

LITURGY OFFICE

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

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

2026 Rev. Msgr. Larry J. Droll Scholarship for Catholic Laity: Applications are now being accepted by Catholic Life Insurance for the 2026 Rev. Msgr. Larry J. Droll Scholarship for Catholic Laity. \$1000-3000 to assist Catholic laity pursuing graduated degrees that will help them in or qualify in the future for professional positions in parish and diocesan ministries. This scholarship is awarded annually to support lay Catholics who demonstrate a commitment to their faith, active participation in parish life, and a desire to further their education or formation. Applications are attached, please contact Jennifer Praet praet@davenportdiocese.org with questions or to submit an application. Applications are due by 7/15/26.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Totus Tuus 2026 Summer Schedule: The schedule below reflects the parishes and dates of our two teams that we are currently working on recruiting. (Note* Team 1 Week 2 & 3 changed locations and both teams will be at St. Joseph, Ottumwa in Wk6 since our original public schedule.)

Totus Tuus Week 2026	Team #1	Team #2
Week 1: June 6th - 12th	JC Prince of Peace, Clinton	Ss. Mary & Mathias, Muscatine
Week 2: June 13th - 19th	Holy Family, Ft. Madison*	Divine Mercy, Burlington
Week 3: June 20th - 26th	St. Mary, Tipton*	St. Patrick, Iowa City
Week 4: June 27th - July 3rd	St. Mary, Williamsburg	St. Mary, Solon
Team Summer Break		
Week 5: July 11th - 17th	St. Joseph, DeWitt	St. Mary, Pella
Week 6: July 18th - 24th	St. Joseph, Ottumwa	St. Joseph, Ottumwa
Week 7: July 25th - 31st	Holy Family, Riverside	Open

Marriage and Family

Spanish Language Sponsor Couple Training/Refresher: June 14, 1-4 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, West Liberty. 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 June 8, 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

Capacitación/actualización para parejas patrocinadoras en español: 14 de junio, 1-4 p.m. en la iglesia St. Joseph, West Liberty. 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 8 de junio. Comuníquese con [Diaconó Angel Hernandez](#) para registrarse para esta capacitación. Vea el folleto adjunto en español.

Celebrate Natural Family Planning Awareness Week: July 19-25. National NFP Awareness Week provides an opportunity to spread the word about Catholic teaching on marriage, marital intimacy, and responsible parenthood. Sharing basic information about the methods of NFP and why they support God's design for love and life is at the heart of this year's national campaign theme "*Designed by God -Guided by Love- Open to Life.*" Downloadable parish materials and resources are available in English and Spanish on the [USCCB Webpage](#). Additional information is offered on the diocesan [NFP webpage](#).

Married Couples: Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call 563-920-9419 or you can sign up at [wwme.org](#). Upcoming dates are October 9-11, 2026 in Epworth, Iowa and February 12-14, 2027 in Dubuque, Iowa.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

2026-2027 Respect Life Materials: 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 pm. June 24.

The 2026-2027 theme is "*Mary Mother of Life*" reflects on Our Lady's distinguished role as mother of all the living. 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 the "*Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life*" (one each in English & Spanish).

If you prefer you can also e-mail me your order, please include:

- Parish name and address.
- Name, phone number and email address for the main contact if not the pastor or, parish secretary

Rice Bowl Collection funds are due immediately. If parish funds are not submitted promptly it affects the amount of grants awarded to hunger-fighting organizations in the diocese. Please submit your Rice Bowl collections promptly to:

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

Please use the attached [Remittance form](#) when submitting funds. Don't forget to write CRS Rice Bowl in the memo line of your check!

The Two-Foot Newsletter: The May issue is now available. Our newsletter is distributed monthly via email. Please [click here to subscribe](#). One of the spotlighted articles for the May issue is

Social Action Profile: A nurse's dedication to newborn babies – Melody Hobert-Mellecker's work is life-saving, by Barb Arland-Fye

Saving the lives of newborn babies and contributing to their positive health outcomes motivates and inspires Melody Hobert-Mellecker, a longtime nurse at the University of Iowa. After working for 18 years as a psychiatric nurse and then in administration, Melody needed a change to re-energize her career. She found it 12 years ago in newborn screening. See attachment or [click here to read complete story](#).

St. Vincent's Home Grant Applications: St. Vincent's Home Grant 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. 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.

2026 Missions Coop: This year, fifteen missions have been selected to participate in the 2026 Mission Cooperative Plan for the Diocese of Davenport. Please keep them in your prayers as they make their appeals in our diocese this summer. Information about each mission is now available on our [Diocesan website](#).

Religious Freedom Week: June 22–29. The Week begins with the Memorial of Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More, and ends with the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, and includes the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. USCCB Resources will be made available at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>

Father's Day: June 21. A Respect Life Father's Day Action Guide highlights the essential role of fathers in the life of the family and in building a culture of life. The Guide includes simple steps, sample intercessions, homily helps, and an activity to help your parish honor fathers and highlight their importance in building a culture of life. The activity can be done together as a parish or at home. In a [previously recorded webinar](#), USCCB staff walked through the [parish action guide](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

World Refugees Day: June 20 is an international day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees who have been forced to flee their Country.

