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**CALENDAR**

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**October 5 ♦ World Mission Rosary Day** – Please join with others from around the world in prayer for our brothers and sisters both near and far. Resources are available on our website at [www.mission.stcdio.org](http://www.mission.stcdio.org).

**October 7 ♦ Respect Life Sunday** – Find resources on the Office of Marriage and Family website at <http://omf.stcdio.org/from-the-director/clergy-resources/respect-life-month-resources/>.

**October 7 - 10 ♦ 42nd Annual Clergy Conference** at Arrowwood Conference Center.

**October 14 ♦ "Sexual Revolution: 50 Years Since Humanae Vitae"** – Movie begins at 6:30 pm. and held at Holy Angels Performing Arts Center, Cathedral HS, 312 7<sup>th</sup> Ave N, St. Cloud, MN. This movie is a documentary on the fallout of the free-love experiment against the backdrop of Pope Paul VI's 1968 encyclical about love, sex, and marriage. **Free admission.** Click [here](#) to view the trailer. Click [here](#) to print a flier.

**October 18 ♦ Andrew Dinner** – Please contact Fr. Doug Liebsch at [dougliebsch@gmail.com](mailto:dougliebsch@gmail.com) or call 320-533-0291 if you have men in 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades who are discerning the priesthood and would like to attend the Andrew Dinner at Bishop Kettler's residence. Pastors are encouraged to join their men.

**October 21 ♦ World Mission Sunday** – All dioceses from around the world come together on this day to support the work and ministry of mission through prayer and financial support.

**October 25 ♦ Regional Ministry Gathering** from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. A group of diocesan staff will travel to Fergus Falls to conduct the first Regional Ministry Gathering at Our Lady of Victory Church. The event will include prayer, an opening talk and three workshops that attendees may choose from. More information below under Regional Ministry Gathering.

The Regional Ministry Gathering's overall theme is focused on baptism, **"Called to be... Prepared to do..."** and is meant to be introspective. The subjects for the evening's presentations were selected based on a survey of pastors, parish staff and leaders of various ministries in the area. Because this is a needs-driven initiative, topics for the event include:

- A discussion on pastoral planning with Brenda Kresky, diocesan planning director;
- An interactive session on fostering a culture of life with Janet Dusek and Jill Svihel from the Office of Marriage and Family; and
- A panel presentation in Spanish on the results of the V National Encuentro with Mayuli Bales, Father Oswaldo Roche and Alejandra Mancilla.

Information on what topics were a priority for training and formation were gathered through a survey of parish leaders across the diocese. Here is an overview of the initial survey results. ([PDF attached](#))

More information and registration for the event can be found here: <http://stcdio.org/regional-ministry-gatherings/> or in this recent article from The Visitor: <http://stcloudvisitor.org/regional-ministry-pilot-program-set-to-launch-in-october-in-fergus-falls/>.

More regional gatherings are in the process of being scheduled across the diocese over the next year with various topics and speakers.

**October 25 ♦ Mass of Hope & Healing** – Saint Andrew Church, Elk River. This special Mass is for those who have suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage, abortion, SIDS, illness or accident as well as couples experiencing infertility. Part of this event consists of a candle-lighting ceremony remembering those who have died. Mass begins at 6:00 p.m.

**Oct. 26 ♦ The Diocesan Middle School Gathering** with Jesse Manibusan is scheduled from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on October 26 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church 219 2nd St N, Sartell, MN 56377. The event will feature: supper, games, music, fun, prayer, fellowship and learning about our faith. Cost for the event is a suggested \$50.00 per parish or \$5.00 donation per person as participants are able to help to defray costs. [Click here](#) to register. For more information or questions, contact CEM at 320-251-0111.

**Oct. 27 – 28 ♦ St. Cloud (DCYC) Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference** for youth in grades 9-12. This event will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and closing at 1:00 pm on Sunday, October 28 at Young Life Camp, Detroit Lakes, MN. Jesse Manibusan will be our guest speaker and Bishop Kettler will preside for Mass. Other elements of the conference include: workshops, reconciliation, adoration, recreation, awesome music, food and fun. Please [click here](#) for more information.

**Oct. 28 ♦ Called to Belong** – 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Alexandria. This event is designed to bring young adults (ages 18-30) together to pray, share faith and celebrate their God-given giftedness. Participants will be invited to explore their unique place in the Church during these challenging times and to recognize the Church's need for their leadership in building a better Church. Features of the day are: Celebrating Mass and a meal with Bishop Kettler, keynote sessions with our speaker Jesse Manibusan, Interactive fun, small group discussions, great music and more. Cost: A suggested \$15.00 per person free will offering will be accepted at the door. Information available [here](#).

