



Department of
Evangelization & Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
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“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)

Prayer & Action – Who, What, When, Where, Why and How of our new initiative:

Justin White is reaching out to invite you, along with your teens to take part in the inaugural summer of [Prayer & Action](#). This is a program that comes our way with 15 years of successful experience from the Diocese of Salina, Kansas. For a great video preview of theirs from last summer, check [this](#) out.



Here's the breakdown:

WHO: Prayer & Action is for all rising sophomores through rising seniors during the summer of 2019. Groups must register as a parish and have a chaperone-to-teen ratio of 1:6. The weeks are led by a Mission Team of young adults who are committing their June and July to this. Two weeks will be spent serving the community of Shenandoah/Hamburg, and two will be spent serving Atlantic.

WHAT: Prayer & Action is a week-long summer mission experience happening right here in our own Diocese. With four weeks to choose from, and at a cost of only \$80/attendee, it is my hope that Prayer & Action helps you in providing opportunities for the teens of your community to encounter Jesus in the Sacraments, in themselves, and in others.

WHEN: Weeks 1 and 2 go from June 16th-21st and the 23rd to 28th. Weeks 3 and 4 run from July 7th-12th, and the 14th-19th. **Registration is open now, and needs to be submitted by April 26th, with a drop deadline of May 24th.**

WHERE: Weeks 1 and 2 will be in Shenandoah, Iowa. We will be based in St. Mary's parish, and will be of service throughout the Shenandoah and Hamburg communities. Weeks 3 will be in Atlantic, where we will be housed in Ss. Peter & Paul parish, and work throughout the Atlantic area.

WHY: 1) to offer a summer mission experience that addresses the needs of those in our own Diocese; 2) to offer a summer mission experience that is low-cost but high-quality; and 3) to offer yet another summer opportunity for your ministry efforts to continue, bridging from one year to the next

HOW: click [here](#) to be taken to a group registration page. Here you can register your initial number of participants, which I will follow up with you afterwards about. A deposit of \$20/attendee is due by April 26th, with the full amount due by May 31st.

Contact [Justin](#) with questions you have, and as always, thanks so much for your willingness to help bring the youth of our Church to the Lord!

Let's celebrate – Save the Date for the CLADD Closing Mass and Year-End Gala:



Our year end celebration is scheduled for May 7, 2019 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at St. John parish in Adel. Our featured speaker will be Kevin O'Donnell the new co-director for the Emmaus House Retreat Center in Des Moines. Kevin will give us a great deal to reflect upon as we end another catechetical year.

Bishop Pates will be on hand to celebrate our closing Mass and bestow awards to our colleagues who have served their parish communities for a significant period of time. This year's awards will go to twenty colleagues whose accumulated service is 255 years. Wow! We have one colleague who will be celebrating 45 years of service. She must have began her career in parish catechetical leadership shortly after her birth.

For those who haven't been to our celebration before here is what happens:

- Brunch items (rolls, fruit and beverages) are served beginning as early as 9:45 am.
- The swap shop is open...bring anything you want to share; materials, ideas, session plans, special event materials/resources, etc.)
- Presentation of the CLADD Leadership Team begins at 10:15 am.
- The reflective part of the day begins at 10:30 am with Kevin O'Donnell
- Mass begins at 11:30 pm celebrated by Bishop Pates
- A delicious lunch catered by Hy-Vee will begin following Mass. Service awards are given following communion.

There is no charge for this CLADD event. We will have a RSVP available within the next few weeks.

The Relics of Saint Padre Pio are coming to Des Moines May 8:

The 2019 tour of the relics of Padre Pio. The relics will be available for public veneration at St. Ambrose Cathedral located at 607 High Street, Des Moines, 50309. A mass in honor of Saint Pio will be celebrated at 5:00 pm by Bishop Pates. For more information please contact Nancy McCarthy at St. Ambrose Cathedral at 515-288-7411 or at nancy@saintambrosecathedral.org.



The relics of Saint Pio available are the following:

- Saint Pio's glove
- Saint Pio's crusts of the wounds
- Cotton-gauze with Saint Pio's blood stains
- A lock of Saint Pio's hair
- Saint Pio's mantle
- Saint Pio's handkerchief soaked with his sweat hours before he died



Pope Francis' Annual Holy Thursday visit to a local prison.