

# Bishop

## A Rule for the Clergy

My brother priests:

The following notice was recently sent to me. I forward it for your information.

*A Rule for the Clergy* is an offering of fraternal encouragement, where discipline and joy come together in the service of God and His people. Addressing themes both practical and spiritual, *A Rule for the Clergy* considers a number of issues faced by clergy, including personal prayer, homiletics, the difficulties in being alone, visiting the sick and housebound, celibacy and obedience. Filled with inspirational quotes, reflective art in full color and original prayers written by the author, Father Gerard Bogan, it supports all clergy looking for guidance on key and challenging areas of pastoral life.

Available from the [Catholic Truth Society](#). Clergy can order with their CTS parish account for a 15% discount! Please contact CTS for more information: 020 7640 0042 or [email](#).

## Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

This letter came to me from Archbishop Joseph Naumann, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities:

Your Eminence/Excellency:

I would like to draw your attention to the July 2019 issue of *Word of Life*, a monthly parish resource produced by the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

The *Word of Life* series contains an intercession and bulletin quote for each Sunday, bulletin graphics, and a section highlighting additional timely resources that are relevant for the given month. The intercessions, quotes, and graphics cover a wide range of topics connected with the sanctity of human life and draw inspiration from the readings of the day, where possible.

Diocesan and parish leaders may sign up to receive this publication [by email](#). Current and archived issues of *Word of Life* are available as Word documents and PDFs in both English and Spanish [here](#).

I hope this resource will be of service to you. Thank you for your commitment to building a culture of life.

# Administration

## Special Collections Calendar – 2020

Attached is the calendar for special collections approved by Bishop Pates for 2020. Please circulate this information to all parish staff members who need it. We are most grateful to all of our parishes for the tremendous generosity demonstrated in the past year as we reach out to needs within our own diocese and those in the worldwide Church.

# Communications

## **Guest Speaker**

The diocesan Communications Office needs to ensure that appropriate approvals are in place before promoting events or speakers from outside the diocese who come here to teach about the faith, talk about catechesis or lead retreats. Here are Bishop Pates' expectations:

1. It is the responsibility of the event organizers to request and secure the proceeding documentation as far in advance of the event as possible.
2. For **visiting clergy** there needs to be:
  - Permission from Bishop Pates to invite the priest into the diocese. This must first be obtained before proceeding any further in planning.
  - Suitability Letter (sometimes called a Letter of Good Standing) from their home diocese or religious community.
  - Letter of Recommendation from their bishop or religious community. It is acceptable to combine the Suitability Letter and Letter of Recommendation.
3. For **visiting lay people**:
  - Permission from Bishop Pates to invite the speaker/catechist.
  - Letter of Recommendation from their bishop.
4. All letters should be addressed to Bishop Pates. You should request a carbon copy so you know when they have been submitted.

When we are asked to promote an upcoming event with a speaker from outside the diocese, we will ask if these approvals have been received.

## **The Catholic Mirror**

The deadline for stories, photos and advertisements in the monthly newspaper *The Catholic Mirror* is the first Friday of the month. Email your suggestions or ads to [Kelly Mescher Collins](#) or [Anne Marie Cox](#).

## **Subscription Appeal**

Parishioners are receiving a subscription letter to The Catholic Mirror. Please support our effort to encourage voluntary subscriptions, which offset the cost of publishing our monthly diocesan newspaper.

## **Column**

The latest column by Tony Magliano. You are welcome to reprint as you see fit.  
[Independence Day 2019: Where do we go from here?](#)

## **Masstimes.org**

Make sure your parish's summer Mass times are posted accurately at Masstimes.org. Summer travelers rely on this site to find churches along their vacation routes.

# **Evangelization & Catechesis**

## **Deaf Ministry**

### **Parish Bulletin Notice**

See the master list of bulletin suggestions for information on Mass interpretation at St. Catherine and St. Francis Parishes.

## **Campus Ministry**

Summer is a time of training, renewal, planning and collaboration for our Campus Ministry team. We went to a FOCUS Summer Formation at the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. Working alongside teams from more than 150 other colleges and universities gave us the opportunity to share best practices and discuss relevant topics and trends.