Season of Creation: Sept 1-Oct 4 (<https://seasonofcreation.org>) The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation. The theme this year is "*Living Water*" The Season begins on September 1, the Feast of Creation, and ends on October 4, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

2026 World Day of Migrants and Refugees: "*Even just one of these children*" theme for the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which will be on Sunday, September 27, 2026. [Click here](#) to learn more about this year's theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV.

THE CATHOLIC MESSENGER

Fulton Sheen Pilgrimage: July 24, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Departure will be from St. Vincent Center in Davenport. The Catholic Messenger is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Fulton Sheen Museum and St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria, IL, where the archbishop's tomb is located. Fee: \$100 (includes lunch and Mass at the cathedral.) For those interested in attending, you can call The Catholic Messenger or email Tony at forlini@davenportdiocese.org. See attachment for more details.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH, DAVENPORT

SAVE THE DATE! Made for More – Visions of the Promised Land (Onsite) November 12, 7-9:30 p.m. This beautiful multimedia event is brought to you by Our lady of Victory and The Theology of The Body Institute. Hosting the event is world renowned speaker and author Christopher West and award-winning musician Mike Mangione. Bring family and friends! No one should miss this awesome and inspiring event! Limited tickets available, get yours early! For more information about the event, or to purchase tickets today, [click here](#).

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RIVERSIDE

DRE/Youth Minister Position: Holy Family Parish in Riverside is seeking a full time Director of Religious Education/Youth Minister to lead K–8 faith formation, sacramental preparation, and parish youth ministry while ensuring safe environment compliance. The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic with strong organizational, communication, and leadership skills who can engage youth and families in the life of the Church. Competitive salary and benefits. Please send your application and resume to: Holy Family Parish, PO Box C, Riverside, IA 52327 or email to snyderb@diodav.org. For a job description click [here](#). For an application click [here](#) (PDF Doc) or [here](#) (Word Doc)

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Please note the following change in mailing address.

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 St. Vincent Center, 780 West Central Park Ave, Davenport, IA 52804-1901.

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@smm Sisters.org or call Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108 for more information and pricing.

- **Hiding Place Retreat – Come Away by Yourselves (Mark 6:31):** (Onsite) June 26 and 27, 4 p.m. “*Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while.*” Have you ever wanted to run away and hide from life? The pace and stress of these times tend to wear us down. It’s normal to feel a bit overwhelmed with the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Dive into this scripture verse and feed your soul with encouraging words and a quiet, prayerful time for yourself. Find rest, rejuvenation, and a sense of inner wellbeing. Discover the place hidden within you filled with Light, Love, and Peace. Leader: Lorene Knobbe, retired educator, spiritual director, and Boundless Compassion Facilitator, assists with Davenport CEWs and has been doing Hiding Place Retreats for three years. Fee: Registration and full payment by May 26: \$165 single room; \$150/per person double room; Registration and payment after May 26: \$180 single room; \$165/per person double room. Scholarship Funds are available. Please inquire at registration. Registration deadline: June 19.

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.

Part-time Program Coordinator Position (Benefits-Eligible): The Congregation of the Humility of Mary is seeking a part-time Program Coordinator for Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat in Wheatland, Iowa. This position collaborates with the Retreat Director in planning, coordinating, scheduling, and promoting retreat and spiritual programming while supporting the mission and charism of the Congregation of the Humility of Mary. For more details regarding the position see attachment or to apply, please contact: Karen Eden keden@chmiowa.org or call 563-336-8405. Deadline to apply is June 12.

- **Lectio Divina:** (Online every Tuesday) Lectio Divina is the foundation for Benedictine prayer. Consider making it a steady prayer in your life. Facilitator: Linda Clewell, SMM Oblate. Free will offering.
- **Centering Prayer:** (Online every Wednesday) An ancient form of praying based on the words of Jesus. Facilitator: Carol Mizeur. Free will offering.
- **The Tears of Things – Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage by Richard Rohr:** June 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. This is the in-person day retreat following the on-line book study. You do not have to completed the book study in order to attend this retreat. Facilitator: Dennis Eastin. Fee: \$40
- **Exploring Together the Spirituality of our Wisdom Years – How God is ALWAYS Present:** (Onsite) June 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. By being fully present to the burdens and blessings of the aging process, we are invited into peaceful acceptance of the final seasons of our lives. Facilitator: Kathy Berken. Fee: \$40 and includes lunch.

- **Rooted in Place – Botanical Printing and Local Ecology:** June 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Step into a day that changes how you observe the natural world around you. You'll develop the eye of a naturalist and the curiosity of an artist, leaving with both the knowledge to read ecological relationships and the skills to capture them in prints. Facilitator: Meg Hollister. Fee: \$65 and includes lunch and supplies.
- **Mass on The Prairie:** July 1, 10-11 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Stephen Page