



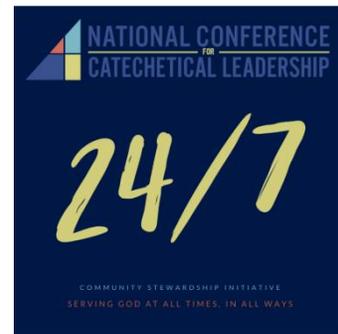
Department of
Evangelization & Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
February 20, 2019 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)

Join or Renew your NCCL (National Conference for Catechetical Leadership)
Membership for free:

The Diocese of Des Moines has purchased your NCCL membership for the second! The instructions below are available for renewals and for new members. Follow the instructions below and use the information provided in this notice to renew or activate your membership profile. We at the Department of Evangelization and Catechesis has shared this gift of membership with you because we value your work and want to encourage access to dialogue, networking, and professional-level ministry involvement. Enjoy!



Instructions for PCL's ONLY

Step 1. Click <https://www.nccl.org/product/individual-membership/> and verify (1) membership is indicated. Then click **Add to Cart**.

Step 2. On the **Cart** page, you should see an *Individual Membership* as well as the *24/7 Community Stewardship Initiative Donation*. * Enter the special PCL coupon code 001-desmoinespcl. Click **Apply Coupon** then select **Proceed to Check Out**.

Step 3: If you already have an active NCCL membership, you now log in. If you are a new member, here is where you will begin to create your membership profile, create a username and password (Hint: strong passwords are preferred). Enter your payment information for the 24/7 Donation. Click **Place Order**.

Step 3. Once logged in, go to your profile and complete all fields if you have not already done so.

*What is the *24/7 Community Stewardship Initiative Donation*?

NCCL is excited to introduce the “Community Stewardship Initiative”! This year we are asking each individual member to make a **\$24 fully tax-deductible contribution** during the registration

process. **This \$24 gift, is an act of solidarity: a meaningful investment in the ministry of catechetical leaders everywhere and a reminder of our call to serve 24/7.** THANK YOU for your generous support!

Here are a few very short videos that will assist you in this process as well as how to navigate the site and edit your profile: <https://www.nccl.org/videos/>

Contact John Gaffney at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org if you have questions or if the \$24.00 is a barrier to you becoming or renewing your NCCL Membership.

Wonderful Retreat Resources from Julianne Stanz



With grateful hearts the CLADD Leadership Team wishes to thank Julianne and all who attended the 2019 CLADD Retreat held on February 7 & 8. It was a spiritually enriching experience for everyone.

We have a special treat for everyone in the diocese: incredible pastoral resources that Julianne has provided us. You can find the resources on our diocesan website at this link:

<https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/evangelization-catechesis/catechetical-services/cladd-2019-retreat-resources>. Please use as often as you would like with your catechists and other parish groups.

You will find:

- Julianne's PowerPoint presentation for the retreat
- PowerPoint on the Process of Discipleship and Leadership Development
- Resources of retreat exercises
 - I Was – God Did
 - Prayer Columns
 - Share Prayer
 - 15 Diseases Handout
 - Awakening to Faith – 4 Realities
 - Unpacking Your Faith Story
 - The Paradox of our Age quote
- Video links that Julianne used to download
- A link to her Discover Jesus – Kerygma Lesson Plans
- Empathy: The Human Connection on YouTube (embedded video)

Special Needs Coordinator Position available at St. Francis of Assisi parish in West Des Moines:

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is looking to hire a Special Needs Ministry Coordinator. This position coordinates the parish's efforts in being a welcoming parish for persons with special needs and facilitates their needs being met by the parish.

The person in this position coordinates the curriculum calendar and lesson plans for persons with special needs in the Youth and High School Faith Formation programs and is present on Wednesday evenings to ensure active participation of persons with special needs in catechesis. This coordinator also ensures the involvement in parish life of persons with special needs, influences the welcoming atmosphere of the parish, and guides staff and volunteers in meeting the needs of persons with special needs.



A bachelor's degree in special education or related field is required and experience in serving students with challenging behavior is preferred. Experience in catechesis is preferred. The position requires 25 hours a week.

Please send resume and references by March 29, 2019 to Christen Cota, the Director of Faith Formation at:

7075 Ashworth Road
West Des Moines, IA 50266
ccota@saintfrancischurch.org

Lenten Opportunities at the Emmaus House:



The Emmaus House is an oasis of quiet in the midst of the busyness of life. Located near downtown Des Moines, it offers to people of all faiths wonderful spiritual resources, including spiritual direction, retreats, days of recollection, and presentations.

During Lent they are offering multiple opportunities in which to encounter Jesus during Lent.

Guided Retreat in Everyday Life: "Inner Peace in Darkness and Light"

Tuesday Evenings: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (Mar 12, 19, & 26; Apr 2, 9, & 16)

Wednesday Mornings: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. (Mar 13, 20, & 27; Apr 3, 10, & 17)

Cost: \$60 (w/ book) / \$40 (w/o book)

Lenten Evening of Reflection

Date: Wednesday, Mar 13, 2019

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25

Lenten morning of prayer with the Examen

Date: Saturday, Mar 23, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30

Lenten Taizé Service

Date: Monday, Apr 1, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Free Will Offering (suggested donation: \$10)

For more information contact Kevin O'Donnell at kevin@theemmaushouse.org or call him at 515-282-4839. The Emmaus House is located at 1521 Center Street in Des Moines.

A Free Mission with Sarah Hart on February 24 & 25 at Saints John & Paul parish:

Invite your catechists, families and ministry colleague to join your friends at Saints John & Paul for a two day mission with Sarah Hart on February 24 & 25 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The title of the presentation is "Grace in our lives, music in our hearts and praise on our lips."

Sarah Hart has been a singer, songwriter and keynote speaker for 20 years. Her parish missions and ministry events have taken her across the United States and abroad. Sarah has performed for countless parishes, conferences and conventions, and for Pope Francis in 2013. She is a Grammy-nominated songwriter and her songs have been recorded by numerous performers and are found in many hymnals.



Contact Patty Hormann at phormann@ssjohnpaul.org for more information or call her at 515-967-3796.

“**L**et the Church always be
a place of **Mercy**
AND Hope,
where everyone is welcomed
Loved and **Forgiven.**” Pope Francis