Students will see many familiar faces at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Student Center and Parish this fall. Erin Smith will coordinate Campus Ministry for her third year. FOCUS Team Director Brianna Intrieri will return to Drake for her third year and Joel Bittner and Olivia Ring will return for their second years. We will welcome Cody Fischer to St. Catherine's. Cody is new to Drake, but not new to FOCUS. He is serving his fifth year as a missionary.

Three of our recent graduates Alex Peters (Grand View), Mikaela Janes (Drake) and Evan Beranek (Drake) said "yes" to the invitation to serve as missionaries. All three of them served on St. Catherine's Student Ministry Team. They are in first year formation now with FOCUS and will soon begin their first assignments. Please keep them in your prayers.

## **Finance & Technology**

### **Finance**

#### **Fiscal Year-End Reminders**

Before you close out FY2019, please make sure that all reconciliations are performed and that financial statements have been approved by your Finance Council. Remember to file 941s, make Federal and State deposits, and remit any second collection funds. If your parish pays sales and/or use tax on a quarterly basis, these reports are also due.

#### **Priest Compensation**

A reminder that priest compensation is to be updated on July 1. Please refer to the 2017-2020 compensation letter [here](#).

#### **2019 Annual Financial Report**

The FY19 Annual Financial Report will be sent out via email to all parishes/schools in July. The report is due back to the Finance Department by Sept. 15, so please plan accordingly in order to have it completed and then reviewed and approved by your Finance Council on time.

#### **All-Day Business Office Forum**

Save the Date! The annual all-day Business Office Forum will be held at St. John Catholic Church in Adel on Tuesday, Aug. 27 from 8:30-3:30 p.m. Watch your email for more information in the coming weeks.

### **Technology**

#### **Security Awareness Tip**

Password Management - We all have too many passwords to manage and it is easy to take shortcuts, like reusing the same password. A password manager can help you maintain strong unique

passwords for all of your accounts. These programs can generate strong passwords for you, enter credentials automatically, and remind you to update your passwords periodically. There are several online password management services that offer free versions, including [KeepPass](#).

Here are some general password tips to keep in mind:

- Use long passwords - **20 characters or more is recommended.**
- Use a strong mix of characters, and **never use the same password for multiple accounts.**
- **Don't share your passwords** and don't write them down.
- **Update your passwords periodically**, at least once every 6 months (90 days is better).

The [Protecting Your Credentials](#) how-to article contains detailed recommendations for keeping your passwords safe.

*Info courtesy of UC Berkley*

## Hispanic Ministry

### Formation for Catechists in Spanish

There will be a formation for catechists in Spanish on July 27 from 8 a.m.– 4 p.m. and July 28 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Center (601 Grand Avenue). For more information, please contact **Hilda Ramos at 515-770-1992 or [formate2019@gmail.com](mailto:formate2019@gmail.com)**.

### Natural Family Planning in Spanish

Please contact: Jose Miguel y Ana Luisa de la Cruz at 515-771-9057 or Paulina y Demetrio Obiedo at 515 745-5244 if you would like to host a class in Spanish in your parish.

### Radio Shows in Spanish

We invite you to listen radio programs in Spanish:

Fortaleciendo Nuestra Fe	Saturdays at 12 p.m.	La Reina 1260AM – 96.5FM <a href="http://Lareina1260.com">Lareina1260.com</a>
Proclamando la Grandeza del Señor	Saturdays at 10 a.m.	La que Buena 106.9FM y 14.90AM
La Hora de Cristo Rey	Thursdays at 12 p.m.	La Ley 105.5 FM
Alegre la Mañana	Thursdays 10 a.m.	La Reina 1260AM – 96.5FM
No temas	Domingos 10:30 a.m.	Iowa Catholic Radio

### Social Media

Please visit the Diocesan Facebook page in Spanish. Diócesis de Des Moines and give us a like.

## Human Resources

There are a number of exciting job opportunities throughout the diocese. Please visit [our website](#) to learn more about the opportunities and for information on how to apply.

# Marriage and Family Life

## Anniversary Masses

### West Side

Join us for our annual anniversary Mass! On Aug. 3 during the 5:15 p.m. vigil Mass at St. John Parish in Greenfield, Bishop Pates will be honoring those couples in our diocese who have celebrated a milestone anniversary in the last year, with a reception to follow. A certificate of blessing is available with registration for couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (5-year increments and 50+ years). Reserved seating will be available for these couples and their families. This Mass is open to all families who would like to honor and celebrate marriage! To register call Cathy Gearhart at 515-237-5004 or [email her](#). St. John Parish is located at 303 NE Elm St. in Greenfield.

