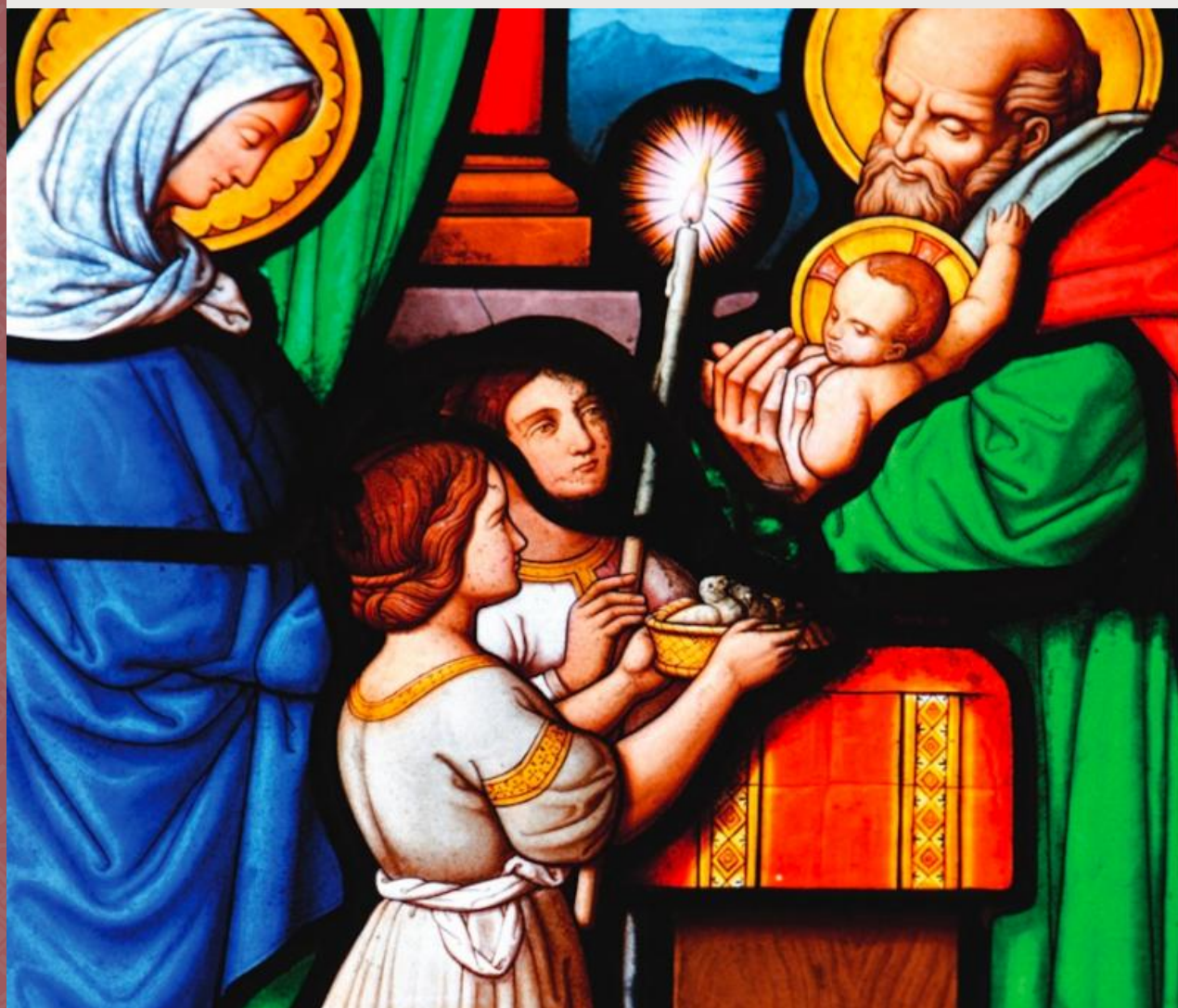


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January 27 – February 2 ♦ Catholic Schools Week – The theme is “Catholic Schools: *Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.*” Schools typically observe the annual celebration with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members to highlight the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. For more information and free downloads, click [here](#).

