

### **OFFICES CLOSED**

The diocesan offices and The Catholic Messenger office will be closed on Friday, July 4.

### **FINANCE OFFICE**

**Parish membership** updated rosters are due June 30. Contact Lynnette Sowell at [sowells@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:sowells@davenportdiocese.org) with questions.

### **LITURGY OFFICE**

**Diocesan Liturgy Day of Renewal: September 27, 2014:** Have you ever heard “Mass is boring” or “I don’t get anything out of going to church on Sunday”? Those of us who have experienced the transformative power and awesome drama of the liturgy cringe when we hear such complaints. We claim that the Eucharist is the “source and summit” of our lives as Catholics, yet attendance at the Sunday liturgy is decreasing—and even those who are there are not always fully engaged. How can we help the members of our communities return to and more fully immerse themselves in the Eucharist? How can we help our parishioners become re-energized and re-enthused about gathering on Sunday as a worshipping community? Gathered, how might we be changed and moved to be salt, leaven, and light in the world? Come and find out...! Visit the Liturgy Events webpage on the diocesan website for more information or to register for the event: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>.

### **STEWARDSHIP OFFICE**

**Servant Leadership Workshops:** October 17: Servant Leadership Day and October 18: Servant Leadership Facilitator Training at St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. Learn how to lead like Jesus in all your relationships – at home, at work, in your parish and in your community. Owen Phelps of the Yeshua Catholic International Leadership Institute will facilitate. More information will be forthcoming.

### **SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE**

**Immigration Appointments for Renewal of DACA (Deferred Action for Children Arrivals):** Saturday, July 12, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Appointments are being accepted for clients to meet with one of our counselors. To schedule an appointment or for more information contact Marisol Franco, 563-324-1911.

**The Social Action Summer Institute (SASI):** July 20-24 at Washington University, St. Louis. Hear the voices of restorative justice from the perspectives of victims, offenders and community members; Deepen your understanding through lectures, workshops, and tracks on (1) Restorative Justice or (2) Catholic Social Teaching; Immerse yourself in a wide spectrum of restorative justice efforts and ministries with day trips to community organizations; Witness CCHD working on the margins through community and economic development projects; Network with Social Action and Parish Social Ministry colleagues. This is open to people of all faiths interested in social justice and restorative justice. For more information go to <http://catholicroundtable.org>.

**St. Vincent’s Home Corporation Grant** deadline is **September 15** and all applications must be postmarked by that date. Applicants are to be located within the 22 counties of the Diocese of Davenport or serve children within the diocese. The grant application and criteria are available at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sastvincenthomecorporation.htm#applygrants>.

If you received a grant in the past you must also submit your progress report by September 15. New funding applications will not be considered until Progress Reports regarding previously awarded grants have been submitted. For questions or information contact the office of Social Action at [guerrero@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:guerrero@davenportdiocese.org) or 563-888-4210.

**Diocesan Volunteer Program:** The Social Action Department recently re-launched the Diocesan Volunteer Program (DVP). The primary focus of the volunteer program grant is to assist in providing support to individuals

for short-term mission work and to support new and existing global projects and partnerships within the Diocese of Davenport. People interested in applying can contact Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-888-4210.

**Social Action E-Newsletter:** If you are interested in receiving a copy send an email request to [socialaction@diodav.org](mailto:socialaction@diodav.org). To see a copy go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/index.htm>.

## **FAITH FORMATION**

**Catholic Divorce Ministry:** *Healing the Wounded – God’s Mercy*, September 19-21, St. Louis. This is a Catholic National Conference and Leadership Seminar; open to all who have experienced divorce, loss of a relationship and those who minister to them. Learn about the journey toward healing, growth, wisdom and peace with a focus on spirituality to understand that God never abandons us. Keynote by Bishop Kevin Vann, Diocese of Orange, California. Discount registration ends August 1. See the attached flyer or go to [www.nacsdc.org](http://www.nacsdc.org).

## **MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM**

Track	Date	Course
Basic: Year 1	July 19	Holy Orders: Bishop Amos, Fr. Thom Hennen, Deacon David Montgomery
	August 16	Catholicism: Fr. Ed Dunn

For information regarding the courses or the Ministry Formation Program contact Barb Butterworth, [butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org), 563-888-4220.

## **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**

**Marriage and Parenting Resource:** Attached is the July issue of “Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers.” These may be used in parish bulletins or as links on parish websites.

**Marriage Preparation:** The Diocese of Davenport offers several marriage preparation program formats. One-day, Weekend (two-day) and Online.