**Oct. 29 ♦ Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Meeting: "Ministry and the Power of Music"** – This day, especially for directors of faith formation and youth ministry, is titled "Secrets of a Catholic Ninja; some nuts, bolts and best practices regarding music in the multifaceted world of ministry." This won't be about new and improved ideas to add to your already overflowing plate of work, but rather some simple, common sense ideas and techniques to refresh your heart, your mind, and your spirit! Come. Rest. Be Surprised. Be renewed. More information and registration is available [here](#).

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## NOTES FROM THE CHANCERY

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## *The Chancery*

Office of the Vicar General ♦ Fr. Robert Rolfes

Letter of Suitability requests – Please email requests for Letters of Suitability to Kari Pfannenstein, the Chancery receptionist at

[kpfannenstein@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:kpfannenstein@gw.stcdio.org). Make certain to include information about the event or ministry; date, location (parish and diocese) and purpose. Please submit your request in a timely manner, with funerals being an exception.

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## NOTES FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICES

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### *Catholic Education Ministries*



Linda Kaiser ♦ (320) 251-0111

**Catechist Formation** – In the "Ministry of the Word" is a catechist formation program sponsored through Catholic Education Ministries. Each two-hour session focuses on a different aspect of basic formation that helps the catechist become more effective and confident in their ministry of catechesis. This formal, structured, sequential training process is free of charge to any parish in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. Upon completion of all 16 sessions, the catechist will receive a certificate. For more information or to schedule training in your parish or cluster, contact Kristi Bivens at 320-251-0111 or [kristi.bivens@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:kristi.bivens@gw.stcdio.org). Visit <http://cem.stcdio.org/faith-formation/in-the-ministry-of-the-word/> for details of the training.

**Oct. 4 - Study Group "Cultures of Formation: Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment"**– at St. Michael's Church in Motley. Any parish ministry leader wishing to participate in these sessions are welcome to be a part of our learning for 1 or all 6 sessions. Kent Schmitz and Kristi Bivens will facilitate the study groups. Sessions will be based on content from the "**Cultures of Formation Conference**" Kent and Bishop Kettler attended in March at Notre Dame. Each session will include: prayer, video content, reflection, discussion, learning, lunch, fellowship and networking. These sessions are in addition to other workshops listed in our overall [schedule](#). Click [here](#) to complete our registration survey.

**Confirmation Retreat** – The retreats for the month of October are full. There are more offerings throughout the year, please click [here](#) for the CEM events page for more information.

**Oct. 26-29** - **Jesse Manibusan** will be in the Diocese of Saint Cloud for a variety of audiences at the end of October : See the calendar at the top of the newsletter.

**Oct. 26** - Jesse Manibusan will be at Cathedral High School and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School for an assembly with each school.

**Oct. 30 – Principal Day** – 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Gorecki Center at the College of St. Benedict. Catholic school leaders will be meeting to discuss many topics around Catholic schools including: Catholic school marketing, welcoming Latino students into Catholic schools, pastoral planning in the Diocese of Saint Cloud, and



## Office of Communications



Joe Towalski ♦ (320) 258-7624

Please check the Mass times for your parish on the diocesan website at <http://stcdio.org/parishes/> to ensure the information is correct. If you have any changes, you can email them to Barb Simon-Johnson at [bsimon@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:bsimon@gw.stcdio.org).



## Human Resources Office



Bailey Ziegler ♦ (320) 258-7655

### Position opening:

The Diocese of St. Cloud is seeking an authentic witness to accompany couples, families and individuals through all life stages as the director of the Office of Marriage and Family. This position includes providing vision and direction to the diocesan ministries flowing from the Office of Marriage and Family. For more information and to apply, please visit: [humanresources.stcdio.org](http://humanresources.stcdio.org).



## Marriage & Family Office



Chris Codden ♦ (320) 252-4721

2019 Marriage Course Postcard – Copies will be available at Arrowwood. [Click here](#) to view it online.

40 Days For Life Campaign, September 26 to November 4 –

View the St. Cloud 40 Days for Life website for details at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/st-cloud/>.

