

September
MONTHLY DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the new Monthly Diocesan Newsletter! This newsletter replaces the monthly Clergy Bulletin and, in addition to clergy, will be sent to parish and diocesan staff members and Catholic school principals. The newsletter aims to foster better communication between the diocese and ministry personnel about important events and available resources. We hope you find it useful and informative.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this new format, please contact me at the Chancery.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Reverend Robert Rolfes
Vicar General

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CALENDAR

September 3 ♦ Labor Day – The Chancery and Diocesan offices will be closed.

September 7 ♦ Feast of Saint Cloud – (solemnity for the parishes/institutions in the city of St. Cloud) – Bishop Kettler will be celebrating the solemnity at the 12:05 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary. All pastors are reminded to celebrate this feast day in their parishes. The liturgical resources for the Feast of Saint Cloud are located at: www.stcdio.org/feast-of-saint-cloud-resource-booklet.

September 13 ♦ Blue Mass – Bishop Kettler will be celebrating the Blue Mass for all first responders. The Mass will take place in the lower church at the Cathedral. We are looking for members of your parishes who may work as firefighters, police, and EMT to be involved in the Mass. We are looking for lectors and gift bearers. If you know of anyone interested, please have them contact the Worship Office at (320) 255-9068.

September 15/16 ♦ CCHD Collection – More than 46 million people in America live below the poverty line — far more than the population of our largest state. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the U.S. Catholic Bishops' anti-poverty initiative.

September 16 ♦ Catechetical Sunday – The theme for this year is "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ." See Bishop Barron's introduction to Catechetical Sunday at <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/index.cfm>.

September 25 ♦ Padre Pio Relics Tour – The diocese will host the relics of Padre Pio in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of his death. Your parishioners are encouraged to venerate the relics beginning and 8:00 a.m. and ending with Mass with Bishop Kettler at 7:00 p.m. All events are taking place at the Cathedral of St. Mary. If any priests wish to concelebrate the Mass, please email Aaron in the Office of Worship at aaron.carpenter@gw.stcdio.org. We are also looking for many volunteers to be present throughout the day assisting guests. Again, please contact Aaron if you have parishioners who would like to volunteer.

September 27 ♦ 40 Days For Life Opening Rally – St. Augustine Church in St. Cloud from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with the speaker at noon. Shawn Carney is co-founder and national president of 40 Days For Life. Since its beginning in 2007, Shawn has been instrumental in growing 40 Days For Life both nationally and internationally.

FUTURE DATES

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



Regional Ministry Gatherings

The diocese will begin convening regional gatherings throughout the diocese focused on bringing together parish and school leaders around ministry areas they identify as the greatest needs in their communities. The goal of these events is to bring together parish leaders to learn new skills and best practices for ministry from — and with — one another. We will begin with a pilot event in Fergus Falls on Thursday October 25 from 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

To best understand what you see as the greatest needs for leadership development in your communities, we have developed a short, but comprehensive survey. If you have not done so already, please take 10 minutes before **September 18** to fill out the online survey. You will be asked for your top three training/formation priorities for parish leadership.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/stcdioRMG>.

NOTES FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICES



Catholic Education Ministries



Linda Kaiser ♦ (320) 251-0111

New Parish Catechetical Leader Day is planned for **September 6** from 9:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Center for anyone new to ministry in the Church. Please contact Catholic Education Ministries at (320) 251-0111.

Catholic school principals meeting – September 11 & 12 – Sister Mary Angela Shaughnessy, SCN will be working with Catholic school principals on legal issues facing Catholic schools, board policies, handbooks, 504 plans, etc. Sister Mary Angela Shaughnessy is a senior distinguished fellow in Loyola Marymount University's Center for Catholic Education and a nationally recognized expert on legal issues affecting Catholic schools. She has written over 30 books pertaining to Catholic school law.

Special Needs and Classroom Management – MONDAY, September 24 – CMTEC Center, Belle Prairie There is an inservice for faith formation and youth ministers on serving people with unique needs in faith communities. This is an exciting and welcomed opportunity with Patty Waletzko, our presenter for the day. She will provide ideas, strategies, and insight for supporting all learners during their involvement in faith formation activities.

Confirmation Retreats – Kent Schmitz has arranged several confirmation retreats to be held at St. Benedict Parish in Avon for anyone in the diocese. The first retreat opportunity for the year is **September 29**. There are still 40 spots available. The October date is filled. For more information, contact Kent Schmitz at kschmitz@gw.stcdio.org or call (320) 251-0111.



Marriage & Family Office



Chris Codden ♦ (320) 252-4721

2019 Marriage Course Postcard – Copies will be available at Arrowwood. Click here to view it online http://omf.stcdio.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2018/08/2019-Marriage_Course_postcard-1.pdf

40 Days For Life Campaign, September 26 to November 4 – View the St. Cloud 40 Days for Life website for details - <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/st-cloud/>.

