

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

### **Easter Activities**

The resurrection of Jesus is such overwhelmingly Good News that a single day is not enough to celebrate it. The Lord's resurrection is meant to be celebrated intensely for the whole week following Easter (known as the Octave), the whole liturgical Season of Easter (lasting until Pentecost, this year June 5), and every Sunday thereafter (each as a mini-Easter). Find family friendly activities to truly celebrate the Easter season at [www.dmdiocese.org/Easter2023](http://www.dmdiocese.org/Easter2023).

### **BBQ with the Bishop**

Join Bishop William Joensen for a casual backyard event in support of Catholic Charities: Saturday, July 15, at 6 p.m., 204 S. 28<sup>th</sup> Street, West Des Moines. Visit <https://BishopBBQ23.givesmart.com> to register, \$50, limited availability.

### **8th Annual Ignatian Retreat Day**

Join us for our 8th annual Ignatian Retreat Day: Image and Imagination in Prayer. Drawing on the wisdom of Ignatian spirituality, facilitator Amy Hoover will invite us to explore and experience the gifts of image and imagination in prayer. This retreat day will include Ignatian Contemplation, Visio Divina, and ample time for personal prayer and reflection. All are welcome Saturday, July 22 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Pius X in Urbandale. Go to [theemmaushouse.org](http://theemmaushouse.org) for details.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Annual Golf Outing**

Join supporters of St. Vincent de Paul on Thursday, May 25 at Copper Creek Golf Course in Pleasant Hill for a fun day of golf while helping to fight hunger. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Registration is just \$150 per person which includes hosted food and beverages. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Contact [Randi Radosevich](#) if you're interested. Your support goes a long way. Last year, St. Vincent de Paul provided more than \$1.5 million in charitable services to more than 25,000 clients.

### **Having trouble seeing the Word of God?**

The Xavier Society for the Blind offers spiritual and inspirational material to blind or visually impaired persons of faith in whatever format best meets their needs at no charge. Contact Saul Buchalter at 212-473-7800 or email [clientservices@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](mailto:clientservices@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org).

### **Quinceañera with the Bishop**

Bishop William Joensen will be offering a Mass for quinceañeras on Sept. 2 at 1 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral, If you would like to register your quinceañera, please contact Jessica Pancho at 515-237-5051.

### **Nourish For Caregivers Support Group**

All caregivers – whether you are caring for an aging parent, spouse, disabled child or are a professional that cares for all -- are invited to attend the May Nourish for Caregivers on May 31 from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at St. Pius X Church in Urbandale in the Archangels meeting room.

Please use the East entrance. Nourish is an on-going ministry that gathers once a month to support the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of family caregivers. For more information, contact Deacon Dan Maxcy [danm@holyltrinitydm.org](mailto:danm@holyltrinitydm.org)

Deacon Jim Houston [pastoralcare@saintpiuschurch.org](mailto:pastoralcare@saintpiuschurch.org)

## Tuition Assistance

The online application process for TWO opportunities for Catholic school tuition assistance is now open. Apply for funds through the Catholic Tuition Organization AND the new Diocesan Tuition Assistance Endowment created by the Ignite! Capital campaign. Go to [fairapp.com](http://fairapp.com) to start your application. You must upload completed 2022 tax returns to complete the application. Deadline to apply is April 18. Use school code 450 and password 450ddm. Questions? Contact Mark Reed at [mareed@dmdiocese.org](mailto:mareed@dmdiocese.org).



(NOTE TO BULLETIN EDITORS: Please include the attached image in your bulletins to help families prepare for the upcoming deadline to help them afford a Catholic education for their family.)

## Catholic Youth Camp

Sessions are beginning to near capacity for this summer at Catholic Youth Camp! Registering your campers today is the best way to ensure they get their preferred week and avoid the dreaded waitlist. Visit [stmcenter.com/sessions](http://stmcenter.com/sessions) today to see each week's availability. Volunteer counselor applications are also open. Anyone who will be 16 by May 1 is eligible to counsel. See attached flyers and visit [stmcenter.com/counselors](http://stmcenter.com/counselors) for more information and to apply today.

## MercyOne Game Show

The 2023 MercyOne House of Mercy Game Show Gala, presented by Community Choice Credit Union and produced by MercyOne Des Moines Foundation, will be Thursday June 22 at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center in downtown Des Moines. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. This is a fun-spirited game show-style fundraiser for MercyOne House of Mercy, one of central Iowa's most comprehensive providers of vital behavioral health care, and the state's largest substance use disorder treatment program for parenting women with children. For more information contact go to [www.mercyone.org/desmoinesfoundation/give/game-show-gala](http://www.mercyone.org/desmoinesfoundation/give/game-show-gala).

### **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).

### **Sign language interpretation available**

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 at poriger@dmdiocese.org](mailto:poriger@dmdiocese.org) regarding St. Catherine Masses or [Emily Schmid](mailto:eschmid@saintfrancischurch.org) at [eschmid@saintfrancischurch.org](mailto:eschmid@saintfrancischurch.org) for St. Francis of Assisi Masses.