

LITURGY OFFICE

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

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

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 May 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.

SAVE THE DATE – Spanish Language Sponsor Couple Training/Refresher: July 19, 6-9 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, Ottumwa. As our diocese continues to incorporate steps towards the establishment of a marriage catechumenate, new Sponsor Couples and experienced Sponsor Couples, are encouraged to attend an updated instruction. Please register couples in your parish for this training session by July 11, to allow sufficient time for them to receive the necessary instructional materials and complete the pre-training exercises. Contact [Deacon Angel Hernandez](#) to register for this training in Spanish or contact [Marianne Agnoli](#) to schedule an alternate training/refresher in English for your parish, cluster, or deanery.

RESERVE LA FECHA – Capacitación/actualización para parejas patrocinadoras en español: 19 de julio, 6-9 p.m. en la iglesia St. Patrick, Ottumwa. A medida que nuestra diócesis continúa incorporando pasos hacia el establecimiento de un catecumenado matrimonial, se anima a las parejas patrocinadoras nuevas y experimentadas a asistir a una instrucción actualizada. Registre a las parejas patrocinadoras potenciales en su parroquia para esta sesión de capacitación antes del 11 de julio. Comuníquese con [Diaconó Angel Hernandez](#) para registrarse para esta capacitación o para programar una capacitación/actualización alternativa en su parroquia, grupo o decanato.

SAVE THE DATE - Worldwide Marriage Encounter: September 12-14, Shalom Retreat Center in Dubuque. For more information contact Greg and Denise at 563-920-9419 or sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on wwme.org. Early registration is highly recommended.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Lunch and Learn – The Past, Present & Future of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in our Diocese and in our Country: May 1, 12 p.m. We may know about some charitable efforts of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, but the Society is involved in more! In this moment, we will hear of their offerings in history, their present involvement in the Diocese and exciting plans here in the U.S. Please join us to learn more. See the attached flyer for more information.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Internship: May 28-30. This is open to any U.S. Catholic interested in solidarity building, and Catholic social teaching. Application deadline is May 2nd. Intern must be able to attend National CCHD Training. The intern orientation will take place virtually this year.

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.
- Low-income people from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply. ([Flyer](#))

CRS Rice Bowl Collection: Please turn in your Rice Bowl Collection: Your donation makes a big difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers experiencing the greatest need. Of the funds raised from CRS Rice Bowl, 75 percent goes to CRS's international humanitarian programs, and 25% of Rice Bowl donations stay in our local diocese, supporting hunger efforts. Thank you for making a local, and global impact! Please submit funds to the Diocese by May 31. Please use the attached [remittance form](#) when submitting funds. Don't forget to write Rice Bowl in the memo line of your check!

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

April Lunch and Learn – Victories, & Current projects of a CCHD funded group & CCHD intern Julissa Govea: The Center for Worker Justice intern, Julissa, spoke about her experience as a second-year CCHD intern working on wage theft and community outreach with churches in the Iowa City area. She also talked about how beneficial the CCHD program is and the opportunities it offers. CWJ team members spoke about the function of the center, victories, and current projects they are working on. To view the recording click [here](#).

St. Joseph the Worker and the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers: May 1.

Laudato Si Week – “Raising Hope”: May 24-31. This is an annual eight-day campaign that commemorates the anniversary of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* encyclical on creation care. On May 24, *Laudato Si'* celebrates its 10th anniversary of *Laudato Si'*.

Below are some ideas on how you can take part in this event:

- **Host a Community Event:** organize a community event, to bring people together at your parish, school, family, or neighborhood—to learn and reflect on *Laudato Si'*.
- **Spread the Word:** Share *Laudato Si'* with 10 people in honor of the 10th anniversary, and let them know where they can find [free resources](#).
- **The Letter film:** Host a screening event at your community or parish of [The Letter film](#).
- **Laudato Si' book club:** Host a book club at your parish to read [Laudato Si'](#).

Available Grants: Applications must be received by May 15 by 4:00 p.m., with no exceptions.

- **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl:** For those providing/supporting direct services to hungry people (first foot of Social justice). Learn more <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/crs-rice-bowl-local-grant>.
- **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD):** (LOCAL CCHD GRANT) 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. Learn more at [here](#).

Organizations that received grant funding MUST submit a Progress Report. This Progress Report must be completed no later than April 30 of the current grant cycle. Please attach a copy of your Progress Report with your current grant application.

The Two Feet Newsletter: The April issue is now available. Our newsletter is distributed monthly via email. If you would like to subscribe go to <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/two-feet-newsletter> or you can contact Esmeralda Guerrero at guerrero@davenportdiocese.org who will add you to our list of subscribers. See attachment.

Respect Life Materials – Available Resources:

- **A Novena for Life: Honoring the Feast of the Visitation:** Join in praying a Novena for life from May 22-30. Click [here](#) for prayer and additional resources. On May 31, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- **Respect Life Action Guide: Mother's Day:** Mother's Day is an opportunity to highlight the beautiful vocation of motherhood and the gift of life. [Prayer for Pregnant Mothers](#) is also available in English and Spanish for free download. It can also be ordered as a [prayer card](#).
- **Respect Life Prayer & Action – Monthly Prayer Guide:**
- **Walking with Moms in Need:** is a nationwide, parish-based initiative to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need. This year Walking with Moms in Needs is celebrating [5 years](#) Learn more at <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com>.

