

VICAR GENERAL

Time Change for Parish Corporate Board meeting: The Parish Corporate Board meeting will be held on Sunday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. (not 2:00 as previously announced) and Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. The Tuesday meeting is a repeat of the Sunday meeting. Both meetings will be conducted via Zoom. Pastors and lay directors should plan to attend.

LITURGY OFFICE

The October *LiturgyNotes* is available [here](#). The diocesan liturgical calendar for 2021-2022 is available [here](#).

DEACON FORMATION OFFICE

The Diocese of Davenport will be holding a number of information/orientation sessions across the diocese for those interested in the diaconate. Applications to the Deacon Formation Program will only be distributed at these sessions. The information sessions will be offered in English and Spanish. The next class will begin formation in August 2022; both an English and a Spanish track will be offered. For more information, or if you are interested in attending one of these sessions, please contact Deacon Agnoli at 563-888-4257 or agnoli@davenportdiocese.org, or visit <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/class-ix>.

In order to prepare for each session, we ask that those interested register for the session they wish to attend (also at <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/class-ix>).

We also ask that, in keeping with diocesan COVID protocols, if you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask to these sessions.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday, October 24 (1-5pm)	English Program Inquiry	Iowa City – St. Patrick (4330 St. Patrick Dr.)
Sunday, November 21 (1-5pm)	English Program Inquiry	DeWitt – St. Joseph (417 6 th Ave)
Sunday, December 19 (1-5pm)	English Program Inquiry	Chancery (780 W. Central Park)
Sunday, January 16, 2022 (1-5 pm)	Spanish Program Inquiry	Davenport – St. Anthony (417 N. Main)
Sunday, February 27 (1-5pm)	Spanish Program Inquiry	Iowa City – St. Patrick (4330 St. Patrick Dr.)
Sunday, April 3 (1-5pm)	Spanish Program Inquiry	Ottumwa – St. Mary (216 N Court St)

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Social Action Lunch & Learn: *At the Intersection of Evangelization and Social Action*, Thursday, October 7, 12:00 - 1:00 PM. Patrick Schmadeke, Director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Davenport, will talk about the intersection between evangelization and social action, how they overlap and build upon each other. For more information or to sign up, visit [here](#). If you have already registered for this event, thank you!

Transforming Lives around the World...The CRS Story: October 7, 7:00 p.m., Newman Center, Iowa City and will be livestreamed on the [Iowa Catholic YouTube Channel](#). Hear the story of Deacon Don Weigel, a Catholic Relief Services Global Fellow share his passion for the world's poor, how he was called to action, and what role

you can play in the CRS Story. Come learn about disaster relief, ongoing projects in developing countries, and political advocacy. This presentation is made possible through the generosity of the Louise Wolf-Novak Social Justice & Service Endowment.

October-Respect Life Month: New resources are now available to help you celebrate in your parish, school, or ministry, click [here](#) to view. A [Catholic education toolkit](#) is provided to help Catholic educators build a culture of life in their classroom throughout the year, whenever Respect Life themes best fit into their specific curriculum. This [Parish Webinar Recording](#) is for those who want to help their parish observe Respect Life Month. USCCB staff walk through the website and resources that are available. If your parish is in need of a packet please contact [Esmeralda Guerrero](#).

[Called to Climate Action:](#) Virtually on Saturday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m. Iowa Interfaith Power and Light's annual program promotes climate awareness, action, and leadership in Iowa. To register and learn more go [here](#). Kent Ferris, diocesan director of Social Action and chair of the Iowa Catholic Conference Human Life and Dignity Committee, will be the moderator of the event. You are also invited to consider signing the interfaith 2021 [Called to Climate Action faith statement](#) written by student leaders.

[Catholic Campaign for Human Development \(CCHD\) Annual Collection November 20-21:](#) Each year we write about the importance of supporting November's CCHD collection. In 2020, with the glaring gaps in healthcare, nutrition and housing highlighted through the lens of COVID-19, we see even more clearly the need to empower people to lift themselves out of poverty. There are 40 million people in the United States living in poverty, over 350,000 of them in Iowa. Of the funds collected, 25% remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. [Promotional Materials](#) should arrive to parishes mid-October. Please insert your parish bulletin and display the poster the weekend of November 13 - 14. For questions contact [Kent Ferris](#), 563-488-4211.

