HOLIDAY CLOSING
January 2: The diocesan offices will be closed an additional day for the Christmas holiday. The offices will be closed from December 24-January 2. We will resume “business as usual” on Monday, January 5.

THE CATHOLIC MESSENGER

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL
The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) will meet Sunday, January 18 at 2 p.m., St. Wenceslaus Church Hall, Iowa City.

VOCATIONS OFFICE
National Vocation Awareness Week is January 11-16. Materials were emailed earlier in December. If you need these materials in English or Spanish, please contact Fr. Marty Goetz, goetz@davenportdiocese.org.

Don’t forget about the Vocation Contest that is being held for our students in grades 5-8. Our topic this year is to come up with an ad campaign that will inspire others to consider a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. It can be an ad, jingle, slogan, song or poem. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, grade and school with your idea. (And please don’t borrow from present ad campaigns like Priesthood: The Real Thing or Priesthood: Just Do It!) Send your creative ideas to The Catholic Messenger, PO Box 460, Davenport, IA 52805-0460 by Friday, January 16. The winners will be announced the last week of January and their entries will be published in The Catholic Messenger. And again this year, all winners will have Pizza with Bishop Amos and the grand prize winner will have their idea placed on the Diocesan Vocation Poster for 2009! Let us all continue to pray for vocations!

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
Moving Church giving to the electronic age: Check transactions are falling at the rate of 6% a year while electronic fund transfers (EFT) are growing by 18%. In 2008, the total value of EFT transactions is poised to surpass check transactions for the first time. (Federal Reserve, 2007). Electronic giving continues when your parishioner is not able to attend Mass at your parish on a given weekend. When a parish offers credit and debit card giving in addition to EFT, the credit or debit card is selected more often.

After extensive research and conversations, the Diocese has selected Vanco Services to handle EFT, credit and debit card transactions. The opportunity to give electronically to the Diocese will be posted on our website after the first of the year. Information to consider in making a decision for electronic giving includes security risks, ease of record keeping, efficient transfer of funds, and the ability to post this opportunity on your website.

Some will say there is a witness and stewardship value to dropping an envelope in the basket each weekend. Envelopes can be provided for this purpose stamped, “I give electronically.” For more information or for assistance, contact Sister Laura Goedken, 563-324-1912, ext. 290 or goedken@davenportdiocese.org.

FINANCE OFFICE
Mileage Reimbursement: Due to the reduction in gas prices the IRS has lowered its maximum reimbursement rate for 2009 to 55¢ per mile for business travel. However, the Diocese has decided to keep the Diocesan reimbursement rate at 52¢ for the remainder of the fiscal year. As the parishes begin budgeting for 2009-2010 continue to use the 52¢ as a budget number. It is impossible to predict where gas prices will be next year.
STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

Region IX Stewardship Conference: Growing Deeper, March 26-27, Kansas City, KS. This is the regional conference for Catholic parishes in Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. Topics include: Stewardship with Hispanics, The Stewardship Committee: A Practical Approach and Stewardship Among Youth. See the attached brochure for 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 (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 December 22):

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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.

LITURGY OFFICE

St. Paul Vespers: We are invited to gather at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Davenport, on Sunday, January 25, 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 of Davenport. Their senior pastor, Rev. Peter Marty, will preach that evening along with Bishop Amos, who will preside.

In honor of St. Paul’s work as a tentmaker, and remembering how much he cared for the poor in Jerusalem, we will also be receiving a collection to assist the Humility of Mary Shelter who provides housing for the homeless.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Social Action . . .

January 1st – World Peace Day: Pope Benedict has declared New Year’s Day World Peace Day and calls upon all of us to reflect on the connection between Justice and Peace articulated by his predecessor Pope Paul VI when he said, “If you want Peace, work for Justice!” In his message the Pope states: “Once again, as the New Year begins, I want to extend good wishes for peace to people everywhere. With this Message I would like to propose a reflection on the theme: Fighting Poverty to Build Peace. Back in 1993, my venerable Predecessor Pope John Paul II, in his Message for the World Day of Peace that year, drew attention to the negative repercussions for peace when entire populations live in poverty. Poverty is often a contributory factor or a compounding element in conflicts, including armed ones. In turn, these conflicts fuel further tragic situations of poverty. ‘Our world’, he wrote, ‘shows increasing evidence of another grave threat to peace: many individuals and indeed whole peoples are living today in conditions of extreme poverty. The gap between rich and poor has become more marked, even in the most economically developed nations. This is a problem which the conscience of humanity cannot ignore, since the conditions in which a great number of people are living are an insult to their innate dignity and as a result are a threat to the authentic and harmonious progress of the world community.’”

