OFFICES CLOSED
The diocesan and Catholic Messenger offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4.

PRIEST & PARISH ADDRESS CHANGES
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Rev. Corey Close (newly ordained): US mail to 1740 Maple Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062-5473, closec@diodav.org
Rev. Martin Goetz: SS. John & Paul Parish, 700 Division St., Burlington 52601-5415, 319-752-6733, c: 319-572-4504
Rev. Anthony Herold: St. Paul Parish, 916 E. Rusholme St., Davenport 52803-2548, 563-322-7994
Rev. William Hubmann (new pastor to diocese): St. Mary Parish, 828 S. 18th St., Centerville 52544-2506, 641-437-1984, hubmannw@diodav.org
Rev. Andrew Kelly: Sacred Heart Monastery, 1005 W. 8th St., Yankton, SD 57078-3389, 605-668-6075
Rev. William Kneemiller: 606 Fulton St., Grand Mound 52751-9520, 563-847-2271
Rev. Dennis Martin: 170 W. Rochester Ave., Atalissa 52720-9639, 563-946-3114

St. Anne, Welton: (parish business now managed by St. Joseph Church, DeWitt). US mail to 417 6th Ave., DeWitt 52742-2047; phone: 563-659-3514

NEW DIOCESAN EMPLOYEE
Lyndsay Chase has been hired as our new receptionist. She has been serving as our receptionist through a temp agency since mid-May. We are delighted to have her with us. Please introduce yourself when you call or come in and help us welcome Lyndsay to church ministry.

FINANCE OFFICE
Workers Compensation Webinar: July 3, 2:00-3:00 p.m. This webinar is designed for parish bookkeepers and business managers, pastors or others interested in diocesan workers compensation issues. Part 1 of the presentation will be a brief presentation by Nancy Karn, Accounting Coordinator, on completing the payroll forms for the Workers Compensation Audit. She will also show how using QuickBooks payroll summary reports can be used instead of completing the “paper forms.” Part 2 will be presented by Diane Mangan and Mark Shaffer from Molyneaux Insurance. They will discuss how to report worker comp claims, procedures to follow after a claim has been filed and other related matters. Claim reporting procedures for property, liability and automobile will also be presented. Click on link to register: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/905049776.

Certified OSHA Training: We will be offering another ten-hour training on August 23 (all day) and continue the morning of the 24th at St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. A designated Safety Person from each parish and school must have this training. There has been a positive response from the previous trainings so if you have not had someone from your parish/school attend please send your representative. A parish may send more than one person to be trained. This training is provided by Molyneaux Insurance and GuideOne. To register or for questions contact Char Maaske, maaske@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4365.
DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Annual Diocesan Appeal: Forty-seven parishes are over goal and 25 are receiving payback checks. Thank you for your great work in promoting the ADA. We encourage all parishioners to pay their balance before September 30 when the new ADA begins. For those parishes wishing a list of their ADA donors and amount paid contact Sister Laura Goedken. For parishes not at goal we encourage you to pay on the balance monthly so your goal total is paid by the end of September.

The fall ADA materials will be distributed at the August/September priest deanery meetings. Since few parishes used the ADA video last year we will not have a video this year.

Moving Forward in Faith and Hope Campaign: Parish payback checks will be mailed in mid-July. Parishes may request a list of campaign donors’ pledge balances and write offs by contacting Sister Laura, 563-888-4352 or goedken@davenportdiocese.org.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

St. Vincent’s Home Corporation Grant: For consideration at the October board meeting applications must be postmarked by September 15. Applicants are to be located within the 22 counties of the Diocese of Davenport or serve children within the Diocese of Davenport. The grant application and grant criteria can be found at http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sastvincenthomecorporation.htm#applygrants.

All organizations that work with children must document their efforts to perform background checks on employees and volunteers that work or have direct contact with children in order to be eligible for funding. If an organization received a grant in the past a Progress Report must also be submitted by September 15. An application for new funding will not be considered until the Progress Report has been submitted. For questions call the Office of Social Action, 563-888-4212.