### **Weekend and One-day**

- August 9-10: Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, *registration deadline is August 1*
- October 18: Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias, *registration deadline is October 10*

The fee is \$125 per couple. The registration form and more information can be found on the diocesan website at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Marriage%20and%20Family.htm>. If you have questions contact Barb Butterworth, 563-888-4240, [butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org).

**Online:** Go to <http://www.marriageministries.com/courses/catholic-marriage-prep-class/>.

## **PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN**

**To report child abuse contact:** Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator: 563-349-5002, [vacdav@attglobal.net](mailto:vacdav@attglobal.net) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

## **OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND**

To register contact: 563-336-8414 or [olpretreat@gmail.com](mailto:olpretreat@gmail.com). All programs include a delicious homemade meal prepared with local and organic ingredients. To learn more about Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat visit [www.chmiowa.org](http://www.chmiowa.org)

**July 7-12 | Mon, 5pm – Sat, 10am**

### **Private or Directed Retreat**

Claire Marie Czerwiec, SSND & Sandra Weinke, SSND, Directors

Come for days of quiet reflection alone or with others. Directed retreats are personal prayer on the scriptures given by a director who meets with the retreatant daily. Share prayers, rituals and nutritious locally grown seasonal food. Any combination of days. Massage extra. Fee: \$50/day; optional spiritual direction, \$50/session; optional massage, \$45/hour.

**July 27-Aug. 1 | Sun, 5pm – Fri, 10am**  
**Centering Prayer Retreat (Post intensive)**

Kathryn Ann Kobelinski, SSND

Kathryn Ann, commissioned by Contemplative Outreach as a presenter of Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina, will lead this retreat. You will have opportunity to pray in community, view videos, and experience Lectio Divina in an atmosphere of silence and solitude. Enjoy the solitude of nature and scrumptious locally grown food. Fee: \$300.

**August 24, 3:00-6:00 p.m.**  
**Spirit of the Prairie Party**

The Spirit of the Prairie event will feature locally raised and prepared food, locally made wines and beers, and local entertainment in the beautiful Iowa countryside. Cost is \$40 per person with proceeds benefitting The Prairie Retreat program fund. Entertainment includes Ron May playing relaxing tunes on the piano inside the beautiful Prairie Heights building. Outside under the tent the father and son duo, Steve & Sam Price, will bring to life traditional folk blues, with a taste of Chicago. Walking and golf cart tours of the retreat center and the grounds featuring the Cosmic Walk, a labyrinth, a nature pond, timber and lush gardens will be conducted throughout afternoon. There will be a silent auction of handmade baskets filled with local gift items plus other fine offerings. Guests will depart feeling relaxed, renewed and ready to return.

**EAGLES' WINGS COUNSELING AND RETREAT CENTERS, DAVENPORT**

To register, for questions or information about obtaining a spiritual director, or Christian counseling contact Marcia Moore, [marcia@eagleswings.ws](mailto:marcia@eagleswings.ws) or 563-324-7263, <http://www.eagleswings.ws>. Located at 5816 Telegraph Rd., Davenport.

*Unbound*: A DVD series by Neal Lozano. If you find yourself struggling with the same habit or sin area time after time and sometimes feel helpless in overcoming them in spite of your best efforts, then you will want to learn more from Neal Lozano. An introductory session will be held on July 19, 9:30– 11:30 a.m. This morning will include a few brief DVD presentations as well as some personal sharing on the effectiveness of Unbound prayer. Registration for the morning is \$10. Please call to register.

The complete series of *Unbound* training, 4 full Saturdays, will begin on August 16 and continue through November for those who have prior experience or training in the area of healing ministry. Cost for the individual Saturdays is \$35 or registration for the series is \$100. We are unable to offer make up sessions or refunds if you miss a class.

Eagles' Wings is available for individual or small group retreats. Please call to arrange.

**BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER/ST. MARY MONASTERY, ROCK ISLAND, IL**

All events held at Benet House Retreat Center, 2200 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Rock Island, IL 61201-7649. To register, contact Sr. Jackie Walsh at 309-283-2108 or [retreats@smmsisters.org](mailto:retreats@smmsisters.org).

**Silent Directed Retreat: “Listen with the Ear of Your Heart”**: Sun. Aug. 3, 4 pm-Wed. Aug. 6, 4 pm. As Christians we all believe that God is speaking to us to teach, console and guide us. Listening on a deep level is a skill that can be learned and improved, so we hope you will join us for a few days in August. God speaks exactly what we need to hear, but we are often blocked by many factors. Come with an open heart and be amazed at what God wants to say to you. Meet daily with a certified spiritual director: Sr. Mary Schmidt, OSB; Sr. Margaret Murphy, OSB; Abbot Philip Davey, OSB. A limited number of retreatants will be accepted. Fee: \$275.

