

LITURGY OFFICE

The March 2025 edition of *LiturgyNotes* is attached, and available [here](#).

EVANGELIZATION OFFICE

Evangelization support space: In order to better serve parish staff and key volunteers in evangelization, we are building a monthly Zoom space (or in-person, if desired) for those who have specific responsibilities in the area of evangelization. The goals of this space include: a) build a community of support, b) share successes and resources that inspire and brainstorm together around challenges, c) engage common readings or resources to form participants in evangelization (e.g. The Joy of the Gospel). If you are interested in participating, please call (563-888-4394) or email Patrick Schmadeke (schmadeke@davenportdiocese.org).

TECHNOLOGY OFFICE

Windows 10 End of Life: October 14, 2025. Microsoft will discontinue support for Windows 10 and mark it as End of Life. At that time Microsoft will no longer patch or provide security updates for computers running Windows 10. Running Windows 10, after it reaches End of Life, will put your systems at risk for hacking and malware. Many software vendors also stop upgrading or supporting their software on systems once Microsoft ends support.

If your computer is older than 5 years old, it most likely will need to be replaced prior to Windows 10 End of Life. Newer computers running Windows 10 can generally be updated to Windows 11 for free using Windows Update. You are likely getting prompted to upgrade on a regular basis and should do so when possible.

To determine your current operating system type WinVer into the search field on your taskbar and press enter. A window will pop up showing your current operating system version. If it shows Windows 11 you are good to go. If not, you need to determine what processor you are running to determine compatibility. The minimum requirement to upgrade to Windows 11 is an 8th generation processor or later. To determine your processor: Click the start menu, click the gear to open Settings, click System, then click About at the bottom of the left column. If the computer does not have an 8th generation or higher processor you need to plan on replacing that system.

Please also keep in mind that Microsoft Office 2016 reaches end of life on that same day. If you are currently running an older version of Office you need to plan on upgrading to the current version. The current cost for Office 2024 LTSC is \$171 per computer.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

STEP Theology Online-Connecting the Catholic intellectual life to the life of the Church: April 28, classes begin. The Diocese of Davenport has partnered with [STEP at the University of Notre Dame](#) to offer online formation for the people of the diocese. [Learn more about certificate offerings](#) through STEP which has 20 years' experience of offering "satellite" intellectual formation. Take a look at a highlight of February's attractive offerings:

- [Foundations of Catholic Belief](#) **Great Beginner Course**
- [A Preface to the Study of Scripture](#)
- [Faith & Science: The Catholic Approach](#)
- [Liturgical Music: A Historical, Musical, and Pastoral Survey](#)
- [Mary as Mother: A Symbol of Life and Hope for Christians](#)
- [And so many more!](#)

With the diocesan partnership, individuals from the Diocese of Davenport who enroll in a STEP course will receive a 50% discount on the standard course fee of \$99. If you have any questions or would like more information, please visit our [diocesan page](#) or contact [Trevor Pullinger](#).

Totus Tuus Summer Schedule for 2025: Thank you for your help with recruitment! This summer we are fielding two teams serving at 11 sites across the Diocese, some of which are collaborating with neighbors. Take a look at the schedule below and help us promote this summer's schedule! If you have any questions please contact Trevor Pullinger (pullinger@davenportdiocese.org) in the Faith Formation office or visit our Totus Tuus website (www.davenportdiocese.org/totus-tuus).

Weeks	Team #1	Team #2
June 7-13	St. Mary, Ottumwa	JC, Prince of Peace, Clinton
June 14-20	St. Joseph, DeWitt	St. Joseph, DeWitt
June 21-27	Sacred Heart, Newton	St. Wenceslaus, IA City
Break June 28-July 5, 2025		
July 6-July 11	St. Ambrose U. Quad Cities	St. Ambrose U. Quad Cities
July 12-18	St. Mary, Solon	St. Mary, Solon
July 19-25	St. Alphonsus, Mt. Plea.	St. Mary, Pella
July 26-August 1	St. Patrick, IA City	St. Mary, Williamsburg

Marriage and Family

Marriage and Parenting Resource: Check out the April issue of [Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers](#). Please consider including this resource in your bulletin or as a link on your parish or school websites. Weekly [Eco-Tips](#) are also available for use in your parish or school communications, and could be included this month in celebration of Earth Day on April 22.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Invitation to April Lunch and Learn – Victories and Current Projects of a CCHD Funded Group and CCHD Intern: April 3, 12 p.m.

