



Department of  
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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap  
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith  
Living our Catholic Faith in the World  
July 14, 2021 Summer Edition

*“Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.” (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 164)*

**CLADD/Parish Catechetical Leader Ministry Enrichment Sessions to Chart the Mission forward:**



Even before the pandemic, the structure by which the Diocese has traditionally used to resource our parish catechetical leaders (youth ministry, religious education, family faith, RCIA and Adult faith, and sacramental preparation) has been less helpful for a sizeable number of our colleagues. The pandemic multiplied these many facets. Furthermore, between the changing landscape of PCL employment (full time, part time, and volunteer) as well as the unique needs associated with specific ministries within lifelong formation in faith, our structure needs to be reimagined through YOUR perspective.

**You are invited to All Saints Parish in Stuart on August 24 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm to be renewed in your ministry and to recast formation enrichment sessions for you that will help you move the mission forward.**

Each of you are very aware of your need for continual growth and learning. The questions to ask is:

- What meaningful formation and/or networking do you need to help you in your specific ministry?
- What is the best way to deliver this formation to you so that we build community in that mentoring and networking organically grow?
- How often should these sessions be held so that you will attend and what time of day works best in your work/family life?
- What topics need to be addressed that helps you and your parish community lean into mission?

Tom Quinlan will be with us to lead us through the day. He will first offer an enrichment/retreat type process the first half of the day and lead us in a renewal process about our PCL formational opportunities after lunch. More to come in early August...

Please keep the following dates in your calendar as we take what is offered to us in August and see how it works with these dates that have been secured. **Finally, please save the date for August 24 to be present for this day that will help us reconnect in-person and chart the mission forward.**

- East Dates 9:30 to 1:00 pm (lunch included)
  - September 16--[Open](#)
  - October 21--St. Boniface, Waukeez
  - November 18--OLIH, Ankeny
  - January 20--St. Francis of Assisi, WDM
  - March 10 (spring break is the next week)--St. John, Adel
  - April 21--[Open](#)
  
- West Dates 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (lunch included)
  - September 21--[Open](#)
  - October 19--Ss Peter & Paul, Atlantic
  - November 16--[Open](#)
  - January 18--St. Patrick, Neola
  - March 8 (spring break is the next week)--[Open](#)
  - April 19--St. Mary, Shenandoah
  
- East/West gathered dates (meals included as part of the programming)
  - Summer gathering – 9:30 am to 2:30 pm August 24 at All Saints parish in Stuart
  - PCL/CLADD Retreat with Becky Eldredge – February 3-4, 2022 in Des Moines
  - Year-end gathering – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on May 10, 2022 – Place TBD

### **Families Living Faith: Reimagining Faith Formation for Today:**



According to Tom Quinlan, Director of the Saint Joseph Educational Center, the June session with Denise Utter (biography attached to this e-mail), the session was excellent and received strongly positive feedback.

If you didn't get a chance to experience it live, Tom and I hope you can take some time in the coming days to benefit from the Denise's expertise and experience. If you did participate in the session, consider who you might wish to share the attached resources with, as you explore possibilities for the coming year and beyond.

Attached you will find three linked files related to the June 29<sup>th</sup> session:

- 1) [the recording of session one](#)
- 2) [the actual PowerPoint presentation;](#)
- 3) [a resources file.](#)

(Both are quite large and are available as Google Drive links. There is a great deal of valuable, downloadable content here.)

Tom and I invite you to participate in the second session scheduled for July 22 from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Below please find the ZOOM link information.

**Topic: Families Living Faith: Re-imagining Faith Formation Today (Session II)**

Time: Jul 22, 2021 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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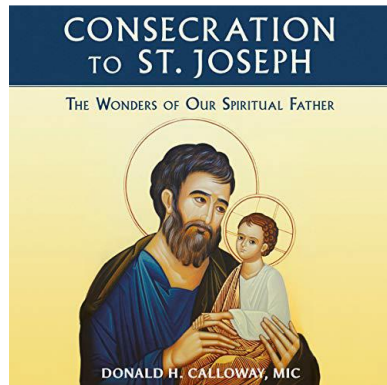
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**Consecration to St. Joseph and Mass on August 15 with Bishop Joensen:**



By now many of you have heard, or have become familiar with Fr. Donald Calloway's 33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph. Many individuals, as well as groups, have consecrated themselves to the Protector of the Universal Church since the release of his book in January 2020, along with Pope Francis declaring this the year of St. Joseph. Attached to this E-Newsletter is a flyer and a consecration to St. Joseph FAQ sheet.

There is a focused effort to introduce even more people to the intercessory power of St. Joseph while commemorating the 110th Anniversary of the Des Moines Diocese. An outdoor celebration of Mass and Consecration to St. Joseph will take place on Aug. 15th, 2021 at St. Patrick's Irish Settlement parish in Cumming at 4:00 pm, with Bishop William M. Joensen presiding. Those who have already been consecrated are invited to participate, as well as those who will complete their 33 day preparation on that day.

Please discern taking an active role in leading, or coordinating, groups through the 33 days of preparation which should begin on July 14th. In your parish communications, parishioners are encouraged to pray for their openness to participation in this unique event. Whether the consecration is made individually, or as a part of a group, please openly share the invitation to join this sacred event on Aug. 15th. The goal is to lead more souls into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through the powerful guidance of St. Joseph.