**Sponsor Couple Training, October 6, 2018 – St. Cloud:** Fully Engaged Sponsor Couple Training will be **Saturday, October 6**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Pastoral Center in St. Cloud. Registration for couples (names, address, phone number, parish and email address) should be made at least one week (September 28) before training. Call Janet at 320-258-7616 or email [jdusek@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:jdusek@gw.stcdio.org) to register. The parish will be billed \$110 per couple for the cost of training (which

includes Fully Engaged supplies).

**Second Marriage Course, Saturday, October 13** – Held at the Pastoral Center in St. Cloud from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Second Marriage Preparation Course is for couples preparing to marry after the death of a spouse or an **annulment**. Marriage preparation must be completed at least three months before the date of the wedding celebration. It is recommended you complete the course well in advance (six months or more). Many couples take the course one year before their wedding.

**Hispanic Marriage Course, Saturday, November 10,** – Held in St. Cloud at the Pastoral Center from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Couples should register at least *two weeks* before the course (October 26) and include the \$110 registration fee per couple. For more information, contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 320-252-4721.

**Mass for Honoring Veterans, weekend of November 10-11** – Please remember our veterans, those currently serving in the military and their families on this weekend. For the blessing during the concluding rite, visit <http://omf.stcdio.org/from-the-director/clergy-resources/recognition-veterans-mass/>.

**\*Save the Date\* Catholic Men's Conference, Saturday, February 23, 2019** – Men of Integrity, Mentoring Disciples, with an emphasis on evangelizing to youth and young adults. Keynote speaker – Deacon Ralph Poyo.



## Mission Office



Elizabeth Neville ♦ (320) 251-1100

Attached is the flyer for the **2018 Barndance** (PDF).

Additional events through the Mission Office are in the calendar at the top of the newsletter.



## Planning Office



Brenda Kresky ♦ (320) 529-4611

Please take Mass counts in October; the planning office uses these numbers for future parish decision making. Submit these numbers by November 2 to Jayne at [JBruemme@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:JBruemme@gw.stcdio.org).



Kateri Mancini ♦ (320) 229-6020

**Thank you** to everyone who supported the Catholic Campaign for Human Development second collection in September with your prayers and generous gifts! I continue to meet with groups that benefit from these funds. The work they are doing to bring people out of poverty is exceptional, and couldn't be done without your support of this collection – thank you again!

**Parish Social Ministry Gathering on October 13** – *(please share the following information in your parish bulletins and Mass announcements over the next few weeks, or **download the event flyer** to be posted in your churches.)*

All are welcome to join in the annual Parish Social Ministry Gathering, "Strengthening People, Strengthening Communities," on Saturday, October 13 at St. Louis Parish in Paynesville. The event runs from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and includes keynote speaker Kay King from NAMI-MN sharing about "Creating Caring Faith Communities: Five Things You Can Do," along with several breakout sessions on mental health and other important social concerns issues facing faith communities today. The day also includes a meal, numerous resource displays, sharing and prayer with Bishop Kettler. Early bird registration is \$20 per person before Oct. 3; \$25 regular registration after that date. Full schedule, workshops and register at [www.ccstcloud.org/events](http://www.ccstcloud.org/events).

**Rural Life Initiative Cohort starting soon** – Catholic Charities' social concerns department is looking for people interested in making a difference and empowering others to participate in the Rural Life Initiative training series "Living Our Faith in the World." This series of formation sessions focuses on community-building and support in light of the Catholic social teaching, as well as the chance to join in prayer, meal and fellowship with participants from surrounding parishes. It is available to parishes of the diocese **free** of charge, and participants also have the option to receive certification in parish social ministry by Bishop Kettler. The first session will be on November 27 and sessions will take place in the north/northwest region of the diocese. Any pastors, parish staff or parishioners interested in learning more, or who are aware of someone with a heart for service and social ministry who would be a great fit, should contact social concerns staff to share names of potential cohort members no later than November 1.

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**Faithful Citizenship** – This fall will bring an especially big election year in Minnesota. We will be voting for a new governor, two senators and a representative to send to Washington, several who will represent us in St. Paul and others who will represent us locally. Our bishops continue to encourage all people of faith to be informed and responsible voters, noting that participation in the political process is not only a civic responsibility, but a moral one. For more information on how and

why to help your communities carefully and prayerfully examine all issues and candidates in light of our Catholic values, [visit the Faithful Citizenship on the diocesan website](#) or contact Social Concerns for various resources that can be shared in bulletins or displays, etc.



