VISION 20/20
Please find the latest minutes of the Steering Committee on the diocesan website:
https://www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-resources.

OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL
The 2018 annual meeting of the Parish Corporate Boards will be held on Sunday, October 14 at 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. **Pastors and lay directors for every parish are required to attend one of the dates in order to have a quorum.** The meeting will be offered via GoToMeeting at the following sites: Clinton Deanery – St. Joseph, DeWitt; Davenport Deanery – Chancery; Grinnell Deanery – St. Mary, Oskaloosa; Iowa City Deanery – St. Mary, Riverside; Keokuk Deanery – SS. Mary & Patrick, West Burlington; Ottumwa Deanery - St. Mary, Fairfield. Further details will be e-mailed at a later date.

LITURGY OFFICE
The September edition of LiturgyNotes is available.

In addition, Fr. Jim Vrba came across this resource, a [litany](https://www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-resources) (from the Anglican Church in Australia) for use following sexual misconduct.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT
Safe Environment webinars will be held in September. Go [here](https://www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-resources) for descriptions and the registration links.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
**St. Vincent’s Home Grant:** For consideration at the November 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. Also, if your organization received a grant in the past you must submit a progress report along with your application. [More information and application](https://www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-resources).

**Encountering Racism:** September 16, 2:00-4:00 p.m., DeWitt Operahouse Theater. This event will feature a panel discussion on overcoming bias and hatred in today’s America in observance of International Day of Peace and Campaign Nonviolence. Panelists include Dr. Bianca and Ty Sola-Perkins, Tahera Rahman, and Dr. Savannah Mussington. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, Franciscan Peace Center. [For more information](https://www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-resources) or 563-242-7611.

**2018/2019 Mottet Leadership Institute:** Is open for registration after a successful first year. Registration is limited this year to 35 people.

**Respect Life Program:** October is Respect Life Month. Please use and display your Respect Life month materials at your parish and in your bulletin. This year’s theme is *Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent.* Materials have begun to ship. If your parish missed the notice to order materials, please contact Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-888-4210. [Resources](https://www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-resources) are also available at the USCCB.

**Social Action Saturday** will be held October 27, 9:30 am. at St. Thomas More Church, Coralville. Fee is $10 and registration deadline is Oct. 19. See [flyer](https://www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-resources) for sessions and registration.

**The CCHD Annual Collection will be held November 17-18:** With your support, people living on the margins can create a real change in their lives. 25% of funds collected stay in the diocese for anti-poverty projects.
Promotional materials will be mailed in October, including posters, envelopes and bulletin inserts adapted to our diocese. Any questions please contact Loxi Hopkins or 563-488-4212.

**USCCB Family Reunification Program:** Migration and Refugee Services has started providing services to unaccompanied children who are in immigration proceedings. Learn more.

**The Diocesan Immigration Program** is a non-profit program that provides immigration counseling to help reunite families split by immigration, and assists immigrants to adjust their immigration status and advocates on their behalf. The Immigration Program focuses on family reunification immigration cases. The counselors are certified by the Department of Justice and work in close conjunction with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). More information.

**Project Rachel** is a confidential, post-abortion healing ministry of the Catholic Church offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. Confidential referrals for individualized counseling with a Project Rachel priest or counselor are provided as well as a dedicated helpline and national website. More information.

**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**

**Youth and Young Adult:**

**September Youth Ministry Leaders’ Gathering** will be held Tuesday, September 4, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at St. Thomas More, Coralville. All ministry leaders who work with middle school and high school youth in any capacity are welcome to attend in person or virtually. For meeting agenda, minutes, and more information, visit the Gatherings’ diocesan webpage.

**Holy Fire:** Start promoting and registering your 6th-8th graders for Holy Fire during your fall registration. Deadline for reserving space on the diocesan buses and for overnight housing in Davenport is September 15. Host sites (parishes and/or Catholic schools) in the Davenport area are needed for overnight housing on Friday, October 26. For more information, see the diocesan Holy Fire webpage and the national Holy Fire webpage.

