

Dear Faith Formation Leaders,

Grace and peace to you as we continue our Lenten journey together. We are grateful for your faithful service and are pleased to share several important updates, opportunities, and resources to support you and your ministry across the Diocese.

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## Save the Date

*Becoming Intentional: A Discipleship Workshop with Sherry Weddell*

**May 12–13, 2026**


 Younes Conference Center North, Kearney

All priests, deacons, and faith formation leaders are invited to attend this important diocesan workshop focused on intentional discipleship.

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## *Forming Intentional Disciples* — Book Study

In preparation for the *Becoming Intentional* workshop, **Bishop Hanefeldt has requested that all priests, deacons, and faith formation leaders read *Forming Intentional Disciples* by Sherry Weddell.**

- Copies of the book will arrive in the mail **this week or next week**
  - This book study will serve as an **initial step toward a shared vision for faith formation in our Diocese**
  - **Please complete this brief form** so we can place you in a book study group:  
 **Book Study Form:** <https://forms.office.com/r/m0T1GfjxAa>
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## Flocknote Update

Beginning next week, this newsletter will be delivered via **email or text through Flocknote.**

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- Text **GIDIOCESE** to **84576**
- Join:
  - **Faith Formation Leaders**
  - **Newsletter – Mission Integration**
  - *(Optional)* **Book Study – FID (Forming Intentional Disciples)**

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## ✦ Faith Formation Spotlight

Would you like to highlight the great work happening in your parish?

- See the attached **Spotlight Questions** for reflection prompts
  - Email **Emily** with your responses and a photo
  - We'd love to feature your ministry in an upcoming newsletter!
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## ✦ Ministry Roundtable – Zoom

 **Recording Available:** Ministry Roundtable with **Cosme Cham**

 Tuesday, March 3 | 10:00 AM CST

 Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcl6u4Vni8o>

### Resources referenced by Cosme:

- Parish Vocations Coordinator: <https://www.givocations.org/resources>
- Free Vocations Materials (Code: **GODCALLS688**):  
<https://vianneyvocations.com/diocese-of-grand-island-vocation-seeds/>
- Vocations Office Plan: <https://www.givocations.org/diocesan-vocations-plan>
- Family Retreat: <https://www.givocations.org/family-retreat>
- Seminary Visit: <https://www.givocations.org/discernmentevents>
- Program of Priestly Formation:  
<https://www.givocations.org/program-of-priestly-formation>

## Upcoming Ministry Roundtables

- **Tuesday, April 7 at 6:00 PM CST** [Zoom Link](#)
  - **Thursday, April 9 at 10:00 AM CST** [Zoom Link](#)  
*Topic: TBD*
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## Chrism Mass

 **Monday, March 23**

 **4:00 PM**

 **St. Patrick's Church, North Platte**

☕ If you will be arriving early, please let us know—we'd love to connect over coffee, lunch, or a soda beforehand!

🎥 Learn more about the Chrism Mass:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1rz87h8ltpE>

👉 Learn more about the **five jubilarians** being celebrated:

<https://gidiocese.org/news/five-to-celebrate-jubilees-at-march-23-2026-chrism-mass-at-4-pm>

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## † Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 15

*Laetare Sunday*

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as **Laetare Sunday**, from the opening antiphon meaning “*Rejoice*.” It offers a moment of joyful encouragement in the midst of Lent’s penitential season. Rose vestments may be worn as a sign that Easter joy is drawing near.

### Ideas for your community:

- 🌸 *Activity:* Wear rose or pink to Mass
  - 🍰 *Food:* Pink-themed treats such as steak, pink-frosted cookies, or cake
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### 📄 Still Accepting Responses

- **Networking Form:** <https://forms.office.com/r/vzzYidUDmG>
  - **Faith Formation Resources:** <https://forms.office.com/r/tYyfcxuuTp>
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### 📧 Newsletter Archive

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👉 <https://www.gidiocese.org/newsletters>

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With gratitude and prayers for a blessed Lenten season,

**Cristy, Emily, Katie & Michalene**

*Offices of Mission Integration*