



Department of
Evangelization & Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
February 27, 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)

Lenten 2019 Resources:



Lent begins one week from today. This year will be the latest that Lent begins. If you have not already provided additional resources for your catechetical team. These resources are not just for opportunities during the formation session but also to help you and your team grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus.

Spiritual Resources:

- [Stations of the Cross for Children](#) (The Word Among Us)
- [A Virtual Stations of the Cross](#) (Busted Halo)
- [Praying Lent](#) (Creighton University Online Ministry)
- [Best Lent Ever](#) (Dynamic Catholic)
- [#ShareJesus](#) (Redeemed Online with Franciscan University)
- [Lent 2019 – Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving](#) (USCCB)

Activities:

- [Lenten Activities for Children](#) (Catholic Icing)
- [Lent Activities](#) (The Religion Teacher)
- [Lent](#) (Strong Catholic Family Faith)
- [Lenten Resources](#) (NCEA)
- [Lenten Resources](#) (The Liturgical Catechist)
- [Whole Community Parish Lenten Event](#) (Sadlier)
- [Lenten Resources for Catechists Articles, Activities & Prayer](#) (Catechists Journey)

From Publishing Companies:

- [Loyola Press](#)
- [RCL Benziger](#)
- [Sadlier Religion](#)

Charitable Activities:

- [Rice Bowl](#) (Catholic Relief Services)

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.

March CLADD Session Canceled:



The All CLADD Session on March 14 has been canceled. Due to the inability to plan an awesome day because of my surgical recovery we will look to our time in 2019-2020 to break open the topic of best practices in lifelong formation. Thank you to JoAnn Sayre and the St. Thomas Aquinas staff for all their hard work.

We will next meet on April 9 (Missouri Valley) & 11 (Norwalk) to learn about changes in safe environment protocols and emergency operations planning.

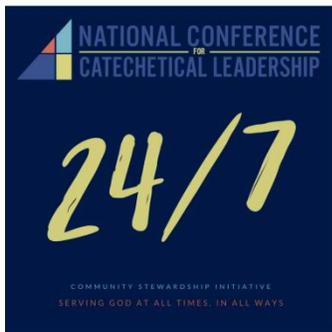
Confirmation Reflection Resource in lieu of a Retreat:

We know that a Confirmation Retreat is an opportunity for your youth and adults to encounter God in new ways compared to the classes and service components offered in the rest of the process. We also know how carefully you plan the best date and communicate it frequently, there are candidates who can't attend. Many of our colleagues valiantly try to get these youth in another parish or diocesan retreat if possible. Even when you are able to arrange the candidate to attend another retreat, it can be difficult for the young person and their sponsor to enter into another parish's program without knowing anyone.



So...here is a very reasonable alternative: hold a morning or afternoon confirmation reflection process for those who can't attend your retreat. **Attached** is a process that has been used in multiple locations around the diocese with as little as one candidate and as many as five candidates. It is designed for three hours. All the components are free and the reflection questions allow for good reflection and dialogue. Contact John Gaffney at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org if you have any questions about this process.

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.

Free Webinars that Are Available by Our Sunday Visitor:

Forming Catholic Conscience in Children and Youth

Thursday, March 7 at 1:00 pm

Presented by Dr. Joseph White

Lent is a time when we examine our consciences, but how can we help our child and adolescent learners form their consciences in today's world? In the midst of a culture of moral relativism, how do we help kids and teens learn to make good and loving choices?

This webinar, presented by a child psychologist and catechetical author, will discuss what we know from the field of psychology about children's moral development and practical ways to help them make good decisions when faced with moral dilemmas.



Use this link to register: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5498516210037060097>

Entering the World of Family Catechesis

Thursday, March 21 at 1:00 pm

Presented by Dr. Kathleen Amidei

Have you thought about the possibility of starting a Family Model or moving into more intentional faith formation involving the whole family? Do you have some trepidation about the time and energy this will take? Find encouragement from the Church and from outcome based research to get started. Learn why including families in faith formation is critically important for

the life of your parish We will share some strategies that will help you deal with this transition and some practical ideas to help you get started. Join us as we (will) explore information and share inspiration that will empower you to take the first steps toward a systematic family program in your parish.

Use this link to register: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7582510758116275457>

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

