



Department of
Evangelization & Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
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Diocesan Ministry Workshop with Joe Paprocki on March 8 – RSVP Today:



Please join us at All Saints parish in Stuart on March 8 for a Ministry Workshop with Loyola Press author and master catechist Joe Paprocki. The workshop he has prepared for you and me focuses on practical strategies (52 in fact) for moving your parish community forward by focusing on the one thing the Church can offer that the world cannot: Jesus Christ. This is the intersection of catechesis and evangelization.

Some of the key categories in this workshop include:

- How a Church on the Move Thinks
- How a Church on the Move Functions
- How a Church on the Move Worships
- How a Church on the Move Forms Disciples in Faith
- How a Church on the Move Engages the World

This workshop will include many opportunities to visit with your colleagues in other parishes and grow together in offering pastoral solutions that are creative, redemptive and achievable. The presentation is based upon Joe's recent best seller *A Church on the Move: 52 Ways to Get Mission and Mercy in Motion* (Loyola Press, 2016).

This workshop will be helpful for all whose parish ministerial emphasis involves faith formation: adult faith formation, youth ministry, RCIA, sacramental preparation, campus ministry, religious education, and Catholic School formation (for teachers and the students). Joe was last in our diocese in 2011 and those who attended his ministry workshop have wanted him back ever since. You will enjoy his presentation style and find the format very helpful for you and your community.

Let me know if you have any questions. We hope to fill up All Saint's parish hall so RSVP today by contacting Sherri Simmer at ssimmer@dmdioocese.org or call her at 515-237-5058. Attached is the event flyer. There is a small fee of \$5.00 to help offset the lunch

cost. This ministry workshop is possible because of Loyola Press' outreach to diocesan and parish partners.

Faith in Action – Be Part of the Diocesan Chrism Mass by pouring the Sacred Oils:

The Chrism Mass will be held at 7:00 pm on Friday March 23. Sherri and I are working with Sandy Reisberg on recruiting volunteers who can help during the Mass pouring the sacred oils into the vessels to be distributed to parishes.



The pouring of the oils must be done during the Mass so the volunteers would not be participating in the Chrism Mass. Our task is to recruit teen volunteers from parishes to help. It would be a wonderful experience for current Confirmation candidates since this Chrism will be used at their Confirmation Mass. Each teen volunteer would also receive service hours. I need 30 to 35 for this project so two to four from each parish would be ideal. In the past we have ordered pizza or Subway platters for the volunteers. Sandy Reisburg will provide more information for those interested, but ideally they would arrive around 6:45 pm wearing clothes that can get dirty in case they spill oil on themselves.

If you can help with recruiting and teens agree to help with the project please do the following:

- Contact me (jgaffney@dmdiocese.org) or Sherri (ssimmer@dmdiocese.org) and let us know the number and names of the teens
- Please let us know if we can e-mail an information sheet directly to them or their parents or if you would like that to be sent to you (include e-mail address)

I need to know by noon on Monday, March 19 if you have teen volunteers so that the information sheet can be e-mailed on Tuesday. The Chrism Mass is beautiful and many people from around the diocese work very hard to make the celebration look like the many faces of the diocese. I hope your teens can be part of this beautiful celebration. Thank you for your help.

Fanning the Flame Retreat –

Retreat rescheduled to April 7th due to weather.



Registrations are open for April 7th Retreat.

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.

The cost is \$40.00 for teens and \$20.00 for adults. The retreat will be held at the St. Thomas More Center. For questions or registration information, please contact Justin White, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, at jwhite@dmdiocese.org or (515) 237-5098.

The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference Wants You:

This year's youth conference in October will be called "Boldly Sent", and we want the youth of our Diocese to be the ones to design its logo and t-shirt. Submissions can be made through Easter to Justin White at jwhite@dmdiocese.org, further details can be found at <http://www.dmdiocese.org/boldlysent.cfm>.



The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) is a peer-led event gathering teens of the diocese together with their Bishop in exploration and celebration of the Catholic faith. It's a one day event with separate tracks for middle school (grades 6-8) & high school (grades 9-12).

Building the Kingdom Lenten Mission:



This Lent, we once again are raising funds to help support a high school seminary in Nigeria led by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. This seminary has provided our diocese four priests who are currently serving here, and anything we can do to help support their work and the work of the future priests of our universal Church is appreciated! For more information, give us a call. If you need additional envelopes or posters, please contact Sherri Simmer at ssimmer@dmdiocese.org or at 515-237-5058. Thank you.

To show the Building the Kingdom video to your children, teens and families follow this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egNFjIMPAs>

YOU have a membership to NCCL – Below are instructions to activate & enjoy the benefits:



We have worked out an arrangement within our diocesan membership in NCCL to **include a FREE membership for all our parish catechetical leaders** (those who work in religious education, youth ministry, adult faith formation, sacramental or RCIA team leaders and pastors).

Follow the instructions below and use the information provided in this notice to activate your membership profile. We value your work and want to encourage access to dialog, networking and professional-level ministry involvement. Enjoy!

Instructions for Activating Membership Profiles

Follow these step-by-step instructions for full Diocese of Des Moines membership access to the largest professional catechetical organization in the nation.

Instructions for Parish Catechetical Leaders in the Diocese of Des Moines:

Step 1. Click <https://www.nccl.org/product/individual-membership//> verify (1) membership is indicated. Then click **Join/Renew**.

Step 2. This is the **Cart** page, verify that the correct membership type is in the cart (*Individual Membership*). Apply the special PCL coupon code **dmpcl**. Click **Update Cart** then select **Proceed to Check Out**. Here is where you will begin to create your membership profile, create a username and password (Hint: strong passwords are preferred). Click **Place Order**.

Step 3. Once logged in, go to your profile and complete all fields.

*Here are a few very short videos that will assist you in this process as well as how to navigate the site and edit your profile: <https://www.nccl.org/videos/>

**If you already have an active NCCL membership simply log in and renew using the instructions above.

Surgery Update:

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, flowers, goodies and calls these last five weeks as I recovered from surgery. Everything went extremely well. I have healed faster than expected and today begin phase two which is working with a temporary prosthetic in physical therapy. This phase will last as my swelling continues to reduce and I gain skills using the equipment. Then they will build my permanent leg. I always wanted to be the Six Mission Dollar Man (shout out to a 1970s show featuring Lee Majors).

I believe my progress is attributed to God answering the many prayers all of you asked of God on my behalf. You are the best.