February 2-3 ♦ World Day for Consecrated Life – World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of February 2-3. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. For resources, visit <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/consecrated-life/>.

February 7 ♦ Regional Ministry Gathering (RMG) – A Regional Ministry Gathering from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Michael Church in Buckman will feature speakers Linda Kaiser (“Catholic Education: From Catholic Schools to Faith Formation Programs”), Anna Kampa (“Developing a Culture of Stewardship in Your Parish”) and Deacon Ernie Kociemba (“The Diaconate: Serving God and Serving People”). Event is free but an RSVP is requested. Visit www.stcdio.org/regional-gatherings.

February 7 ♦ JRLC Day on the Hill – It's not too late for you or your parishioners to join us on Thursday, February 7 for the annual Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) Day on the Hill. This is a chance to join with our Minnesota neighbors from all faith traditions and across all districts to reflect on issues of family and poverty that are important to us all. The day includes prayer, keynote speaker, updates on key issues in the current legislative session, and the chance to meet with our legislators to speak about what matters to us and encourage their support in areas of potential positive change for our state and communities. For event details and to register, visit: <https://jrlc.org/day-on-the-hill>. **Transportation is available free of charge!** The bus will depart from Little Falls at 6:00 a.m., from St. Cloud at 7:00 a.m., and from Monticello at 7:35 a.m.; it will depart the Cities at 1:45 p.m. to return home. Sign up for the bus on the Catholic Charities website: <https://www.ccstcloud.org/events> or by emailing MiLee at: Milee.Peavey@ccstcloud.org.

February 9-10 ♦ Bishop's Annual Appeal Announcement Weekend – In preparation for the 2019 annual appeal, the parish Kits were mailed January 16 – 18. This includes the Spanish-language kits for the nine parishes with Hispanic ministries. Follow-up emails were also sent with electronic versions of the instructions and Bishop's message. If your parish has not received them, please contact Anna Kampa at the Office of Stewardship and Development, akampa@gw.stcdio.org or 320-258-7654.

February 16-17 ♦ Bishop's Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend – The first solicitation to parishioners will be mailed on February 11. The diocese goal this year is \$1,300,000. All gifts received will be used exclusively to support the ministries of the Diocese of St. Cloud. To view this year's video, visit: <https://youtu.be/nPNdOV1-qds>.

February 19 ♦ Catholics at the Capitol, Tuesday – Registration deadline is February 3. Join 2,000+ Catholics, all seven of Minnesota's bishops, and some great speakers for Catholics at the Capitol 2019. The Minnesota Catholic Conference hosts this day of prayer, inspiration, education, and advocacy to help you put your faith into action. Preregistration is required for this event and space is limited. Children and Students under the age of 22 can register at no cost. A free-will offering will be accepted if you ride one of the buses provided by the Diocese of Saint Cloud. Register for the event and for the diocesan bus. For bulletin and pulpit announcements, flyer and parish marketing kit, visit: <http://omf.stcdio.org/from-the-director/clergy-resources/catholics-at-the-capitol-2019/>.

February 23 ♦ Catholic Men's Conference, Saturday – New location: Sacred Heart Church in Sauk Rapids. This year's theme is Men of Integrity, Mentoring Disciples, with an emphasis on evangelizing youth and young adults. Our keynote speaker will be Deacon Ralph Poyo. For more information, visit: http://omf.stcdio.org/th_event/catholic-mens-conference-2019/. *We are in need of priests to hear confessions at the Men's Conference.* Confessions will take place from Noon to 1:15 p.m. As a volunteer, you are invited to attend the entire conference at no cost. Before hearing confessions, lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To have an accurate count for the conference and lunch, please contact Janet Dusek directly at jdusek@gw.stcdio.org by February 1.

FUTURE DATES

June 8, 2019 - Ordination to the Permanent and Transitional Diaconate will be at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud at 10:30 a.m.

June 15, 2019 - Ordination to the Presbyterate will be at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud at 10:30 a.m.