Respect Life Month Materials: The Office of Social Action will send out a notice when it is time to order your free parish kit with the print materials.

Bread for the World's 2025 Offering of Letters: You will help support domestic and international nutrition programs that offer help to families and a brighter future for children. Now more than ever is the time to put your faith into action with Bread for the World's Offering of Letters! Bread for the World invites you to hold an offering [of Letters](#) (letter- writing event) at your parish.

Project Rachel: Project Rachel is a confidential, post-abortion healing ministry of the Catholic Church offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. Project Rachel staff understand the emotional pain that follows an abortion.

New Helpline #: 563 888-4376

National Helpline: 1-800-456- HOPE (4673)

Email: projectrachel@diodav.org
[Available Resources](#)

Support the Lifesaving Work of Catholic Relief Services: Catholic Relief Services is the international relief agency of the church in the United States. CRS provides humanitarian and emergency aid around the world. The assistance provided includes providing soon-to-be mothers access to nutrition services, helping farmers feed their families, and ensuring children receive critical medications to fight disease. As you already know the federal government issued immediate stop- work orders on almost all foreign aid as they reviewed State Department and USAID programs. This freeze is impacting millions of our sisters and brothers who need access to lifesaving humanitarian assistance. Please help by [taking action](#)! by urging Congress to reinstate funding.

Relief efforts:

Earthquake in Southeast Asia: A 7.7-magnitude earthquake has caused widespread damage and casualties across Myanmar. CRS is supporting local partners in emergency relief efforts for families and communities in affected areas and will identify priority needs for the most vulnerable populations. CRS and local partners can rapidly respond based on long-term presence and programming in the country.

Please make a generous gift today by visiting the CRS website [here](#) or send your donation to:

Diocese of Davenport
Earthquake in Southeast Asia
Attn: Finance Department
780 West Central Park Avenue
Davenport, IA 52804

Floods in the South Relief: Financial donations may be sent directly to Catholic Charities USA. CCUSA is the official disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States. You can also send your donations to the Diocese of Davenport, (and in the memo line write (FLOODS IN THE SOUTH RELIEF). 100% of donations will go to helping those affected by this disaster.

Catholic Charities USA:

Donation link: <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/what-we-do/disaster-relief>
2050 Ballenger Ave, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314

Or send your donations to:

Diocese of Davenport
Floods in the South Relief
Attn: Finance Department
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Upcoming:

- **Foster Care Awareness Month:** May 1.

SAVE THE DATE:

- **World Refugee Day** - June 20.
- **World Day of Migrants and Refugees Day:** October 4-5. The theme the Pope chose is “*Missionaries of hope*”. [USCCB resources webpage](#)
- **Season of Creation:** September 1 - October 4: The theme for the Season of Creation is “*Peace with Creation.*” The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation and is celebrated September 1 (world Day of Creation) to October 4 (Feast of St. Francis.)
- **National Migration Week:** September 22-28

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

- **Self-Compassion and the Cancer Journey:** (Onsite) May 17, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. We know the experience of living with cancer is a life challenge. How do we sustain our hope, energy, and trust in the future? On this retreat day, there will be sharing of practical ways to nurture our self-compassion so we can live with a positive energy about ourselves and our journey of a 'new normal.' Retreat Leader: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB. Fee: *** FREE*** Our Sponsor is the Midwest Hope and Healing Grant through the Moline Regional Foundation. (includes lunch)

EAGLES' WINGS, DAVENPORT

For more information on all events go to, www.eagleswings.ws. Contact: 563-343-1481, marcia@eagleswings.ws

- **Little Known Apparitions of Mary #2:** (Onsite) May 3, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. IF YOU were blessed to attend the first presentation held at Eagle's Wings on the Little-Known apparitions of Mary, you won't want to miss this second one. OR perhaps you were unable to attend and heard it was wonderful. Now's your opportunity to sign up for all new. Please join us! Registration is \$35. Register on our website: www.eagleswings.ws click, 'donate' and note, 'May 3 event'. Or mail your registration to: Eagles' Wings, 5816 Telegraph Rd., Davenport, Iowa 52804. Space is limited, register soon!
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** (Onsite) May 15, 10 a.m. Reconciliation available before 11 a.m. Mass with lunch to follow.
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** (Onsite) June 12, 10 a.m. Reconciliation available before 11 a.m. Mass with lunch to follow.

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) May 7, 10-11 a.m.
- **Mother's Day Event:** May 8, 6-8 p.m. at Olathea Creek Vineyard and Winery. Buy an experience – not another trinket! Taste wines by Olathea Creek Vineyard and Winery, Chocolate by Flaherty's Irish Candy Company, and make a floral arrangement with Lori's Petals. Fee: \$60
- **God's Presence All Around Us:** (Onsite) May 14, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Learn to hear God's voice, see the sacredness in all things and connect deeply with God. Facilitator: Sr. Kathleen Sadler, OSF. Fee: \$40
- **Mass on The Prairie:** (Onsite) June 4, 10-11 a.m.
- **A Pilgrimage with St. Teresa of Avila – A Spiritual Day of Renewal:** (Onsite) June 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Spend a day with Teresa of Avila! Facilitator: Michele Petersen, PhD. Fee: \$40
- **Always Bring Flowers:** (Onsite) June 25, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Encourage your creativity with a hands-on, make-and-take flower arranging class. Facilitator: Deb Monroe. Fee: \$40