### East Side

Join us for our annual anniversary Mass. On Aug. 4 during the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Ambrose Cathedral, Bishop Pates will be honoring those couples in our diocese who have celebrated a milestone anniversary in the last year, with a reception to follow. A certificate of blessing is available with registration for couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (5-year increments and 50+ years). Reserved seating will be available for these couples and their families. This Mass is open to all families who would like to honor and celebrate marriage! To register call Cathy Gearhart at 515-237-5004 or [email her](#). St. Ambrose Cathedral is located at 607 High St. in Des Moines.

## Schools

We welcome Donna Bishop, the new diocesan Schools Superintendent, who begins in her role June 30. See the attached press release for details.

## Stewardship

### *The Catholic Mirror* Subscription Appeal

Each year, all registered and active parishioners within the Diocese of Des Moines are asked to support *The Catholic Mirror* monthly newspaper with a \$20 voluntary subscription. Funds raised offset the cost of producing and distributing *The Catholic Mirror* – a cost of about \$140,000 annually. Subscriptions can be purchased by check payable to *The Catholic Mirror* or online [dmdiocese.org/giving](http://dmdiocese.org/giving). Your support is instrumental in bringing important news and inspirational stories of faith across central and southwest Iowa and beyond. Thank you!

### 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Have you contacted your parishioners who have not yet given to the ADA? The stewardship department can provide you with a mail-merge ready listing of your parishioners who have not yet given to the ADA along with a letter template. This information is available upon request from the stewardship department. Please refer to the ADA manual [online](#) for a timeline and guidance on conducting a successful appeal. [Help the 2019 ADA Process Run Smoothly!](#)

- Please place enough postage on your ADA envelopes before mailing so it arrives to the Finance Department in a timely and safe manner.
- Do NOT send cash in your ADA bundles.
- Do NOT have donors write credit card numbers on pledge cards. Instead, direct them to the [website](#) or have them call the stewardship department at 515.237.5083.

## Vocations

### Candidacy Mass (picture coming soon!)

Congratulations to seminarians, Mike Mahoney and Jason Lee, who were received into Candidacy for Holy Orders at the Candidacy Mass on Saturday, June 29 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in West Des Moines. This is a step closer to ordination for these men. Please keep all of our seminarians in your prayers.

### All Diocesan Priests Invited

On Thursday, Aug. 8, the seminarians will gather for their annual Seminarian Convocation. They will attend Mass at 12:10 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral. Following Mass, all priests are invited to lunch sponsored by the Des Moines Saint Serra Club at the Catholic Pastoral Center to meet our seminarians. Watch your email inbox for an invitation and to RSVP.

### Prayers of the Faithful

Please pray for vocations during Mass using prayers of the faithful [found on our website](#).

## BIRTHDAYS

### JULY

Laurenzo, James	1
Chamberlain, Robert	3
Assamah, Raphael	4
Westphal, Adam	5
Kottas, Charles	6
Chiodo, Frank	6
Hoffmann, Lawrence	12
Daniel, Ambrose Ladu	12
Ludwig, John	13
Owusu, Seth	19
Maier, John Clement	28
McLaughlin, Michael	29
Dooley, Thomas	30

### AUGUST

Danso, Samuel	2
Amoako, Francis	4
Coenen, Thomas	9
Grant, Robert Loren	13
McGeary, Mark	13
Kirigia, Lazarus	20
Pisut, Christopher	28

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

### **JULY**

Krettek, Daniel	7
Coenen, Thomas	8
McLaughlin, Michael	9
Nkrumah, David	20
Onuora, Felix	22
Fitzgerald, Timothy	25
Fleming, David	27
Ludwig, John	27
Maier, John	27
Danso, Daniel	27
Orr, Stephen	27
Okere, Remigius	31

### **AUGUST**

Grant, Robert	3
Amoako, Francis	7
Assim, Dominic	7
Umunnakwe, Eze	8
Adibe, Anthony	17
Appiagyei-Boakye, Bright	22
Assamah, Raphael	23
Ahenkora, James	25

## **Other Organizations**

# Bishop Drumm Retirement Center

All are invited to Bishop Drumm to celebrate 80 years of ministry on Tuesday, July 9: 9:30 a.m. anniversary Mass at Our Lady of Peace Chapel; 4 p.m. free food and entertainment; 5837 Winwood Drive, Johnston. See [Bishop Drumm's website](#) for more information.

