

*Please consider using these announcements in your parish bulletin.*

### **The Catholic Mirror**

We're almost at our goal for our diocesan newspaper's annual subscription appeal. We're about three subscriptions short per parish. Please consider taking a subscription if you haven't already, or consider sending in a subscription payment of \$25 for someone who cannot afford it. Send checks to Diocese of Des Moines/The Catholic Mirror, 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309.

### **How to be Married & Stay Engaged**

Nationally known speaker Dr. Jim Healy will offer a half-day digital marriage enrichment experience on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on practical ways for couples to build strong skills for a joyous and faith-filled marriage. Questions? Contact Tom Quinlan, at the St. Joseph Evangelization Center, [tquinlan@sjeciowa.org](mailto:tquinlan@sjeciowa.org).

### **Celebrate Advent with the Family**

Christmas is a busy time! It can also be a meaningful, joyful and even a peaceful time if we live Advent as a season of preparing our hearts and homes for Jesus' coming. Go to [dmdiocese.org/advent2022](http://dmdiocese.org/advent2022) to find simple ideas to provide meaning for family traditions, prayers and acts of kindness. We have discussion topics to spark family conversations, and more. Questions? Email [jgaffney@dmdiocese.org](mailto:jgaffney@dmdiocese.org).

### **How to Make Health Care Decisions**

Do you need help making health care decisions that are in alignment with Catholic moral teaching? The Iowa Catholic Conference can help. They released a new webinar for its project called Supportive Care Iowa. You can find it at the Iowa Catholic Conference YouTube channel. To be connected with a trained person who can assist in completing advance care directive documents, email Tom Chapman at [tom@iowacatholicconference.org](mailto:tom@iowacatholicconference.org).

### **Catholic Tuition Organization**

Our donors provide essential tuition assistance to families right here in our diocese to attend Catholic school. In the coming days, follow our [Facebook page](#) to see what students received at your school this year. We need your help to achieve our goal! Go to [CTOIowa.org](http://CTOIowa.org) to donate today!

### **Caregivers Deserve More**

The next gathering for Nourish for Caregivers is Nov. 30 at Holy Trinity Parish in Des Moines at 6:30 p.m.

### **Deaf Ministry**

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Student Center (on the Drake Campus) is the home of the Catholic deaf community. Sign language is available every Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Sign language is also offered at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Visitors are welcome and appreciated at each parish community to continue building this community and make the Gospel accessible to our sisters and brothers in Christ. For more information, contact

[Patty Origer](mailto:poriger@dmdiocese.org) at [poriger@dmdiocese.org](mailto:poriger@dmdiocese.org) regarding St. Catherine Masses or [Amy Tallman](mailto:atallman@saintfrancisschool.org) at [atallman@saintfrancisschool.org](mailto:atallman@saintfrancisschool.org) for St. Francis of Assisi Masses.

### **Visit to St. John Vianney Seminary**

If you know someone who might be interested in a vocation to the priesthood, consider contacting Father Ross Parker at [vocations@dmdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@dmdiocese.org) or 515-237-5050. Father Ross is taking young men who are juniors in high school or older on a trip Nov. 17-19 to experience the real world of college seminary at St. John Vianney Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

### **Is the priesthood right for you?**

Men who are high school seniors or older and who are thinking about priesthood are invited to Bishop's Discernment Retreat Dec. 16-18. Join Bishop William Joensen, Vocations Director Father Ross Parker and current seminarians to learn more about discernment and life as a diocesan priest. Email [vocations@dmdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@dmdiocese.org) or call 515-237-5050.

### **JustFaith Ministries**

**Beyond the Book** is a Center for Social Ministry program designed to highlight both the important works of social justice literature and those who work to live them out! Each class is two hours in length, with the first hour being a discussion of an important literary work in an area touching on some aspect of social justice, and the second hour being a presentation, and question and answer session, by a Des Moines community member who is actively engaged in the featured social justice work.

The program is free of charge, but a free will donation will be taken, with monies collected being divided between the Center for Social Ministry and the featured speaker's organization. Participants are responsible for acquiring, and reading, their own book before the session.

- **Meets:** November 30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Featured Book:** *Praying with Our Feet: Pursuing Justice and Healing on the Street* by Lindsey Krinks
- **Featured Organization:** TBD
- **Location:** Online
- **Facilitators:** Jamie Loggins-Evans

### **[Register Online](#)**

### **Advent Retreat in Everyday Life**

This retreat provides weekly time to journey in hopeful expectation toward the birth of Christ. Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM on Zoom from Nov 14 through Dec 12. Mary Ann Van Dyke will guide prayerful reflection and sacred sharing of daily prayer experience. April Young (Associate Director) will guide an afternoon experience 12:00 to 1:30 in person. The cost is \$35 (scholarships available). To learn more or register visit [www.theemmaushouse.org/advent-retreat](http://www.theemmaushouse.org/advent-retreat).

### **Day of Reflection & Rest: A Silent Retreat**

Enter more fully into the Advent season with quiet time to slow down and spend time in prayerful reflection. Set for Saturday, Dec. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., facilitator Kevin

O'Donnell will gather the group at the beginning and end for a brief period of prayer, reflection and optional sharing. The time between is for silence as you choose to experience it. The cost is \$40 (scholarships available). Space is limited for this in-person retreat, so register soon at [www.theemmaushouse.org/silent-retreat-day](http://www.theemmaushouse.org/silent-retreat-day).

### **Pilgrimage to Tanzania**

Christ the King Catholic Church welcomes all to journey with us on a pilgrimage to Tanzania in January 2023. There you will meet the loving and hospitable people of our sister parish, share in their faith-filled lives and learn about their culture. Our focus on these trips is to build lasting relationships and find ways we can assist in improving their lives. Children at the boarding schools for the disabled and abled will surround you with joy. You also will see working water filtering systems that Christ the King has funded at diocesan schools. For more information contact Earl Harper at [harper47@msn.com](mailto:harper47@msn.com).