

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

Msgr. McGread Stewardship Conference: February 8-9, Wichita, Kansas. This conference is open to clergy and lay people interested in developing or expanding stewardship in their parishes. Conference fee is \$350 and does not include housing. Registration is limited due to seating. Dan Ebener will be coordinating carpooling for those attending from our diocese. Please contact him, ebener@davenportdiocese.org if you or a parish group will be attending. For details, brochure or to register go to: <http://catholicsteward.com/msgr-mcgreadd-conference>.

FINANCE OFFICE

Scholarship for Catholic Students Attending College: Applications are being accepted until February 1, 2012 for the Marguerite A. Ritzinger \$1000 Scholarship. This scholarship is for Catholic students who will be attending any college in fall 2012 as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior. The following must be submitted as one package: application, essay, high school or college transcript and two reference letters. An application can be downloaded at www.davenportdiocese.org/finance/finlibrary.htm.

Bookkeepers Take Note:

Social Security: The House and Senate came to an agreement to continue the 4.2% of taxable wages for employees until the end of February. QuickBooks should be okay. If you don't use QuickBooks be sure you are using the 4.2% figure through February. We will keep you posted on any legislative changes for March.

941 Reminder: Do not file the 941 for the fourth quarter until the W-2 processing and reconciliation is complete. Be sure the 941s and the W-2s balance.

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, or mail to yacdav@attglobal.net or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Opportunity to Share Your Outreach to Haiti: January 17, noon at the Diocese (780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport). We are looking for representatives who have been serving in/or are connected to Haiti. The purpose of this gathering is to capture the work that groups around the diocese are doing to assist Haiti after the massive earthquake and to share this information at the National Solidarity Conference in June. Additionally, we want to establish some pattern of how we can pull people together who have a connection with a particular country for better oversight at the diocesan level. For more information or to confirm your attendance please e-mail Kent Ferris at ferris@davenportdiocese.org.

Operation Rice Bowl Materials: If you have not already done so, you may place an order for materials by going to <http://orb.crs.org/> and clicking on "order form" at the top of the page or calling 800-222-0025.

Social Ministry Gathering: February 12-15 in Washington, DC. For more information and to register go to: <http://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/catholic-social-ministry-gathering/>.

National Migration Week January 8-14: *Welcoming Christ in the Migrant* is this year's theme. Promotional materials and can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week/> or call USCCB Publishing at 800-235-8722. They are available in English and Spanish.

2012 Legislative Priorities: The Iowa Catholic Conference has approved its list of 2012 legislative priorities. They can be found at:

http://iowacatholicconference.org/bins/site/templates/default.asp?area_2=pages%2FICC+Web+Site%2FIssues+Priorities%2FIssues

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

NET (National Evangelization Teams) Ministries will be in our diocese in January to present retreats at parishes and schools. The team still is available on Friday, January 20. More information about NET ministries can be found <http://www.netusa.org/netretreats/>. To arrange a retreat for your school or parish, contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org.

The **Teens Encounter Christ** retreat will be held Feb. 18-20 at St. Ann's Parish in Long Grove. TEC is a three-day retreat focusing on the Paschal Mystery (dying, rising and going forth to serve Christ). It is for youth in grades 11 and 12, and college freshmen. Registration material is available at <http://www.davenportyouth.org/davenportdymc/id24.html>. For more information contact Pat Finan at (641) 842-5148 or finan@davenportdiocese.org.

A **Christ in Others (COR)** retreat will be held March 9-11 at St. Joseph's Parish in DeWitt. COR is for youth in grades 10-12. Go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/COR.htm> for more information.

Junior High Youth Rally will be March 25 at Regina Catholic Education Center in Iowa City. Our keynoter will be Vince Nims. Parish leaders can find guidance and resources to promote the rally and prepare your parish group at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Youth%20Rally.htm>. Go to www.davenportyouth.org to see a video message from Vince, or go to Diocese of Davenport Youth Ministry on Facebook for information on this and all other youth ministry events and programs.

Other Upcoming Youth Ministry Events:

- Teens Encounter Christ retreat: June 9-11, location TBA
- Notre Dame Vision youth leadership program, June 18-22 in South Bend, IN
- Catholics in Action youth service retreat, June 24-26 at Regina High School in Iowa City
- Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) August 5-10 at Christian Conference Center near Newton
- Diocesan High School Youth Rally, Oct. 21 at Coralville Marriott

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.

