

Diocese of Des Moines
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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
March 18, 2015 Edition

Chrism Mass – A Wonderful Catechetical Event for family faith formation and those in RCIA:

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 pm at St. Ambrose Cathedral. I invite you to consider bringing a group of high school teens about ready to celebrate Confirmation, parents who are about to, or already had, baptized their child, or catechumens and candidates in the RCIA process.

The Chrism Mass is a liturgy celebrated once a year during which the bishop blesses the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick and the oil of chrism. These oils are used for baptisms, ordinations, confirmations, the blessing of a new church, and the anointing of the sick. This liturgy is also a beautiful celebration of the Church's unity: through the oils themselves and through the gathering of the priests from around the diocese who renew their commitment and unity with the bishop.

This event can also be a catalyst for those who gather to not only renew their commitment to the Church and see the blessings of oils that will be used in their own parish communities, but also to prompt them to ponder what God is calling them to do with their lives.

Please let us know if you are considering attending the Chrism Mass by e-mailing Sherri Simmer at ssimmer@dmdiocese.org. We will provide a short tour of the Pastoral Center and the Cathedral if you arrive by 6:00 pm.

Loyola Press Learning Tools and Adaptive Curriculum for Persons with Disabilities:

Loyola Press, working in collaboration with the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD), has created a complete adaptive curriculum for persons with disabilities. The beauty of the curriculum and the learning tools is that they can be used with any curriculum for parish religious education even if your main program is not from Loyola Press.

The curriculum is customizable and can be used from one-on-one instruction to small group formation. The core curriculum is for grades 1-8.

There is also a variety of learning tools that can be used to help solidify a lesson or bring about other methodology that the child will find more useful in understanding the lesson:

- stick puppets and panorama that can bring the sacred stories to life
- Instructional Cards for Act of Contrition and Examination of Conscience
- Order of the Mass floor puzzle that allows for children to visualize the actions of the Mass
- Foam puzzles surrounding common prayers and liturgical seasons

- Concept stories that form the basics of what we know about Jesus
- Picture cards sets about saints, sacramental, making good and poor choices as well as much more.
- Prayer flip books
- Praying the Rosary kit
- Hail Mary accordion book
- Music CDs
- Jesus the teacher plush figure

For more information regarding the Loyola Press Adaptive Program go to:

<http://www.loyolapress.com/adaptive-finding-god.htm>

RCIA Webinar by Paulist Evangelization Ministries:

Conversion, RCIA and a Life of Discipleship webinar from our colleagues at Paulist will be held on March 25, 2015 at 2:00 pm. This webinar will explore the themes of conversion and discipleship in the Christian life and help us recognize how the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) models a way of life and faith for every believer. Through discussing the movement from Inquiry, Catechumenate, Election, and Mystagogy, Silas Henderson will lead reflections on how the life of committed discipleship and evangelization build on the lifelong process of conversion that each Christian to which each Christian is called. The webinar is free.

To register please follow this link: <http://eventcenter.commpartners.com/se/Rd/Rg.aspx?594246>. If you cannot attend, please know that the webinar will be recorded and posted on the Paulist website.

They do have recorded webinars that may be of interest to you. Please follow this link for a listing of topics: <http://www.pemdc.org/events/pnceafreewebinar.aspx>

Ministry Workshop Opportunity: Women in Ministry – Gifts, Goals and Grace

A Retreat offered by the Servite Center of Compassion will be held on Friday, April 17 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Presentations will focus on: the gifts women bring to and receive from ministry; meeting the challenges of ministry; claiming our call to ministry; and caring for ourselves as we minister. This day will be helpful for women in any pastoral or church related ministry. The day will be facilitated by Sr. Marie Micheletto and Sr. Gonny Silvestri. Cost is \$50.00 and includes lunch.

For more information contact the Servite Center at 402-951-3026.

Please pray for Bill McCoy:

Bill McCoy, husband of retired catechetical leader Mary Ann, passed away on March 11. Bill owned and operated Sellers Hardware Store in Des Moines for over 30 years. Mary Ann has been a catechetical leader in our diocese for many years, serving especially at All Saints. You

can find a beautiful tribute to Bill at this link:

http://www.hamiltonsfuneralhome.com/services/services_detail.aspx?rid=18002

Please direct any sympathy cards for Mary Ann and the family to:

Mary Ann McCoy

1121 3rd Street, Apartment 42

Des Moines, IA 50314

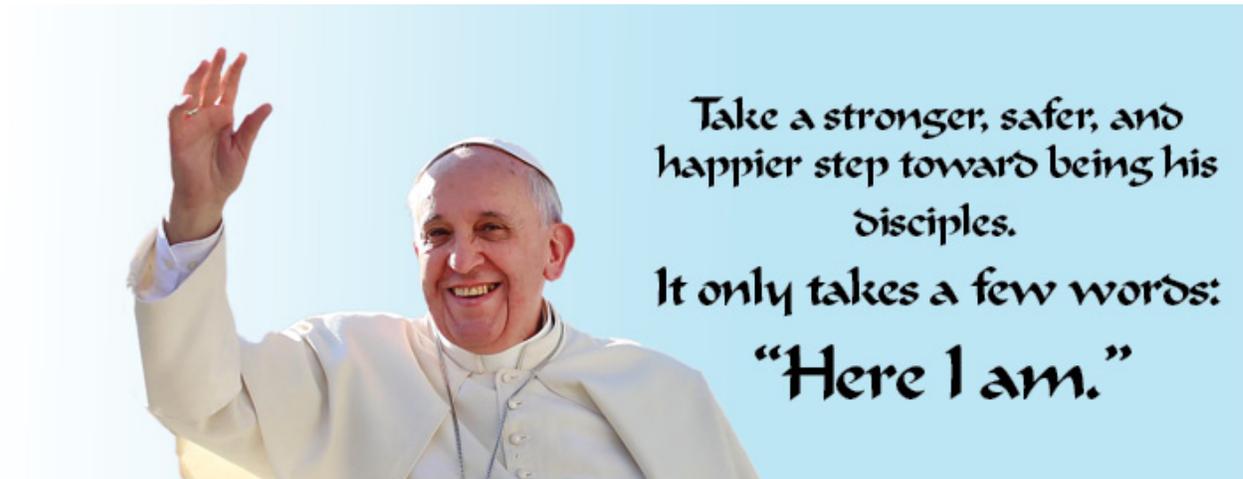
Memorial contributions can be made to Iowa Shelter & Services, DMARC Food Pantry or St. Ambrose Cathedral.

Eternal rest grant unto him and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Memorare of Saint Joseph (Contemplatives of St. Joseph)

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power, I fly unto you, and beg your protection. Despise not, O foster-father of the Redeemer, my humble supplication but in your bounty hear and answer me.

Amen.



Trusted curated sites for this newsletter include:

- Diocese of Des Moines - <http://www.dmdiocese.org/chrism-mass.cfm>
- Loyola Press - <http://www.loyolapress.com/>
- Paulist Evangelization Ministries - <http://www.pemdc.org/>
- Servite Center of Compassion - <http://www.osms.org/ministries/servite-center-of-compassion/>