## Catholic Charities

### Join us for the 15th Annual Catholic Charities Bishop's Golf Classic

Our annual golf outing is Monday, Aug. 26 at Echo Valley Country Club in Norwalk. Show your support by wearing your loudest outfit to Echo Valley and PLAY LOUD! Bring on the bold stripes and the craziest plaids! We want to "hear" those outfits!

- Open to men and women
- CHURCH CHALLENGE: Help us get to our goal of 10 UNIQUE PARISH TEAMS
- Great day trip to golf at beautiful Echo Valley Country Club

\$150 per person includes: pre-golf lunch, 18 holes / cart / 4-person scramble, complementary course snacks and drinks all day on the course, awards reception & dinner. [Register online](#) or for information on sponsorships or contact [Beth Gibbins](#) at 515-237-5078.

### Decker Honored by Iowa Women's Foundation

Barbara Q. Decker, executive director of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Des Moines, is featured in the *2019 Ovation: A Tribute to Iowa Women and Girls*. Ovation is Iowa Women's Foundation signature annual publication. The Iowa Women's Foundation is committed to improving the lives of Iowa's women and girls through a diversified mix of action and funding, including research, grantmaking, advocacy, education, and collaboration. Barbara was sponsored by friends and colleagues for this honor. Congratulations Barbara!

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TRIBUTE: Barbara Q. Decker is a testament to women with great perseverance and passion for people. While being the first woman was never her aspiration, as a woman leader, she achieved many "firsts." [Click here to read more.](#)

### Summer Gardens

The Catholic Charities Outreach Center in Des Moines and our Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Shelter in Council Bluffs are producing beautiful gardens this summer. Clients and volunteers are working on bountiful harvests. The Outreach Center Garden was made possible by a United Way Mini Garden Grant. Sherbondy's Garden Center in Council Bluffs generously donated tomatoes, beans, squash, cucumber and other vegetables plants for our DVSA shelter residents.

### GET INVOLVED: Catholic Charities Programs

#### Des Moines: Emergency Family Shelter Program Needs

Please [contact Randy](#) at for more information.

Personal Hygiene	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deodorant: men's and women's</li><li>• Lotion: unscented</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Toilet paper</li><li>• Paper towels</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaseline</li> <li>• Hair care products specifically for African American hair</li> <li>• Shampoo and Conditioner</li> <li>• Hand soap (Refills)</li> <li>• Finger nail clippers/nail files</li> <li>• Finger nail clippers for infants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scented 13 gallon trash bags</li> <li>• Bus Tokens</li> </ul>
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## Council Bluffs: CC Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program Needs

For more information about DVSA donations, please [contact Linda Robicheau](#), Volunteer Coordinator, in Council Bluffs at 712-256-2059 x 109 or [lrobicheau@catholiccharitiesdm.org](mailto:lrobicheau@catholiccharitiesdm.org).

Babies	Kitchen	Household
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• diapers: size 4, 5, 6</li> <li>• baby wipes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canned vegetables</li> <li>• Soup</li> <li>• Ramen Noodles</li> <li>• Sandwich Bags</li> <li>• Paper Towels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• laundry soap</li> <li>• dryer sheets</li> <li>• bath towels</li> <li>• Large Trash Bags</li> </ul>

## Center for Social Ministry

### Is it Time to ReThink Poverty?

The Rethink Poverty simulation promotes a greater understanding of what it is like to live in poverty. During the simulation, participants role-play the lives of low-income families from single parents trying to care for their children to senior citizens trying to maintain their self-sufficiency on Social Security. If you would like to offer a Rethink Poverty simulation for your business, religious group, or civic group, contact the Center for Social Ministry office at 515-782-3054 or [centerforsocialministry.org](http://centerforsocialministry.org).