2012 Pacem in Terris Award Ceremony: Sunday, September 16, 2:00 p.m. at Christ the King Chapel, St. Ambrose University, Davenport. Kim Bobo will receive the award for her local and national actions to mobilize people of faith in the battle to improve wages, benefits and conditions for workers in the low-wage economy. Go to http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sapaceminterris.htm for a flyer of more information and for use for your local publicity.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

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, Victim Assistance Coordinator: 563-349-5002, vacdav@attglobal.net or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

In the Vineyard Newsletter: The Summer Issue is attached. This newsletter is designed to support lay ecclesial ministers as they continue the message and mission of Jesus in their work and ministry in the Diocese of Davenport. Past issues (since 2007) may be found on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Chancery>Faith Formation>Lay Ministry).

Marriage and Parenting Resource: Attached to this issue is the newsletter, “Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers.” This is produced by Susan Vogt and she has excellent resources to support couples and families. Go to her website to review her ample resources: http://www.susanvogt.net/index.html.

Marriage Preparation Weekend:

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The registration form is on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Chancery>Faith Formation>Marriage and Family). Registration is $125 per couple. For information about marriage preparation in our diocese or neighboring dioceses contact Barb Butterworth, 563-888-4240 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IliaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.
A Natural Family Planning three-part series will be held September 17, October 15 and November 19. All sessions will take place in the Fanning Room at Mercy Medical Plaza, Iowa City. Persons attending are asked to sign up online at www.ccli.org. For more information contact the Pastoral Care office at Mercy Hospital, 319-339-3556 or the course instructors, Gary and Geralyn Ward, 319-360-4964. Sessions are sponsored by Mercy Hospital and the Couple to Couple League.

Catholic Young Adult Network is a new collaboration of leaders throughout the Diocese of Davenport working to provide opportunities for young adults (ages 18-39) to know, love, and serve God. The network will coordinate diocesan-wide events and facilitate the sharing of resources among parishes and regions for more consistent local young adult opportunities.

CYAN will host a kickoff barbecue July 15 at St. Patrick Church in Iowa City. It starts with Mass at 3:30 p.m., followed by fun and exciting games! We will fire up the grill about 5 p.m. and hang out all night. This is an informal get-together to provide information about plans already in the works and gather input from young adults about the type of events and opportunities they’d like to be part of. We look forward to seeing you there!

CYAN will host a young adult conference October 13 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at St. Patrick in Iowa City. This will be a jam-packed day led by nationally known speaker and Assumption High graduate Pat Millea, thought-provoking breakout sessions, Mass, and plenty of opportunities to pray and have fun with fellow young adult Catholics! Mark your calendars!

For more information, e-mail: davenportcyan@gmail.com, call Luke Ebener at 217-494-1417 or like us on Facebook: Catholic Young Adult Network.

The Iowa Christian Leadership Institute will be held Aug. 5-10 at the Christian Conference Center south of Newton. Students in grades 10-12 are invited to learn leadership skills in a Catholic context. Go to www.davenportyouth.org for more information, including a brochure, application, and scholarship information. Registration deadline is July 13.

The Diocesan High School Youth Rally will be held Sunday, Oct. 21 at the Coralville Marriott. Our keynote will be John Donahue-Grossman.

The 2013 Diocesan Junior High Youth Rally will be held Sunday, March 17, at Regina Catholic Education Center in Iowa City. The keynote act will be 5thousand.

For information about these and other youth ministry events and resources, go to www.davenportyouth.org or contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org or 641-842-5148.

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL
All events held at Benet House Retreat Center, 2200 88th Avenue West, Rock Island, IL 61201-7649. To register contact Sr. Jackie Walsh at 309-283-2108 or retreats@smmsisters.org.


OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND
Visit www.chmiowa.org to learn more about Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat. For direct inquiries: 563-336-8414 or olpretreat@gmail.com.

July 1-8: Private or Directed Retreat: Sun. 7:00 pm – Sun. noon. As summer unfolds so does our own spirituality – fruitful and abundant. Come for days of quiet reflection, shared prayer, meals and conversation with a guide. Any combination of days. Fee: $50 per day.

July 10: Mid-Summer in the Quiet: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm Experience the warmth and beauty of summer at the Prairie reflecting on the theme of humility. The day is yours to shape as you will after a brief introduction. Fee: $20
July 23-28: Private or Directed Retreat: Sun. 7:00 pm – Fri. noon
Come for days of quiet reflection alone or with others. Shared prayer and meals. Optional conversation with a guide. Any combination of days. Massage extra. Fee: $50 per day.