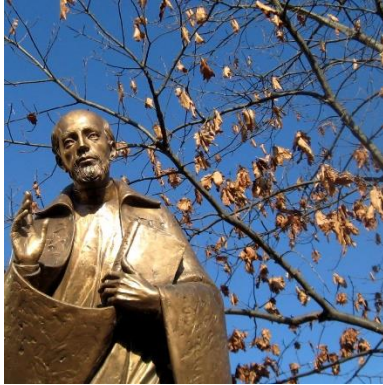
Beginning July 14th tune into [Iowa Catholic Radio](#) each day at 3:20pm, or following the Divine Mercy Chaplet, to hear the prayers of Consecration to St. Joseph.

Some have asked for the Prayer to St. Joseph after the Rosary. You can find the prayer and a greater explanation at [this link](#).

Please contact Deacon Mark Campbell if you have any questions or comments at [campbell.markh@yahoo.com](mailto:campbell.markh@yahoo.com).

### **Emmaus House News:**

- Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life beginning soon.



- Do you have an established and active prayer life, yet desire a deeper faith life and more intimate relationship with God, self, & others? Are you looking to encounter God in a more contemplative way & become more aware of God's intimate presence in all aspects of creation and your everyday life?
- The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) is a transformative eight-month journey, inviting us to an intimate encounter with God and more generous service of others. The SEEL is available both in-person & virtually, and can be made in a group or one-on-one format.
- The group format begins in September! If you are discerning this opportunity and would like to further explore your options for beginning this transformative eight-month journey, please contact Co-Director, Kevin O'Donnell, at [kevin@theemmaushouse.org](mailto:kevin@theemmaushouse.org). Use [this link](#) to learn more.
- Sixth Annual Ignatian Retreat: The Heart of Ignatian Spirituality
  - Date: Saturday, July 31, 2021
  - Time: 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
  - Location: St. Boniface Catholic Church (1200 Warrior Ln, Waukee, IA)
  - Retreat will also be accessible virtually through Zoom
  - Cost: \$55.00 (scholarships available)
  - Presenter: Fr. Dan Krettek (Emmaus House Co-Director)
  - Registration: To register, please use [this link](#)
  - Fr. Krettek's favorite description of Ignatian Spirituality comes from Fr. Gene Merz, SJ (one of the founders of Emmaus House): "The heart of Ignatian Spirituality is reflection on experience in light of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ." During this Sixth Annual Ignatian Retreat, Fr. Krettek will share with us his reflections on experience of Ignatian Spirituality, as both a spiritual director and directee, and then invite us into our own reflections on experience. We hope you will join us for this wonderful opportunity to grow in deeper intimacy with God and refresh your spirit! No prior experience with Ignatian Spirituality is required.

### **Serene Attentiveness to God's Creation:**

When we fall in love, become parents, or enter into any significant relationship, it is not uncommon to experience a shift in worldview that shapes our actions.

Consider parents holding their first newborn son or daughter. While there is no instruction manual for all the possible circumstances they may encounter, their guiding framework is the

loving, parental relationship with their child. With his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis invites us to understand more deeply our relationships with God, one another, and the rest of creation, and to live accordingly. "Everything is connected," he reminds us (LS 91).



Our colleagues at the USCCB Live the Gospel of Life initiative has provided wonderful resources for you and your parish community.

- For bulletin inserts use [this link](#) in English Spanish.
- To order brochures at .40 cents each use [this link](#) for English and Spanish.
- For graphic 1 use [this link](#) for English and [this link](#) for Spanish
- For graphic 2 use [this link](#) for English and [this link](#) for Spanish.
- For graphic 3 use [this link](#) for English and [this link](#) for

Spanish.

Use [this link](#) to download the guide.

### **Small Group Resources for teens and adults around topics of Catholic Social Teaching:**

Get some friends together and use the following resources to learn more about Catholic Social Teaching and to reflect on social justice issues in light of our faith.

- [11 week reflection series on Catholic Social Teaching](#)
- [11 week reflection series on Catholic Social Teaching: An Exploration of Sacred Scripture and Tradition](#)
- [Caritas in Veritate Study Sessions](#)
- [Catholic Social Teaching Reflection Guide](#)
- [Stack the Deck Activity on the Causes of Poverty](#)

### **July and August Important Dates:**

- July 15 – [Saint Bonaventure](#)
- July 16 – [Our Lady of Mount Carmel](#)
- July 22 – [Saint Mary Magdalene](#)
- July 23 – [Saint Bridget of Sweden](#)
- July 25 – [Saint James](#) and World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly ([Blessing of Grandparents](#))
- July 26 – [Saints Joachim and Anne](#)
- July 25-31 – Natural Family Planning Awareness Week ([Novena](#) for NFP) ([NFP Media Kit](#))
- July 28 – [Blessed Stanley Rother](#)
- July 29 – [Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus](#)
- July 30 – [Blessed Solanus Casey](#)
- July 31 – [Saint Ignatius of Loyola](#)
- August 1 – [Saint Alphonsus Ligouri](#)
- August 4 – [Saint John Vianney](#)

- August 6 – The Transfiguration of the Lord ([What is the Feast all about?](#))
- August 8 – [Saint Dominic](#)
- August 9 – [Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross](#)
- August 10 – [Saint Lawrence](#)
- August 11 – [Saint Clare of Assisi](#)
- August 12 – [Saint Jane Frances de Chantal](#)
- August 14 – [Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe](#)
- August 15 – [Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)
  - Mass with Bishop Joensen at St. Patrick Irish Settlement Consecration to St. Joseph ([Blessing of St. Joseph's Table](#))
- August 20 – [Saint Bernard of Clairvaux](#)
- August 22 – [Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)
- August 23-31 – The first week of school in many places ([Beginning of School Prayer](#))
- August 27 – [Saint Monica](#)
- August 28 – [Saint Augustine of Hippo](#)