In this context, fighting poverty requires attentive consideration of the complex phenomenon of globalization. Pope Benedict’s message can be found on the diocesan home page: www.davenportdiocese.org.

National Migration Week will be held January 4-10. The theme for 2009 is Renewing Hope, Seeking Justice. USCCB publishing has a wide variety of resources available to celebrate the week. Call 800-235-8722 or go to www.usccbpublishing.org. For a copy of Bishop John Wester’s letter, Bishop of Salt Lake City and chairman of the USCCB Committee on Migration, go to http://www.nccbuscc.org/mrs/nmw/bishopsletters.shtml.
Iowa Social Action Institute: January 18-19, St. Francis of Assisi Church, West Des Moines. The Institute is an annual two-day event that traditionally coincides with the Sunday and Monday in January that honors the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The theme will be on Immigration and includes a panel from Postville, Iowa and the keynote speaker will be Antonio Cube, the national manager for the “Justice for Immigrants” campaign of the USCCB. To register go to http://www.iowasocialaction.org/.

Operation Rice Bowl: You may place an order now for the 2009 Operation Rice Bowl materials. Your order will be shipped in early-January, six weeks before lent. As we think about the close connection between poverty and the lack of peace in our world outlined in the Pope’s World Day of Peace Message, it is important for us to act by supporting the great work done by Catholic Relief Services through Operation Rice Bowl. If you have any questions about your order please call 800-222-0025.

Madagascar Update: The Friends of Madagascar Committee will meet again in January to continue work on its plans to provide assistance to our Global Partner, the Diocese of Antsiranana as they work to expand the availability of vocational education. Members of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are working to support this project by selling Fair Trade Chocolate. For information on how to buy great chocolate and support this project contact Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-324-1912, ext. 289 or guerrero@davenportdiocese.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 or call 800-344-1107.

Flood Update: Flood recovery efforts continue in our Diocese. Glenn Leach, the Coordinator of this major effort reports that the Long Term Flood Recovery Committees are working hard to meet the basic needs of families trying to get back to a normal routine by helping to replace major appliances lost in the flood. If you or someone you know has been directly impacted by the flood and needs assistance beyond that already provided, please contact your Long Term Recovery Committee through your local United Way or by dialing 211. This effort received a significant boost from a very generous contribution by the Diocese of Des Moines. The Diocese, along with other organizations, is providing funding for case management assistance to those affected. The goal is to find and assist those who have continuing needs. The recovery is slow, but progressing.

Faith Formation . . .

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. 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.

TEC, Quest, COR retreats for youth coming up:
   TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Retreat will be held Feb. 14-16 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Davenport. TEC is a 3-day retreat for high school juniors and seniors (college freshmen also are welcome) that focuses on the Paschal Mystery. Applications for youth participants have been e-mailed to all youth ministry leaders in the diocese, and will be available soon online at www.davenportyouth.org.
   Quest retreats are for freshmen and sophomores. The focus is on loving yourself, loving others and loving God. Quest will be held:
      • Feb. 28-March 1 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Bettendorf
      • March 7-8 at St. Mary’s Parish, Grinnell
   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 6-8 at St. Joseph, DeWitt
      • March 28-29 at Holy Trinity, Keota
Applications and information on all Quest and COR retreats will be available soon at www.davenportdiocese.org.
**Junior High Youth Rally** will be held Sunday, March 29 at Regina High School. The theme will be “Gold Medal Catholic: Everyone’s a Winner with God.” Keynoter will be Popple, two guys who travel the country sharing their unique blend of comedic-acoustic-fun-loving music and their passion for their faith. A PDF version of the promotional flier is attached to this edition of the Mini-Messenger. A word document version (that parish leaders can type information directly into) will be e-mailed soon. More information about the rally is at [www.davenportdiocese.org](http://www.davenportdiocese.org), and information about Popple is at [www.popple.us](http://www.popple.us).

**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 go to [http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/ffyouthministrypg1.htm#NCYC](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/ffyouthministrypg1.htm#NCYC) or contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org.

**Youth Ministry Dates:**
- 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 featuring Popple
- 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 featuring ValLimar Jansen
- National Catholic Youth Conference: Nov. 19-21, 2009, Kansas City, MO

**February 18 Registration Deadline:** *The Theologies of the Four Evangelists* is the theme for the Day of Reflection on February 24, 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary, Williamsburg. All adults 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. Early registrations are welcome. A registration form is attached if needed.

**Marriage Preparation Weekends:**
- February 21-22: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney (registration deadline February 13)
- March 14-15: Newton, Sacred Heart (registration deadline March 6)
- 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](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 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](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).
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**Specialization in Catechetics:**
This is highly recommended for parish directors of faith formation/religious education, youth ministers, theology and religion teachers in Catholic Schools.

