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## REGISTRATION

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Reduction of fees available for all programs based on financial need.



Sit back, relax and savor delicious local foods while enjoying the spirit of The Prairie. Photo: Lisa Martin

Check out our on-line RETREAT calendar at [www.chmiowa.org](http://www.chmiowa.org) for complete information on presenters and programs.

## RECURRING PROGRAMS CONT.

### Taizé Vigil Services | 6:30pm-7:30pm

Taizé is an ecumenical movement, drawing Christians of all denominations together in unified and compassionate prayer. All people of faith are invited to participate. Two off-site services: Zion Lutheran Church, Clinton, IA, March 5, and Humility of Mary Center, Davenport, IA, September 10. No fee but register to attend.

**Visio Divina thru Film** | 5:30pm Visio Divina is scheduled on evenings following Come to the Quiet. A growing spiritual practice of Visio Divina allows us to sink into God's presence through visual stories of redemption, transformation, awe and beauty. Sharing our experience of viewing these films together will open doors to "see" more abundant life around us. Join us for a light supper followed by film: March 8, May 16, July 11, September 14, October 4, December 5. Light Supper followed by 6:00pm viewing of the film

Fee: \$15

## SPECIAL EVENTS (See Calendar for details)

- January 26-February 28, Sabbatical for Sisters
- March 23-J. Michael Joncas, Singing the Liturgy, St Paul the Apostle Church, Davenport, IA
- April 19-Connie Mutel, A Sugar Creek Chronicle, Humility of Mary Center (HMC)
- May 8-Come to Peace Book Reading with Isa Gucciardi, HMC
- August 20-Spirit of the Prairie Fundraiser
- September 14 - VANG, A Drama about Recent Immigrant Farmers, Operahouse, DeWitt, IA
- September 15 - VANG, A Drama about Recent Immigrant Farmers, HMC



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open to both men and women. Fee: \$30  
Feminine and reflection. This presentation is  
Join us for an early celebration of Mother's Day  
Foundation of the Sacred Stream  
Isa Gucciardi, Ph.D., Founding Director,  
**Embracing the Sacred Feminine**  
Thurs, May 11 | 1:00pm - 3:30pm

reconciliation and wholeness. Free Will Offering  
Coming to Peace provides a pathway to  
based wisdom traditions and Buddhism.  
meditation practices from a variety of earth-  
resolution method that was born out of core  
Stream. Coming to Peace is a hybrid conflict  
Founding Director, Foundation of the Sacred  
Humility of Mary Center, 820 W. Central Park  
Ave, Davenport, IA. Isa Gucciardi, Ph.D.,  
**Coming to Peace Book Reading**  
Mon, May 8 | 7:00pm

## MAY

energies giving life new purpose. Fee: \$15  
Solo Walks, discover how to release creative  
tools called "Morning Pages, Artists Dates, and  
Again by Julia Cameron. Using contemplative  
Book for Lectio: *It's Never Too Late to Begin*  
Linda Clewell, Oblate of St. Benedict  
**Writers**

Sun, April 23 | 2:30pm - 4:30pm  
**Lectio Divina through Current**

will offering.  
Her book will be available for \$10. Fee: Free  
changes, even as we maintain balanced lives.  
continued to explore how to explain climate  
publication of *A Sugar Creek Chronicle*, she has  
science with lay readers. Since the 2016  
stories to share the complexities of climate  
Mutel employs the use of personal and nature  
*Science Writer and Archivist at Univ. of Iowa*  
Ave, Davenport, IA. Connie Mutel, Senior  
Humility of Mary Center, 820 W. Central Park  
Cospponsor: CHM Care of Earth Committee.