## *Office of Stewardship & Development*

**Bishop's Annual Appeal Update** – As of September 18, the Bishop's Annual Appeal has raised cash and pledges totaling \$1,035,288 (80%) toward this year's goal of \$1,300,000. The total compares to \$1,021,987 (79%) in cash and pledges at this time in 2017. Efforts continue to further promote the appeal and reassure donors that all funds donated will only be used to support diocesan ministries.

To learn more about how your parish is progressing on toward its goal, you can contact Anna Kampa, Office of Stewardship and Development, 320-258-7654 or [akampa@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:akampa@gw.stcdio.org).

**Annual Parish Census/List Requests** – Emails were sent to pastors and parish offices in September requesting a current list of parishioners to help update records for the Diocesan Stewardship and Development Office, The Visitor and Catholic Charities. Your information helps these organizations to be better stewards of our resources by allowing us to direct communications to households with valid addresses, phone numbers and emails. Last year, 92 of 131 parishes submitted lists.

Thank you for your participation. Questions can be directed to Anna Kampa, Stewardship and Development, at 320-258-7654 or [akampa@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:akampa@gw.stcdio.org).



## *Tribunal Office*



**Fr. Virgil Helmin ♦ (320) 251-6557**

The Tribunal is continuing to attempt to meet the needs of parish ministers as well as laity who are divorced and seeking an annulment. We also will come to a parish and speak about the annulment process. What has been done in the past is that we are invited to a particular parish and that parish then invites the people of their community to attend this presentation. Please call our office for scheduling details. The goal would be to have at least 10 people sign up for these presentations.

If a parishioner comes to you seeking to begin the annulment process, all forms are available on the diocesan website, <http://tribunal.stcdio.org/annulments>. The annulment forms are on the left hand side. The last page of the formal petition is where you (their priest) will sign and "give your perception of this petitioner. i.e.



credibility, sincerity, and/or stability." Our hope is to supply these faithful with the correct information the first time. Our annulment forms have been updated for some time now. Please replace any prior Tribunal forms with current forms.

Parish priests and secretaries are encouraged to read the Tribunal's annulment page at <http://tribunal.stcdio.org/annulments/> so questions can be easily answered. There is a wealth of information on the Tribunal's webpage.

Lately, we have heard many misconceptions regarding the new annulment process. The formal petition that used to take 18 months is now taking 11-12 months and it stays in-house, unless the respondent (or petitioner) would appeal the decision to the appeals court. Then, the process could take 18-24 months (we have seen longer). Canon law allows the Tribunal office 12 months to complete the formal petition.

***A tidbit fact:** All divorced persons are in need of an annulment before remarriage in the Catholic Church can take place.*

If the person seeking an annulment wants to communicate directly with our office, please feel free to give them our phone number for further information: (320) 251-6557.



## Vocation Office



Fr. Scott Pogatchnik ♦ (320) 251-5001

**Totus Tuus** – Signup for Totus Tuus 2019! If you're interested in reserving a week for our dynamic team of college students to visit your parish(es) please contact Julie at 320-251-5001 or [jjacobs@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:jjacobs@gw.stcdio.org). Weeks begin June 8, 15, 22, and July 6, 13, and 20. **Deadline is October 30.**

**National Vocation Awareness Week: November 4-11** – A Vocation Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Mary, in the lower crypt, on November 8 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome!

**Vocations Awareness Week Resources Packets** – will be available at Arrowwood Clergy Conference for pastors to pick up.

**Seminary Visits** – Visit Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona on November 10-12. Visit St. John Vianney Seminary, St. Paul on November 15-17. If you have young men interested in visiting a seminary, please contact Fr. Doug Liebsch at [dougliebsch@gmail.com](mailto:dougliebsch@gmail.com). Thank you.



## Worship Office



Aaron Carpenter ♦ (320) 255-9068

**New Diocesan Stoles** – All of the new diocesan stoles have been completed. We will be bringing these to the Clergy Conference where each member of the clergy will be fitted with their new stole. You are welcome to keep your old stole, if you might use it. Otherwise, please plan to return your current diocesan stole to the Office of Worship.

**Mass for Health Care Professionals** – Bishop Kettler will celebrate this Mass on November 4. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Benedict's Monastery and will begin at 10:30 a.m. All parishioners who work in the healthcare fields are encouraged to participate.

**Join our TV Mass Ministry** – We are now scheduling presiders for our TV Mass recordings. If you would like to get involved, or if you have been involved and would like to get on the schedule, please click [here](#) to view the schedule and choose the dates that would work for you. Invite your music ministry to get involved as well. Recordings are done at the Pastoral Center approximately twice each month. There is one recording at 6:00 p.m. and one at 6:45 p.m.