The Center for Worker Justice (CWJ) team and Julissa will be sharing her experience as a second-year Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) intern working on wage theft and community outreach with churches in the Iowa City area.

She will also, talk about how beneficial the CCHD program is, and the opportunities it offers along with the work she has done at CWJ as an intern.

A CWJ team member will be speaking about the function of the center, victories, and current projects they are working on which may include wage theft, and essentially giving an update on what has been occurring at the organization. (See attached flyer) Register: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/lunch-and-learn>.

We are now accepting applications for the 2025/2026 CCHD Internship: This internship provides a unique opportunity to support those who live on the margins of society.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the official anti-poverty, social justice program of the US Catholic Bishops, working to promote systemic change, leadership development, and empowerment of low-income communities through grants and transformative education.

Qualifications:

- Spanish-speaking is preferred but not required.
- The internship is 15 flexible hours per week for 24 weeks during the school year – \$20.00/hour.
- Intern must be able to attend the National CCHD training. Unlike previous years, the intern orientation will take place virtually this year. The dates will be May 28-30, 2025.
- Low-income people from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply.

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Thank you for participating in the CRS Rice Bowl Collection: What started as a way for Catholics in the United States to respond to the famine in Africa 50 years ago has evolved into a Lenten tradition that brings us closer together as one Church and one human family.

Seventy-five percent of the donations from CRS Rice Bowl will go to Catholic Relief Services to support humanitarian aid projects that bring vital hope and lifesaving aid to millions of people in more than 100 countries.

Twenty-five percent of CRS Rice Bowl donations will stay here in our diocese to help those suffering from poverty and hunger in our community.

Please submit your Rice Bowl collections promptly to:

Diocese of Davenport
Rice Bowl Collection
Attn: Finance Department
780 West Central Park Avenue
Davenport Iowa, 52804-1901

Don't forget to write CRS Rice Bowl in the memo line of your check!

Available Grants: Application Deadline May 15.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl: For those providing/supporting direct services to people who are hungry (first foot of Social justice). Funds come from the twenty-five percent that remains in our Diocese from this year's Rice Bowl Collection.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD): For those organizations and projects that promote systemic change (second foot of social justice). To apply please send your request in a 1-2-page letter along with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant Agreement. Funds come from the twenty-five percent that remains in our Diocese from November 2024 CCHD Collection.

Catholic Relief Services Update:

- CRS Global Humanitarian Update. See attached flyer.
- CRS' [Action Alert](#).
- Calling Your Members of Congress. Here is a phone number (866-596-7030) you can use yourself and use to organize call-in days. The number will connect you to the Capitol switchboard.
- Sign up [here](#) to participate in legislative visits in your state or district.

2025 Mission Coop: Each year missionaries are invited to come and share their mission stories and experiences at our parishes. Their appeals provide an opportunity to gain prayerful and financial support for their projects while also providing parishioners in our Dioceses with the opportunity to help our brothers and sisters around the world. This year, 15 groups received an invitation to make a Mission Appeals in our Diocese. Please keep them in your prayers as they make their appeals in our Diocese this summer. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Two Feet Newsletter – Attached is the March Issue: To subscribe to receive the Two Feet Newsletter please go to <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/two-feet-newsletter>.

Resources:

Flood Preparation: Please visit [Iowa Ready](#), here you will find information to help you craft lifesaving plans and preparations. If you need more information about preparedness contact Glenn Leach, at leach@davenportdiocese.org. Go to our [website](#) to find additional links to resources.

