

LITURGY OFFICE

The December issue of *LiturgyNotes* is available at:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2022/11/Dec2022LN.pdf>

Reminders:

>Registration for our gathering on the Sunday of the Word of God is available at:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/sunday-of-the-word-of-god>

>Registration for the Rite of Election is available at: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/rite-of-election>

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Lunch and Learn Session (To Register Click Here): Topic: World Day of Peace: Thursday, December 1, 12:00 - 1:00 PM. The month of January is rich with events of significance to people of the world and particularly for Catholics in the US. We will discuss these events and opportunities for prayer and action. These “Lunch and Learn” conversations are through Zoom video conferencing. You can call in by phone or connect on your computer, tablet or smartphone.

CRS - Give a Gift of Hope this Holiday Season: The holiday season has begun. You can make a life changing difference this holiday season for families around the world. Please share your blessings with our brothers and sisters around the world who are facing hunger and poverty by giving them a [Gift of Hope](#).

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection: Thank you for participating in this year’s collection. Your generosity will make a real difference to families and communities living in poverty across the United States. The Diocese retains 25% of the proceeds to fight poverty within our own diocese for antipoverty projects! If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give. Please make your donation check payable to the Diocese of Davenport, mark CCHD Collection and mail it directly to Diocese of Davenport, 780 West Central Park Ave., Davenport IA 52804-1901.

World Day of Peace (Jan. 1): For resources and information [click here](#).

Poverty Awareness Month: January 1 - 31. A call to attention to poverty in America. Please join the US bishops and CCHD and the Catholic Community in the United States to live in solidarity with the poor. For many resources, including a printable calendar with information and links for study and reflection materials, visit the [USCCB Poverty Awareness Page](#)

National Prayer Vigil for Life is January 19-20, 2023. This is an annual all-night pro-life prayer vigil held on the eve of the March for Life. It is held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. For more details [click here](#).

9 Days for Life: January 19 - 27 is an annual period of prayer and actions focused on cherishing the gift of every person’s life. [Click here for promotional flyer and resources](#).

CRS Rice Bowl, the Annual Lenten program begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22. This collection benefits those overseas and at home. 75% of all donations go to CRS programming in targeted countries. 25% of all donations stay in our Diocese for use as grants to support local organizations. Countries featured this year are **Honduras, Philippines, and Kenya**, go to [Stories of Hope](#) to hear their journeys and learn how people are overcoming the causes of hunger and adapting to climate change. Materials are also available online for [families](#), [parishes](#), [elementary and middle school students](#), [high school students](#), [universities](#). Orders ship January 12.

Project Rachel Special Request: We are asking all parishes to assist us with the promotion of Project Rachel. Please consider placing Project Rachel in bulletin inserts on a quarterly basis. A sample bulletin announcement can be found [here](#), under resources. Other resources available for your parish to assist with the promotion are:

- *Peace Starts Here* brochure (call the office of Social Action to obtain copies)
- [How to talk to a friend who has had an abortion](#) brochure
- Banners: The Office of Social Action has three banners for parishes to use to help promote Project Rachel Ministry. If you would like to reserve banners for your parish please contact the Office of Social Action at guerrero@davenportdiocese.org.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Youth and Young Adult

ICYC (Iowa Catholic Youth Conference) 2023 for Middle School Youth & Parents: The second annual ICYC jointly sponsored by the Archdiocese of Dubuque and the Diocese of Davenport will be held on Sunday, March 28, 2023, 10 AM-4 PM, at Mt. Mercy University in Cedar Rapids. This year's theme is "YOU...Matter – Belong – are Loved." [Dana Catherine](#), Guest Presenter and Musician at ICYC 22 and featured artist last month at NCYC 2022 in Long Beach CA, returns as this year's Guest Presenter/Musician. Early-Bird Event tickets are \$39/person before March 1 and \$49/person after March 1. More details and promotional materials will be available later this month. Keep checking the [ICYC website](#) for continuing updates on the program and ticket purchasing procedures.