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser will be the speaker for the 2012 Iowa Faith Formation Conference, to be held Saturday, April 14, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Hiawatha. Fr. Rolheiser, a nationally syndicated columnist featured weekly in *The Catholic Messenger*, will speak on "Living the Ups and Downs of our Faith: Dark Nights and Doubt, A Failure of Faith or a Failure of Imagination?" The event will be from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. See the attached flyer for more information.

A **Natural Family Planning** three-part series will be held January 16, February 20 and March 19. All sessions will take place in the Fanning Room at the 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.

Marriage Encounter Retreat Weekend: February 17-19, Our Lady of Victory Church, Davenport. Give the gift of love to each other, renew your marriage relationship, improve your couple communication and enhance your mutual commitment. Whether you have been married one year, 20 years or more, you will enjoy this opportunity to spend quality time together away from everyday demands. All discussions are private between you and your spouse. The cost is \$95 and includes five home-cooked meals. To register or for more information contact Joe and Tracy Ripslinger at 563-388-0355 or tracy@ripslinger.com. There is no better way to say "I Love You."

Marriage Preparation Weekends:

January 28-29: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, *registration deadline is January 20* (limited to 40 couples)

February 25-26: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, *registration deadline is February 17* (limited to 40 couples)

April 28-29: Williamsburg, St. Mary, *registration deadline is April 20*

August 11-12: Mount Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, *registration deadline is August 3*

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 IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

Ministry Formation Program (MFP): If you or someone you know is interested in joining a Ministry Formation Program please contact IlaMae Hanisch, 641-791-3435 or hanisch@davenportdiocese.org. We have an on-site group that meets in Davenport at the Chancery and DVD groups that meet once a month in West Burlington, Iowa City, Davenport and Newton (other locations can be added based on geographic location of participants).

You are welcome to join any or all the remaining courses at any time:

Year I: Basic (English):

Jan. 21 & 28	Confirmation	Feb. 18 & 25	Eucharist
March 17 & 24	Personal/Pastoral Themes for Ministry	April 21 & 28	Anointing/Reconciliation

Year I: Basic (Spanish): Matrimonio; El Bautismo; La Reconciliación La Unción de los Enfermos; La Confirmación; Catolicismo and Temas Personales Pastorales para el Ministerio. Sessions will be held at St. James, Washington on the following Sundays, 3-6 p.m.: March 18; April 22; May 20; June 3; July 15 and Aug. 5. (No sessions in Jan. and Feb.)

Liturgy Specialization Track: Courses and practicum will be held at St. Vincent Center, Davenport, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Jan. 21	Eucharist II	Feb. 4	SCAP/Weekday Word & Communion Services
Feb. 18	Practicum: SCAP	April 21	RCIA/Triduum
May 12	Parish Devotions (intercultural issues/Marian devotions)	June 2	Parish Devotions (Eucharistic Adoration, Book of Blessings)
June 16	Practicum: Devotions	July 14	Pastoral Care of the Sick, Funerals
Aug. 4	Marriage, Baptism, Reconciliation Services	Aug. 18	Practicum: Funeral Rites

RELIGIOUS GOODS AVAILABLE

Ciboria: Mercy Hospital, Iowa City has four Ciboria to give away to a parish in need. If interested contact Tim Bernemann, Director, Pastoral Care, Mercy Iowa City, 319-358-2725. A photo of them is attached.

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND

Winter Come to the Quiet: January 17, 2012

Experience the solitude of this winter wonderland. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. with a 12:00 noon hearty lunch. Fee: \$15

The Prairie at Winter Play: January 24-25 with Lisa Martin and Friends. Come snowshoe, cross country ski, sit around the fire, enjoy God's gift of winter. Noon-Noon; meals and overnight: \$45.

- 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.
- How about a day of winter wonder and play for your family? Call to schedule date and time.

Visit www.chmiowa.org to learn more about Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat. For direct inquiries: 563-336-8414 or olpretreat@gmail.com.

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL

To register call 309-283-2108 or go online: retreats@smmsisters.org. 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.

The Word among Us: Read, reflect, pray and share with other committed Christians seeking to grow in reflecting on the challenges of Scripture for everyday life. We share a new book each month. Presenter: Sr. Charlotte Sonnevile, OSB; Mondays each month, Jan. 9 & 23 and Feb. 6 & 20. Fee: \$5/session + cost of books or \$50 for series + cost of books.

