 27 (Tuesday) Jan. 29 (Thursday) Jan. 30 (Friday)

If you'd like to arrange a retreat date, contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org or 641-842-5148. For more information about NET and its services, go to www.netusa.org.

The National Catholic Youth Conference deadline has passed for parish groups to provide estimates for attendance at the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) 2009 held in Kansas City, Mo. Thirty parishes or clusters responded, reporting 823 participants. Anyone still wishing to attend will be placed on a waiting list. For more information about NCYC, go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/ffyouthministrypg1.htm#NCYC> or contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org.

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, Regina High School, 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, Kansas City, MO

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. All adults who are interested in Scripture or lead Scripture study groups will want to hear Micah Kiel from St. Ambrose University share information about the four gospel writers. A registration form is attached. Space is limited so register early.

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.

CEW (CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE WEEKEND): The leadership manual has been updated. A copy is available for review by contacting IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435.

Marriage Preparation Weekends:

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.

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.**

"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)

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:

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.

Nov. 22: Program Development	Jan. 24: Professional Practice II
Dec. 13: Professional Practice I	March 28: Pastoral Praxis II
Feb. 28: Pastoral Praxis I	May 9: Youth Ministry/Young Adult
April 18: Legal Issues	

NEW MELLARY ABBEY, PEOSTA

“Guard of the Advent Heart”, November 28 –30: Abbot Brendan Freeman will explore how this centuries-old monastic practice can be used by lay men and women who wish to deepen their Advent observances. Participants will also have the opportunity to pray the Liturgy of the Hours with the monks, as well as to enter into the silence and tranquility of the monastery for private meditation and reflection. Registration fee is \$150.00, which includes, room, meals, and all retreat materials and handouts. Deadline for registration is November 24. To register, contact the guestmaster at 563-588-2319 or www.newmelleray.org.

SHALOM RETREAT CENTER, DUBUQUE

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.*

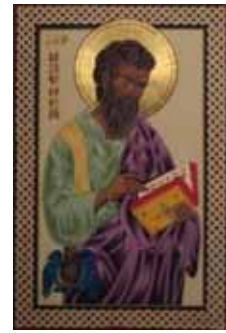
OVERNIGHT: Offering: \$125; *Early Bird Discount Rate: \$110, if registered by Nov. 5.*

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.



ICONS of the Four Evangelists by Leanne Spacek,
St. Mary's Sanctuary Williamsburg

"The Theologies of the Four Evangelists"

with Micah D. Kiel

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

St. Mary's Parish Center, Williamsburg



Micah D. Kiel is an assistant professor of Theology with a specialization in Biblical Studies at St. Ambrose University. He is currently finishing his doctoral dissertation from Princeton Theological Seminary. He has an M.Div from Princeton and a B.A. from St. John's University in Collegeville, MN.

Schedule

8:30 – 9:00	Registration (coffee, juice, pastries)
9:00 – 11:30	Welcome and prayer, Micah Kiel
11:30-12:15	Lunch
12:15-2:30	Micah Kiel
2:30-3:00	Meditation & Prayer with ICONS Artist will be present after prayer for conversation.

Directions

St. Mary's is in Williamsburg, about two miles south of I-80, exit 220.
The parish center is on the east side of IA-149, just north of the church.

Registration: fee is \$25, deadline is February 18th. Make checks payable to *Diocese of Davenport*
For information, contact Barbara Butterworth at butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or (563) 324-1912, ext. 265

Name: _____

Address, City, State, Zip Code: _____

Day Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Parish/School: _____

Parish/School Town: _____

Return form and payment to:

Diocese of Davenport, attn. Barbara Butterworth, 2706 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA 52804-1998

(Day of Reflection with Micah D. Kiel February 24, 2009)

Sponsored by the Diocese of Davenport with Annual Diocesan Appeal Funds

We're coming to your area!



FOCUS ON INITIATION: MYSTAGOGY

*In partnership with The North American Forum on the Catechumenate
is coming to the Diocese of Davenport, Iowa!
July 24-25, 2009*

This institute seeks to foster a deeper understanding of the period of *Mystagogy* and to develop the skills needed to implement fully the vision of this period in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.

Particularly suited for experienced initiation ministers, participants at most institutes include liturgists, pastoral musicians, pastors and associates, catechists, directors of religious education, campus ministers, Catholic school principals and teachers, members of the catechumenate team and sponsors.



- Deepens an understanding of the intent and activities of the period of mystagogy
- Explores in depth the meaning of “deepening the grasp of the Paschal Mystery”
- Considers the liturgies of this period from the perspectives of preparation, celebration, and mystagogical reflection
- Models post-baptismal catechesis from the experience of the sacraments
- Develops skills needed to implement fully the vision in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Leads participants to reflect critically on their approach to this period

The registration brochure will be online at least six (6) months before the institute. Access Forum’s website www.naforum.org for online registration and a downloadable copy of the brochure.

Yes, I am interested in the Mystagogy Institute.
Please fax or email to the address listed below.

For further information, please contact

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