STEP Theology Online: Connecting the Catholic intellectual life to the life of the Church. The Diocese of Davenport has partnered with [STEP at the University of Notre Dame](#) to offer online formation for the people of the diocese. Check out the [diverse offering of attractive courses](#) for catechetical leaders or even those with a desire to pursue more formal studies. With the diocesan partnership, individuals from the Diocese of Davenport who enroll in a STEP course will receive a 25% discount on the standard course fee of \$99. This is an excellent opportunity to deepen and expand the knowledge of the faith. Classes begin January 9, 2023. For questions or more information, visit our [diocesan webpage](#) or contact [Trevor Pullinger](#).

Marriage and Family

Schedule a Sponsor Couple Training/Refresher: As our diocese attempts to move towards the Vatican's vision of a marriage catechumenate, new Sponsor Couples and experienced Sponsor Couples, are encouraged to attend an updated instruction. Please contact Marianne Agnoli at agnolim@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4242 if you would like to schedule a training/refresher in your parish, cluster, or deanery.

New Support Network: A diocesan support network is now available for the parents and loved ones of transgender youth and young adults. This network offers confidential accompaniment and resourcing to families as they navigate through this often stressful and complex journey. If you know of any individuals in your parish or school that you believe would benefit from this ministry please have them contact Marianne Agnoli at agnolim@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4242.

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

For details and to register go to the full calendar at www.theprairieretreat.org. You may also register via email, olpretreat@gmail.com or call 563-374-1092. Scholarships available.

- **ONLINE ONLY: Advent Retreat-Integrating its focus to Spiritual Companionship:** Thursday, December 1 | 6-8 p.m.
- **Pause and Refresh:** December 2-3 | Friday 5 p.m. to Saturday 4 p.m.
- **A Father's Role in Building Character:** Sunday, December 4 | 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **ONLINE ONLY: Advent Retreat-Integrating its focus to Spiritual Companionship:** Thursday, December 8 | 6-8 p.m.
- **Christmas on the Prairie:** Friday, December 11 | 1-4 pm
- **Nature and Forest Therapy with the Winter Solstice:** Wednesday, December 21 | 4-7 p.m.
- **Pathways to the Divine – Judaism:** Monday, January 16 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. ZOOM option available. Each month, explore the core and depth of one of the world's religions. While we honor the differences among faiths, it is time to emphasize our similarities. Presented by Rabbi Linda Bertenthal at Beit Shalom, 2215 E. Kimberly Road, Davenport. Fee: Free will offering
- **ONLINE ONLY: Care for Our Common Home:** Mondays, January 23, 30 and February 6 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. Renew our interconnectedness through creation! Sr. Kathleen Storms, Fee: \$50
- **ONLINE ONLY: God Does Extraordinary Things Through Ordinary People:** Thursday, January 26 | 6:30-8:00 p.m. Hear the amazing stories of people who have overcome great circumstances in their lives to show that God is with us! Heather Selby. Fee: \$20

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL

[Go here to register](#), email retreats@smsisters.org or call Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108

Bookmarks, *The Whole Language: The Power of Extravagant Tenderness* by Fr. Greg Boyle (Onsite only): Fridays: Dec. 2 and 9; 1-2:30 pm. This new book by Fr. Greg is another must read! Join our four-week book study! In 1988 Fr. Greg started what would eventually become Homeboy Industries, which employs and trains former gang members in a range of social enterprises, as well as provides critical services to thousands of men and women who walk through its doors every year seeking a better life. Leader: Maureen Bennett, SMM Oblate and Volunteer. Fee: \$40.

3-Day Silent Directed Retreat (Onsite only): Sun. Jan. 15-Wed. Jan. 18. Participants meet daily for an hour with spiritual directors who will guide experience. Spiritual Directors: Fr. Mark DeSutter; Toni Petersen, SMM Oblate; and Rick Davis. Arrival: 4 pm; Vespers: 5 pm; Dinner: 5:30 pm; Conference: 7 pm. Fee: Registration and payment by Dec. 15: \$375. Registration and payment after Dec. 15: \$390. Space is limited so register soon!

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