Centering Prayer: Come and join the Centering Prayer group. This prayer method provides a way to foster a deep relationship with God. Leader: Sr. Catherine Cleary, OSB; Wednesdays, 1-2 pm.

Seeking God Always and in All Ways: Fri., Jan. 27, 7 pm-Sun., Jan. 29, 1 pm. This retreat is for single women 25-45 who desire to seek God more deeply in their lives. Enjoy time for quiet, prayer (private and with the Sisters), and reflections on Seeking God always and in all ways. Presenter: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB, MA. Fee: \$155.

Moral Issues in Decision-Making for Health Care: Sat., Jan. 28, 9 am-12 pm. We will reflect on ethical and religious directives for Catholic health care services as well as on other sources for decision-making in health care. Our time will be spent not only in understanding ethical principles, but also in applying these principles in actual cases. Presenter: Rev. Michael Schaab, pastor of St. Pius Parish, Rock Island; STL from CUA and Doctor of Ministry from Chicago Theological Seminary. Fee: \$15, plus an option for lunch \$7.50.

The Brothers K: Feb. 2, 7-8:30 pm. Using this book as an example of a “great” book, Dr. Paul Olsen will challenge the group to explore the themes of good and evil, God’s role in human experience, war and peace, and the power of love. The students who have participated in his classes promise an evening of humor, insight and affirmation of life. Presenter: Dr. Paul Olsen, PhD, Augustana College Faculty, Rock Island, IL. Fee: \$15.

Break-A-Way Retreat: Fri., Feb. 10, 7 pm-Sun., Feb. 12, 1 pm (or by special arrangement). This retreat is for single women, 20-30 years of age, who need a quiet, peaceful and prayerful break from the daily routine of college and/or work. The time can be adapted to fit just what you need for a break. Presenter: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB. Contact Sr. Bobbi, 309-283-2300 or rbussan@smmsisters.org to arrange a time that works for your schedule). Weekend Fee: \$155

Love ... For Better, Forever! Feb. 10, 6:30-9:30 pm. Rekindle your love and commitment during our annual Valentine program. Explore the emotional, spiritual, social and physical intimacies of your marriage. Join other couples for enrichment, reflection and renewal of your marriage commitment. Bring the evening to a close while relaxing with a candlelight dessert. Presenters: Donna and Jeff Merideth, leaders of “Grace Ministries” at Christ the King Parish in Moline. Free Will Offering. Couples may stay overnight at Benet House for an additional \$50.

Morning at the Monastery: Feb. 16, 10 am-1 pm. Enjoy a reflection and sharing on Scripture and the monastic way of life followed by Noon Day Prayer and lunch with the monastic community. Presenter: Sr. Margaret Murphy, OSB. Fee: \$15.

Lenten Day of Prayer: Taking Jesus Seriously: Feb. 23, 9 am-3 pm. The day will prompt us to ask, “Would my life be different if I really listened to the teaching of Jesus?” Presenter: Sr. Marilyn Ring, OSB. Fee: \$30 (incl. lunch).

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

Reading and Telling the Stories in Scripture: Saturday, Jan. 14, 9:30am – 3:30pm

Presenter: Nancy Schreck, OSF, D. Min., President, Sisters of St. Francis

This first retreat day of the series will explore some of the stories Jesus used to teach and challenge his followers to understand something of the Reign of God. These stories in parable form are a window into the mind of Jesus and a mirror into our lives. The process of Lectio Divina will be used to enable participants to make a connection between the stories Jesus told and the story of our lives of faith. Offering: \$40, includes lunch/morning snacks.

Register by Jan. 9. Note: This retreat is one of a series of Spiritual Enrichment Retreats offered monthly, Jan. – May. Participants can pick and choose individual retreats, but those planning to attend all five retreats receive a \$40 discount by paying \$160 by Jan. 9. For information regarding the remaining Spiritual Enrichment retreat days, visit: www.shalomretreats.org.

