

EVANGELIZATION OFFICE

On April 1 we welcome the first director of the Evangelization Office, Patrick Schmadeke. You may read about him [here](#) in the March 4 edition of *The Catholic Messenger*. Patrick can be reached at: schmadeke@davenportdiocese.org, 563-888-4394.

LITURGY OFFICE

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

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Lunch and Learn: *Celebrating 50 years of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD):* Thursday, April 1, 12:00-1:00. This is 50 years supporting initiatives that empower individuals to become active participants in their communities. Ahead of a May 14 and 15 celebration, learn about our diocesan CCHD history and meet many of your neighbors who have shaped by its work. Register here: <http://bit.ly/DioDavLunchLearn>. [More info here](#) about the May 14-15 celebration.

Flood Preparation: Go to the [Iowa Human Resources Disaster Council](#) (of which the Diocese is a member) for help in crafting what may be lifesaving plans and preparations. If you need more information about preparedness contact Glenn Leach, leach@davenportdiocese.org. [Go to our website](#) to find additional links to resources.

2021 Grants available:

- [Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl](#): For those providing/supporting direct services to people who are hungry (first foot of Social justice). Applications must be received in the Social Action Office by May 15, 2021 by 4:00 p.m., no exceptions.
- [Catholic Campaign for Human Development \(CCHD\)](#): For those organizations and projects that promote systemic change (second foot of social justice). To apply send your request in a 1-2 page letter along with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant Agreement. Applications must be received in the Social Action Office by May 15, 2021 by 4:00 p.m., no exceptions.

CRS Rice Bowl Collection: Thank you for participating in this year's collection and helping lift up those living in poverty. Once again this collection took place during the pandemic and now more than ever our diocese relies on your donations to help us fight hunger locally and around the world. Contributions allow us to have a more healthy collection during these difficult times, making funds available for local grants to organizations around the diocese that help fight hunger.

- **Seventy-five percent** of the alms given through CRS Rice Bowl will go to Catholic Relief Services to support humanitarian aid projects that bring vital hope and live-saving aid to the poorest of the poor overseas.
- **Twenty-five percent** of CRS Rice Bowl donations will stay here in our Diocese of Davenport to help those suffering from poverty and hunger in our own community.
- Ways to donate:
 1. Mail a check to Diocese of Davenport
Rice Bowl Collection, Attn: Nancy Karn
780 West Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1901
 2. [Give directly to CRS \(Catholic Relief Services\)](#)
 - a. By phone: 877-435-7277

- b. By mail: Catholic Relief Services
CRS Rice Bowl
PO Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303

Parishes are reminded to remit all Rice Bowl funds by May 31.

Buy Ethical Trade handcrafts and gourmet food items from disadvantaged producers around the world. You can make a difference with an order during COVID-19. Your help is needed more than ever. [View Video](#)

Walking with Moms in Need Moves Beyond Initial Year: *Walking with Moms in Need* is no longer using the tagline “A Year of Service” and has an updated logo available [on our website](#). You are asked to use the new logo and the updated title in communications and promotions.

Iowa Legal Aid COVID Hotline: 800-332-0419 for Iowans experiencing any type of legal problem related to the coronavirus/COVID-19 crisis, such as eviction, unemployment benefits denial, employment issues, or identity theft. [Learn more about Legal Aid here.](#)

Assistance Programs for Renters and Homeowners affected by Iowa COVID-19 can apply for assistance with rent and mortgage payments. Program details can be found at [IowaHousingRecovery.com](#).

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Youth and Young Adult

Hold On To Love: The final installment of this four-month live stream series for teens and parents will take place Sunday, April 11, at 7 PM on the Diocese of Davenport Youth & Young Adult Ministry and the Diocese of Davenport Facebook pages. This “time out” experience is designed to provide support, inspiration and hope for daily living in these challenging times. Hosted by a team of adults and teens, April’s live stream includes a message and prayer from Bishop Zinkula, music by Don & Candy Boucher from St. Ann parish in Long Grove, an inspirational message from special guest Katie Prejean-McGrady, and a time for prayer and reflection. Attached is a graphic designed for publicizing this experience on your social media platforms.

Adult Formation

Did you miss our Virtual Workshop Series? Over the past three months, the Office of Faith Formation sponsored virtual workshops on Evangelization, Discipleship, Hospitality and Engaging students, teens and families in the Liturgy. If you missed one or all of the workshops, contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244 for more information regarding the recordings.

Curated Easter Resources: Check out the [Easter Season](#) resources curated by the Office of Faith Formation. While on the website, also explore resources on other [Faith Themes](#). If you have questions on these resources, please contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244.

Marriage and Family

Year *Amoris Laetitia* Family: On March 19, 2021, the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation [Amoris laetitia](#), Pope Francis inaugurated the Year “*Amoris Laetitia* Family,” which will conclude on June 26, 2022, on the occasion of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome. Check out the new diocesan [Amoris Laetitia Family Year webpage](#) for updated information and resources to help you enhance your ministries to the diverse families within your parishes throughout this year of celebration.

Virtual Marriage Preparation Workshops: The next two diocesan marriage preparation workshops will continue to take place virtually via Zoom. The following Saturday dates have been scheduled for the first half of 2021: [May 1 and June 26](#). In person gathered workshops are tentatively scheduled for Saturday, [August 21](#) at St. Alphonsus, Mt. Pleasant and Saturday, [October 2](#) at St. Mary, Pella. However, these workshops will be held virtually via Zoom should it be deemed that a gathered session is not safe to host at that time. Registration information can be found on the diocesan [Marriage Preparation webpage](#).

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. All offerings are online. For online retreats we will send an email to you with a Zoom link.

- **Online: Circle of Life Series: Spring:** Tues, Apr 20,| 10:00am-11:30am
- **Online: Practical Mindfulness: Pockets of Peace in a Pandemic World:** Wed, Apr 21, 9:00am - 12:00pm
- **Free Online: Ecumenical Prayer Service: Earth Day:** Tues, Apr 27, 7:00pm-8:30pm

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL

Benet House remains closed. To register for the following contact Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108, retreats@smmsisters.org or online at <https://smmsisters.org/retreats>. For payment, checks may be made payable to the Sisters of St. Benedict or you may call to provide credit card information.

“Dwelling Within and Bursting Forth”: This is a virtual retreat held on Fri. Apr. 16, 7-8:30 pm; Sat. Apr. 17, 9-11:30 am and 1:30-4 pm. Celebrate Easter and Resurrection by setting aside some time for prayer, quiet and listening to the Spirit. Be enfolded in God’s love as you gain insights on how to unfold this love and burst it forth to others. Retreat Leader: Sister Kathleen Sadler, OSF; Fee: \$40.

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	
Seminarians	Diocesan Pastoral Council	Principals	Parish Life Coordinators	

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

*"The great gift of Easter is hope."
- Cardinal Basil Hume*



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**SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 7:00 PM
on the "Diocese of Davenport" &
"Diocese of Davenport Youth & Young
Adult Ministry" Facebook pages**

featuring

*a program of the Diocese of Davenport
Office of Faith Formation.*