**Adult Formation:**

**Catechist Skills Workshop Series:** Offered on the 2nd Saturday of the month, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., this series will offer practical skills for all who work to share the faith with our students. The first workshop will be Creative Catechesis on September 8 at Sacred Heart, Newton followed by Developing Lesson Plans and Catechetical Sessions on October 13 at SS. Philip and James, Grand Mound. Visit our website for dates and topics. Register online or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

**Upcoming Courses:** 9/15/18 Catholicism by Dr. Corinne Winter and 10/27/18 New Testament by Rosina Hendrickson. Whether you need a refresher for yourself or are a catechist forming students or catechumens/candidates, these courses are for you! 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Chancery. $25 per course. Register or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

**Catechetical Sunday is September 16.** The theme of the US Bishops annual celebration of Catechetical Sunday is “Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ”. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate those individuals who will serve as catechists in the parish for the next year. Resources to aid in the celebration, including a Commissioning Service, Prayer Cards and Certificates are available here.

**Faith Formation Ministry Leaders Orientation Day:** Saturday, October 6, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Chancery in Davenport. All new faith formation ministry leaders are encouraged to attend. For more information visit our website or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

**Online Formation:** The Diocese has partnered with STEP at the University of Notre Dame to offer online formation for parishioners. Courses are offered in a variety of topics and no prior formation is necessary. Eucharist: Source and Summit of the Catholic Faith is a course which will deepen one’s understanding of the Mass and Eucharist. The next session of courses begins October 8. Click here for a list of courses. Cost is $74.25 per course after diocesan discount. For more information, contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244 or visit our website.
Effective Catechesis of People with Disabilities: A Necessary Engagement: November 15, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. Designed for ministry leaders, clergy and parents, this workshop will provide a different understanding of disability and practical strategies for effective catechesis and engagement. Presented by the Office of Faith Formation and Tom Racunas, Lead Consultant for Special Needs for the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. Cost is $35 by October 31. Register online or for more information, visit our website or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

Skills for Christian Leadership: December 1-2 at the Chancery in Davenport. This is a 2-day course exploring the theories and skills needed for leadership in ministry. A combination of theory, experience and practice, participants will come to understand how to be more effective ministers. Cost is $150 for those active in ministry in the diocese. Register online by October 15. For more information, visit our website or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

The Faith Formation Media Library contains DVDs, CDs, and study programs in many ministry areas. Parishes and ministry leaders are invited to check out resources for preview purposes and use in programming. Please take a few minutes to review the catalog and discover resources that may be beneficial for your ministry efforts. For more information, contact Barb Butterworth, 563-888-4240.

Marriage and Family:
Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for Catholic Families: New session begins September 13 and will meet weekly for seven weeks from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Mazzucchelli Center, 2407 Cedar St., Muscatine. Contact Sister Cheryl, 563-263-3848 for more information.

Introducción a la PFN en Español (Introduction to Natural Family Planning in Spanish): Sunday, September 16, 12:15 – 1:30 pm (following the 11:00 am Spanish liturgy) at St. Mary of the Visitation, Ottumwa. Ana & Gerardo De La Torre and Nely & Juan De La Torre along with seminarian Hugo Rodriguez will offer an Introduction to Natural Family Planning presentation. These bilingual presenters are currently completing their training to become certified instructors in the Families of the America Ovulation Method and are available to teach in the diocese. All Spanish speaking couples are invited to participate. Engaged couples preparing for marriage in the Church will receive a certificate of attendance. Contact Marianne Agnoli for more information.

Sponsor Couple Training/Refresher: September 19, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, Davenport. Contact Marianne Agnoli or 563-888-4242 by September 10 to register or to discuss hosting a training in your parish/deanery.

“Keeping Your Kids Catholic”: September 20, 12:00 p.m. This NACFLM Professional Development Conference Call will be with Michaelann Martin. She will share strategies on how to strengthen the faith of children and teens. See flyer for details and call-in information.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass: October 7, 2:00 p.m., St. Mary, Solon. Invitations have been mailed to couples whose names were submitted by the parishes. For questions contact Barb Butterworth, 563-888-4240.

“Don’t Look Now...How to Help Individuals and Families Combat Pornography”: October 22, 1:00-4:00 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. All clergy, school administrators, DREs, youth ministers and other concerned parties are encouraged to attend this very candid presentation. We will both explore pornography’s destructive effects and also offer some practical insights and resources for you to use in your ministry to help equip the individuals and families you serve. Fee: $12. Registration and promotional flyer found here.