**Choosing the Right Community for You**: Fri. Aug. 29 - Mon. Sept. 1, 2014. What kind of religious communities are you drawn to? Apostolic? Contemplative? Does your ministry come first? Or, does your life of prayer take precedence? Explore these questions with other inquirers during a unique discernment weekend featuring Sisters from a range of nearby communities. Learn about their experiences of religious life. Screen and discuss films about Catholic Sisters. Get to know your Benedictine hosts. You will end the weekend one step closer to knowing where you belong! Facilitator: Sr. Stefanie MacDonald, OSB.

## **SHALOM SPIRITUALTY CENTER, DUBUQUE**

To register call 563-582-3592 or send check payable to Shalom Spirituality Center with your contact information to: 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001. [www.shalomretreats.org](http://www.shalomretreats.org), [info@shalomretreats.org](mailto:info@shalomretreats.org)

### **Franciscan Mysticism and the New Cosmology**

Sunday, July 6, 5:30pm – Sunday, July 13, 9:00am

Director: Fr. Norman Comtois OMI.

The retreat will integrate the mystical insights of Francis of Assisi with new scientific theory and ecological understanding including our current environmental crisis. Participants will explore Francis' love of creation and its implications for our lives today. Thomas Berry and Brian Swimme's research will be integrated with Francis of Assisi's Canticle of Creation and Peace Prayer as guides. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Offering: Overnight \$480, Commuter \$450. \$75 deposit secures your reservation and is credited to the offering for the retreat.

### **Growing in Wisdom & Grace: A Spirituality for Everyday Living**

Monday, July 21, 5:30pm – Saturday, July 26, 9:00am.

Director: Helene Cote pm.

We are invited to imitate Jesus and thus to grow in wisdom and grace. This retreat will focus on how to use the "stuff" of our everyday lives to walk faithfully on this journey towards wholeness and holiness, balancing spirituality with psychology. Some of the topics presented will include remembering our blessings, naming our losses, learning to let go, claiming our personal vocation and rediscovering the value of "waiting." Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Offering: Overnight \$480, Commuter \$455. \$75 deposit secures your reservation and is credited to the offering for the retreat.

### **Walking the Labyrinth Retreat Day**

Saturday, Aug. 9, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Presenter: Marci Blum OSF, D.Min., Director, Shalom Spirituality Center

The labyrinth, an ancient medieval practice of prayer, is a walking meditation. Walking the labyrinth clears the mind and gives insight. We will walk the labyrinth inside the building. Day includes presentation, opportunity to walk the labyrinth, quiet prayer and group sharing. Offering: Commuter – \$40, includes lunch. Register/prepay by Wednesday, Aug. 6. Overnight stay available for additional \$32 per night.

### **Longer Retreat: Abide: Keeping Vigil with the Word of God**

Monday, Aug. 11, 5:30pm – Friday, Aug. 15, 9:30am

Director: Macrina Wiederkehr OSB

Our quest for God is daily in our ordinary lives. Macrina opens fresh ways of perceiving tradition. She moves beyond our yearning for God to ways to deepen our relationship with the Divine. This involves a respect for the mysteries of God, the practice of deep listening, and opening your heart to guidance. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Offering: Overnight \$450, Commuter \$430. \$25 early bird discount if registered by July 11. \$75 deposit secures your reservation and is credited to the offering for the retreat. Registration deadline: Aug. 4. Limited number of attendees, so be sure to register early.

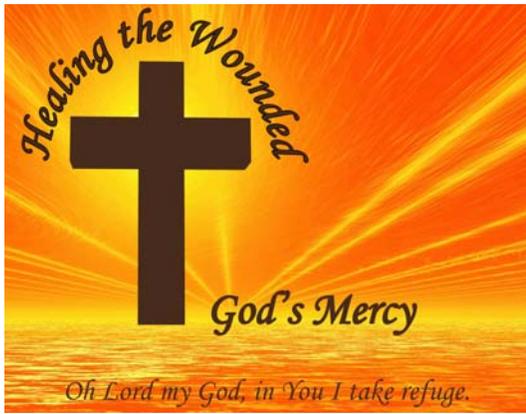
*NOTE: This retreat was originally scheduled in June, but was cancelled due to director's health (foot injury).*

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To support the ministry of your parish, school and the diocese these groups automatically receive the *Mini-Messenger*:

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Seminarians	Diocesan Pastoral Council	Principals	Parish Life Coordinators	

Other interested persons are welcome to subscribe. If you have questions regarding your subscription contact Laurie Hoefling, [hoefling@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hoefling@davenportdiocese.org).



