

**Inactive and Alienated Catholics** Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 7:00pm. Held at COR (Come Observe Reconnect), 220 East 4th St., downtown Waterloo. The Catholic Parishes in Waterloo host this listening session for inactive, alienated, discouraged and former Catholics who wish to discuss their past, present or future relationship to the Catholic Church in a safe, nonjudgmental environment. For information, contact Dave Cushing at 319-233-0498 or email at [dbqwcaf@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqwcaf@dbqarch.org)



**Busy Catholic's Guide to All Saints & All Souls** Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7:00-8:00pm. TBA This one-hour discussion is designed for Catholic adults and young adults who want to learn or review how and why Catholics celebrate the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. The discussion will be conducted in an informal, non-threatening format and will include an opportunity for questions and discussion. For information contact Dave Cushing, [dbqwcaf@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqwcaf@dbqarch.org) or call 319-233-0498.

**LGBT Catholics** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 7:00pm. Held at COR (Come Observe Reconnect) 220 E. 4th St., downtown Waterloo. The Catholic Parishes in Waterloo host this Listening Session for gay and lesbian Catholics who wish to discuss their past, present or future relationship to the Catholic Church in a safe, nonjudgmental environment. For information contact Dave Cushing at 319-233-0498 or email at [dbqwcaf@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqwcaf@dbqarch.org)



**Faithful Citizenship Online Novena** October 27-November 4. Prepare prayerfully for the fall election with this nine-day online novena. Each day of the novena will include prayer, reflection & reading rooted in the biblical tradition and the Church's social teaching. Because it is offered online, participants can pray the novena at their convenience anywhere and anytime during the day. Online registration at [waterloocatholics.wufoo.com/forms/faithful-citizenship](http://waterloocatholics.wufoo.com/forms/faithful-citizenship) or 319-233-0498.

**Racism Study Group** Tuesday Evenings, 6:30-8:00pm held at St. Stephen the Witness Student Center in Cedar Falls. This group will meet for five Tuesday evenings, November 1, 8, 15, 29 and December 6 to read and discuss a book by Jim Wallis, "Racism--America's Original Sin" More details to follow.



**Knights of Columbus Iowa Retreat** November 4-6, 2016 at American Martyrs Retreat House, Cedar Falls. **"Report For Duty!"** is the theme of this retreat to be conducted by Msgr. Lyle Wilgenbusch. The retreat begins at 8:00pm Friday evening and ends with lunch on Sunday. \$135 retreat fee covers accommodations and meals. For information and reservations contact American Martyrs at 319-266-3543 or email at [DBQAMRHsec@DBQarch.org](mailto:DBQAMRHsec@DBQarch.org)

**Critical Choices Workshop** Monday, November 7, 2016 from 7:00-9:00pm at O'Hagan Hall, Sacred Heart. This workshop examines some of the issues which arise at the time of a serious illness or at the end of life and helps participants consider the type of personal, spiritual and medical care they wish to receive if they are seriously ill and unable to speak for themselves. The workshop is appropriate for individuals or couples of any age. There is no fee to attend but pre-registration is required. Information and registration at 319-233-0498 or online at [waterloocatholics.org/critical-choices-workshops](http://waterloocatholics.org/critical-choices-workshops)

#### **Preview for the October 16, 2016 "The Witness"**

1. Chaplain Schmitt's remains returned to Iowa this week. 'The Witness' will have coverage of memorial Masses in St. Lucas and Dubuque, as well as other events.
2. Dave Cushing continues his series relating the concepts in Joe Paprocki's book "A Church on the Move" to parishes in the archdiocese.
3. Pope Francis announces 17 new cardinals, including three from the U.S. Analysis of how this will affect the church.