



Resources for Celebrating the Easter Season:

Looking for ideas to better prepare yourself, your catechists, youth ministry associates and adult formation teams, as well as teens, children and families? Below are resources that provide downloadable resources to help Catholics prepare more fully for the Triduum and the Easter Season.

- Creighton University Online Ministries – resources for Holy Week - <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/holyweek2.html> and resources for the Easter Season - <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/e-celebratingeaster.html>
- Loyola Press resources for Holy Week - <https://www.loyolapress.com/liturgical-year-holy-week.htm> and resources for the Easter Season - <https://www.loyolapress.com/liturgical-year-easter.htm>
- RCL Benziger resources for Holy Week - <http://rclbenziger.com/2015-lent-and-holy-week/> and resources for the Easter Season - <http://rclbenziger.com/2015-easter/>
- Catholic Mom resources for Holy Week - <http://www.catholicmom.com/holyweek.htm> and resources for Easter – <http://www.catholicmom.com/easter.htm>
- Stations of the Resurrection by the Archdiocese of Detroit - <http://www.aod.org/~media/Files/AOD/Via%20Lucis/Via%20Lucis%20Stations%20of%20the%20Resurrection.ashx/>
- Saint Louis University Center for Liturgy – Holy Week resources - <http://liturgy.slu.edu/Triduum2015B/main.html>
- Diocese of Des Moines Office of Worship – Stations of the Empty Tomb Event scheduled for April 18 in Council Bluffs and April 19 in Des Moines - <http://www.dmdiocese.org/easterstations.cfm>

New and Free – Back Issues free to download from the Lifelong Faith Journal:

The Winter Issue of the Lifelong Faith journal presents article that span the whole formation life cycle. These authors have written interesting and practical articles to help you in your ministry. Download the Winter Journal for free and enjoy a variety of articles. Previous Issues are also available for download for free as well. For your free issues go to:

<http://www.lifelongfaith.com/journal.html>

Open Catechetical Positions Available in the Diocese:

- St. John Parish in Adel seeks a Religious Education Director/Coordinator - St. John's Catholic Church in Adel is hiring a full time Director of Religious Education. Qualified

candidates should be a practicing Catholic with knowledge and understanding of the faith; be deeply committed to developing their own faith life as well as that of youth and adults; and be dedicated to the ministry of religious education. Applicants should have their undergraduate degree in a related field or 3-5 years catechetical experience. Cover letters & resumes should be sent to Fr. Wayne Gubbels at [wgubs45@gmail.com](mailto:wgubs45@gmail.com) by Wednesday April 15, 2015. Contact Fr. Wayne or Margie Livermore at [saintjc3re@aol.com](mailto:saintjc3re@aol.com) with any questions or to receive a complete job description.

- St. Francis of Assisi in West Des Moines seeks an Adult Faith and RCIA Director - Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in West Des Moines, IA is seeking a Director of Adult Faith Formation and RCIA. This position is responsible for the design and implementation of formation and education experiences for adults and coordination of the RCIA. Requirements include a bachelor's degree in religious studies, theology or related field; Master's Degree preferred. Previous parish experience in the field of adult formation or RCIA required. Application deadline March 31, 2015

Apply to:  
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West Des Moines, IA 50266  
[rmchenry@saintfrancischurch.org](mailto:rmchenry@saintfrancischurch.org)

Respite Night for families with special needs children – April 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm:

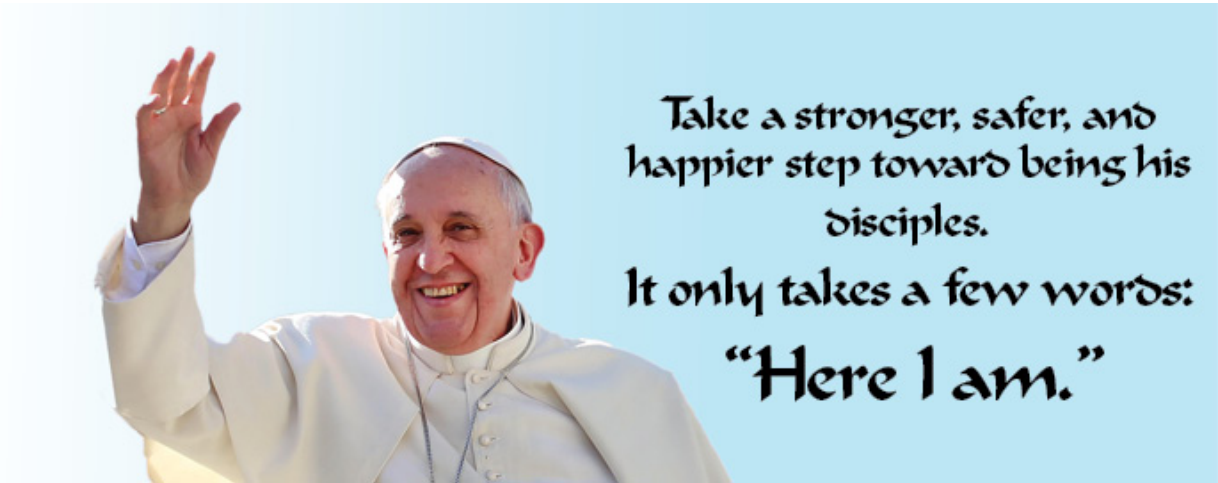
St. Francis' Special Needs Ministry is partnering with the diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office to host a special Respite Night on Friday, April 10 from 6-8 p.m. for parents of children with special needs. Professional and trained volunteers will provide childcare for children and young adults with special needs and their siblings. Parents will remain in the building to enjoy a social, wine tasting, and an inspirational message by Dr. Daniel Earle from Glen Haven Counseling Resources. Pre-registration by March 27 is required. For more information or to register, contact Jess Streit at [jstreit@saintfrancischurch.org](mailto:jstreit@saintfrancischurch.org) or 515-440-1030.

If your parish or a cluster of parishes in your area would like to consider holding one of these evenings, contact Jess Streit at 515-440-1030 and she can provide all the needed planning that will insure your evening is a success.

Rite of Blessing of the Oil of Catechumens:

O God,  
source of strength and defender of your people,  
you have chosen to make this oil,  
created by your hand,  
an effective sign of your power.  
Bless + this oil  
and give wisdom and strength  
to all who are anointed with it  
in preparation for their baptism.

Bring them to a deeper understanding of the gospel,  
help them to accept the challenge of Christian living,  
and lead them to the joy of new birth in the family of your Church. We ask this through Christ  
our Lord. Amen



Trusted curated sites for this newsletter include:

- Lifelong Faith Journal – [www.lifelongfaith.com](http://www.lifelongfaith.com)
- Dioese of Des Moines Office of Worship - <http://www.dmdiocese.org/worship.cfm>