August 10: Vision Divina: New Way to Pray: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Join us for a day exploring the visual arts and how reflecting on an image can bring spiritual insight. We will explore “Divine Seeing” together. Fee: $20

August 14: Late-summer in the Quiet: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Experience the warmth and beauty of the fullness of summer at The Prairie. Spend a lazy hazy day in quiet and reflection. Fee: $20

August 15: Knit One, Pray Too!: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
The rhythmic nature of knitting encourages contemplation and invites openness to the Spirit. Bring size 11 or 13 knitting needles, 3-6 oz. skeins of yarn (or special project in progress), and join us as we create a prayer shawl, scarf or special gift for someone in need of comfort. We will knit and pray together, share “yarns” of our individual journeys, and enjoy the beauty at The Prairie. Fee: $20

August 17-19: Weaving Prayers and Baskets: Fri. 7:00 pm - Sun. Noon
Learn simple basket weaving technique in the context of prayer and meditation. Several baskets will be made. Materials provided. No experience necessary. Fee: $200

August 20 and 21 (select one) – Journeying With Jesus Through Human Desires & Holy Longings
Mon. or Tues. 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
As Romans 7 describes, we wrestle with confusing desires, longings and “dark nights” in our spiritual journeys. How do we find the “Elijah’s jug” of sustenance as we walk through life’s struggles? We will use Scripture to seek out God’s anchoring Passion in human passions. Fee: $30

Or come for a personal day of quiet at the Prairie. Kathleen Storms, SSND is available for spiritual direction. Call to set up an appointment: 563-374-1092.

EAGLES’ WINGS COUNSELING AND RETREAT CENTERS, DAVENPORT
To register, for questions or information about obtaining a spiritual director, or Christian counseling contact Marcia Moore, marcia@eagleswings.ws or 563-324-7263, http://www.eagleswings.ws. Located at 5816 Telegraph Rd., Davenport.

Healing Masses:
- July 10, 1p.m., celebrant, Fr. Tim Regan, Sacrament of Reconciliation at 12:45
- August 14, 1 p.m.

SHALOM RETREAT CENTER, DUBUQUE
To register call 563-582-3592 or send check payable to Shalom Retreat Center with your contact information to: 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001. www.shalomretreats.org, info@shalomretreats.org

Longer Retreat: Engaging Women in the Ordinary Mysteries of Life
July 8, 5:30pm - July 14, 9:30am
Director: Ann Willitts, OP, Full-time Itinerant Preacher

This retreat will reflect on the ordinary mysteries -- like displacement, gratitude and friendship -- in the lives of Jesus, Mary and the early disciples, and in our lives. Two daily conferences and daily Eucharist. Offering: $400. Register by July 3.
New certification standards will mean changes in Ministry Formation Program

The wheels are in motion and change is coming to the diocese’s Ministry Formation Program.

As a result of the revised National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers, MFP course offerings will foster a new level of professionalism in Church ministry, and enhanced career opportunities. Yay!

A crucial support in enacting the revised national certification standards is the National Association of Lay Ministers.

As NALM marks its 35th anniversary this year, I can testify that the organization is fulfilling its mission of supporting lay people who are called to serve the Church. They’ve been doing so for as long as I can remember.

In fact, I am one of them! I didn’t even know about NALM when I started 34 years ago. Along the way, they have partnered with other organizations, and collaborated with the NCCL, the NCEA, youth ministry and liturgy leaders to produce an invaluable array of professional resources and books. (See www.nalm.org.)

A recent editorial in the National Catholic Reporter praised NALM for supporting and developing lay ecclesial ministers.

“No U.S. diocese—and probably no single parish, campus ministry or other Catholic institution anywhere in the country—has not been enriched by the work of lay people who have responded to a call from God with both serious theological and spiritual study and service in public ministry in the church,” the May 12th editorial states.

“If demographic trends hold, two things are clear: Our Catholic population will continue to grow and we will have far fewer ordained and vowed religious to serve our church’s needs. The need for collaborative lay ministry would seemingly be self-evident, but we know that it has not been as widely embraced as it should be.”

Dr. William Cahoy captures the work of the 2011 Collegeville National Symposium on Lay Ecclesial Ministry in his compilation: In the Name of the Church; Vocation and Authorization of Lay Ecclesial Ministry.

“When we came together for the symposium,” Dr. Cahoy writes, “something remarkable happened. Instead of the typical unidirectional flow of information and ideas from academics to practitioners, theorists to implementers, there was genuine dialogue.”