CCHD Intern: Allie Lauer, St. Ambrose University junior is this year's CCHD intern. Unlike previous CCHD interns, Allie is not dedicated to one or another of the CCHD funded groups in the diocese. Allie will be working from the Office of Social Action. Read more about Allie in the upcoming [Two Feet Newsletter](#).

[World Day of the Poor:](#) Nov. 14 - *"The poor you will always have with you"* (Mk 14:7).

Project Rachel Banners: There are three banners available for parishes to use to help promote Project Rachel Ministry. If you would like to reserve banners for your parish please contact [Esmeralda Guerrero](#), 563-888-4210. [Click here to view a picture](#)

[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).

[Catholic Social Ministry Gathering:](#) This hybrid gathering will be held January 29 - February 1, 2022.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Youth and Young Adult

NCYC 2.0: St. Thomas More Parish, Coralville is hosting "NCYC 2.0" at the Iowa City Highlander Hotel, November 18-20 for youth, chaperones, and youth ministers. We may not be able to travel to Indianapolis, but we can still come together to view the live streamed general sessions and breakout sessions along with in-person reflection, group discussions, activities and prayer. Hotel accommodations deadline Oct. 8, made by each parish. Commuting from home option also available. See attached pamphlet. Contact Michelle Montgomery, Director of Youth Ministry, icsttmoreym@diodav.org.

Mental Illness Awareness Week is October 3-9. "Together for Mental Health" is the theme for this annual week and its focus this year is on the importance of advocating for better care for those with serious mental illness. The [National Alliance on Mental Illness \(NAMI\) website](#) features the videos of people with lived experience talking about their everyday lives coping with their serious mental illness and the need for better crisis response and mental health care.

The O.F.F. has re-activated its [webpage from last year's MIAW Project](#). On it you can find the recordings of the live streams and workshop featuring Roy Petitfils, the handouts from these programs, and many other resources on mental health.

October 5 is the National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding. The O.F.F. also has prayer cards of St. Dymphna, patron saint of mental illness, and St. John of God, patron saint of hospitals, nurses, and the sick, available for \$0.05 each plus postage. These would make a wonderful give-away to youth and parishioners to raise awareness of and show support for those who suffer from mental illness. You can order them on the MIAW Project website referenced above.

Marriage and Family

Renewing Catholic Family Life– Evangelization in the Domestic Church Training Webinar Series for Ministry Leaders begins Friday, October 22. Join Gregory and Lisa Popcak live via Zoom as they present practical strategies for helping households of all shapes and sizes grow as a domestic church. Everyone engaged in ministry that touches the lives of families is encouraged to attend this series of five weekly webinars. [Information & Registration](#)
Contact [Marianne Agnoli](#)

Hope Blooms: A Healing Retreat for Catholic Women: October 22 and 23. It is possible to heal from the betrayal trauma and abuse caused by a spouse's pornography addiction. Bloom and Integrity Restored will offer an online women's retreat filled with prayerful support and guidance for a journey towards hope and healing. The registration fee of \$75.00 includes all retreat materials. [Information & Registration](#)

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass: At the request of Bishop Zinkula, the Office of Faith Formation is sponsoring a diocesan celebration for all couples who are celebrating fifty years of marriage this year. Couples that were unable to attend any prior 50th celebrations are also welcome to participate. A Mass and informal reception will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport on Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 2 p.m. Contact your parish to confirm that they have submitted your names and address. Invitations to couples were sent out in early September and RSVPs should be returned by October 8. Contact [Colleen Darland](#)

Two Become One – Embracing the Sacrament of Remarriage: The Diocese of Davenport and Archdiocese of Dubuque offer this marriage preparation program to meet the unique needs of couples in which one or both of the individuals have been previously married. Contact [Marianne Agnoli](#). Upcoming Dates:

- January 22, 2022 - Virtual via Zoom - [Information & Registration](#)
- March 26, 2022 - Cedar Falls, Iowa - [Information & Registration](#)

Marriage Preparation Workshops: In person gathered preparation workshops for first time marriages will be held on [February 19, 2022](#) and [March 26, 2022](#) at St. John Vianney, Bettendorf. Unvaccinated participants will be required to wear masks and social distance until further notice. Registration information can be found on the diocesan.

