

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION

Emmaus- Will You Walk With Me? How can we grow in faith and strengthen our community in this time of distance? Bishop Zinkula and Vision 2020 invite you and your friends to journey with Christ through the Emmaus small group initiative. Emmaus is a way for Catholics across the diocese to encounter Christ in one another in a very personal way. Materials from the “Discipleship Quads” program from Franciscan University are now available. Parishioners are encouraged to form their own groups. The program is free and available in both English and Spanish. Instructions to help set up electronic meetings are included. Everything you need can be found here:

www.davenportdiocese.org/emmaus. Also available is a 15-minute YouTube explanation of the Emmaus Initiative, [Presentation about Emmaus](#).



If you wish to have an “in-person” conversation or ask questions you can join deacon candidate Ryan Burchett for an informal and informational Zoom meeting. Three meeting opportunities are available and all three will cover the same information so you only need to participate in one. If you are interested in participating please RSVP to: ryan@theburchetts.com

The Emmaus Groups Informational Zoom Meetings times are:

Oct. 13, 1:00 PM Oct. 14, 7:00 PM Oct. 15, 9:00 AM

Zoom Meeting access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6263196721>; Meeting ID: 626 319 6721

VICAR GENERAL

The Parish Corporate Board meeting will be held on Sunday, October 11 at 2 pm and Tuesday, October 13 at 7 pm. The Tuesday meeting is a repeat of the Sunday meeting.

It is important that all pastors and parish lay directors attend one of these sessions. Due to the pandemic, the meetings will be held virtually this year via Zoom and not gathered as deaneries as has been customary in past years. The login information was emailed to pastors and lay directors. Pastors and lay directors should plan to attend as a group from the parish if possible. Pastors will verify attendance following the meetings and will receive further correspondence on this. Thank you for your attention to this important meeting.

LITURGY OFFICE

The October *LiturgyNotes* may be found [here](#).

The 2020-2021 Diocesan Liturgical Calendar is available [here](#).

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Lunch and Learn: *Hearing from Rural Iowa*, October 1, 12:00-1:00 p.m. Residents of our Diocese speak about issues of concern in our rural communities. While many of the same issues may occur in urban and rural settings, they may present differently or have different challenges. This is a beginning conversation to bring greater understanding. Register [here](#).

October is Respect Life Month: This year's theme, *Live the Gospel of Life*, focuses on the papal encyclical by Pope St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life)*, which asks that we "reaffirm the value and inviolability of every human life and to appeal to all people to respect, protect, love, and serve every human life." Supporting materials, including a [resource summary](#) with brief ideas for implementation, are [available here](#). If your parish is in need of a packet contact Esmeralda Guerrero, guerrero@davenportdiocese.org.

Forming Conscience in Light of Our Catholic Faith: At our September Lunch and Learn, Tom Chapman of the Iowa Catholic Conference presented on *Faithful Citizenship for Iowa Catholics*. Tom stressed that Catholic Social Teaching calls us to participation by voting, serving and advocating. He provided guidance and resources on prayerful reflection and discernment as we form our conscience, staying open to the truth and listening to what God calls us to be and do.

While the November elections are important, Tom also reminded us that our involvement does not end there and encouraged us to build local coalitions to speak as one voice. A recording of this Lunch and Learn is available by [clicking here](#). Some of the resources Tom referenced as well as recently released videos from USCCB are listed below.

- [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship](#) - guidance for Catholics in "exercising their rights and duties as participants in our democracy"
- [Civilize It](#) - a "non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even when we disagree, and to put faith in action by bearing witness to a better way forward"
- [Voter Ready](#) - a guide to voting in Iowa
- [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility](#) - USCCB videos on Catholic Social Teaching (English, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese)

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection will be held November 21–22. The CCHD supports those living in poverty across the country and identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. [Promotional materials](#) will be mailed to parishes in October. Please use the insert for your parish bulletin the weekend of November 14-15 and display the poster. If your parish materials don't arrive by mid-October, you need more, or you have any questions, contact [Kent Ferris](#) or 563-488-4211.

World Day of the Poor: Nov 15 - *Stretch forth your hand to the poor* (Sir 6:7)

The Catholic Social Ministry Gathering 2021 –Virtual Gathering will be held February 6- 9, 2021.

Social Action Two Feet Newsletter: To view past issues or to subscribe please go [here](#).

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 with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Youth and Young Adult

October Youth Ministry Leaders' Gathering: The *Helping Hurting Teens* morning workshop on October 6 which is part of the Mental Illness Awareness Week project will take the place of this month's gathering. The workshop will take place via Zoom and is open to all clergy, C/DREs, youth ministers and all school personnel. The workshop is free, and [pre-registration by Monday, October 5](#), is required. Register [here](#).

Mental Illness Awareness Week: Millions of people are affected by mental illness each year. Do parents, youth, and ministry leaders know the warning signs and how to respond when we see them? Does our parish or school have a pastoral response plan for this issue? Join with others across the diocese as we welcome [Roy Petitfils](#) and [Sean Robinson](#) to help us explore this important pastoral care issue. Evening presentations on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 6-7, will be live-streamed on the Diocese of Davenport Facebook page, and morning workshops on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, October 6-7-9, will take place on Zoom with pre-registration required. For the complete schedule, resources for spreading the word, and how to register, visit the [MIAW Project webpage](#).

