

LITURGY OFFICE

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

COMMUNICATION 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, and 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.

SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICE

If you help run your parish or school's social media pages, check out these [August social media post templates](#)! Feel free to post them as is, or edit and make them your own. If you want more resources and content ideas, sign up for our social media newsletter [here](#).

EVANGELIZATION OFFICE

Consultation of the Laity: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) wants to better understand how the people of God understand and live out their baptism. Our diocese has designed a survey as part of this effort. It is a detailed survey that can bear great fruit. It is for lay persons only. Clerics will receive a separate survey. Through this, we hope to discover how people are living out their baptism and how parish leadership can better support that. Please fill out this survey (if you are a lay person) and promote it in your parish community (e.g. parish bulletin, pew cards, poster, word of mouth, etc.). The survey will be open for 9 weeks, until the end of September. We will compile results during the month of October to share our diocesan report with the USCCB by their November 1st deadline. Individual parish results will be shared with parish leadership. Diocese-wide results will be published widely. Contact Patrick Schmadeke (schmadeke@davenportdiocese.org) with any questions. (Survey links: [ENGLISH](#) | [SPANISH](#))

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Marriage and Family

Marriage and Parenting/ Eco-Tips Resources: This August issue of [Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers](#) will be Susan Vogt's final submission. She will no longer be providing new content in these two areas. However, hundreds of her submissions have been archived for access and may be posted at any time in your parish bulletins or school websites. [Marriage Moments Archives](#) [Parenting Pointers Archives](#)

Sponsor Couple Training/Refresher: August 19, 6-9 p.m., St. Mary, Iowa City. As our diocese continues to incorporate steps towards the establishment of a marriage catechumenate, new Sponsor Couples and experienced Sponsor Couples trained before 2017 are encouraged to attend an updated instruction. Please register couples in your parish for this training session by August 12th to allow sufficient time for them to receive the necessary instructional materials. Contact [Marianne Agnoli](#) at agnolim@davenportdiocese.org 563-888-4242 to register for this training or to schedule an alternate training/refresher in your parish, cluster, or deanery.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass: August 29 is the submission deadline. Mass will be celebrated on October 19 at 2 p.m. At the request of Bishop Dennis Walsh, 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 prior celebrations are also welcome to participate. The Mass and informal reception will be held at St. Patrick Church in Iowa City. Contact your parish to confirm that they have submitted your names and address. Invitations will be sent out early in September. Parishes received an email from Kathy Lantzky lantzky@davenportdiocese.org on July 10th that provided the necessary information for submitting couple's names and addresses.

Celebrate World Day for Grandparents and Elderly: September 6-7. The theme for the 2025 celebration selected by the pope is "*Blessed are those who have not lost hope*" (cf. Sir 14:2). These words from the Book of Sirach express the blessedness of the elderly and highlight the hope placed in the Lord as the path to a Christian and reconciled old age. Parishes and schools are encouraged to explore these [resources from the USCCB](#) or contact [Marianne Agnoli](#) for additional celebration ideas.

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

HEADS UP! Two Feet Social Action Newsletter: Coming soon, our newsletter will have a different look. We are changing to Substack. If you are a current subscriber, you do not have to re-subscribe.

Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award Ceremony: This year's recipient was Bishop Báez who lives in exile in the United States and has risked his life advocating for justice and peace in his beloved homeland of Nicaragua. To view the recording, click [here](#).

- [Remarks by the Auxiliary Bishop of Managua, Monsignor Silvio José Báez, upon receiving the "Pacem in Terris" Award, in Iowa, United States.](#)

Texas Flood 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 (Texas Flood Relief). 100% of donations will go to helping those affected by this disaster.

Catholic Charities USA:

Donation link

2050 Ballenger Ave, Suite 400
Alexandria, VA 22314

Or send your donations to:

Diocese of Davenport
Texas Flood Relief
Attn: Finance Department
780 West Central Park Avenue
Davenport Iowa, 52804-1901

Respect Life Materials: Will be mailed directly to those parishes that placed an order. If your parish missed the notice to order, a few extras are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Contact the Office of Social Action at guerrero@davenportdiocese.org

The Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities: has launched [The Respect Life Podcast](#). In the first episode, Bishop Daniel Thomas, chair of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, joins Kat Talalas from the secretariat for a conversation about the anniversary of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. He also shares what formed his pro-life views from childhood and how he found out that he had been appointed to be a bishop. [Click here to watch](#) or [Click here to Listen](#).

Respect Life useful links:

- Respect Life Month resources are accessible by their webpage: <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>
- Respect Life store where resources can be purchased, <https://store.respectlife.org/collections/2024-respect-life-resources-i-came-so-that-they-might-have-life>

St. Vincent's Home Grants: Applications must be postmarked by September 15. Applicants are to be located within the 22 counties of the Diocese of Davenport or serve children within the Diocese of Davenport. Also, if your organization received a grant in the past, you must submit a progress report along with your application. Go [here](#) for the application and more details.

