

COR, our downtown center for evangelization is in need of:

- * Kitchen Towels
- * Dish Cloths
- * Bathroom Hand Towels
- * Tablecloths
- * serving spoons
- * recycle bins
- * floor lamps
- * dish drying racks
- * projector/projector screen
- * blenders
- * pot holders
- * Dishes – water glasses, wine glasses, bowls, mugs, flatware
- * Mixing bowls and serving trays
- * Pitchers
- * Trash Bags – kitchen size and large (35 gallon)
- * K-cups
- * Dorm size refrigerator
- * full size refrigerator
- * kitchen knives
- * cutting boards
- * salt & pepper shakers

In an effort to be green, please do not purchase anything. We are looking for extra supplies (new & gently used) that you might have around the house that you are looking to get rid of. For example: maybe you bought a keurig flavor that you don't like so much and have leftovers or perhaps you bought the wrong size trash bag etc.

If you have donations, please contact Ellen Voegele at dbqwcya@dbqarch.org or 233-0498.



Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO)

This holiday season give the gift of a Catholic education. The Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO) exists solely to make a Catholic education more affordable for every child.

As an Iowa tax payer, you can help families with demonstrated financial need through a contribution to the STO. In return, you will receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 65% of your donation. The amount you contribute also qualifies as a charitable donation on a Federal tax return. The available Iowa tax credits are filling up fast so visit www.OurFaithSto.org or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546 ext. 219 or 307 to learn more.

Give a Gift That Makes a Difference

This holiday season, consider giving gifts that benefit the poor and disadvantaged or religious communities as much as the persons who receives them.

You can find a list of organizations through which you can make a life-sustaining gift to those in need ... organizations which sell socially-responsible, fair trade items which benefit local producers around the world ... and sources which market items created by Catholic sisters, brothers, nuns and monks to support their communities on our website: waterloocatholics.org/fair-trade-socially-responsible-gifts



Advent Communal Penance Services

Catholic Christians celebrate God's love and mercy in a special way through the Sacrament of Penance (also called Reconciliation, or more commonly, "Confession"). The Church expects Catholics to celebrate this Sacrament at least once a year if they have committed a mortally serious sin. Catholics may do this privately, through individual confession, or during a communal penance service which includes private confession. A communal penance service is also a good way to celebrate God's love and forgiveness even if an individual is not obligated to confess their sins privately to the priest.

Advent Communal Penance Services in the metro area:

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 9:00pm

St Stephen the Witness Student Ctr. Cedar Falls

Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 4:00pm

Blessed Sacrament Church, Waterloo

Sunday, December 18, 2016 at 4:00pm

St. Edward Church, Waterloo

Learn more about how to celebrate Reconciliation here:

<https://waterloocatholics.org/reconciliation>



Where Justice & Mercy Meet - One Day Ecumenical Retreat

Saturday, December 10th 8:30-4:00

St. Anthony Church – O'Malley Hall

1870 St. Ambrose St, Dubuque

While the year of Mercy will soon come to a close, Mercy continues forever. This mini-retreat will feature the stories of inmates' own faith/conversion stories personally written by the inmates. These stories will be presented by a team of men who have been visiting the Anamosa state prison over a period of more than 25 years, ministering to the men imprisoned there. There will also be a panel of people who have "served time" and are now finding success in our community through mentors and Circles of Support in the Jail & Prison Ministry program in Dubuque. This retreat is open to anyone interested in hearing these powerful Prodigal Son stories. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register, contact Deacon Bill Hickson, 563-495-5947 or b.hickson@dbqarch.org

2016 Advent Schedule

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays

December 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd from 8:30-11:00am

Monday Evening Masses during Advent

December 5th, 12th & 19th at 6:00pm

Reconciliation at 5:30pm

*See this insert above for **Communal Penance**

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 7, Wednesday at 5:30 pm

December 8, Thursday at 7:00am, 9:00am & 6:00pm

Christmas Eve Liturgies

December 24, Saturday at 4:00pm, 6:30pm & 10:00pm

Christmas Day Liturgy

December 25, Sunday at 9:00am Liturgy

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31, Saturday at 4:30pm

January 1, Sunday at 8:30am, & 10:30am

Advent Reconciliation Schedule

Every Monday in Advent at 5:30pm

Every Tuesday & Friday in December at 7:40am

Every Saturday in December at 3:30pm

December 20 & 22 at 11:30am and 8:00pm
(for 45 minutes or all are heard)

December 21 at 5:00pm (for 45 minutes or all are heard)