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 by email contact: olpretreat@gmail.com or call 563-336-8414. To register online and learn more about Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat visit www.theprairieretreat.org.

[Go here](#) to learn more about the following offerings:

- **In-person: Little Open House on the Prairie:** Sun, Oct 3 |1:00pm-5:00pm
- **Mass in honor of St. Francis and All Creation:** Wed, Oct 6 at 10:00am Fr. Jim Vrba

- **Bread Making: No Fear, No Fail Yeast Bread** Tues, Oct 12 | 9:00am-1:00pm
- **Introduction to Honeybees Class:** Wed, Oct 13 | 4pm-6pm
- ***The Choices We Make:*** Fri, October 15, 7:00pm-8:30pm (Online at Home or In-person viewing at The Prairie)
- **How to Find Spirituality in Your Run:** Sat, Oct 30, 7:00am-9:00am

EAGLES' WINGS HOUSE OF PRAYER, DAVENPORT

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

Monthly Mass: October 14, 1:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at noon. Reconciliation available before Mass and prayers for healing following.

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacles: Pray the Rosary, read a selection from the book by Fr. Gobbi followed by meditation, a teaching and personal prayers. Mary and the Holy Spirit will be present! Thursday mornings, October 7, 21 and 28; 9 to 11 a.m. (no gathering on the 14th) and Thursday evenings 6 - 8 p.m.

“Holidays, Holy Days, Celebrations or ????”: November 6, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. In just a few short weeks we are entering into what can be the most joyful time of the year OR for many, the most stressful. Come and join us for the morning of sharing traditions, learning how to juggle family events and navigate through difficult dynamics. Prayers, treats and a little creative surprise included! Suggested donation: \$20.

Eagles' Wings is pleased to welcome Marilyn Riley, Certified Christian Counselor and Bonnie Anderson, Certified Spiritual Director to our staff of volunteers.

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL

Contact Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108, retreats@smmsisters.org or online at <http://www.smmsisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs> to register for programs mentioned below.

3 or 5-Day Directed Retreat (On-site only): Thurs. Nov. 11-Sun. Nov. 14 (3-day) or Thurs. Nov. 11-Tues. Nov. 16 (5-day). Participant will meet daily for an hour with a spiritual director who will guide your experience. Space is limited so register soon! Spiritual Directors: Elaine Olson and Mary Kay Henson. Arrival: after 2 pm; Begins at 5:30 pm with Soup Supper-ends 4 pm on the last day. 3-Day Fee: Register/pay in full by Oct. 11: \$375 (private room, all meals, all direction sessions). Registrations/payments after Oct. 11: \$390. 5-Day Fee: Register/pay in full by Oct. 11: \$515 (private room, all meals, all direction sessions). Registrations/payments after Oct. 11: \$530.

INVEST in Your Marriage (On-site only): Saturday, November 13, 9:30 am-3:30 pm. Are you looking to put a little pep in your marriage step? Come INVEST in the time to be with your spouse. This is a day of fun, intimate conversations, thought provoking activities, and deeper relationship building. Presenters: Tony and Lorene Knobbe who are dedicated to building stronger Christian Marriages, the core component of every faith community. Register/pay in full by Oct. 13: \$80/Couple. After Oct. 13: \$95/Couple.

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.

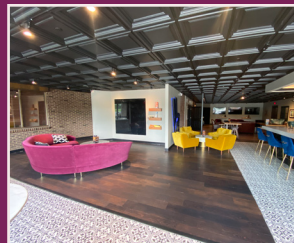


IGNITE

Light the fire in your heart as the Holy Spirit leads you to your calling, through fellowship, prayer, liturgy & music! Find purpose in who you were born to be, burn bright... let your light shine!



Welcome to the Highlander Hotel for NCYC 2.0!
Accommodations will be made through
each Youth Ministry Leadership.
All reservations must be made by
Friday October 8th, 2021.



