



Department of  
Evangelization & Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap  
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith  
Living our Catholic Faith in the World  
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**Local conference for catechists, youth ministry volunteers and parish staff – April 7:**



You're invited to the **1st Annual Spring Training** hosted at St. Cecilia's on Saturday, April 7! Spring Training is a dynamic, conference-style training for catechists, youth ministry volunteers, parish staff, and anyone interested in learning how to share their faith.

Speakers include (topics in parentheses):

- Tim Glemkowski (Deaf Ears: Overcoming the Apathy of Generation Z),
- Bo Bonner (Stemming the Tide: How to Keep Your Kids Catholic),
- Joe Stopulos (Ordinary Holiness: Bringing Faith to the Workplace),
- Katie Patrizio (Bible 101: A Crash Course in Scripture),
- Emily Schmid (The Family that Prays Together, Stays Together: Developing a Prayer Life for the Whole Family).
- I am also blessed to be part of the day and will be leading a breakout on Defending the Faith: Basic Apologetics.

Tickets are \$20 and include lunch. Register today at [www.springtrainingcatholic.com](http://www.springtrainingcatholic.com) The flyer is attached. This is an awesome opportunity to bring your parish team for an opportunity to grow deeper in their faith and add some new tools into their ministry toolbox.

For more information, contact Katie Patrizio at [kpatrizio@stceciliaparish.org](mailto:kpatrizio@stceciliaparish.org)

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Minister of Compassion Workshop – April 14:**

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Ministers of Compassion Workshop will be held at St. Boniface Church in Waukee on April 14 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. This year's theme is **Keeping Your Own Cup Full: Self-Care for Caregivers**. This half day workshop is designed for all who provide care for others. Caregivers are often very selfless, sometimes to the point of forgetting to care for themselves. The day will explore a variety of ways that caregivers can engage in self-care and why it is important to do so.



Key notes will be delivered by Father Bob Aubrey, retired hospital chaplain, and Cindy Shaw, co-director of the Emmaus House. Breakout sessions will be given by Kathy Reardon (The Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center), Erin Good (Specialist in Dietetics and helps others work on a happy healthy lifestyle), Karmen Buchop (Achieving Inner Peace Massage Therapy), Stacy Halbach (Scripture and Essential Oils) and comedy with Willie Farrell.

This free workshop is part of the on-going mission of the St. Joseph Educational Center. Follow this link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/keeping-your-own-cup-full-self-care-for-caregivers-tickets-42791345065> For more information contact Lisa Risvold at 515-222-1092 or at [Irisvold@dowlingcatholic.org](mailto:Irisvold@dowlingcatholic.org).

### **Jesus Christ Superstar to be shown on Easter Sunday on NBC:**



NBC is taking on the 1971 Broadway musical sensation *Jesus Christ Superstar* that will air Easter Sunday evening. John Legend is cast as Jesus with Sara Bareilles and Alice Cooper as King Herod.

Recently Legend commented, “It’s such an ancient story, but I think the genius of the original was that it brought the story to the current time of when it was written...and I think we’re going to try to make it feel like it’s timeless and also current.” **Keep in mind that the original play was told from the**

**perspective of Mary Magdalene and Judas Iscariot who are trying to figure out who this Jesus really is.**

Having not seen the new production, I did rifle through some old discussion questions I used with groups after seeing the 1973 film. Perhaps this may be something you share with groups you are working with.

- How does the character of Jesus Christ respond to and reflect values prevalent in the 1970s when the rock opera was produced (or current times in this new production)?
- How does this characterization compare to the Biblical representation of Christ?
- Is sacred or religious material appropriate for a rock opera? Why or why not?
- Research the political situation of the Jews in the time of Christ. Compare the play's portrayal of the Pharisees and the Zealots to your findings.
- Why was Herod reluctant to execute Jesus?
- Webber and Rice have been criticized for their sympathetic treatment of Judas Iscariot. How has the portrayal of Judas changed over the centuries, and what might account for any shift in sensibilities toward him?
- Why does the play leave out the Resurrection of Christ?

### **Building the Kingdom Lenten Mission:**

This Lent, we once again are raising funds to help support a high school seminary in Nigeria led by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. This seminary has provided our diocese four priests who are currently serving here, and anything we can do to help support their work and the work of the future priests of our universal Church is appreciated! For more information, give us a call. If you need additional envelopes or posters, please contact Sherri Simmer at [ssimmer@dmdiocese.org](mailto:ssimmer@dmdiocese.org) or at 515-237-5058. Thank you.



To show the Building the Kingdom video to your children, teens and families follow this link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egNFi\\_IMPAs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egNFi_IMPAs)