NOTES FROM THE CHANCERY



The Chancery

Finance Office ♦ Joe Spaniol

The 2019 IRS mileage rate is going to 58 cents per mile, (from 54.5 cents per mile). The Diocese of Saint Cloud (Curia offices) will be moving to the new mileage rate.

REMINDER – Please cash all Diocesan checks as soon as you receive them. This becomes more important as we look ahead to the time when we enter reorganization.



Catholic Education Ministries



Linda Kaiser ♦ (320) 251-0111

February is "I Love to Read Month". A great opportunity for all families to find time to read to their young people or to have their young people read to them. How about reading Scripture to your family or have them read Scripture to you?

Catholic Schools: Principals have two meetings this month. Minnesota Department of Education and the Ombudsman for Federal programs is meeting with principals and their public school program administrators in two locations of the diocese: February 5 from 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. in Alexandria and February 12 from 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at St. Mary Help of Christians Parish in St. Augusta. Principals will receive a note which meeting they should be attending

The second principal meeting is on February 26 at Gorecki Center at the College of St. Benedict from 8:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. This meeting will look at Strategic Planning and Development for Catholic School leadership.

Another piece of exciting news is that **Debra Meyer-Myrum** from Holy Trinity Catholic School in Pierz will be presented with the **Lead, Learn and Proclaim Award** from NCEA at the NCEA convention in Chicago in April. This is a very prestigious award given to about 25 people across the United States. We are so proud of Debra and the Catholic Schools of our diocese.

Youth Ministry and Faith Formation - February 4 is a DRE/YM meeting at St. Mary Parish in Alexandria. This day will help prepare us for those situations that don't happen very often, but are essential to know how to respond. (Our ability to respond appropriately is essential.) We will be learning the basics of CPR and First Aid as well as basics of emergency planning and the importance of handbooks. Participants will be able to learn skills to pass along to their parish volunteers as well as next steps for further preparedness.

Study Group - Monday, February 25, Kent Schmitz will lead a study group for anyone interested on the topic of "Freedom and Love". This day will focus on the need for a renewed conversation on the topic of sexuality. More information can be found on our website at http://cem.stcdio.org/th_event/study-group-cultures-of-formationfreedom-and-love/.

Confirmation Retreat - February 23 Confirmation retreat in Avon is full. Openings for the April 27 Confirmation Retreat at St. Benedict Parish in Avon are still available. Please visit our website at http://cem.stcdio.org/th_event/diocese-of-saint-cloud-confirmation-retreat/ for more information and to register.

Safe Environment Training: A deadline was set for all training to be completed by December 15. We hope to start looking at individual parishes and schools to see where you are with your training and background checks. We are asking you to look at your parish/school roster and archive names of folks not volunteering or working this year. We need accurate information on our platform. We will begin contacting parishes who have not archived users soon.



Office of Communications



Joe Towalski ♦ (320) 258-7624

If you haven't yet received the February edition of The Central Minnesota Catholic magazine, it should be arriving soon. In addition to the magazine, there are other resources published through the office to keep you up-to-date on news and events. You can access a one-page flyer about these resources [here](#).

Also, the Monday Morning Update e-newsletter from The Central Minnesota Catholic now includes a two-sided PDF featuring selected news briefs, quotes and upcoming events suitable for publishing in parish bulletins. Individual items can be copied and pasted — or the entire PDF printed and inserted — into bulletins. If you aren't receiving the Monday Morning Update and would like to, you can sign up for it at www.TheCentralMinnesotaCatholic.org (scroll to the bottom of the page).

February is Catholic Press month. The links below provide promotional materials and sample ads that can be used any time of year in newsletters or bulletins to help promote The Central Minnesota Catholic Magazine.

[Catholic Press month promotion 2019 \(PDF\)](#)

[Social media promotion \(PDF\)](#)



Marriage & Family Office



Patrick Flynn ♦ (320) 252-4721

Safe Haven Sunday, March 2/3 – Safe Haven Sunday weekend is set aside by dioceses and parishes to directly address the harms of pornography in an appropriate way. Within the context of the Mass, dioceses and parishes are able to provide teaching and resources that will support and protect individuals, marriages and families in making all homes a safe haven. It is inspired by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' formal statement "Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography." Information can be found at: <http://omf.stcdio.org/from-the-director/clergy-resources/safe-haven-sunday-march-2-3-2019-resources/> If you need assistance, please contact Patrick Flynn pflynn@gw.stcdio.org or Janet Dusek jdusek@gw.stcdio.org.