Wed, April 19 | 6:30pm  
**Observing, Communicating, and**  
**Surviving Climate Change**

St. Synletica, early Christian Desert Mother  
and Abbess, wrote Our God is a consuming  
fire, so we also must kindle the divine fire in  
ourselves, whatever the cost. Fee: \$20  
Tues, April 11 | 9:30am - 3:30pm  
**Come to the Quiet**

journaling. Fee: \$20  
discussions, labyrinth walks, reflection and  
you from what binds you and prepare you for  
a renewed Easter. There will be time for group  
history of the Labyrinth and ways it will release  
emphasis on mercy and forgiveness. Learn the  
Start off Holy Week walking the Labyrinth with  
Sherry Neuman and Pat McLaughlin

Mon, April 10 | 9:30am - 3:30pm  
**Labyrinth Walk into Holy Week**  
Learn simple basket weaving in the context of  
prayer and meditation. Make an Easter Basket  
today. Limit 8 participants. Fee: \$30  
Kathleen Storms, SSND

Fri, April 7 | 9:00am - 4:00pm  
**Weaving Prayers and Baskets**

## APRIL

workshop. Registration due March 15. Fee: \$30  
with a web-based survey, taken prior to the  
interaction, and every day. The process begins  
the ability to transform every moment, every  
into this source of wisdom and power; gain  
enhance personal and professional lives. Tap  
to identify and develop your unique talents to  
StrengthsFinder Workshop is an opportunity  
Pat Shea

Tues, March 28 | 9:30am - 3:30pm  
**Focusing on What's STRONG,**  
**Not What's Wrong**

Fr. (Jan) Michael Joncas  
Explore the Constitutions of Vatican II-50 years  
after their publication: Sacrosanctum Concilium on  
the Liturgy; Lumen Gentium on the Church; Dei  
Verbum on Sacred Scripture; and Gaudium et Spes  
on the Church in the Modern World. Fee: \$125  
Tues, March 28 | 9:30am - 3:30pm  
**Practice 50 Years after Vatican II**  
**Roman Catholic Thought and**

Fr. (Jan) Michael Joncas, composer of  
"On Eagles' Wings" St Paul the Apostle  
Church, 916 E. Rusholme St, Davenport, IA.  
Explore the meaning of elements of the Mass:  
Introductory Rites, Liturgy of God's Word,  
Liturgy of the Lords Table, Dismissal Rites.  
Discover music that helps the "full, conscious  
and active" participation of the faithful  
associated with these elements. Fee: Free Will  
offering.

Thurs, March 23 | 7:00pm  
**Singing the Liturgy**

John Cooper, MA Theology, Vice-President of  
Enrollment, St. Ambrose University  
Our lives are like bowls. We are created to  
hold what God gives us. That's what the story  
of Creation was like for Adam and Eve and  
their descendants. Even before our birth, God's  
unconditional gift of life was competing with  
the forces of evil. Emerging as infants into  
a finite and complex world, God's grace was  
pumped into us, culminating often in Baptism.  
In the ensuing years, our bowls have at times  
overflowed with happiness and joy with sadness  
and pain. This retreat will focus on what we are  
carrying in our bowls today. Fee: \$125

Mon, January 30 - Fri, February 24  
**Mini-Sabbatical Experience**

Fri, March 10 - Sun, March 12  
Fri, 5:00pm - Sun, 11:00am  
**Men's Retreat: Empty Yourself**

Wed, March 8 | 9:30am - 3:30pm  
**Come to the Quiet**  
St. Bridgid of Kildare, prompted us to remember  
Christ dwells in every creature. She recognized  
the manifestation of divine gifts in all creation  
and the resulting healing peace. Fee: \$20  
Wed, March 8 | 5:30pm  
**Visio Divina through Film**  
Film: *As It Is In Heaven*. Award winning  
Swedish film. The story of a successful orchestra  
conductor who returns to his childhood home  
to confront bullying and grief. To his surprise  
he finds himself, love and friendship through  
music and community. An excellent Lenten  
film. (132 minutes, subtitles) Light Supper  
followed by 6:00pm film. Fee: \$15  
Fri, March 10 - Sun, March 12  
Fri, 5:00pm - Sun, 11:00am  
**Men's Retreat: Empty Yourself**  
So That You Can Believe God  
Abundantly Loves You