Embracing Life after Separation or Divorce

Saturday, Feb. 4, 9:00 – 4:00pm

Presenters: Kim Kali-Schultes, Affinity Center; Bev Rech, plus a panel of three

If you have experienced the pain of separation or divorce, here is a chance to gather with others who have experienced a similar loss. Topics to be addressed include feelings of pain/loss, compassion and resilience, and rebuilding a new and fruitful life. Offering: \$35. Includes continental breakfast & lunch. *Register by Jan. 31.*

Healing Hurts & Regrets: Forgiving & Healthy Alternatives to Forgiving

Fri., Feb. 24, 7:00pm – Sun., Feb. 26, 1:00pm

Director: Gary Egeberg

Though our brains are “wired” to remember our hurts for survival purposes, they are also wired for healing. If you are unable to forgive someone, or if you can’t seem to forgive yourself, learn how to honor your own unique way of healing. Discover a variety of spiritual and psychological tools. You will learn . . .

- When forgiving is likely to work well and when a healthy alternative might be more effective
- How to keep the focus on your needs rather than on your offender, so that you can heal
- Ways to manage disturbing thoughts and upsetting emotions so that you can enjoy more peace of mind and heart
- How to reinterpret your life through a gentle and compassionate lens

Offering: \$165. Commuter: \$145. Register by Feb. 17, 2012. (\$50 deposit)

Lenten Retreat: Transformation – The Music of God

Sun., Feb. 26, 5:30pm – Fri., March 2, 9:30am

Director: Tom Hartle OFM, Franciscan friar of Holy Name Province & itinerant retreat director, pilgrimages leader to Rome and Assisi, ministerial roles: parish ministry, retreat house staff member, presenter of parish missions. Using the Lenten Scriptures, and drawing upon Francis and Clare, we will come to understand Metanoia as the Music of God, Prayer as the Music of God, and Penance as the Music of God. Daily Eucharist.

Offering: \$365. Early Bird: \$340, if registered by Feb. 1, 2012. (\$75 deposit)

Concert — Take Back the Light

Friday, March 23 7:00 – 9:00pm

Jan Phillips - gifted musician, dynamic speaker & author

An evening of music, video and storytelling to celebrate our community, our collective potential and our creativity.

Offering: \$17.50, if registered/paid by Mar. 21, after Mar. 21: \$20.

Concert & Workshop

The WORD, The IMAGE, The STORY: Tools of Transformation

Friday, March 23, 7:00pm – Sunday, March 25, 1:00pm

Jan Phillips - gifted musician, dynamic speaker & author

In this multi-sensory, multi-media workshop, we’ll be using music, poetry, story and video to help us access our unique wisdom and find new ways to share it personally and professionally.

Concert / Workshop Offering: \$160. Early Bird: \$145, if registered by Feb. 24.

Commuter: \$130. \$50 nonrefundable deposit secures reservation.

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	Directors/Coordinators of Faith Formation
Parishes	Catholic Foundation Board	Sisters	RCIA Parish Contacts	Diocesan Liturgical Commission
Priests	Parish Lay Directors	Bookkeepers	Diocesan Board of Education	Diocesan Planning Commission
Seminarians	Diocesan Pastoral Council	Principals		

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

Co-sponsored by the Arch/Dioceses of Dubuque, Davenport and Des Moines

Living the Ups and Downs of Our Faith

Dark Nights and Doubt

A Failure of Faith or a Failure of Imagination?

A faith formation conference with

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Saturday, April 14

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Hiawatha, Iowa



“We live with a deep secret that sometimes we know, and then not!”

Faith has this curious quality.
Some days we can walk on water,
and other days we feel like atheists.

This conference will explore the
deep inner dynamics of faith.

What is real faith? - What is true doubt?

What are the dark nights of the soul
that can assail us?

How do we work at sustaining
a genuine faith?

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, is a community-builder, lecturer and writer. His books are popular throughout the world. More than 70 newspapers carry his weekly column.

Conference details:

- We'll gather at **9 a.m.** for coffee rolls and juice.
- We'll end at **3:30 p.m.** Parish Mass is at **5 p.m.**
- Parish docents will provide **tours** of their new church.
- Your **\$25** fee includes breakfast, lunch and materials.
- Fr. Rolheiser's **books** will be available for purchase.
- Go to www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform for a map, **group rates at area hotels** and other information.

Register and pay by **April 2**

Make checks payable to Diocese of Davenport and send form and payment to:

Diocese of Davenport, attn. Barbara Butterworth, 780 W Central Park Avenue, Davenport IA 52804

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