

Dept. of Evangelization &
Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
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Pastoral Center Move Week is Upon Us:



As announced earlier, the Pastoral Center is packing-up and moving across the street to the Ruan Center which is located at the intersection of Grand Avenue and 7th Street. October 13 & 14 will be the days in which we make the physical move from our current offices to our temporary home. Unless you have an

emergency, it will be very difficult to reach us this Thursday and Friday by phone or e-mail. For emergency or urgent matters please contact John on his cell phone at 515-490-7176. E-mail should be restored by Saturday, October 15 and our phones should be up on Monday, October 17. Phone numbers will remain the same for all employees of the diocese.

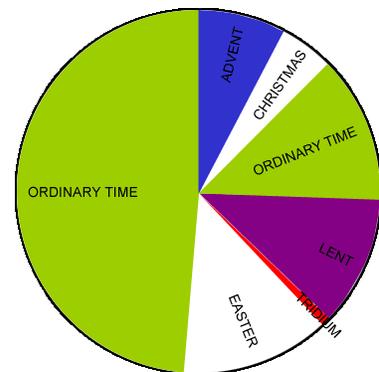
Mail will be forwarded to us from our current address so please continue to send correspondence to:

The Catholic Pastoral Center
Attn: Evangelization & Catechesis
601 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309

CLADD Sessions in October – Save the Date:

Members of the CLADD Leadership team will lead a facilitated discussion on **The Liturgical Year Roundtable: Unfolding the mystery of Christ by exploring Liturgical Time**. Christians are invited to enter more deeply into Christ's life through the liturgical use of time. From the mystery of Christ's incarnation to his resurrection and everything in between, how have you been successful connecting catechesis with liturgy? Bring examples from your parish program of how you and your catechists engage the children and teens in liturgy.

- CLADD West will be held on October 18 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at Corpus Christi parish (Holy Family site) in Council Bluffs.



- CLADD East will be held on October 20 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Augustin parish in Des Moines.
- CLADD South will be held on October 13 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at St. Edward Parish in Afton. CLADD South serves primarily the Osceola region of parishes.

DCYC Update – Registrations are booming but keep registering for this awesome event:



Keep up the excellent work in promoting and signing teens up for DCYC 2016. Nico Matamoros, a senior at St. Boniface parish in Atlantic shared this about why a teen should come to DCYC 2016, “No matter where you are in your faith, there will

definitely be something for you from the speakers to the incredible people you're bound to meet! It will be an experience you surely won't forget!”

One quick clarification on t-shirts, we still have shirts available but please register your teens as soon as possible. T-shirt orders will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis based upon registrations received this week.

To register or for a variety of resources, please follow this link:

<http://www.dmdiocese.org/dcyc.cfm>

Suicide Awareness Month Insights from NAMI and NCPD:

Each September health care and pastoral professionals set aside a month to focus on promoting awareness and resources around the issues of suicide prevention. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people and is often the result of mental health conditions that effect people when they are most vulnerable.



The National Catholic Partnership on Disability remind us, “A rapid increase in suicide in our time is cause for alarm among pastoral workers and, of course, family members and other survivors of this tragedy. The depths of depression can rob a person of his or her desire to live. Over 90% of all deaths by suicide are a result of depression, implying a person is not in their “right” mind and therefore not capable of making a rational and moral decision. With the knowledge now available about suicide, about what precipitates the act itself and also the act’s tragic effect on survivors, the Church takes a much more compassionate stance on this issue than it has in the past.

While God is the giver of life, and “we are obliged to accept life gratefully and preserve it,” there are occasions when a person resorts to this path as an only escape from deep psychological pain. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2280-2282).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church further states "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives." (no. 2283).

Good pastoral practice demands that the family members and other survivors of suicide be treated with the utmost compassion and care. It is helpful to refer to this death as “death by suicide,” rather than saying a person “committed suicide,” which infers a deliberate choice to end one’s life. The decision is more likely a choice to end the pain and anguish that a victim of suicide is suffering. If a person survives the attempt, great care and love can be offered by family, friends, and professionals to assure the person he/she is loved and can find help in coping with the issues that cause such a depth of pain.

Finally, a Catholic who has died by suicide is deserving of a Catholic funeral and burial in consecrated ground.”

For a variety of excellent resources follow this link to the NAMI website:

<http://nami.org/suicideawarenessmonth>

The Mercy Summit planned for October 22 & 29 – A Morning of Reflection for those engaged in social outreach to others:

“We are called once again to recognize and profoundly experience the Father’s mercy extended to each of us. In turn, we are appointed ambassadors, on behalf of God, in extending mercy to others.”

Bishop Richard Pates,
Diocese of Des Moines

As the Jubilee of Mercy draws to a close, Bishop Richard Pates invites all those who are feeding the hungry, bringing communion to the sick, helping at local clothing closets, volunteering at hospitals or hospice centers or otherwise living the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy to a Mercy Summit.



Join us Oct. 22, 8 a.m.—noon at St. Peter Church in Council Bluffs or Oct. 29, 8 a.m.—noon at St. Pius X Church in Urbandale.

Childcare is free and available for children 2 and older. Register at <http://www.dmdiocese.org/jubilee.cfm> or contact Sherri Simmer at ssimmer@dmdiocese.org or by calling 515-237-5058.

*Today I ask you,
in the name of Christ and the
Church, never tire of being
merciful."*

*Pope Francis
The Church of Mercy*