Wed, March 8 | 9:30am - 3:30pm  
**Come to the Quiet**

Sun, March 5 | 6:30pm  
**Lenten Taizé Vigil Service**

## MARCH

February 20 - 24: Wellness and Wholeness  
February 13 - 17: Our Sacred Universe  
Theology of Religious Life  
February 6 - 10: Current Christology and  
Contemplative Seeing through the Arts  
January 30 - February 3:  
www.chmiowa.org website under "Retreats"  
Mini-Sabbatical Weeks: See details on  
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February 13 - 17: Our Sacred Universe  
February 20 - 24: Wellness and Wholeness

Wed, January 25 | 9:00am - 4:00pm  
**The Enneagram...A Tool for**

Wed, January 11 | 9:30am - 3:30pm  
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Wed, January 25 | 9:00am - 4:00pm  
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## JANUARY/FEBRUARY

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Lush gardens and welcoming spaces await all who visit The Prairie. Photo: Joseph Maciejko

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May 12 – May 13 | Fri, 5:00pm – Sat, 3:30pm  
**The Path of Service and the Nature of Suffering**

Isa Gucciardi, Ph.D., Founding Director, Foundation of the Sacred Stream  
 Explore the Buddhist understandings about the nature of suffering contained in the *Four Noble Truths*. Examine the path of service of the Bodhisattva to find freedom from pain. Look at how this type of service changes psychological orientation and offers deeper teachings about the nature of service. Fee: \$150

Tues, May 16 | 9:30am – 3:30pm  
**Come to the Quiet**

St. Brendon lived his life as a pilgrim. His prayer gives us courage to do the same. “Help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown.” Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You. Fee: \$20

Tues, May 16 | 5:30pm

**Visio Divina through Film**

Film: *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*  
 Award winning film based on a true story of Jean-Dominique Bauby, whose love of life and soaring vision shaped his will to achieve a life without boundaries. (English sub-titles, 112 minutes) Light Supper followed by 6:00pm film. Fee: \$15

Sun, May 28 | 2:30pm – 4:30pm

**Lectio Divina through Current Writers**

Linda Clewell, Oblate of St. Benedict  
 Book for Lectio: *12 Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong. In simple practiced steps we learn to see our family, friends, and world with new eyes, and confidently take action to be the world we wish for others. Every day, all day. Fee: \$15

## JUNE

Thurs, June 1 | 9:00am – 4:00pm

**Weaving Prayers and Baskets**

Kathleen Storms, SSND  
 Learn simple basket weaving in the context of prayer and meditation. Make a 6.5x12.5 Tote Bag for all your summer outings. Limited to 8 participants. Fee: \$30

Tues, June 13 | 9:30am – 3:30pm

**Knit One, Pray Too!**

(See recurring programs description)

Thurs, June 15 | 9:30am – 3:30pm

**Come to the Quiet**

Dorothy Day, founder of The Catholic Worker Movement, committed her life to help the outcasts of society. Her passionate service to others beckons us to corporal works of mercy which she called, duty of delight. Fee: \$20

June 16 - June 22 | Fri, 5pm – Thurs, 10am  
**Retreating into the Universe Story and Laudato Si**

School Sisters of Notre Dame Presenters  
 Pope Francis, in his encyclical *Care for our Common Home*, has sparked interest in how each of us is encouraged to become more mindful of our relationship with Earth. We will explore how the Universe Story is the foundation for an awakening consciousness of Earth as a primary revelation of the Divine. Move from contemplation to action in care for our common home. Limit 12 participants. Fee: \$500

Sun, June 25 | 2:30pm – 4:30pm

**Lectio Divina through Current Writers**

Linda Clewell, Oblate of St. Benedict  
 Book for Lectio: *Paradoxology* by Miriam Therese Winter. Science and spirituality are not opposites. They blend and become both matter and space. Unbelievable? The author uses lyrical prose in guiding us to suspend our beliefs and enter into a realm of mystery. Fee: \$15

