

Department of
Evangelization & Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
January 10, 2018 Edition

Upcoming CLADD Sessions in January – Program Evaluation & Goal Setting with Dr. Matt Halbach:

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

Evaluating and goal setting can be seen as painful, just like stepping on the scale if one sets a New Year’s resolution to lose weight. Yet if you and I are serious about the underlying reasons (professionally and personally), the only way to move forward is to assess the current situation. Agendas are attached to this e-newsletter.



Our facilitator will be Dr. Matt Halbach who is the director of the St. Joseph Educational Center in West Des Moines.

- CLADD West will be held on January 16 beginning at 9:00 am at Saint Patrick parish in Missouri Valley.
- CLADD East will be held on January 18 beginning at 9:00 am at Ss. John & Paul parish in Altoona.

Start the New Year Right with Family Faith in Action:



Family Faith in Action is designed to prepare the families in your programs for the Sunday Gospel and to provide ways to put faith into action. For those who enroll, they will receive the Gospel reading, a reflection, an audio sample, discussion questions and a fun family activity each Wednesday.

Below is a link to a free sample. The subscription requires a donation to Franciscan Media of any amount but they recommend a donation of \$10.

Family Faith in Action Sample Issue Link: http://email.franciscanmedia.org/family-faith-in-action-for-april-26-2017?hs_preview=WzwJPHaU-5043513995

Fanning the Flame – A Retreat Day for 9th & 10th Graders:

Fanning the Flame is a day of prayer, reflection, and fellowship, all oriented towards identifying the movements of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. This day will be very helpful for 9th and 10th graders preparing for Confirmation. There is a separate track for sponsors and/or adult chaperones accompanying the teens to help them grow deeper in their faith as well.



Who: All 9th & 10th graders (public, private, or home school), their parents, and their parish leaders

What: Two day-long retreats happening separately but side-by-side. While the 9th & 10th graders enjoy a day catered to them, the parents and parish leaders who brought them will enjoy a similar day, overlapping during meals and Mass

When: Saturday, February 10th & Saturday, September 8th. Each day will begin at 9am, and finish at 7pm.

Where: St. Thomas More Center, 6177 Panorama Road, Panora, IA 50216

Registration information is at these links:

[February youth registration here \(\\$40\)!](#)

[February adult registration here \(\\$20\)!](#)

[September youth registration here \(\\$40\)!](#)

[September adult registration here \(\\$20\)!](#)

After registering at the links above, participants will receive an email with further details and instructions. For questions, please contact Justin White, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, at jwhite@dmdiocese.org or (515) 237-5098.

Science as a Teenager's Path to God Webinar by NFCYM:



Robert Feduccia will present on January 24, 2018 at 1:00 pm CST on a very important area in the life of teens: the current false narrative of science versus faith. Current research is showing that today's teens live in the world differently than previous generations. There is an increasing desire to have any thought or belief

verified through the scientific method. Rather than this reality being an obstacle for catechesis, it is an opportunity. The webinar will provide an overview of the current research and then will present the Church's teaching on the role of science in the life of a Christian. Particular attention will be given to the Big Bang and Evolution by Natural Selection. Finally, a catechetical session on Faith and Science will be provided.

Webinar registration link is <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1547158383790470146>