The Rice Bowl Collection: Thank you to the parishes that participated in the 2025 collection. We received 13 *Applications for Funding* requests totaling \$34,000. The Diocese distributed \$20,400 in local grants to alleviate hunger around the Diocese. For the funds collected in 2024 for the CCHD collection, the Diocese distributed \$6,180 in local grants.

Catholic Relief Service Update:

USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services: recently released a document, *Explainer: [Refugee Resettlement and the Catholic Church](#)*, which provides an overview of what has happened to the resettlement program over the past several months. Learn about Immigration and the Catholic Church [here](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation: September 1. The World Day of Prayer 2025 theme is "*Seeds of Peace and Hope*"

Pope announces new 'Mass of Creation: Pope Leo XIV has announced a new Mass of Creation to be added to the Roman Missal. In his message for the [10th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation](#) coming up in September, the Pope Leo said, "Nature itself is reduced at times to a bargaining chip, a commodity to be bartered for economic or political gain. As a result, God's creation turns into a battleground for the control of vital resources. We see this in agricultural areas and forests peppered with landmines, 'scorched earth' policies, conflicts over water sources, and the unequal distribution of raw materials, which penalizes the poorer nations and undermines social stability itself ... These various wounds are the effect of sin."

Season of Creation: September 1 to October 4. "*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.) [Click here](#) to find resources and learn more about the theme and materials. Please consider organizing an event at your parish during the Season of Creation. Events could include ecumenical prayer services and Blessing of the Animals on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi for family pets. Visit <https://seasonofcreation.org/resources>.

Please let the office know of any event your parish has planned during the Season of Creation. E-mail information to guerrero@davenportdiocese.org

National Migration Week: September 22-28. The theme is "*Migrants, missionaries of hope.*" This year, National Migration Week culminates with the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR). Although WDMR typically occurs on the last Sunday of September, this year it will take place on October 4-5 to coincide with the Jubilee of Migrants.

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope: October 4-5. The Holy See has designated several Jubilee Days throughout 2025 to recognize and celebrate diverse groups of people and various ministries in the Church. The [Jubilee of Migrants](#) will be held on October 4-5, 2025. [Jubilee of Migrants USCCB Resource Packet.](#)

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

- **Men’s Retreat – Come and You Will See:** (Onsite) August 15-16 6-4:30 p.m. Two disciples follow Jesus. As they approach Him, they ask, “Where are you staying?” Jesus replies, “Come and you will see.” Jesus invites them in. He invites them into a relationship with Him that changes their lives forever. Jesus invites each of us to come. Will you come, and see? Will you accept the invitation to spend time with Him? This 24-hour retreat is an opportunity for you to have time to reflect on Jesus’ invitation. Come away to this quiet, serene center at Benet House and spend time to just ‘be’ and embrace Jesus’ invitation. Retreat Leaders: Lorene Knobbe: Benet House Program Assistant, Boundless Compassion Facilitator, Spiritual Director, a Retired Educator, serves as Spiritual Director for local CEWs, and is active at St. Paul the Apostle, 26-year veteran of Davenport Police Department, has a Master of Theology from the Augustine Institute, is co-Director of OCIA, and works with CEWs. Fee: \$135 single, \$120 double; (includes housing, meals, materials); Registration deadline August 8. Scholarships available upon request.
- **Bookmarks – Spiritual Authors:** (Online and Onsite) August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18, 6-7:30 p.m. and January 15, 6-7 p.m. Sensible Shoes is the first of a series of four books that follow four women, Meg, Mara, Charissa, and Hannah, who meet at a retreat and continue to unpack their spiritual journeys. Their journeys easily relate to our lives. This series is an opportunity to unpack your own spiritual journey and learn ways to deepen your life with God, yourself, and others. Sensible Shoes Book and Study Guide are necessary for the series (Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Thrift Books.) Note: Participants must buy book and study guide before the first session. There will be small and large group discussions. Facilitators: Lorene Knobbe and Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB. Fee: \$75. Registration deadline August 14. Scholarships available upon request.

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 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.
- **Little Known Apparitions of Mary:** October 18. More details 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) August 6, 10-11 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Brian Miclot
- **Pickled!** (Onsite) August 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn to make delicious pickles that can't be bought anywhere. Facilitator: Dianne Prichard. Fee \$25
- **The Book of Revelation – Unpacking a Mystery, Celebrating Victory!** August 18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Unpack the keys to understanding this most misunderstood book of the Bible. Facilitator: Rev. Robert Mill and Dr. Mark Nimo. Fee \$40
- **Growing and Cooking with Herbs:** (Onsite) August 20, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Explore the fascinating world of culinary herbs! Facilitator: Deb Monroe. Fee \$25
- **Fear and Faith – Hoe and Wholeness in a Fractured World:** (Online Only) August 25, 6-8 p.m. Jesus warns his followers to “be not afraid” more often than almost any other saying. Learn how fear functions as the enemy of Christian discipleship. Facilitator: Daniel P. Horan, PhD.
- **Mass on The Prairie:** (Onsite) September 3, 10-11 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Denny Martin