Fully Engaged Sponsor Couple Training, Saturday, October 6 – 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) 252-4721 ext. 320 or email jdusek@gw.stcdio.org to register. The parish will be billed \$110 per couple for the cost of training (which includes Fully Engaged supplies).

Respect Life Sunday, October 7 – Materials for Respect Life Month are expected to be ready soon. As they become available, we will send you an email and will be putting them on our website at: <http://omf.stcdio.org/from-the-director/clergy-resources/respect-life-month-resources/>. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Codden at (320) 258-7619.

2nd Marriage Course, Saturday, October 13 – SAINT CLOUD: 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. <http://omf.stcdio.org/marriage-ministries/marriage-preparation/>

National NFP Teacher Training in Saint Cloud, October 18-21 – Do you know a woman or couple with a talent for teaching NFP? Invite them to consider attending a Billings Ovulation Method Teacher Training Course! We have a particular need for NFP teachers in Breckenridge, Onamia, Milaca, Cambridge, and Paynesville. We also need bilingual (Spanish & English) teachers. Please encourage any candidates to contact Sheila Reineke, NFP program coordinator, at (320) 252-

4721 or sreineke@gw.stcdio.org. Thank you!

Mass of Hope & Healing, Thursday, October 25 – Will be held at St. Andrew Church, 566 4th St, Elk River, MN 55330. 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. A portion of this event consists of a candle-lighting ceremony remembering those who have died. Mass begins at 6:00 p.m.

Hispanic Marriage Course, Saturday, November 10 – Will be 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 & Family at (320) 252-4721.



Mission Office



Elizabeth Neville ♦ (320) 251-1100

Thank you to all who had scheduled or voluntary Missionary Appeals this year. We so appreciate your hospitality and openness to exposing your parish community/ies to the wonderful people actively working in mission around the world.

Please remember to consider scheduling our office to come to your faith formation/youth ministry/parish and school staff meetings throughout the year to help expose your community/ies to our ministry of missionary discipleship.

The World Mission Rosary, begun in the 1950s by Archbishop Fulton Sheen is Friday, October 5 and is celebrated all over the world with children, youth and adults praying together for the five mission regions of the continent. Resources and information can be found on our website www.stcdio.org/mission or by calling us at (320) 251-1100.

The **5th Annual Partnership Barndance** is Saturday, October 6 at Shooting Sports in Parkers Prairie. Mass is at 4:00 p.m. with Bishop Kettler, with a picnic style dinner, live auction, music and dancing to follow until 8:30 p.m. All proceeds and donations help support our partnerships and all mission connections throughout the world. Please come and join us!

We have already completed our first orientation with the second one scheduled this month for our 16 diocesan delegates heading to Homa Bay in March 2019. Please continue to pray for them and support them in their formation.



Social Concerns Office



Kateri Mancini ♦ (320) 229-6020

Special thanks to Fr. Ken Popp and Fr. David Maciej and their parishioners for hosting this year's Rural Life Celebration on August 12. It was a glorious day, and a great way to gather as a diocese to celebrate and support rural life in our diocese! Thank you to everyone who was a part of the day!

CCHD Collection September 15/16 – Today, more than 46 million people in America are living below the poverty line — far more than the population of our largest state. And on average 2.5 million children experience homelessness in a year. But you can help!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the U.S. Catholic Bishops' anti-poverty initiative. It funds community programs that address root causes of poverty. Since 1970 CCHD-funded groups have helped communities and families by creating jobs and affordable housing, improving education, and increasing access to health care – just to name a few.

CCHD's work to break the cycle of poverty and uphold our families and communities in need is more important than ever. And it depends on the support of your parishioners!

75% of funds taken up in our parishes that weekend will help fund national grants to support organizations fighting against poverty, including several in central Minnesota. The remaining 25% are kept right here in the diocese and are distributed to smaller, local organizations working to end poverty right in our backyard.*

Please consider the following steps to increase awareness about CCHD and to promote the collection on September 15/16:

- Use the CCHD bulletin announcements and intercessory prayers that will be sent to parishes from the Social Concerns office shortly (or adapt the above information to create your own). *Note: announcements and information are available in Spanish also.*
- Preach about the reality of poverty and our response to the Gospel call to care for the poor through Church-sponsored efforts like CCHD.
- Announce the CCHD Collection during Mass and encourage your parishioners to participate generously. Contact us if you need additional envelopes to offer parishioners the opportunity to give.
- Pray as a community for those 46 million people living in poverty in our country, and for all who work with the poor.
- Consider hosting an informational presentation on CCHD in your parish from the Social Concerns office. (Presentations on CCHD can take place either before or after the collection.)