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- RCIA Parish Contacts

Other interested persons are welcome to subscribe. If you have questions regarding your subscription contact Laurie Hoeffling, hoeffling@davenportdiocese.org.
Keynote Speakers

Bishop Michael Owen Jackels
On January 28, 2005, Pope John Paul II announced the appointment of Reverend Monsignor Michael Owen Jackels as the tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Wichita. He was ordained at the Church of the Magdalen, Wichita on April 4, 2005.

Ortained to the priesthood on May 31, 1981 in the Diocese of Lincoln, Neb., Bishop Jackels served the Diocese of Lincoln in a variety of pastoral assignments. Bishop Jackels has spent more than half his priesthood in Rome, first working towards a doctorate in spiritual theology, and most recently, eight years working in the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith under Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI.

Bishop Jackels was born April 13, 1954 in Rapid City, S.D. He received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy in 1977 from St. Pius X Seminary in Erlanger, Ken., holds a master of arts in theology from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., and a doctorate in sacred theology from Pontifical University of St. Thomas in Rome.

Dan Conway
Dan Conway joined the staff of O'Meara, Ferguson, Whelan, and Conway, Inc. following nearly 30 years of experience helping Catholic organizations in the areas of strategic planning, communications, stewardship education, and development. Dan served as chief stewardship and development officer for several catholic institutions including the Archdiocese of Louisville, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and the Archdiocese of Chicago. Dan has taught in the International Catholic Stewardship Council's Institute for Stewardship and Development since 1993, and he writes a regular column on stewardship themes, The Good Steward, for diocesan newspapers and other publications.

A graduate of Saint Meinrad College. Dan earned a Master of Arts degree in Religious Studies from Indiana University and a Master of Religious Education from St. Meinrad School of Theology.

Conference Schedule

Thursday, March 26, 2009
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Conference Registration
11:45 a.m. Welcome
12:00 noon-1:30 p.m. Lunch/Keynote address
Bishop Michael Owen Jackels
1:30 p.m.-2 p.m. Break
2 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions
3:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Break
3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions
5:30 p.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Dessert Reception
8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Dinner on Your Own

Friday, March 27, 2009
7:45 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Keynote address
Dan Conway
9:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Break
9:45 a.m.-11 a.m. Breakout Sessions
11:15 a.m. Closing Mass

They are like a tree planted near streams of water, That yields its fruit in season...
Workshops

Mike Wescott
Diocese of Wichita
“Creating a Parish Pastoral Plan”

Jody Paulsen
Assistant Director of Parish Stewardship
Diocese of Lincoln
“The Stewardship Committee: A Practical Approach”

Michael Murphy
Executive Director, ICSC
“The Foundations of Stewardship in Sacred Scripture”

Father Troy Schweiger
Superintendent, Hastings Catholic Schools
Hastings, Nebraska
“The Eucharist: The Heart of Stewardship”

Father Jarrod Lies, Chaplain
Bishop Carroll Catholic High School
Wichita, Kansas
“Encouraging a New Generation of Stewards: Stewardship among Generation Why(?)”

Dana Nearmyer
Consultant for Youth Ministry
Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas
“Consultant Evangelization and Catholic Formation”

Luis Soto
Director of Hispanic Ministries
Archdiocese of Denver
“Stewardship with Hispanics”

Please complete this registration form. Make check payable to the Diocese of Jefferson City and return to:

Attn: Stewardship Office
Diocese of Jefferson City
2207 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65109

For more information please call 573.635.9127 ext. 202

Parish__________________________
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Contact Person___________________
Street Address___________________
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Please print full names of all conference attendees as they should appear on the name badge (for additional attendees attach separate sheet):

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Total Number Attending Conference_______x $90
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Fee includes lunch on Thursday and a continental breakfast on Friday morning and snacks and all conference materials. Any cancellation received before March 10, 2009, will be eligible for a full refund less a $10 administrative fee. Cancellations after March 17, 2009, will not be eligible for refunds. Without exception, all cancellations must be received in writing.
Diocese of Davenport ~ Jr Hi Youth Rally

Gold Medal Catholic
Everyone’s a Winner with Jesus!

Sunday, March 29
Regina High School ~ Iowa City

featuring Champion Triathletes
(ukelele~kazoo~comedy)

Type in your parish info here
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Time you leave church
Time you return to church
Grade levels (6-8 or 7-8)
Any other details worth adding!
“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 1-80, 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

Return form and payment to:
Diocese of Davenport, attn. Barbara Butterworth, 2706 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA 52804-1998

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