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LITURGY OFFICE

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

SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICE

Social Media Workshop – Parish Websites: July 16, 11 a.m. Join us for a workshop on how to make your parish website more welcoming, navigable, and aesthetic! We will meet via Zoom for 60 minutes. Sign up at <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/social-media-workshops>

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Totus Tuus Summer Schedule for July 2025: Thank you for your help with recruitment! This summer we are fielding two teams serving at 11 sites (with 6 remaining in the month of July) 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
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

SAVE THE DATE & EXCITING NEW ANNOUNCEMENT – Iowa Catholic Youth Conference 2026:

March 22, 2026 – Grades 6–8

NEW: March 21, 2026 – Grades 9–12

We are thrilled to announce the 5th Annual Iowa Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC) for grades 6–8 and their parents, happening on March 22, 2026.

And now—something new! We're launching a high school ICYC experience for grades 9–12 on March 21, 2026. Mark your calendars!

Co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Dubuque and the Diocese of Davenport, both events will be hosted at St. Ludmila Parish in Cedar Rapids and will feature the much-loved and highly requested Scally Brothers Band <https://www.thescallybrothers.com>

More details will be released later this fall. Feel free to include this announcement in parish bulletins. Save-the-date artwork attached.

Marriage and Family

Marriage and Parenting Resource: Check out the July 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 communication.

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 time for them to receive the necessary instructional materials. 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. See attached Spanish Language Flyer.

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. Vea el folleto adjunto en español.

Celebrate Natural Family Planning Awareness Week: July 20-26. The theme of this year's national educational campaign is: *Pursue a lasting love ...MARRIAGE Create hope for the future!* Downloadable parish materials and resources are available in English and Spanish on the [USCCB webpage](#). Additional information is available on the diocesan [NFP webpage](#).

SAVE THE DATE - Worldwide Marriage Encounter: September 12-14 at the 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 [here](#). Early registration is highly recommended.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Pacem in Terris Award Peace and Freedom Award: July 9, 7 p.m. Bishop Báez, who has risked his life advocating for justice and peace in his beloved homeland of Nicaragua, will receive the Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award. He lives in exile in the United States and currently serves as Professor of Scripture on the faculty of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach USA. The presentation will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 422 E. 10th Street, Davenport, IA.

Order of events: (All the events are at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 422 E 10th St, Davenport, IA 52803 Davenport)

- Mass 5:30 p.m. | 6:30 p.m. Refreshments
- 7:00 p.m. Award Ceremony

To view the Catholic Messenger's Pacem in Terris award article, click [here](#). Please help us promote the event. The event flyer is attached.

2025-2026 Respect Life Packet: Parishes interested in receiving one free Respect Life Packet may submit their order online at <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/respect-life-order-form>. Orders must be placed by 4:00 p.m. July 13th.

The 2025-2026 Respect Life Program theme "*Life: Our Sign of Hope*" reflects the ongoing Jubilee Year of Hope. The parish kits contain a cover letter from Bishop Thomas, Chair of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities (English/Spanish on reverse sides), a poster (English/Spanish on reverse sides), and two copies of a new prayer card (one each in English & Spanish). If you have any questions please contact Esmeralda Guerrero guerrero@davenportdiocese.org.

Rice Bowl Materials Mailing: Please update your order for 2026 [here](#). CRS has mailed a thank-you to all parishes and schools. That mailing has the quantities that your parish/school ordered in 2025. Please take a moment to review and make any changes and return to CRS.

The June issue of the Two Feet of Social Action Newsletter: is now available. The newsletter is distributed monthly via email. If you want to subscribe go to <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/two-feet-newsletter> or contact Esmeralda Guerrero at guerrero@davenportdiocese.org who will add you to our list of subscribers.

CCHD Intern: Our 2025/2026 Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) intern is Athalia Munoz. Athalia is a student at the University of Iowa, majoring in sociology. Athalia is fluent in Spanish.

St. Vincent's Home Grants: The grant program derives from the St. Vincent Home orphanage and continues to serve children with more than an ordinary need through grants to organizations providing such services. The application deadline is September 15. Applicants are to be located within the 22 counties of the Diocese of Davenport or serve children within the Diocese of Davenport. Click [here](#) for more information.