## JULY

Thurs, July 6 | 9:30am – 3:30pm

**Introduction to SoulCollage®**

Cynthia Huffman, SoulCollage® Facilitator  
 A fun day of creating personal SoulCollage® cards using magazine images. See how your cards reveal your true inner self and how they can assist with life questions. Images and cards provided. Bring scissors and non-acid glue stick. Fee: \$30

Sat, July 8 | 9:30am – 3:30pm

**The Medicine Wheel: Practical Use in 2017**

Kathleen Collins, Licensed Mental Health Counselor/Shamanic Practitioner  
 Learn the Native American practice of the Medicine Wheel and use the Four Directions for balance and healing. Use this sacred tool to recognize places in your life where more balance is needed. Practice problem solving for yourself and others. Fee: \$20

Tues, July 11 | 9:30am – 3:30pm

**Come to the Quiet**

St. Benedict gave us a little rule written for beginners: listen with the ear of your heart. Benedict knew that a gentle silence was necessary to hear the Divine speaking to us in our hearts. Fee: \$20

Tues, July 11 | 5:30pm

**Visio Divina through Film**

Film: *When Love is not Enough: The Lois Wilson Story*. This is the remarkable story of two towering characters that started AA and Alanon to support those plagued by alcoholism. A historically accurate film spanning 50 years of love, failure and redemption. (98 minutes) Light Supper followed by 6:00pm film. Fee: \$15

July 23 – July 29 |

Sun, 5:00pm – Sat, 11:00am

Private or Directed Retreat

**Come Apart Into Solitude**

Creation is the first place of the revelation of God. The Prairie offers exquisite beauty, profound silence and deep communion with God. Experience the labyrinth, cosmic walk, reflection by the pond and meditative walking on our many trails. Spiritual Direction available upon request before July 15. Fee: \$500

Sun, July 30 | 2:30pm – 4:30pm

**Lectio Divina through Current Writers**

Linda Clewell, Oblate of St. Benedict  
 Book for Lectio: *Awe and Wonder* by Barbara Fiand. The author invites us to explore spirituality through the lens of science. Indeed we can experience spiritual transformation in an expansion of consciousness. Fee: \$15

## AUGUST

Wed, August 9 | 9:30am – 3:30pm

**Come to the Quiet**

Miriam the Prophet proclaims in Exodus 15, “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously.” Her prophetic voice calls us to imagine the world as it might be; liberated from injustice, where all people live together in abundant compassion, singing to the Lord. Fee: \$20

Thurs, August 10 | 9:30am – 3:30pm

**Knit One, Pray Too!**

(See recurring programs description)

Mon, August 14 | 9:00am – 4:00pm

**Eating Your Way through the Gospel of Luke**

Fr. Bob Miller, Pastor of St. Dorothy Church, Chicago, with Mark Nimo

Using a deep study and exegesis of Luke’s writings, we will unpack the abundant gift that Jesus was/is for our world! Fee: \$30

Sun, August 20 | 3:00pm – 6:00pm

**7th Annual Spirit of the Prairie**

Benefiting Our Lady of the Prairie Programs. A spirit-filled afternoon at The Prairie: Summer Buffet ~ Spirits ~ Music. Locally produced food, wines and beer! Fee: \$50

Sun, August 27 | 2:30pm – 4:30pm

**Lectio Divina through Current Writers**

Linda Clewell, Oblate of St. Benedict  
 Book for Lectio: *Seasons in My Garden* by Elizabeth Wagner. We are invited to a meditative garden with a blending of Scripture, the liturgical calendar and nature’s seasons. The Prairie is the perfect place for this reflection. Fee: \$15

## SEPTEMBER

Sun, September 10 | 6:30pm

**Solstice Taizé Vigil Service**

Humility of Mary Center, 820 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport. (See recurring programs description) Pre-registration encouraged. No fee.

