

Bulletin/E-newsletter Announcements

Thank you!

We thank all of our catechists on Catechetical Sunday, Sept. 18, for rededicating themselves to the mission of passing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of faith.

Healing Service

The healing prayer service every third Wednesday of the month at St. Ambrose Cathedral begins at 5:30 p.m. All are invited to experience God's healing presence.

Join the Diocese as we celebrate the gift of the sacrament of marriage

Bishop William Joensen will be celebrating two anniversary Masses this fall to pray with, bless and honor couples celebrating milestone anniversaries. Certificates of blessing and reserved seating is available for couples celebrating 1, 10, 25 and 50+ years of marriage. A light reception will follow the Mass.

Times and Locations:

- Saturday, Oct. 1, 4 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral, Des Moines
- Saturday, Oct. 15, 5 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, Harlan

To register call Cathy Gearhart at 515-237-5004 or email her at cgearhart@dmdiocese.org

¡La Diócesis de Des Moines le invita a celebrar el regalo del sacramento de matrimonio!

El Obispo William Joensen estará celebrando dos Misas de aniversario esta temporada de otoño para orar, bendecir, y honrar a las parejas que celebran aniversario importante. Se reservarán asientos y habrá certificados de bendición para las parejas que celebran 1, 10, 25, 50 o más años de matrimonio. Habrá una pequeña recepción después de la Misa.

Hora y Lugar:

- Sábado 1 de octubre a las 4 p.m. en la Catedral de San Ambrosio en Des Moines
- Sábado 15 de octubre a las 5 p.m. en la Parroquia de St. Michael en Harlan

Para registrarse llame a Mayra Moriel de Banuelos al 515-237-5011 o envíe un correo electrónico a mmoriel@dmdiocese.org

Life Chain

Mark your calendar today to reserve Sunday, Oct. 2 from 2-3:30 p.m. to be a part of this year's Life Chain at Des Moines Fellowship Church, 950 – 35th St. off of University Avenue in Des Moines. Pro-lifers from Des Moines and surrounding communities will stand in unity. We will hold signs that read "Abortion Kills Children," "Adoption the Loving Option," and "Jesus Forgives and Heals." Join us rain or shine in our prayerful stand for life. Bring the entire family!

Life Chain

Join pro-lifers from central Iowa for the 33rd annual Life Chain on Sunday, Oct. 2 from 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. We will stand in solidarity for all lives that God has created, as we spend the time in prayer and praise. Parking and signs will be available at Des Moines Fellowship Church,

950 – 35th St. We pray for sunny skies; however, Life Chain will take place regardless of the weather conditions. Stand with us as we give glory to our Creator and thank Him for the lives of the born and the preborn!

Help send kids in our diocese to Catholic schools

Did you know the CTO application process revealed a \$1 million increase in financial need from our families from last year. As another school year launches, this is the perfect time to consider joining our donor family who make it possible for these kids to walk through the doors of our Catholic schools. Give today or learn more at CTOIowa.org today.

You'll get 75% Iowa tax credits back on every dollar you give—that's the highest tax credit in the state!

These tax credits are limited, so make your gift or pledge today! Questions on how it works? Call 515.237.5010 or email mareed@dmdiocese.org.

RISE at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart

RISE is an inclusive ministry that combines both teens and young adults in a fun, friendly, and energetic environment at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny. Its focus is on inclusivity, service, and social experiences and is slightly different from classroom faith formation. RISE stands for Reaching Inclusion through Service and Experience. Its purpose is to provide young adults and teens with or without disabilities the opportunity to grow in friendship while engaging in service and social activities. RISE meets on the third Tuesday of the month, from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. All gatherings are held in the gym or youth room. Registration is requested, and inquiries can be directed to Mary Sankey at marys@olih.org or 515-964-3038 ext. 118. Please visit the OLIH special needs webpage <https://www.olih.org/special-needs-1> and click on "RISE-sign-up" to register. The cost is free, and open to all denominations.

Attention prospective Catholic school families

If you're considering sending your children to a Catholic school next school year, check out our latest video that showcases the exceptional academic and spiritual aspects of a faith-filled education: <https://youtu.be/hli1h4WAEDY>

We're Hiring

Catholic Charities has job openings and signing bonuses. See all the opportunities where you can empower individuals and strengthen families. Go here to see the openings: <https://catholiccharitiesdm.bamboohr.com/jobs/>

Catholic Charities Current Needs

Family Shelter:

- Meal providers

Food Pantry:

- Wednesday morning volunteers
- Bars of soap
- Shampoo

Refugee:

- Twin bed sheets
- Rice Cookers
- New Vacuums
- Mops
- Shower curtains and rods
- School Supplies
- Another great way to help is contributing to the [Catholic Charities Annual Appeal](#).
- To find out more about volunteering, immediate needs, and collection drives, contact Emily Klisares at eklisares@catholiccharitiesdm.org or 515-237-5027.