DCCW Women's Lenten Retreat "Dignity of Women", Saturday, March 16

– The event will be held at Seven Dolores in Albany from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more details including cost and registration information, go to our website: http://omf.stcdio.org/th_event/womens-lenten-retreat-dignity-of-women/.

Honoring Marriage Day, Saturday, May 4 – This event will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Mary in Saint Cloud at 1:30 p.m. for couples celebrating their 5th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60 plus anniversaries in 2019. *Parishes are asked to send names and addresses of parishioners celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50, 60 & 60 plus years of marriage in 2019* to the Office of Marriage & Family, 305 7th Avenue North, Suite 100, Saint Cloud, MN, 56303 or via email to Jan at jzylia@gw.stcdio.org or fax 320-258-7658 as soon as possible. Please send in Excel spreadsheet format, if able. Invitations will be sent to the celebrating couples.



Mission Office



Elizabeth Neville ♦ (320) 251-1100

You will receive letters for Missionary Appeals for 2019 in early February. Please consider arranging your appeals in the parish/es as early as possible in the year. Lent and the Easter season are wonderful opportunities to promote mission!

Please keep our 16 delegates traveling to our sister diocese of Homa Bay, Kenya, March 3-19 in your thoughts and prayers.

Our Spring Mission Rally is set for **April 11** at St. Rose of Lima in St. Rosa. Registration and schedule for the day will be available in early March.



Office of Stewardship & Development

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal Summary – The 2018 total for the Bishop's Annual Appeal is \$1,243,931 in gifts received (does not include outstanding pledge dollars.) The gifts received for 2018, compares favorably to the 1,200,699 raised in 2017. As of this update, there are still some pledge payments trickling in.



Social Concerns Office

Kateri Mancini ♦ (320) 229-6020



NEW! Catholic Century Farm Award – Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud would like to honor Catholic families who have farmed and nurtured the same land for 100 or more years. The rural roots of this diocese and the continued presence of agriculture is part of what makes our diocese great; the **Catholic Century Farm**

Award will honor this greatness!

Recipients must be:

Catholic family within the St. Cloud Diocese that has owned a farm for at least 100 years (Current calendar year of application) according to abstract of title, land patent, original deed, county land records, court file in registration proceedings, or other authentic land records.

- *Farm must be at least 50 acres and currently be involved in agricultural production.*
- *Family must be currently involved in farming.*
- *Continuous residence on farm is not required, but ownership must be continuous.*
- *At least one family member must be a practicing Catholic.*

If you have families in your parishes who meet these requirements, please encourage them to apply for this award. These families will be honored at the annual **Rural Life Celebration on Sunday, August 4**. For more information, requirements and online application visit www.ccstcloud.org/services/socialconcerns. Deadline for application is March 31.

Thank you to all the parishes and individuals who supported the great work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) with your generous donations to the collection this past fall! Together our diocese is making a wonderful difference in the fight against poverty, including raising over \$9,000 to serve as grants right here in our own diocese. Thank you again!

If you know of an organization in your community that is empowering low-income leaders and working to alleviate poverty and would like information on Local CCHD Grants, please contact me at Kateri.Mancini@ccstcloud.org or 320-229-6020.



Tribunal Office



Fr. Virgil Helmin ♦ (320) 251-6557

All divorced persons who want to now marry in the Catholic Church need an annulment. There are three different annulment processes to determine the validity/invalidity of marriage.

1. **Lack of Canonical Form** – this annulment process is used when a baptized Catholic marries without a dispensation from form in a setting other than a priest and two witnesses.
2. **Previous Bond** – this annulment procedure is used when a person enters a marriage with another who has been previously, presumably validly married and is not divorced.
3. **Formal Process** – this annulment procedure is used when a Catholic is married in a Catholic ceremony or a Protestant is married in a ceremony that

is accepted by the state. [With the timely cooperation of the petitioner, this process is normally complete within twelve months.] **DO NOT SET A WEDDING DATE UNTIL THE ANNULMENT PROCESS IS COMPLETE.** It can take up to 9 months to be completed.