Marriage Preparation Instructional Programs: Several marriage preparation program formats offered. More information: Marriage and Family webpage.

Natural Family Planning: Participation in an Introduction to Natural Family Planning or a method specific instruction is required of all couples of child bearing age preparing for marriage in the diocese. Listing of free upcoming introductory sessions and specific method classes. Contact Marianne Agnoli, 563-888-4242 if you would like to schedule an NFP instruction in your parish or deanery.
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, vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND

To register contact: 563-336-8414 or olpretreat@gmail.com. To learn more about these programs and Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat visit www.chmiowa.org. All programs include a delicious homemade meal prepared with local and organic ingredients.

- Lectio Divina through Current Writers: September 6, 6:00pm–9:00pm
- Voices Serving the Holy in All (Adult Session) 12 Noon and Weaving Our Generations through Song (Family Session): 1:30, September 16, Noon–4:00pm
- Tuning into our Inner and Outer Guidance as We Move Forward in Life: Tues, September 18, 9:30am–3:30pm
- Come to the Quiet: Praying in Sound: September 19, 9:30am–3:30pm
- Visio Divina through Film: Gleason: September 19, 5:00 pm meal; 5:30pm film
- “Putting Food By” the Old-Fashioned Way: September 26, 9:30am–2:00pm
- Knit One, Pray Too!: October 3, 9:30am – 3:30pm
- Lectio Divina through Current Writers: October 4, 6:00 – 9:00pm
- Solstice Taize’ Vigil Service: October 14, 6:30pm – 7:30pm, Humility of Mary Center, Davenport
- Come to the Quiet – Listening to the Stillness and Silence: October 17, 9:30am – 3:30pm
- Visio Divina through Film: October 17, 5:00pm light supper followed by 5:30pm film
- Finding Our Way Home: October 19 – October 21, Sun, 5:00pm – Sun, 11:00am
- Focusing on What’s STRONG, Not What’s Wrong: October 23, 9:00am – 4:00pm

EAGLES’ WINGS, DAVENPORT

To register or for more information contact marcia@eagleswings.ws, 563-324-7263. 5816 Telegraph Rd., Davenport 52804.

Abide in Me is a nine-week program of prayer for spiritual growth based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It will be held Sept. 7-Nov. 9 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. This program by Fr. John Wickham, S.J. is designed to help you deepen your prayer life and bring you into a closer relationship with the Lord through the experience of personal prayer (1/2 hour daily on your own) and group sharing experience once a week on Friday afternoon, 12:30-2:00 at Eagles’ Wings. Pre-register by contacting Sandi, 563-343-0312, samiam2625@yahoo.com or Bonnie, 563-940-2375, bonnielounls@gmail.com. A phone interview will follow. Fee is $50 and includes supplies. Bring your own Bible. Space is limited and no registrations will be accepted after the first session.

Mass with Prayers for Healing: Sept. 13, 1:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at noon with confessions before Mass.

Rise Up, Becoming a Prayer Warrior: Sept. 15, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Learn how to prepare yourself to become a prayer warrior through Scripture, growing in virtue, discernment, wisdom and keeping spiritual balance. Time for empowerment prayer in the afternoon. The cost is $35 and bring a sack lunch. Mail registration to: Eagles’ Wings, 5816 Telegraph Rd., Davenport 52804. For questions: 563-324-7263 or email.

Individual Prayer ministry offered weekly. For more information and to schedule an appointment: 563-324-7263 or marcia@eagleswings.ws.
BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL
Contact Stefanie MacDonald, OSB, 309-283-2300, vocation@smmsisters.org or online at http://www.smmsisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs to register for the program mentioned below.

Discernment Weekend – Common Life, Common Prayer, Joy the Benedictine Way: Sat. Sept. 8 (arrival 9 am)-Sun. Sept. 9 (departure 1 pm);

SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER, DUBUQUE
To register call 563-582-3592 or email info@shalomretreats.org, 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001, www.shalomretreats.org.

Images of God in the Psalms: Friday, October 5, 7:00pm-Sunday, October 7, 11:30am. When we pray the psalms, how are we characterizing God? What does a variety of images from the psalms tell us about God and our relationship with God? Overnight: $200, Commuter: $140. $10 early bird discount if registered by September 5. Registration deadline is September 29. $50 non-refundable.

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

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