**Database of Liturgical Ministers** – The Office of Worship is creating a database of liturgical ministers who would be willing to serve during diocesan Masses. Please be sure to invite your liturgical ministers to register. One of our goals is to expand the representation of parishes at all of our diocesan liturgies. They can register by clicking [here](#).



## Health Care Ministry



Annette Jesh ♦ (320) 249-0280

**WNEW: Second Class** for RNs to be trained as Faith Community Nurses being held in November. 10 - \$350 scholarships available. \$450 for course. More information available at <https://www.centracare.com/services/spiritual-care/faith-community-nursing/education-events-news/>.

**NEW: FCN Online Directory.** Now 42 of 82 FCNs of all denominations in the diocese have signed up for our new online directory. Your FCN can join at the website link.

- [Join the FCN Online Directory](#)
- [Find an FCN By City](#)
- [Find an FCN By Denomination](#)

**New Resource:** I spoke with Laura and she is especially wanting to visit churches

and provide this new resource on Suicide Prevention to us. Her area is our area.

Hello, my name is Laura Kunstleben. My job is suicide prevention educator for outreach at the St. Cloud VAMC. I have been an RN for over 30 years, and have worked at the VA for 11 years. I have been tasked with reaching outside the VA walls to provide suicide prevention education. The information I provide can be applicable to both veterans and non-veterans. I would like to come and do a 10 minute presentation on the basics of suicide prevention education; Learn the Signs, Ask, Validate, Encourage, expediate access to professional care (S.A.V.E.) or Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR), during church services. You don't need to be a mental health provider to help a person thinking about suicide. I would appreciate the chance to come and educate others, on how to start the conversation about a very difficult topic. We need to end the stigma of mental health. Laura Kunstleben, BSN, MS in gerontology, suicide prevention educator-outreach, St. Cloud VAMC, 320-252-1670-extension 6975, [Laura.kunstleben@va.gov](mailto:Laura.kunstleben@va.gov)

On our Faith Community Nurses website – we have under [Resources-Suicide Prevention Resources](#), where you will find this new resource added.

For more information, visit: <https://www.centracare.com/services/spiritual-care/faith-community-nursing/education-events-news/>.



*Catholic Charities*

#### Communications ♦ (320) 650-1641

In November, Catholic Charities' annual Make God's Love Visible Appeal will begin. There are a few things your staff should be aware of as we begin this important appeal to help the poor in our midst:

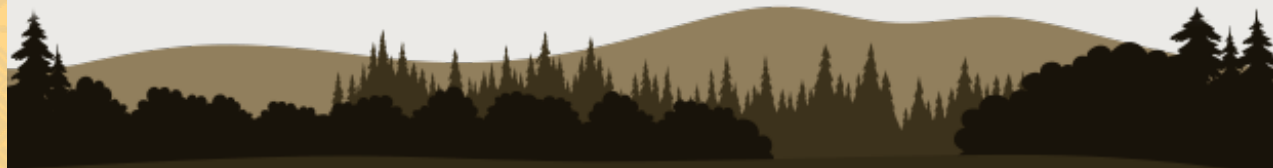
- In early November, your parish will receive a box marked "Make God's Love Visible" In it, you will find materials to insert into your bulletin, preferably the weekend of November 10 and 11.
- Additionally, your Make God's Love Visible box will contain a set of announcements to include in your bulletin. They will also be sent to you via email. If you have received your box, and not the email, contact Nate Hoffman at [Nate.Hoffman@ccstcloud.org](mailto:Nate.Hoffman@ccstcloud.org) or 320-650-1641
- Speakers will be available during the month of November to address your parish about the good works Catholic Charities does. Contact Trina Dietz at [Trina.Dietz@ccstcloud.org](mailto:Trina.Dietz@ccstcloud.org) or 320-650-1644 to schedule a speaker at your parish.
- If a speaker is not available, videos featuring Catholic Charities clients are available to show your parish. Contact Nate Hoffman to secure one.

THANK YOU for your help in Making God's Love Visible in Central Minnesota. Your support is critical in helping our brothers and sisters in need.

Happy Birthday to our Retired Priests

Reverend Mark Willenbring will celebrate his **87th** birthday on **October 13**.  
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Reverend Timothy Wenzel will celebrate his **78th** birthday on **October 16**.  
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