### Coming to CSM This Fall

In this time of rampant climate change, rising border walls, mushrooming immigration detention camps, growing trade tariffs, national and international political tensions, it's easy to understand how day-to-day life can seem so dark and overwhelming. We want to make a difference, BE the difference, for our family, our friends, and our community. But where can we have an impact?! How do we begin?!

Beginning this fall, the Center for Social Ministry, is pleased to provide a full slate of programs designed to assist you in *identifying* the issues you are passionate about, *equipping* you to understand and address these issues in your personal and family life, and *uniting* you with others who share similar passions to work for change in our community and world.

Stay tuned for Start Dates and Registration Information for these, and other, programs!

- **Living Compassionately** (*poverty, consumerism, care for the poor*)
- **Living Justly** (*racism, economic justice*)
- **Living Simply** (*sustainable living, care for the environment*)

- **Cultivating Nonviolence** (*practice of nonviolence, peace*)
- **Exploring Migration** (*migration, immigration, human trafficking*)
- **Just Engagement: Power to Change** (*organizing for advocacy, creating social change*)
- **ReThink Poverty** (*poverty awareness simulation*)

For more information about the Center for Social Ministry, or about our program offerings, [visit us!](#)

## **Emmaus House Spirituality Center**

Please visit the Emmaus House [website](#) for additional information and to [register](#) for these upcoming offerings. If you have any questions, please [email](#) Kevin O'Donnell.

### ***Fourth Annual Ignatian Retreat Day***

#### **Ignatian Spirituality and the Ministry of Pope Francis**

Our presenter, Fr. Tom Krettek, S.J. will lead us in learning about Pope Francis' formation as a Jesuit and bishop, and invite us to prayerfully reflect upon how Francis' story as a companion of Jesus can inspire and guide us in our own life of Christian Discipleship. Please Note: the location for this event is St. Mary of Nazareth Church in Des Moines.

### ***The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life***

This 32-week retreat, which begins in late September, is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your relationship with God, become more aware of God's presence in all aspects of life, and discern the unique ways in which God is inviting you to generously serve God and others. It includes daily personal prayer, weekly group gatherings, and twice monthly meetings with a spiritual director.

### ***Four-Week Guided Retreat in Everyday Life***

If you are looking to grow in deeper intimacy with God this summer, would like to experience Ignatian prayer, and journey with others who are also seeking a deeper relationship with God, please join us for this four-week guided retreat, "Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus." No experience is necessary!

### ***"Day in the Desert" Retreat***

Are you looking for time and space this summer to slow down and rest with God in silence, but don't have the time for a long retreat? Are you finding it challenging to hear God's voice in the midst of your busy life? If so, please join us for a "Day in the Desert" Retreat at Emmaus House this summer.

### ***Nature Retreat Day***

This is a wonderful opportunity to simply rest with God in nature, noticing how God's presence in nature is uniquely speaking to each of us, drawing us into unity with each other and all of creation. Please Note: the location for this event is St. Thomas More Center in Panora.

## **Franciscan Common Venture Service Opportunity**

Six volunteers, 20 years of age and older, are needed for a week of service Aug. 11-17, at the St. Augustin Indian Mission School in Winnebago, NE. Volunteers will assist in the hand harvest and processing of corn to be used in meals for sacred events and rituals. Other volunteer work could include painting, minor repairs, cleaning and gardening. Possibility of attending a Pow-Wow and other cultural rituals. Cost is \$175/person. ***Applications due by JULY 15.*** For more information and/or to apply [contact Sr. Shell](#) at 563-583-9786. The FCV program is sponsored by the Dubuque Franciscan Sisters.

## **Companions of St. Francis Fraternity rosary walk**

The Companions of St. Francis Fraternity-Des Moines (an emerging fraternity) is holding a rosary walk on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Des Moines Art Center Rose Garden (*aka* the Clare & Miles Mills Rose Garden). The event is in observance of the Season of Creation, a worldwide celebration from Sept. 1 to Oct. 4, intended to emphasize the importance of protecting our common home. In his encyclical, *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis, like St. Francis, shares his love for God's creation as well as an urgent call for us to be faithful stewards in all that God has gifted us.

This is the second year of the event. All are invited to bring their rosary and bottled water. Participants will meditate on several mysteries of the rosary, as we consider our role in helping to promote dignity and respect for all of God's creation. If you have any questions about the event, please [e-mail us](#).