# Catholic Divorce Ministry

## National Conference & Leaders Seminar for Separated and Divorced Persons

4:00 P.M., Friday, September 19 –  
4:00 P.M., Sunday, September 21, 2014

Mercy Conference and Retreat Center — St. Louis, MO

Co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of St. Louis Office of Laity and Family Life,  
St. Joseph Catholic Radio, and Pauline Books and Media

### Conference Highlights



#### Keynote Address: "Healing through Evangelization"

Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann, JCD, DD

Bishop, Diocese of Orange, and Catholic Divorce Ministry's Episcopal Liaison to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.



#### "God's Mercy"

Most Reverend Robert J. Hermann

Auxiliary Bishop-Emeritus  
Archdiocese of Saint Louis.



#### "Understanding and Comforting Children of Divorce"

Lynn Cassella-Kapusinski, MS, NCC  
Author, Founder of Faith Journeys Foundation.



#### "Unlock the Treasure"

Patty Schneier

Speaker, Singer, Author of  
*Love Letters from Mom on What Matters Most*



#### "Ten Mistakes Divorced and Remarried Parents Make with their Children"

Kelly A. Klaus, MA, LMFT

Clinical Director, Divorce Transition Center.



#### "Growing through Life's Transitions"

Deacon Patrick O'Toole

Former Diocesan Director of the Office for Marriage  
and Family Life, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.



#### "How to Minister to Divorced Catholics"

Vince Frese

Co-Author of *Divorced. Catholic. Now What?*, Co-Creator  
of *Journey of Hope* Program, Host of divorcedcatholic.org.

### Leaders Seminar: "How to Minister to Divorced Catholics" — Sunday, September 21, 2014

Catholics, including priests and deacons, are often unsure how best to minister to Catholics experiencing separation or divorce. There is much confusion on how to best guide a Catholic during this time of distress. Many questions arise, including: Can they still attend Mass? Can they receive the Eucharist? What is the best advice to give them? How can I best help them?

This seminar will address all of these questions head-on. You will be equipped with the information you need to effectively assist a Catholic experiencing divorce. Here are the key topics addressed:

- Why Does God Allow Divorce?
- The Fifteen Essential Things to Tell a Catholic Experiencing Divorce
- How to Start and Facilitate a Catholic-based Divorce Recovery Group
- An Overview of the *Journey of Hope* Program: How it Promotes Recovering, Rebuilding, and Renewal after Divorce



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# Mercy Conference and Retreat Center

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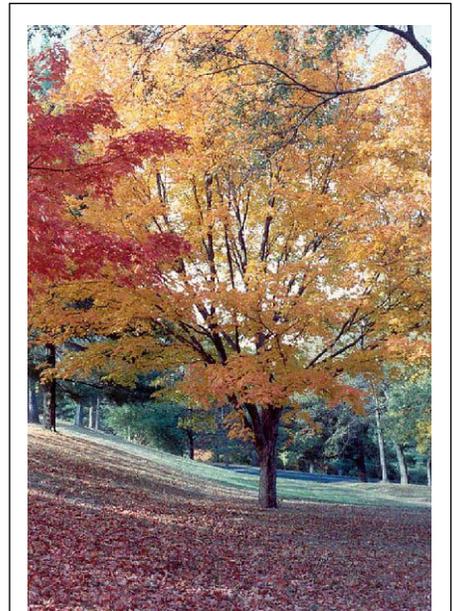
Mercy Center Main Entrance

Mercy Conference and Retreat Center ([www.mercycenterstl.org](http://www.mercycenterstl.org)) is sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy and is a member of Midwest Retreat Ministries. The Center's beautifully wooded 72 acre campus, situated in West St. Louis County, offers a spacious setting and supportive atmosphere for professional, educational and spiritual activities. The Center serves individuals of various faith traditions and a diversity of not-for-profit groups. Daytime and overnight meetings are enhanced by healthy, nutritious meals and pleasant, comfortable accommodations. Staff and personnel are ecologically sensitive and concern for the earth is reflected in every aspect of Mercy Center.

Mercy Conference and Retreat Center provides a comfortable environment conducive to reflection, dialogue, collaboration and consensus building. The atmosphere is one of warmth and hospitality.