CRS Update: House narrowly passed the first rescissions package (*H.R. 4 - Rescissions Act of 2025*) by a 214-212 vote. The bill rescinds \$1.1 billion for public broadcasting and \$8.3 billion in foreign assistance. While expected, this is still not the news we wanted to hear. The breakdown is as follows for the accounts we advocate on, with the % being the % reduced from FY25 spending bill (passed in March):

- Global Health Programs
 - \$500M: Maternal and Child Health, HIV/AIDS, and Infectious Disease (13%)
 - \$400M: PEPFAR (7%)
- \$800M: Migration and Refugee Assistance (25%)
- \$43M: Complex Crises Fund (78%)
- \$1.65B: Economic Support Funds (42%)
- \$2.5B Development Assistance (64%)
- \$496M: International Disaster Assistance (12%)

See how House members voted here: [view website](#).

The Action Alert has been updated to target the Senate. As a reminder, it is more effective to send personal emails to staffers in the Senate offices. However, if the action alert helps you send the message, please use it! Then, share the action alert with your friends, family and networks. See attached updates.

English action alert: To utilize and access, click [here](#). Spanish action alert: To utilize and access, click [here](#).

The Impact of Humanitarian Aid Cuts: CRS President and CEO Sean Callahan spoke to [PBS NewsHour](#) about the impact humanitarian aid cuts are having on families and communities in the 100+ countries where CRS works. Please [click here to watch the full interview](#).

USCCB Justice and Peace Action Alert: [Act to Support the Most Vulnerable](#).

In the coming weeks, the U.S. Senate will deliberate and vote on the One Big Beautiful Bill Act – the Fiscal Year 2025 reconciliation bill that will impact millions of people. As the bill currently stands, it will raise taxes on the working poor, cause millions to lose access to health care, result in families going hungry, and back out of [crucial investments in clean energy and jobs, air, and water](#).

Archbishop Borys Gudziak, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, spoke out on the reconciliation bill in an [op-ed for OSV News](#). He wrote: “As followers of Christ, we are called not only to serve the poor but to advocate for changing systems that create and perpetuate poverty. This bill, as it stands, falls significantly short in responding to the needs of our vulnerable sisters and brothers.” You can act by calling on your senators to protect the most vulnerable in this bill by clicking [here](#).

Healthy Kids Iowa' Pilot Program: The U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service has approved a demonstration project submitted by Iowa Health and Human Services for a summer food pilot program. Food banks will purchase healthy food options and deliver them to the selected sites. The program will allow eligible families to select \$40 of food each month from access points. Households with children aged 4-18 at 185% or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are eligible. The program is an alternative to implementing the Summer EBT program using SNAP cards. [Click here to learn more.](#)

SAVE THE DATE:

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons: July 30. Would you like to learn and do something about the issues? Please visit [webpage here](#). To find a coalition in Iowa, [click here](#). To learn more visit [here](#).

National Migration Week: September 22-28: [Click here](#) for more information

Season of Creation: September 1 - October 4, 2025 "*Peace with Creation*." is the theme for this year's season of creation. The Season of Creation is celebrated from September 1 (World Day of Creation) to October 4 (Feast of St. Francis.) [Visit here](#) to find resources and learn more about the theme and materials.

The World Day of Migrants and Refugees: "*Migrants, missionaries of hope*" is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR). This year the World Day of Migrants and Refugees will not be held on the customary last Sunday of September, but will instead be celebrated on October 4 and 5.

World Day Against the Death Penalty is October 10.

The 2025 CCHD Collection: will be held on November 15-16. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty, by funding community programs. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. CCHD supports those living in poverty across the country by funding programs that empower local communities to address their challenges. The diocese retains 25% of the proceeds to fight poverty within our diocese. Promotional materials will be mailed to parishes in early October including posters, envelopes, and bulletin inserts adapted to our diocese. [Click here for materials.](#)

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

EAGLES' WINGS, DAVENPORT

Offers, by appointment, professional counseling on a sliding scale and certified spiritual direction. For more information on all events go to, www.eagleswings.ws. Contact: 563-343-1481, marcia@eagleswings.ws

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** (Onsite) July 10, 10 a.m. Adoration and reconciliation before a Mass with prayer for healing at 11 a.m., followed by lunch.
- **Adoration and Reconciliation:** (Onsite) August 14, 10 a.m. Adoration and reconciliation before a Mass with prayer for healing at 11 a.m., followed by lunch.

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) July 2, 10-11 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Robert Cloos
- **Centering Prayer:** (Online Only) July 2, 1-2:30 p.m. An ancient form of praying based on the words of Jesus. Facilitator: Carol Mizeur. Free will offering
- **Bystander Intervention for Creating Safer Communities:** (Online Only) July 8, 6-7:30 p.m. This is for those who are concerned about violence and discrimination in their communities and would like to learn how to take a stand! Facilitators: The University of Iowa Violence Prevention Team. Fee \$20
- **God's Presence All Around Us:** (Onsite) July 16, 6-7:30 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) August 6, 10-11 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Brian Miclot