HIGHLANDER HOTEL

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November 18th - 20th

Iowa City, IA

Calling all teens...
prepare to
encounter Christ,
experience Church,
and become
empowered for discipleship!

Get ready
to be set

ABLAZE



WHAT IS NCYC 2.0

Sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) 2.0 is a Youth Ministry Retreat held here live locally in Iowa City, with live streaming from the National NCYC, in Indy. This 2.0 version has been coordinated by St. Thomas More Youth Ministry along with other area Parish Ministry Programs in the Davenport Diocese.

- A nation-wide gathering of:
 - Catholic Teens (High School Age)
 - Youth Ministry Leaders
 - Bishops, Priests, Deacons, & Religious
 - Parents, Chaperones, and More
- 3-day experience for young people to:
 - ENCOUNTER Christ
 - EXPERIENCE Church
 - Be EMPOWERED for Discipleship
- An opportunity for youth to gather with other Catholic peers and participate in:
 - Prayer & Sacraments
 - Catechesis & Discernment
 - Service & Recreation
- A formative and life-changing experience led by:
 - Local Speakers, National Speakers & Performers
 - Catholic Organizations, Ministries, Orders, & Universities
 - Faithful Volunteers with a Heart for Bringing Youth to Encounter, Know, and Follow Jesus Christ.

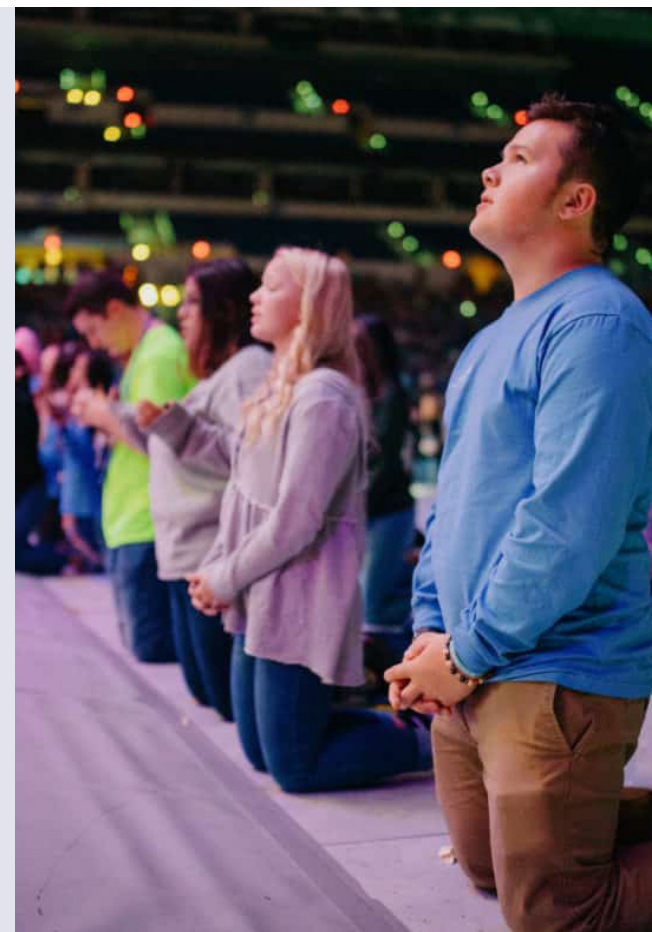
FIRST SESSION BEGINS THURSDAY EVENING

We will gather in person at the Highlander Hotel to participate with other youth from our area in:

NCYC General Sessions
LIVE Streaming from Indy
Breakout Sessions
 Reflections
 Group Discussions
 Activity & Prayer
 Ice Breakers
 Taize
 Reconciliation
 Witness Talks
 Fellowship
 Liturgy & Music

Featured speakers:
Federal Judge Thad Collins and his
“Conversations with a Bully”

Craig & Stacy Schroeder of the
Fight With Flash Foundation



COST TO ATTEND:

Residential Pass - \$275

Commuter Pass - \$150

Registration Deadline:
Friday October 8th, 2021

Please contact Michelle Montgomery
for more information at
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