



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

July 2016 Edition

All-CLADD Gathering and Youth Ministry Kick-Off scheduled for August:

Shortly after your return to the parish the Diocesan Department of Evangelization & Catechesis has two great opportunities for you as you prepare for Spirit-filled transformation this upcoming year:

- ALL CLADD Fall Kick-off – Involving Parents, Engaging Families – Thursday, August 11, 2016 at Holy Rosary parish in Glenwood. Our workshop facilitator for the day is Dr. Joseph White. Dr. White will provide practical strategies to partner with parents and evangelize the domestic church. We will gather beginning around 9:30 am with homemade breakfast items and beverages. The day will end by 3:00 pm. Dr. White is a consultant for OSV. RSVP to Sherri Simmer at ssimmer@dmdiocese.org.



- Youth Ministry Fall Kick-off – Thursday, August 18 (6:30 to 8:30 pm) or Friday, August 19 (9:00 am to 3:30 pm) with Jared Dees. Jared is the author of *To Heal, Proclaim and Teach: The Essential Guide to Ministry in Today's Catholic Church*. Jared will focus on ministry to teens AND their parents.



- Appreciation Dinner & Inspirational Keynote – Thursday, August 18, 2016 at Ss. Peter & Paul parish in Atlantic. This is for you and your team members to enjoy a delicious supper and excellent conversation surrounding ministry to and with teens.
 - Youth Ministry Workshop – Friday, August 19, 2016 at St. John parish in Adel. Jared will break open his new book and provide applications to Jesus' ministry methods to teens and parents. Breakfast and lunch is included.
- There is no cost with either of these youth ministry fall kick-off events. Please RSVP to Sherri Simmer at ssimmer@dmdiocese.org.

All Parishioners Invited to complete the Catholic Mirror Readership Survey:

Our diocesan Communications Office wants to know what you think of our monthly newspaper, The Catholic Mirror. Here's your chance to be honest and share your thoughts. I encourage you to take a few minutes to either fill out the [online version](#) of this short survey or complete the survey that will appear in The Catholic Mirror on page 5 and send it in. As a bonus, you could win a Casey's gift card for your effort. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DioDesMoines>

Calling All Young Adults – World Youth Day Stateside Celebration – St. Patrick Irish Settlement on July 30:



We need your assistance in getting the word out about a fantastic opportunity for young adults (roughly those between the ages of 18 and 35). Our diocese will host a local celebration of World Youth Day at the only shrine in our diocese: the location where Saint John Paul II visited the parish who invited him to Iowa.

The day will include:

- Multi-cultural coffee house with authentic Polish pastries
- Videos from World Youth Day in Krakow as well as live inspirational and educational talks
- Prayer walk and outdoor activities
- Reconciliation, adoration of the blessed Sacrament and ending with Mass

The day is scheduled from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more information follow this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/dmdiocesewyd/> Cost for the day is \$15.00 which includes lunch and some really cool giveaway items specially designed for the day. Let Tessa know if you would like flyers mailed to you today. Her e-mail is troberts@dmdiocese.org.

Preparing for Catechetical Sunday – Prayer: The Faith Prayed:

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2016 and will focus on the theme "**Prayer: The Faith Prayed.**" Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



There are many resources that the USCCB has available for all catechetical leaders (youth ministry, adult faith formation, and religious education.) These resources include:

- Items for teaching (aids and resources)
- Catechist in-service sessions
- Adult faith formation
- Family resources

- Liturgy resources
- Prayer Cards
- Parish resources (many of which can be utilized in parish bulletins and on websites)
- Poster and clip art (used by the Diocesan Office in your Catechetical Leader Directory – thank you Sherri)
- Certificates for catechists

The link to the USCCB website is: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/prayer/index.cfm>

Q&A Session on Faith Journey – The Catechetical Institute scheduled for July 18:

Director John Huynh will provide a short presentation and a question and answer session about this dynamic new formation program that launches this fall. The session will be held at St. Augustin parish in Des Moines from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Also present will be instructors for the sessions and a recent graduate from the program in St. Paul/Minneapolis. Bishop Pates will lead the community gathered in an opening prayer followed by a blessing.

Faith Journey – The Catechetical Institute is a 2 year process that takes you through the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church. Each module has 11 formational sessions that are catechetical along with 2 retreat day sessions. The cost for each module is \$250.00 although there is limited financial assistance if the cost is a factor.)

Faith Journey – The Catechetical Institute is a wonderful process for our parish leaders in a variety of ministry settings. For more information contact John Huynh at 515-237-5006 or at

jhuynh@dmdiocese.org. Link to the website is: <http://www.dmdiocese.org/about-catechetical-institute.cfm>