Tues, September 12 | 9:30am – 2:00pm

**Cooking Up a Storm**

Kathleen Storms, SSND  
 Shop The Prairie gardens and prepare Earth-friendly foods from scratch. Try recipes with quinoa, using fresh produce and learn the basics of making great soups and bread. Fee: \$30

Tues, September 12 | 5:30pm

**Visio Divina through Film**

Film: *The Legend of Baggar Vance*. The tale of a local hero whose hopes are shattered on battlefields. Forgetting about winning and following the advice of his caddy brings healing and a renewed spirit. (127 minutes) Light Supper followed by 6:00pm film. Fee: \$15

Thurs, September 14 | 9:30am – 3:30pm

**Come to the Quiet**

St. Hildegard of Bingen inspires us with her holy visions and music: Fire of the Holy Spirit, life of the life of every creature, holy are you in giving life to forms. Her teachings urge us, in communion with all life, to live purely in union with Divine Life. Fee: \$20

Thurs, September 14 | 7:00pm

**VANG - a Drama about Recent Immigrant Farmers**

DeWitt Operahouse Theatre. See this play and be changed by the gut-wrenching experiences of these recent refugees and immigrants; by their ability to survive in the face of the horrific. With our current immigration policy debate, this play gives us much food for thought. Fee: \$10

Fri, September 15 | 6:30pm

**VANG - a Drama about Recent Immigrant Farmers**

Humility of Mary Center, 820 W. Central Park Ave, Davenport, IA. Co-sponsored by Congregation of the Humility of Mary (See Sept. 14 above) Fee: \$10

Sun, September 24 | 2:30 – 4:30pm

**Lectio Divina thru Current Writers**

Linda Clewell, Oblate of St. Benedict  
 Book for Lectio: *Welcome to the Wisdom of the World* by Joan Chittister. Joan shares wisdom from the five major religious traditions to answer timeless questions on living in the present, free from concern of the past or the future. Fee: \$15

## OCTOBER

Wed, October 4 | 9:30am – 3:30pm

**Come to the Quiet**

Francis of Assisi gave up his life of wealth for a life of service to all creatures of God. His Canticle of Creation, inspires us to embrace the abundant love of God expressed in all creation. Be praised, my Lord, through all Your creatures. Fee: \$20

Wed, October 4 | 5:30pm

**Visio Divina through Film**

Film: *The Color of Paradise*. Majid Majidi explores the world of a gifted blind boy at the mercy of his father’s crippling sense of shame. You will “hear and see” differently after viewing this film. (90 minutes) Light Supper followed by 6:00pm film Fee: \$15

Wed, October 11 | 9:30am – 3:30pm

**Knit One, Pray Too!**

(See recurring programs description)

## NOVEMBER

Wed, November 1 | 9:30am – 3:30pm

**Come to the Quiet**

Mary exemplifies what it means to live always in the presence of the Divine; to say “yes” to the invitation to make visible the very presence of God in human form. Fee: \$20

Wed, November 8 | 9am – 4pm

**Weaving Prayers and Baskets**

Kathleen Storms, SSND  
 Learn simple basket weaving in the context of prayer and meditation. Make a market basket for harvesting produce, holding magazines or sewing projects. Fee: \$30

Sun, November 12 | 1:00pm – 5:00pm

**Opening to Peace through Compassion**

Debra Morrill, BA and Marita Kelter, BA  
 True peace begins within. This workshop borrows from the ancient wisdom teachings of many cultures to create healing of the heart through meditation, chanting and dance. All voices welcome! Fee: \$25

## DECEMBER

Tues, December 5 | 9:30am – 3:30pm

**Come to the Quiet**

Rainer Maria Rilke, wrote beautifully of his love for the mystery of life and his desire to grow in intimacy with the sacred. He urges us to dive into your increasing depths to find the doorways to the abundant, compassionate Love of God. Fee: \$20

Tues, Dec 5 | 5:30pm

**Visio Divina through Film**

Film: *Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring*. Taking place in a small Buddhist monastery. A young child begins his lifelong journey of despair and redemption. (102 minutes, subtitles) Light Supper followed by 6:00pm film Fee: \$15