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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap  
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith  
Living our Catholic Faith in the World  
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Condolences to Hank Hughes in Portsmouth at the passing of her husband Al:

Let us keep Hank Hughes, longtime catechetical leader and business manager at St. Mary parish in Portsmouth, in our prayers at the passing of her husband Al. He had been battling cancer for a very long time and passed away on February 17. At this time arrangements have not been made but we will update you as soon as we know more.

You can send sympathy cards and notes to Hank and the Hughes family at:  
St. Mary Catholic Church  
Attn: Hank Hughes  
PO Box 98  
Portsmouth, IA 51565

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace. Amen.

Dowling Catholic Spring Concert to be held on Wednesday May 13:

Due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, Dowling Catholic High School has had to move their spring choral concert to Wednesday, May 13. The facility where it was originally scheduled had some issues that meant they needed to change locations. A suitable venue was located but unfortunately May 11 was not available. Dr. Deegan, Dr. Dowdle and Mr. Rohwer appreciate your understanding and are very sorry for any issues this may cause your formational programming on Wednesday May 13.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Lent for Life:

If there is one website that has had some of the most effective Lenten resources and activities, it has been CRS surrounding the Rice Bowl campaign. As an educator, a catechist and youth minister I found so many ways to utilize these resources to enhance the lessons that were presented. The children, teens and parents went deep year after year with what was offered through CRS.

This year they have added even more with an updated website: <http://www.crsricebowl.org/> You will find resources such as:

- videos
- special devotionals
- Lenten activities

- Friday meatless meals
- resources for youth and young adults
- family activities
- stories of hope

Please take time early in Lent to share these resources with your catechists, youth ministry volunteers, teachers and families. If you have not used these materials in the past, give them a try. I think your experience will mirror mine in so many ways.

The Word Became Flesh – Praying with the Saint John’s Bible – SS John & Paul in Altoona:

Susan Sink will lead a day of reflection with the *Saint John’s Bible* on Saturday, February 21 at SS John & Paul parish in Altoona. The day begins at 9:00 am and ends at 2:30 pm. The day will include the following:

- Discovering the story and art of *The Saint John’s Bible*
- Exploring the Bible’s original illuminations
- *Visio Divina*: Praying with the Scriptures and the illuminations
- The seven-volume Heritage Edition will be on display.

For more information follow this link: <http://www.ssjohnpaul.org/the-word-became-flesh>

Registration officially ended on February 15 but if you are interested please contact Laurie today at 515-967-3796. Susan Sink has been engaged with *The Saint John’s Bible* project since 2006 as a writer and presenter. This is a great event for your catechists and teachers and would fulfill a part of the “Being” component of certification.

Prayer – Visio Divina using the art of Blessed Fra Angelico (Feast Day is today):



Trusted curated sites for this newsletter include:

- Catholic Relief Services – [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org)
- Saints John & Paul Parish (Altoona) – [www.ssjohnpaul.org](http://www.ssjohnpaul.org)