Adult Formation

Online Formation through STEP at Notre Dame: 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. *Core Course: Introduction to the Catholic Faith* is a great course for catechists and adults desiring to deepen their knowledge of the faith. The next session of courses begins October 12. [Click here for a list of courses](#). Cost is \$74.25 per course after diocesan discount. Additional scholarships are available. For more information on the courses or scholarship opportunities, contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244 or visit our [website](#).

Living the Sunday Word: Liturgy Training Publications is offering *Living the Sunday Word: Reflecting as a Virtual Community* on Thursday evenings from 6:00 -7:30 p.m. during the months of October and November. Join participants from across the country to deepen your experience of the Liturgy of the Word each Sunday, as we reflect on the readings before we celebrate them. This opportunity is perfect for ministry leaders, liturgical ministers, catechumens/candidates and all parishioners. Cost is \$15/month. Sessions are also available in Spanish from 7:00-8:00 p.m. during the month of October. For more information, visit our [website](#) or contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244.

Curated Resources: The Office of Faith Formation is curating [online formation](#), [webinar](#) and [retreat](#) opportunities, as well as resources and activities around a variety of [Faith Themes](#). If you have questions on these resources, please contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244.

Marriage and Family

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Download this toolkit of helpful resources for your parishes in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). A free webinar – [“Promoting Peaceful Relationships at Home”](#) will be offered on October 14 at 1pm CDT. [Registration](#)

Childhood 2.0: This newly- released free documentary is recommended for anyone who wants to better understand the world children are navigating as they grow up in the digital age. Featuring actual parents and kids as well as industry-leading experts in child safety and development, this documentary dives into the real-life issues facing kids today — including cyberbullying, online predators, pornography, suicidal ideation, and more. [Watch Now](#)

Surviving Divorce Support Group (Via Zoom): A new 12-week session begins Tuesday, September 29, at 7 p.m. However, individuals may still join after that date. Those who are divorced or separated are invited to attend. The cost is \$20.00 for materials. For more info, please contact: Stephanie Zeising at joyingratitude@gmail.com.

Free Evening for the Divorced & Separated and Those Who Love Them (Streamed Live & In-Person): October 30, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Hiawatha. Whether you are divorced or separated, want to help someone you love, or are interested in working to help divorced families, join Catholic author and evangelist, Rose Sweet to hear what the Church really teaches about divorce and how to help those who have experienced it. [Registration](#) and [Flyer](#)

Surviving Divorce Facilitator Program Training Day (In-Person Only) October 31, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Hiawatha. If you would like to begin outreach and support to people who have experienced the pain of separation or divorce, Rose Sweet, program creator, will offer inside tips on starting, running and successfully managing a *Surviving Divorce* support group in your parish, school, cluster or deanery. [Registration](#) and [Flyer](#)

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

To report child abuse call the Iowa Attorney General Clergy Abuse hotline at 855-620-7000 (M-F, 8 am.-4:30 pm.) to speak with a trained advocate or the Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178. 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.theprairieretreat.org.

Wed, October 7 | Mass on The Prairie, 10:00am-11:00am

Tues, October 13 | FREE Online: Come to the Quiet: Blessings of the West, 9:30am-3:30pm

Thurs, October 15 | Wholeness and Healing in the Prairie, 9:30am-3:30pm

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL

Benet House will remain closed through March 2021. To register for the following contact Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108, retreats@smmsisters.org or online at <http://www.smmsisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs>.

Virtual Offerings:

For additional information about these go to https://www.smmsisters.org/assets/uploads/SMM_BH_Retreat_v2.pdf

- **Feast of St. Francis 2020: The Healing Power of Love in Action: Creation Care in a Time of Pandemic and Partisanship:** Saturday, October 3; 9-10:30 am. This program is framed around St. Francis' prayer, the Canticle of Creatures, to illuminate our current journey from the pandemic, from indifference to climate change, from political partisanship, to a place of healing through God, with each other and with Creation. Retreat Leaders: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB and Linda Clewell, Oblate. Fee: Donations will be sent to Catholic Climate Covenant
- **Experiencing Transitions: Reflections with Sr. Joyce Rupp:** Mondays starting October 5, 9-10 am or 6:30-7:30 pm for ten weeks. Treat your spirit with her new video series on Transitions. Her wisdom focuses 'on the nature and impact of change and transition in our lives, and the struggles and blessings we experience in each transition we face.' Leaders: Benet House Program Committee. Fee: \$75/series of 10 or \$10/session
- **From Seeker to Sage: Journey to the Unknowable:** October 14-16, 19-20; 1-3:30 pm. This 5-day virtual retreat provides an opportunity to reflect upon our personal spiritual journey from Seeker to Sage. Join us as we move through different stages of our journey from awakening moments, through our seeking and gradual movements to transformation. Presenter: Susan Komis Fee: \$150 for series
- **3-Day Directed Retreat:** Fri. Nov. 6, 7 pm-Mon. Nov. 9, 4 pm. Focuses on prayers of John Philip Newell, Praying with the Earth: A Prayer Book for Peace. Spiritual Directors: Elaine Olson and Mary Kay Henson. Fee: \$180
- **Compassion to Self: A Day for You:** Sat. Nov. 14, 9 am-4 pm. Retreat Leader: Sister Bobbi Bussan, OSB. Fee: \$40
- **Reclaiming a Sense of Wonder: A Vision of Advent.** Sat. Nov. 21, 9 am-4 pm. Retreat Leader: Judith Valente. Fee: \$70;

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

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