The essays seek to answer: What does it mean to be called to this work? Can we speak of it as a vocation as we do the priesthood, religious life, or marriage? What does it mean to be authorized for this ministry?

Along with insightful commentary, the book examines and concludes with rituals of authorization for lay ministers.
Ministry Formation Program is successful, thanks to the support of women religious

At a time when women religious in the U.S. are under Vatican scrutiny, let us reflect on the significant contribution they make to ministry formation in our diocese.

Our Ministry Formation Program continually benefits from the work and spirituality of members of several religious communities including the Benedictines of Rock Island, IL, the Sisters of Humility in Davenport, the Clinton Franciscans and the Carmelites of Eldridge. Let us count the ways that these devoted women have nurtured, supported and served MFP:

- They serve as mentors and prayer partners;
- They pray for the success of MFP and for LEMs;
- They teach one or more courses;
- Novices enroll in MFP as part of their formation for vowed life.

To all of these sisters, who have served in the past and all who will serve: thank you!

Sister Marci Blum, OSF, administrator of the Dubuque-based Shalom Retreat Center, leads a retreat as part of the Ministry Formation Program in 2008.

CARA report offers snapshot of future lay ministers in our diocese

Who is preparing now to serve as future lay ministers in our parishes?

The answer comes in an annual report on ministry formation in the Davenport Diocese that is submitted to CARA (the Center of Applied Research on the Apostolate) at Georgetown University.

Of 68 lay people enrolled in the diocese’s MFP for 2011-12, 33 were men, 35 women. Of those, 38 were white, the remaining 30 Hispanic.

Nearly a third of participants—21—are between the ages of 50 and 59; 19 are in their 40s; 16 are in their 30s; and six are under age 30.

Most of those enrolled in the process participate for two years. Our program admits those who want good adult formation opportunities, as well as those who are currently in ministry or are discerning a ministry within the Church.

Participants who complete the program requirements are commissioned as Lay Ecclesial Ministers by Bishop Martin Amos. Many continue to volunteer in the parish with a smaller percentage finding part-time or full-time employment as a Lay Ecclesial Minister. The graph below shows a year to year comparison of participant numbers since 2005.
I offer you these tidbits of wisdom as prayer prompts to remind you (and your constituents) of the sacredness of marriage vows and the value of every child. The commitment to love a spouse forever, and the generous gift of life parents offer a child are indeed spiritual undertakings and cannot be done alone. May the God of Love be with you and your work.

*FOR MORE extended marriage and parenting articles, plus archived Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers, go to: www.SusanVogt.net

*MARRIAGE MOMENTS*

475. July2: Blending personalities, customs, family traditions, and financial decision making can be a challenge to any marriage but especially those in the first seven years. Which type of blending has been easiest for you? For your spouse? Which has been the hardest?

476. July 9: "For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Cor. 12:10) Sometimes spouses can be a thorn in each other's side. Annoying as this can be, it can also be a path to self-correction and humility. One's weakness is the other's strength & vice-versa. Name your own weakness and strength.

477. July 16: "Jesus...began to send them out two by two." (Mk. 6:7) We are stronger together - with a partner and a community of faith. You too/two, are sent to your neighbors, your town, your relatives, and the world to heal, to love, to forgive.

478. July 23: "Why" questions are fine for inquisitive minds but can be an obstacle during marital arguments. Why? It can sound accusatory. "Why did you do that?" "Why don't you just..." Be careful of "Why" questions disguised as innocent queries.

479. July 30: Have you ever had to feed a large crowd? Perhaps more guests came than you planned. Yes, plan ahead, but when circumstances surprise you, take what you have, give thanks, and offer it. It will be enough. Don't fight with your spouse over who didn't plan enough.

*PARENTING POINTERS*

475. July 6: Teaching politeness, Part 2: If your child interrupts you, uses crude language, pushes someone aside, etc., Stop and take the time...
to teach a "do over" like, "Excuse me, may I interrupt you?" The answer might need to be, "As soon as I finish this phone conversation." Yes, this is an interruption in itself, but also a teachable moment.

476. July 13: "When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world." (John 16.21) What a difference a day makes.

477. July 20: Have faith in your child. Giving your child the message that you believe that he or she can succeed will increase the odds of it happening.

478. July 27: Learn about the stages of child development. Having appropriate expectations of your child will help both of you avoid frustration. For example, trying to toilet train your child too early or expect him to sit quietly for long periods of time will only frustrate you both.

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