Pilgrimage with the Bishop

Join the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa and Bishop William Joensen in Rome Oct. 18-28 for nine nights in Italy seeing Assisi, Florence, Pompeii and Rome. Enjoy daily Mass at local churches and basilica. In the Eternal City, we will specifically visit the North American Pontifical College, attend papal audience, join the Scavi Tour, and so much more. For pricing and more information please call Gary Portuesi our travel agent at 646-767-0089.

Friends, Romans, Iowans podcast

Season 4 of the Friends, Romans, Iowans podcast is underway. Find it wherever you get your podcasts for casual conversations with Catholics around our Diocese, and even most recently with Mark Wahlberg! Head to www.dmdiocese.org/FRIpod for links.

Faith Show en Espanol

Tune in to Fortaleciendo Nuestra Fe, a radio show in Spanish that focuses on topics related to the Catholic Church and the faith. Listen Saturdays at noon at La Reina 1260AM or 96.5FM or lareina1260.com.

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 am Mass. Sign language is also offered at St. Francis of Assisi parish on Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass. Visitors are welcome and appreciated at each parish community to continue building this community and making the Gospel accessible to our sisters and brothers in Christ. For more information, please contact [Patty Origer](mailto:poriger@dmdiocese.org) at poriger@dmdiocese.org regarding St. Catherine Masses or [Amy Tallman](mailto:atallman@saintfrancisschool.org) at atallman@saintfrancisschool.org for St. Francis of Assisi Masses.

Divorced?

The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide, a 12-week group begins Oct. 17 at Sacred Heart Parish, 1627 Grand Ave, West Des Moines. Meetings are from 6-7:30 p.m. Cost of \$30 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide" and all materials for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call Bill and Ann Moore for more information, or to register, at 515-480-3314 (Bill) 641-425-0109 (Ann) or email moorefamilydsm@gmail.com.

Is anyone in your family divorced?

Please give someone a copy of this ad or invite them to *The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide* 12-week group which begins Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, 1627 Grand Ave, West Des Moines. Cost of \$30 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide" and all materials for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call Bill and Ann Moore for more information, or to register, at 515-480-3314 (Bill) 641-425-0109 (Ann) or email moorefamilydsm@gmail.com.

Catholic's Divorce Healing Program

Sacred Heart Parish is hosting of *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* ministry for men and women who have suffered from divorce: The 12-week program features 30-minute DVD shows each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. The program will begin at Sacred Heart Parish on Monday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. Call Bill and Ann Moore for more information, or to register, at 515-480-3314 (Bill) 641-425-0109 (Ann) or email moorefamilydsm@gmail.com.

50th + Anniversary of Ordination

Father Wayne Gubbels, retired pastor of the Diocese of Des Moines, invites you to the celebration of his 50th+ anniversary of ordination on Sept. 25. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving at 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael Church in Harlan with an open house following in the parish center. Please RSVP to St. Michael's Office by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at 712-755-5244 or secretary@stmichaelparish.com.

Eucharistic Banner & Poster Exhibition of 150 Miracles

See a banner exhibit featuring Eucharistic miracles. The exhibit is at St. Theresa Church and Parish Hall in Des Moines. Enter by way of the carport door on the west side of the church and hall. Dates are:

Sept. 27-30 and Oct. 3-7: 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Oct. 1-2 and October 8-9: 8:00 a.m. - noon, 3:00 – 7 p.m.
Oct. 10: 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

JustFaith Ministries

Want to Talk? Communication Tools for Divided Times

Wednesdays, Oct. 5-Dec. 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Online | Cost \$80

This JustFaith Ministries program offers wisdom for navigating disagreement in a healthier way — whether in personal relationships or when working for social change. It will guide you in deepening your relationships while staying true to your values, whether you find yourself navigating a heated disagreement with a spouse, interrupting racism in the office, facilitating political tension in church, or working for systemic change around any justice issue. Register Online at Center for Social Ministry – Providing poverty awareness and social justice education.