Kateri Mancini, director of social concerns, serves as the diocesan director of CCHD. For more information you may also contact MiLee Peavey, CCHD Intern at the Office of Social Concerns: (320) 650-2657 or

SocialConcernsIntern@ccstcloud.org

** Be sure to watch *The Visitor* for information on CCHD and organizations in our area that have received CCHD grant funding, thanks to the generosity of our parishes and this September collection!*



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

New seminarians – Please welcome three new seminarians, Daniel



Ruprecht from Assumption, Eden Valley; Oliver Statz from St. John Cantius, St. Cloud; and Joseph VanDenheuvel from St. Joseph, Bertha. Daniel will be in Pre-Theology 1 at Saint Paul Seminary, in St. Paul, Oliver will be in College 1 at Saint John Vianney in St. Paul and Joseph will be in College 3 at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Winona. Please pray for all seminarians as they start seminary studies

this fall.

National Vocation Awareness Week: November 4-10 – Pastors and parochial vicars will be receiving an e-mail about a 2018 Parish Resource Packet; please watch for this in the next couple of weeks. A Vocation Mass is being held on November 8 at the Cathedral of St. Mary at 7:00 p.m. Please encourage parishioners and young men discerning vocations to attend this Mass!



Worship Office



Aaron Carpenter ♦ (320) 255-9068

Workshop on *Misal Romano* – This workshop, offered by the FDLC, has been cancelled. The Office of Worship is hoping to offer a workshop for priests, deacons and laity in the coming year.

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 health care fields are encouraged to participate.



Health Care Ministry



Annette Jesh ♦ (320) 249-0280

What does a faith community nurse do?

Plans and evaluates wellness programs; assesses needs of individual and parish; refers to pastoral & health resources; implements programs & support groups; supports and counsels individuals; offers health information in bulletins & newsletters; networks with church and community agencies; utilizes community health services; researches health issues for clients; screens for blood pressure changes; evaluates faith community needs & interests. *The plan of what to implement is a collaboration of the FCN with the

pastor and staff based on needs of the faith community.

A parish nurse is a registered nurse who advocates and facilitates wholistic care within a faith community. Wholistic health is physical, emotional, spiritual, relational, vocational and environmental well-being. The faith community nurse does not replace the member's physician, pastor or other health care professional services.

- **A Second Class** for new RNs to be trained as Faith Community Nurses will be held November 10. There will be \$350 scholarships available. The cost is \$450 for the course. I can discuss with you and link you to other churches with FCNs to explore.
- **NEW**: Announcing the Faith Community Nurse online directory. Thirty-five of eighty-two FCNs of all denominations in the diocese have signed up for our new online directory. Your FCN can join at the website link. With this directory, other FCNs and members of the community will be able to communicate with FCNs. Your church phone number or the FCNs email will be the contact point.

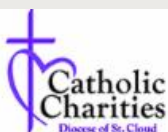
[Join the FCN Online Directory](#)

[Find an FCN By City](#)

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- **NEW: Courage for Caregivers:** We are excited to announce our fall workshop, Tuesday, October 2, Windfeldt Room CentraCare Plaza, St. Cloud. *"Caregiving carries within it an opportunity for inner healing, liberation, and transformation for the one being cared for and for the one who cares."* - *Henri Nouwen*. Henri Nouwen spent the last 10 years of his life as a caregiver. This is based on what he learned. Join us for an inspirational and nourishing day focused on exploring the concepts of caregiving and caring for oneself. Michelle O'Rourke is knowledgeable about and linked to the work of the Henri Nouwen Society and the new Courage for Caregiver Support materials in support of caregivers' growing roles. Michelle is author of *Embracing the End of Life: Help for Those Who Accompany the Dying, 2012*, a first-place winner of a Catholic Press Award.

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



Catholic Charities

Communications ♦ (320) 650-1641

The 13th Annual Lake Wobegon Regional Trail Ride supporting Catholic Charities Day Services Program is on Saturday, September 8 at 9:00 a.m. Registration is available online at www.ccstcloud.org/events

Happy Birthday to our Retired Priests

Reverend Nicholas Landsberger will celebrate his **83rd** birthday on

September 10.

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Reverend Silverius Schmitt will celebrate his **90th** birthday on **September 20.**

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Reverend Kenneth Riedemann will celebrate his **80th** birthday on **September 22.**

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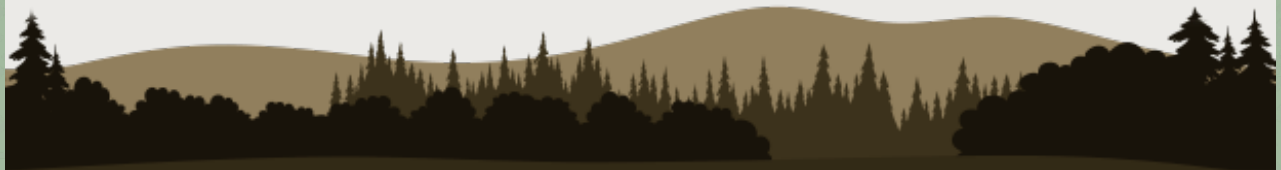
Reverend Eberhard Schefers will celebrate his **80th** birthday on **September 27.**

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