From the Department of Human Services – Free Project Recovery: Iowa offers free virtual counseling and assistance for all Iowans. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Income Tax Credit: Low- and moderate-income workers may qualify for help from two federal tax benefits, the [Earned Income Tax Credit](#) (EITC) and the [Child Tax Credit](#) (CTC). Providing information about these two tax credits on your parish website and in your bulletin or using social media to spread the word could help many in your community. You can also encourage individuals and families to file their taxes through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. VITA offers free tax help for low-to-moderate-income people who cannot prepare their returns. Encourage parishioners, who may need assistance to enter their ZIP code at <https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep> to find the nearest site.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

To report child abuse, call the Iowa Attorney General Clergy Abuse hotline at 855-620-7000 (M-F, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) 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.

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 Pastoral Council
Seminarians	Parish Life Coordinators	Principals		

Other interested persons are welcome to subscribe. If you have questions regarding your subscription contact Stephanie Schoel, schoel@davenportdiocese.org

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL

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

- **Silent Lenten Retreat – Jesus, Friend of My Soul:** (Onsite) April 4-5, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Jesus said to them, “*Come and see.*” They came and saw where Jesus was staying and remained with him that day. (John 1:39). This is a 24-hour, silent, Lenten retreat. Come and see what awaits you! Retreat Leader: Lorene Knobbe. Doors open at 3:30 p.m.; retreat begins 4:30 p.m.; retreat ends the following day at 4:30 pm. Fee: Registration and pay in full by March 4: \$140 single room (Meals, accommodations, speaker fee, and materials included). Registrations and payments after March 4: \$155 single room. Registration deadline: March 28, 2025.
- **Women’s Tea Luncheon:** (Onsite) April 26, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Pamper yourself! Have tea, lunch with other women, and take time to reflect on your spiritual journey. Our leader will have an inspiring reflection with time for sharing. Suzanne has facilitated the Women’s Tea in many Chicago area parishes and women’s groups. Take a tea break and enjoy the beginning of spring at Benet House. Leader: Suzanne Carter. Fee: \$25, includes tea lunch, speaker fee, and materials. Scholarship funds are available to assist with cost. Please ask when registering.

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.

- **Mass on The Prairie:** (Onsite) April 2, 10-11 a.m.
- **O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God:** (Onsite) April 9, 1-4 p.m. A meaningful experience of creation spirituality that moves from intriguing theory to lived spiritual practice by guided meditations, including exposure to breath meditation practice. Facilitator: Joseph Piccione. Fee: \$25
- **The Earth-Body Connection – Impacts on your Health and Tools for Longevity:** (Onsite) April 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Understand how the environment and lifestyle choices impact your health and learn tools to support your body for therapeutic purposes, prevention and longevity. Facilitators: Jodee and Dave Murcia. Fee \$25

- **Every Day is Earth Day:** (Onsite and Online) April 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. You might think protecting the Earth is a monumental task that only superheroes can perform. But believe it or not, there are many things we can all do to make a difference. Even small changes can have a big impact. Join us to learn more! Facilitators: Local Experts. Fee: \$40
- **Stations of the Cross:** (Onsite) April 18, 2-3 p.m. Be a witness to the last day of Jesus Christ. Area Actors. Fee: Free Will Offering.
- **A Walk Through the Prairie – Identifying Spring Wildflowers and Birds:** (Onsite) April 23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Enjoy the beauty of this spring day and develop an appreciation for the wildflowers and birds who come alive this time of year. Facilitator: Kurt Kreiter. Free \$40
- **Sharing Ideas about Our Lord to Use Throughout the Year:** (Online Only) April 27, 1-2 p.m. Using Philippians, this retreat focuses on rejoicing in the Lord and receiving the peace that surpasses understanding. Facilitator: Bob Lindahl. Fee: \$20
- **Mass on The Prairie:** (Onsite) May 7, 10-11 a.m.