

Faith Formation...Opportunities for Everyone!

THE BIBLE TIMELINE Series --Starts Soon. "The Bible Timeline--The Story of Salvation" is a popular and comprehensive, 23-week video series which provides an overview of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Author Jeff Cavins uses a unique system to help participants learn about the major people, places and events of Salvation History and see how they come together to reveal the truth of the Christian faith. The Waterloo Parishes will offer this series on Monday evenings or Saturday mornings if a sufficient number of people sign up. To register call 319-233-0498 or online: waterloocatholics.wufoo.com/forms/the-bible-timelines-series/

EMBARC IN THE PARK--Sunday, September, 18 at RiverLoop Amphitheater from 5-7:00pm. This celebration is sponsored by Ethnic Minorities of Burma Advocacy and Resource Center to celebrate community support for the growing Burmese community in Waterloo. Live music, speakers, games for children and traditional Burmese food. Free and open to the public. RSVP requested by email to blain@embarciowa.org.

A FAMILY JOURNEY THROUGH MENTAL ILLNESS--Monday, September, 19 at 7:00pm COR at 220 East 4th St., Waterloo. Author Virginia Pillars will discuss her family's experience of journeying through mental illness with her adult daughter who was diagnosed with schizophrenia in 2005. This is a story of hope, recounted in Mrs. Pillars' new book "Broken Brain, Fortified Faith--Lessons of Hope through a Child's Mental Illness" released in September. This presentation and discussion is free and open to the public.

CHRIST OUR LIFE CONFERENCE--September 24-25. Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines. Over 7500 people attended this uplifting regional conference in 2014. This year's speakers include Archbishop Charles Chaput, Bishop Richard Pates, Fr. Tom Hagan, Fr. Michael Schmitz, Jackie Francois Angel, Mark Hart and others. Adults \$25; students \$15. Information and registration at 866-319-0616 and online at www.christourlifeiowa.com

COR Come Observe Reconnect September Events:

September 11: Get to Know Your Neighbors - Meet @ COR at 12:30 pm. We will attend Sunday School at 1:00pm at the Apostolic Pentecostal Church of Waterloo and the service at 2:00pm. Food and discussion will follow at Beck's Taproom Grill on University Ave.

September 16: Movie Night, 7:00pm September Movie: A Beautiful Mind

September 18: Taize Prayer, 6:00pm

Discussion Night, 7:00pm Topic: Spiritual but not Religious: What's the Difference?

September 19: A Family Journey Through Mental Illness. 7:00pm

September 21: Listening Session for Inactive Catholics, 7:00pm

September 28: Discussion for Gay & Lesbian Catholics, 7:00pm

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP ONLINE STUDY SERIES--October 3-14. This twelve-part study series will give participants an opportunity to read and reflect on the U.S. bishops' annual statement on political responsibility, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship." Daily email messages will include excerpts from the bishops' statement examining the principles which Catholic voters should consider before making political choices. To register 319-233-0498 or online at: waterloocatholics.wufoo.com/forms/faithful-citizenship-online-study-series

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP DISCUSSION--Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00-8:30pm, St. Edward. Tom Chapman, director of the Iowa Catholic Conference, will discuss the U.S. bishops' document "Faithful Citizenship" and some of the issues which Catholics should consider when discerning how to vote this fall. There will be an opportunity to discuss the dilemma Catholic voters face because neither political party fully embraces the values advocated by Catholic principles. Free and open to the public. No reservations.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP NOVENA--October 27-November 4. Prepare prayerfully for the fall election with this nine-day online novena. Each day of the novena will include a prayer, reflection and 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. To register for the novena, call 319-233-0498 or register online at waterloocatholics.wufoo.com/forms/faithful-citizenship-online-novena/

September 3-4 Young Adult Ministry (age 18-39)

Flocknote – Please help us to stay in touch!

- Text cvyoungadults to 85476 or go to (flocknote.com/wcff)
- Follow the prompts to input your contact information
- Choose how often you want to receive updates: monthly, weekly, and/or daily
- Choose which community you are (college students, parents, singles, married couples etc.)
- Choose if you want to receive information via text or email

Starting up NOW: Young Adult Faith Sharing Group - Mondays, 5:30-6:30pm at COR

This coed faith sharing group meets weekly to reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings. This is a great way to get to know some other young adults, prepare for Mass, and grow in your relationship with Jesus through the Word of God. No registration necessary, simply show up on September 12. We also have several other small groups that meet regularly AND short-term commitment groups. See waterloocatholics.org/small-groups or Contact Ellen Voegele (dbqwcya@dbqarch.org) if interested in getting plugged into a group and we will find one that fits your interests and schedule.

Check out our facebook page and website waterloocatholics.org for more details on all of the above events.

FLOOD RELIEF INFORMATION

Dear Blessed Sacrament Family: A number have asked how we can be of help to those communities most affected by last week's flooding to the north of us. **Fr. Bob Gross their pastor writes:** *"St. Wenceslaus in Spillville and St. Aloysius in Calmar both experienced significant damage. Some may not be able to return to their homes. Presently we are housing a displaced family in the former Calmar Convent.*

Three ways our friends can help are: First, we are setting up a Fund to help affected families with basic necessities or uninsured significant repairs. The second way to help would be volunteering time to come to Spillville and help clean up houses and other places in the community. We will know about homeowner needs next week after insurance and other assessments have been made. Lastly, and most importantly please pray for all those who have to face difficult financial decisions about their homes in Spillville and Calmar. Thank you for your prayers, support, and assistance! May God bless you! Fr. Robert Gross

If you would like to send funds, any envelope marked "Iowa Floods" will be directed to them for the purposes described. If you want to help, call the Blessed Sac. parish office and we will add your name to our list of those to be contacted for a future workday. Or, you can call Renee directly at [563.562.3017](tel:563.562.3017).

Thank you! Fr. Tom