The spacious grounds include a labyrinth, walking trails, stations, and grotto. It is recognized as a Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation.

This 'ALL INCLUSIVE' flagship endeavor is designed to transform your life with new friendships and memories linking an organization with major significant fellowship in a central St. Louis location for a limited number of early registrations as lodging space is limited.



Autumn on the Center grounds.



Mercy Center Chapel



## Registration

Register on or before August 1 to receive discounted fee. "Overnights at Mercy Center" includes 2 nights lodging, 2 dinners, 2 lunches all under one roof on 72 acres. Nonmember registration includes complimentary one-year membership. Check only one box next to the appropriate registration fee and complete the blanks. Credit card registrants: register online—follow the links from our home page at [www.nacsdc.org](http://www.nacsdc.org)—or FAX to 855-729-8751 (Our FAX is HIPAA compliant). Or mail to CDM, PO Box 10, Hancock MI 49930.

### CDM Members

### NonMembers

	Before 8/1	After 8/1		Before 8/1	After 8/1
· Conference + Seminar:			· Conference + Seminar:		
Overnights at Mercy Center.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$265	<input type="checkbox"/> \$315	Overnights at Mercy Center.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350
Commuter .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$155	<input type="checkbox"/> \$205	Commuter .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$190	<input type="checkbox"/> \$240
· Seminar Only (one day/no early discount).....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100		· Seminar Only (one day/no early discount).....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$135	

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## Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers

July 2014

*I offer you these tidbits of wisdom as prayer prompts to remind you (and your constituents) of the sacredness of marriage vows and the value of every child. The commitment to love a spouse forever, and the generous gift of life parents offer a child are indeed spiritual under-takings and cannot be done alone. May the God of Love be with you and your work. Susan*

**FOR MORE** extended marriage and parenting articles, plus archived Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers, go to: [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net) \***BLOG:** *Living Lightly.* [www.SusanVogt.net/blog](http://www.SusanVogt.net/blog)

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### **MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

580. July 7: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt 11:28) Although our culture does not always support it, scripture tells us that Sundays are a day of rest. Despite your "To Do List," save time to recreate and rest with your beloved today.

581. July 14: A trip down Memory Lane #2: Remember the first time you actually went on a date with your beloved. Who asked who? Where did you go? What did you talk about? Did you both enjoy it, or was it only later that you recognized the endearing qualities of this person. Reminisce.

582. July 21: "For we do not know how to pray as we ought." (Romans 8:26) Prayer is good for anyone, at any time, but many couples are afraid to pray together. It may feel like letting another into one's private world. Check out [10 Pointers for Prayer](http://www.foryourmarriage.org/) or [Who me, Pray?...With Her?](http://www.foryourmarriage.org/) at <http://www.foryourmarriage.org/> for a start.

584. July 28: "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant...finding a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." (Mt 13:45-46) Your spouse is like that pearl. Don't let work, or projects, or hobbies, or even your children, bump him or her from first place. It's priceless.

### **PARENTING POINTERS**

579. July 4: (Independence Day) What does it mean to be "free" in a family? Certainly it doesn't mean being free to avoid chores, make decisions solely on one's own, or do whatever I please. As parents and children we have responsibilities to each other. We don't choose our children or parents. Even in adoption the choice is to an unknown future together. However, we are free to choose to love unconditionally.

580. July 11: Dana Hall McCain offers [10 Life Skills Your Teen Needs Before Leaving Home](http://www.imom.com/parenting/teens/parenting/training/10-life-skills-your-teen-needs-before-leaving-home/). The first 3 are: Basic cooking skills, Budgeting and money management, and Personal healthcare knowledge. Even if your child isn't close to being sprung, start to teach these life skills.  
(<http://www.imom.com/parenting/teens/parenting/training/10-life-skills-your-teen-needs-before-leaving-home/>)

581. July 18: "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." (Mt: 13: 36) Jesus talks a lot about seeds and weeds. Children of course are like the seeds that we nurture and hope to see blossom. But life doesn't always work neatly. As parents, we must sometimes carefully weed bad habits out of ourselves and our children without damaging the root and their spirit. Has your child inherited any "bad weeds" from you? Prune yourself first.

582. July 25: The last Sunday in July has been designated as "Parents Day." Why not make it more than a Hallmark kind of day. Reflect on how your children need the talents of both parents to thrive. If you're a solo parent, use this opportunity to seek out a trusted friend to provide some of the skills you lack to round out your child's development.