

Department of
Evangelization & Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
May 2, 2018 Edition

**Let's Celebrate CLADD Year End Gala and Closing Mass – May 11 at St. John's Parish
In Adel:**



Spring weather has finally caught up to the date we launched spring back in March. **It is time to celebrate!** Attached is a copy of the CLADD agenda which includes a dynamic presentation by Cindy Shaw and the Diocese of Des Moines is treating YOU to lunch! Thanks to a generous donation there is no fee for our delicious buffet lunch catered by Hy-Vee in West Des Moines.

Here is what you can expect for the day:

- **The Swap shop is back** – bring ministerial items you no longer need and find ministerial treasures for next year!
- Introduction of the CLADD Slate for 2018-2019
- Cindy Shaw from Emmaus House will provide a reflection on “**Seeing God’s Hand in Transitions**”
- Celebrate colleagues celebrating significant service achievements from 5 years to 35 years.
- Mass with Bishop Pates
- A scrumptious lunch buffet catered by Hy-Vee.

Please RSVP by May 3, 2018 to [Sherri Simmer](#).

Catholic Youth Camp Open House – May 12:

Come to the St. Thomas More Center, home of the beautiful Catholic Youth Camp, on Saturday, May 12th from 12:00 to 3:00 pm to learn more about the programs we offer during the summer. This is a great opportunity to meet the staff and ask questions while enjoying a day outside with the family. A selection of camp games will be available and free lunch will be provided. Reservations are not necessary. Call the office with questions: [515-309-1936](tel:515-309-1936). A flyer is attached.



Small Group Leader Formation Session this Sunday at the Catholic Pastoral Center:



This Sunday, May 6th, at 1pm at the Catholic Pastoral Center, will be the second of our quarterly series of Small Group Leader Formation Sessions. The theme for this weekend's session will be *"You Can't Give What You Don't Have: The Importance of A Leader's Spiritual Life"*. Any and all individuals who are involved in facilitating small faith-sharing groups are invited, as the session avoids program specifics, but rather focuses on best practices and strategies that are relevant for whatever the content or age of your small group

is. For more information contact [Justin White](#).

Webinar on Sacramental Preparation – How to Better Engage Parents in the Process – May 3:

Dr. Tim Gray from the Augustine Institute will be joined by Lucas Pollice and Brian Truckenbrod to discuss how *Signs of Grace* catechizes children while evangelizing parents.



Please join them for the webinar to learn more about how this revolutionary approach is helping children and adults understand intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally that the Sacraments are a real encounter with Jesus Christ.

Webinar Details

- **Webinar Topic:** Sacramental Preparation – How to Better Engage Parents in the Process
- **When:** May 3rd at 11 AM Central

How to Join: Webinar or Conference Call

- [Click here to register](#)
- The webinar link will be sent to you upon registration
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Diocese of Des Moines Pastoral Center Open House – June 3:



Please help us get the word out for the Pastoral Center Open House scheduled for June 3 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. This is a family friendly event with music, games, face painting, balloon animals, tours of the renovated Pastoral Center and food (popcorn, cookies and lemonade.)

A flyer is attached that you can share with your parish family. Please contact [Sherri Simmer](#) if you have any questions.