

Department of
Evangelization & Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
March 28, 2018 Edition

Divine Mercy Sunday High School Lesson Plan from Center for Ministry Development:

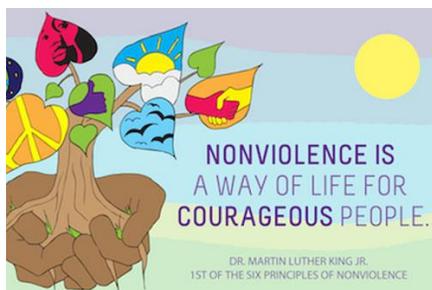
Robert Feduccia has authored a wonderful lesson plan on “Understanding Mercy” that has been gifted to us by our friends from the Center for Ministry Development. This lesson plan is excellent to prepare the youth for Divine Mercy Sunday. Robert is an inspirational and sought-after speaker and ministry leader. A gifted presenter on liturgical spirituality and youth involvement in liturgy, Robert has expanded his speaking ministry to include the Year of Mercy and evangelization. His workshops and retreats seek to show that God is faithful and that the Eucharist is deeply connected to our daily life.



The attached session will help the participants prepare to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter. To accomplish this, the session will look to the scriptures to understand the biblical meaning of mercy. Participants will also discover God’s mercy toward them and the need to extend mercy toward others.

The lesson is part of a subscription called **Youth Ministry Access** designed for youth ministry leaders and volunteers in parishes, schools, retreat centers and camps. For more information on **Youth Ministry Access** and subscription costs follow this link <https://www.cmdnet.org/yma>. Thank you to our friends at the Center for Ministry Development for letting us share this lesson plan.

The Enduring Power of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Principles of Nonviolence:



Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore reflected recently on the importance of MLK’s principles of nonviolence. The 50th Anniversary of Rev. King’s assigation is April 4. With the rise of gun violence in all our communities, it is as important as ever to revisit these principles. Archbishop Lori wrote, “If in God’s grace we are to create the just, peaceful and compassionate society that Dr. King envisioned, we must

undergo a lasting conversion of heart and mind and make a firm commitment to teach, learn and practice nonviolent direct action for social change.”

Attached to this e-newsletter you will find a description of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.’s principles of nonviolence which includes Catholic Social Teaching, Biblical themes, teachings from various popes and suggested questions for discussions and reflection.

Upcoming CLADD Sessions in April – Eucharist As Source & Summit of the Church’s Activity with Kim Mandelkow:

This month’s session is excellent for everyone in any phase of lifelong formation in faith ministry!

Beginning with the Last Supper until now and until the Lord comes again, the followers of Jesus have done what he told them to do: **“Do this in memory of me.”** How do we reflect this fundamental reality in our parish faith formation programs? How do we grow in our Eucharistic theology so that we are effective witnesses to our catechists, youth ministry volunteers and families? Agendas are attached to this e-newsletter.



Our facilitator will be Kim Mandelkow who is the director of the Diocesan Office of Worship.

- CLADD West will be held on April 17 beginning at 9:00 am at Holy Family parish in Council Bluffs.
- CLADD East will be held on April 19 beginning at 9:00 am at St. Mary of Nazareth parish in Des Moines.

One Bread, One Cup Summer Liturgical Conference Registrations Now Open:



One Bread One Cup is a summer liturgical conference for youth to grow in their love of and participation in worship. Held at Conception Abbey from July 16-20, this week is a wonderful experience both for the youth and their adult chaperones. The Diocese is

able to assist with a \$250.00 financial scholarship for youth and adult chaperones who are interested. For more information, contact Justin White at jwhite@dmdiocese.org.

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.



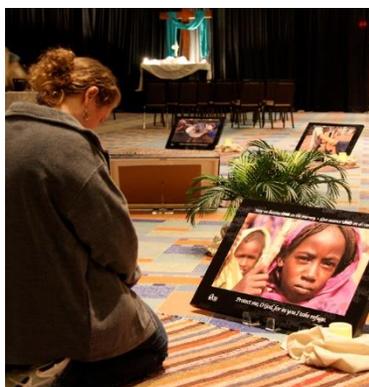
Speakers include (topics in parentheses):

- 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 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

Solidarity Prayer Walk – An Exhibit inviting you and your parishioners into solidarity and kinship:



Catholic Charities in coordination with the Social Justice Consortium offers an opportunity for your faith community to reflect on different people in the world and how to share a sense of solidarity with them. This exhibit contains everything you need to schedule a powerful opportunity for one week.

To request the exhibit in your parish, please contact Ken Bresnan at kbresnan@catholiccharitiesdm.org or 515-237-5089. A flyer is attached

Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment Synthesized Document worth reading:

During March 19-24, 2018, more than 300 young representatives from around the world convened in Rome at the inaugural Pre-Synodal Meeting of Young People. Over the course of the week, the representatives took part in large-group and small language-group discussions, and responded to fifteen questions. Their answers were [synthesized into one final document](#), and will be incorporated into the *Instrumentum Laboris* (Working Document), the basis for the Synod Fathers' deliberations this coming October.



To read the Pre-Synodal Document from millennials around the world, follow this link: <http://www.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en/news/final-document-from-the-pre-synodal-meeting.html>

