

Department of
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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
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“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)

Congratulations to Stacy and Matt Halbach on the birth of their twins:



Stacy and Deacon Matt Halbach, along with their children Michael, Benjamin, Joseph and Grace welcomed twins (one girl and one boy) on Tuesday, November 13. They are girl and boy twins named Joy and Pax. Stacy is the director of youth ministry at St. Joseph parish in Des Moines while Deacon Matt is the current director of the Saint Joseph Educational Center in West Des Moines.



Congratulations on another front to Deacon Matt as he takes on a new position as the Director of Catechetics for Sadlier Religion. Although we are saddened that he will no longer serve the Des Moines region of our diocese, he will still be in the area and perhaps be able to offer us some outstanding resourcing.

Upcoming webinars worthy of your time investment:

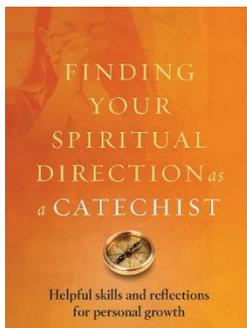
- Marriage in a Hookup Culture (Ave Maria Press) by Timothy O’Malley – To be held on November 27, 2018 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm CST. In this webinar, Dr. O’Malley will show how the Church’s theology of marriage can offer a healing medicine for those seeking love in a hook-up culture. He will also share helpful tips for all those who work with young adults or prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage. This is a great



webinar for those ministering with teens, young adults and those in campus ministry. Webinar link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3061788433825070849>

- Signs of the Son of Man (Sadlier Religion) by Michael Howard, MA – To be held on November 29, 2018 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm CST. In this webinar, Michael will explore all four Gospel readings for Advent 2018 highlighting the signs revealed in Sacred Scripture for the coming of the Son of Man. Webinar registration link: <https://go.sadlier.com/religion/signs-of-the-son-of-man-nov-29-2018>
- Trauma-Informed Pastoral Care (NFCYM) by Fr. Jeff Putthoff, SJ – To be held on November 19, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm EST. Adverse experiences from childhood or adolescence can have a lasting impact on a person's behavior, as well as their emotional, physical, and even spiritual well being. When seeking to provide pastoral care to young people, it can be critically important to understand these impacts and how to reverse the effects of trauma. Being trauma-informed and seeking to understand one's past is the first step in accompanying young people on a path toward healing and hope. Fr. Putthoff served as associate pastor for two years in Camden, New Jersey, before co-founding Hopeworks N' Camden in 1999. The nonprofit organization is an outreach and resource center for the youth living in Camden, one of the most impoverished communities in the country. He served as executive director there until 2016, when he became president of St. John's Jesuit High School & Academy in Toledo, Ohio. He currently serves as the president of Trinity Catholic High School in St. Louis. Webinar registration link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2897600561734474764>

Last Call for ordering - An Book focused on helping catechists with their spirituality – on sale through the Diocese of Des Moines:



WILLIAM B. MILLER

Bill Miller, former NCCL President and a former catechetical leader in the Diocese of Des Moines, has written a wonderful resource focusing on the spiritual health of catechists.

The best catechists all have one thing in common: an ever-deepening loving relationship with Jesus, solidly rooted in the faith and prayers of our church. Catechists who are on fire with God's love can't help but pass their enthusiasm and love on to those they work with.

Bill is just such a catechist. From the first pages here, you'll feel inspired by his enthusiasm for our catechetical ministry. Through powerful stories and down-to-earth suggestions, he'll help you connect your own sacred stories to the great stories and meanings of our faith. He'll lead you through many of the wonderful ways our faith can help us build a strong and loving relationship with the Lord, no matter what life throws at us.

To help cut the cost the Diocese of Des Moines can purchase this resource for a 25% discount; at \$6.00 a book (plus shipping). The original cost of the title is \$7.95. To qualify we need to order at least 51 books. Here is a link to sample the book:

<http://twentythirdpublications.com.p9.hostingprod.com/Samples/Find-Spir-Direction.pdf>

Please e-mail your order to Sherri Simmer at ssimmer@dmdiocese.org by November 21,

2018. We will place the order and have them mailed to the Pastoral Center. In early December we will bring your books to you along with an invoice. Helping your catechists encounter Jesus is a great gift in preparation for Christmas.

Take 24 Young Adult Retreat – Advent Offering open for registration:



All young adults are invited to take 24 hours away to prepare for Advent. A Take24 retreat will be Dec. 1-2 (noon to noon) at the St. Thomas More Center in Panora. Information and registration can be [found on our website](#).

Daily prayer is key, but sometimes the hectic nature of the rest of daily life can build up to the point where you simply must get away from it all. To that end, the Diocese of Des Moines offers three 24-hour young adult retreats every year: one in Lent, one in Ordinary Time, and one in Advent. The focus of each retreat changes based on liturgical season, but the consistent part will be sessions devoted to practicing 24 minutes of daily prayer, so that you leave the retreat more equipped for daily prayer than when you arrived.

Contact Justin White at jwhite@dmdiocese.org for more information.

Lector Training Protocols:

At our recent CLADD West session the question of protocols to train readers (lectors) for Mass came up. Although this is normally the resourcing of the Diocesan Worship Office, I did utilize their resources to assist in answering this request. Attached please find a resource to assist you.



The first part of the document is taken from the USCCB while the second part is sound formation for most parishes within our diocese. Please feel free to make changes to the second part of the document to reflect your parish liturgical practices.

Some excellent resources for your readers (lectors) include:

- Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word - <https://ltp.org/products/details/WL19/workbook-for-lectors-2019-usa-by-elaine-park>
- At Home with the Word - <https://ltp.org/products/details/AHW19/at-home-with-the-word-2019>

- Celebrate Sunday for Catholic Families (Theresa brought the current resource) - <https://ltp.org/products/details/CSCF19/celebrating-sunday-for-catholic-families>
- Celebrating the Lectionary (a supplemental lectionary based catechetical process) - <https://ltp.org/celebratingthelectionary>

“Let the Church always be
a place of Mercy
AND Hope,
where everyone is welcomed
Loved and Forgiven.”
Pope Francis

