

Department of
Evangelization & Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
May 1, 2019 Edition

“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)

Parent Resources to assist them with abuse warning signs:

I realized that I missed showcasing the information for National Child Abuse Prevention month which officially is held in April. However the information in this month’s e-newsletter is timeless and extremely helpful for parents, volunteers and your pastors.

The first step in helping assist parents in the prevention of child abuse or to help abused or neglected children and their families is learning to recognize the signs of child abuse and neglect. The presence of a single sign does not mean that child maltreatment is occurring in a family, but a closer look at the situation may be warranted when these signs appear repeatedly or in combination. The resources from the USCCB and the Children’s Bureau is intended to help you better understand the warning signs of child abuse and neglect and learn how to help prevent it before it begins.



Link to USCCB resources on the Diocese of Des Moines website::

<https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/evangelization-catechesis/catechetical-services/safe-environment-resources-for-parents> Most of these resources are in English and Spanish. You will find the following resources for parents:

- Q&A for Parents
- Warning Signs of Potential Abusers (article)
- Child Abuse Prevention Bulletin
- Novena for Protection and Healing from Abuse
- Ten Tips for Protecting Children and Offering Outreach to Victims/Survivors
- Five Ways to Protect your Children from Sexual Abuse
- Warning Signs of Abuse in Minors
- Keeping Children Safe Online

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, the Administration for Children and Families and the Child Welfare Information Gateway have created the Children’s Bureau which is a digital resource to help build strong and thriving families. There is a variety of incredible

resources located at: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/>

The information available at this website includes:

- A resource guide
- Helpful information for children under age 18 who experience an adverse childhood experience
- An incredible variety of tip sheet resources (in both English and Spanish)
- Simple ways in which to advocate
- Publications
- A video gallery from state and national organizations that showcase the value of community based child abuse prevention programs.

Please contact John Gaffney at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org for more information on helping your parish be an agent of prevention in the scourge of child abuse and neglect.

CLADD Gala and Mass on May 7 – RSVP Today:



Spring has sprung in glorious fashion. Many of our sessions have ended or about to end. First holy Communion and Confirmations are scheduled but much of the planning is complete. **It is time to celebrate!** Attached is a copy of the CLADD agenda which includes a dynamic presentation by Kevin O'Donnell and the Diocese of Des Moines is treating YOU to lunch! Thanks to another generous donation there is no fee for our delicious buffet lunch catered by Hy-Vee in West Des Moines.

Please also take this time to thank our CLADD leadership team: Theresa Romens (Holy Rosary Glenwood), Kelly Howard (St. John Adel), Bernie Koch (St. Patrick Neola), Jane Ann Becicka (St. Theresa Des Moines), Julie Williamson (Ss. Peter & Paul Altoona) and Tom Primmer (Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Ankeny)

Here is what you can expect for the day:

- Breakfast items and beverages including fresh fruit, assorted rolls and muffins, coffee, tea and juice.
- **The Swap shop is back** – bring ministerial items you no longer need and find ministerial treasures for next year!
- Kevin O'Donnell from Emmaus House will provide a reflection on **“The Grace of Vulnerability in Our Ministry”**
- Celebrate colleagues celebrating significant service achievements from 5 years to 45 years.
- Mass with Bishop Pates
- A scrumptious lunch buffet catered by Hy-Vee.

Please RSVP by May 3, 2019 to Sherri Simmer at ssimmer@dmdiocese.org.

NCYC Parish Scholarship Deadline is today (May 1) & a Webinar Scheduled for May 7:

The deadline for parish NCYC scholarships submissions is today. If you have not done this as yet, please e-mail the completed form to Justin White at jwhite@dmdiocese.org by 4:30 pm.

There are changes to this format for NCYC 2019 from the NFCYM. If you have questions, please contact Justin for assistance.

The NCYC Webinar is scheduled for May 7 at 3:30 pm using our GoTo Meeting digital platform. Information on logging in can be found below. You can use your computer (please make sure you have a microphone installed), tablet or smart phone to participate. This webinar will also be recorded in case you cannot make the session. It is scheduled for one hour but we can go longer if needed. There are quite a few topics to cover but contact Justin in case you would like to add another or check to see if information you need will be covered.



NCYC Webinar

Tue, May 7, 2019 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM CDT

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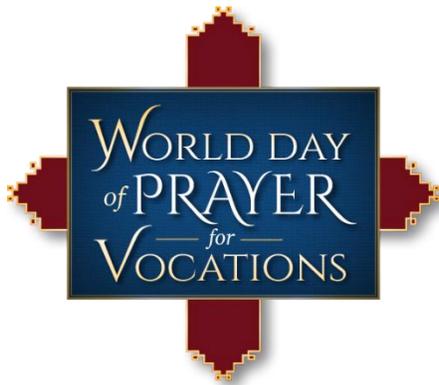
Upcoming 2019 deadlines:

May 1, 2019 National Scholarship Application request deadline.

May 20, 2019 Parish Commitment Form for each individual (youth and adult) due to the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry. **We will not be asking for a deposit per person this year but we do recommend that you charge one and keep that money in your NCYC parish account until you are charged this fall. This ensures more commitment on the part of your teens and adults.**

June 30, 2019 Early Bird Registration ends. Initial signed parish reservation form is required even though you will not be billed until the fall.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is Sunday, May 12:



The sheep follow the Good Shepherd because they recognize his voice. (John 10:4)

“The Lord’s call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a “cage” or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch.” (Pope Francis’ 2019 World Day of Vocations Message excerpt)

On May 12 the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Your parish community can make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to your parish community throughout your life, both those living and dead.
- Keep our diocesan parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage ychildren, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God’s call.

For more information and resources use this link:

<https://www.worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/>

You will find a variety of resources for parishioners and families, for Mass, for your bulletin and social media platforms and brochures.