Information concerning annulments and printing of these forms are available on the diocesan website: The forms necessary to apply for an annulment are on this website. <http://tribunal.stcdio.org/>. *Please print your forms from the above website.*

If you are uncertain about which annulment process should be petitioned for, you can call our office at 320-251-6557 from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

As of July 1, 2016, the Tribunal of the Diocese of St. Cloud no longer charges a set fee for annulments. If anyone wishes to make a donation to help defray the cost(s) of the work of the Tribunal, it would be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to: Tribunal of the Diocese of St. Cloud or you may go to: www.stcdio.org/pay to make an online donation, under "Tribunal – Annulments". Thank you for your kind donation.



Vocation Office



Fr. Scott Pogatchnik ♦ (320) 251-5001

Andrew Dinner – The Andrew Dinner with the Bishop Kettler has been changed to **February 22**. Do you have young men in your parish grades 8-12 who have potential for a priestly calling? Fr. Doug would love to hear from you! This simple and powerful night consists of evening prayer and dinner with Bishop Kettler while priests share their vocation's story. Young men find it very meaningful and special to have a night with the Bishop and priests!

Blessed Marmion House – We are accepting fall 2019 applications for young Catholic adult men ages 18-25 who are studying in college or working that are interested in living in community, growing in their prayer life, learning about their faith, and giving Christian witness and hospitality to those they encounter! Would you know of men who might really benefit from this? Fr. Doug would appreciate hearing from you! The Marmion House is located in the rectory home of St. Augustine parish in St. Cloud. Please check out our Marmion House webpage: www.stcdio.org/marmionhouse or catch us on Facebook at "Blessed Marmion House." Application, contract, contact information are on the website.



Worship Office

Aaron Carpenter ♦ (320) 255-9068



2019 Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion – This liturgy will be celebrated on **Sunday, March 10 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of Saint Mary. All catechumens, as a part of their faith journey to the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil, *must* be present at the Rite of Election. The Church has gifted us with this wonderful rite and we are called to celebrate it to its fullest. If for a **serious** pastoral reason, a catechumen is unable to participate in this liturgy you must contact the Office of Worship to discuss the options available. You are asked to register all catechumens and candidates by completing the forms on the Office of Worship webpage: <http://worship.stcdio.org/catechumenate-rcia-process/riteofelectionandcall/>. Please register by February 22.

Confirmation for Baptized Catholics – Bishop Kettler will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults (18+) at the Vigil of Pentecost on Saturday, June 8 at 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Mary. This is for Catholic candidates who are seeking to complete their Christian initiation. Each parish that is preparing adult candidates for this sacrament is strongly encouraged to send its candidates, along with their sponsors and families, to the cathedral for this Diocesan Confirmation Liturgy. Register your candidates at: <http://worship.stcdio.org/adult-confirmation/>.

Parish Rite of Sending – All parishes with catechumens preparing for the sacraments of initiation are strongly encouraged to offer the Rite of Sending. For your convenience, a copy of this rite has been posted on the Office of Worship webpage: <http://worship.stcdio.org/catechumenate-rcia-process/riteofelectionandcall/>
If you have any questions, please contact Aaron in the Office of Worship.

One with the Body of Christ in Prayer – Please feel free to utilize the intercessions for the diocesan planning process found on the Office of Worship webpage: <http://worship.stcdio.org/liturgical-resources/> New intercessions for Lent and Easter have been posted.

Give Your Youth a Gift – We have such a wonderful opportunity for our youth in the area of liturgy and liturgical music. Consider giving youth in your parish the gift of their participation in One Call/Una Vacación. This week-long event is held on the campus of St. John's University and is sponsored, in part, by National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM). Click [here](#) for more information.

Global and Multicultural Music Presentations at St. John's School of Theology Andrew Donaldson will be in residency at the SOT, February 21-22. Mr. Donaldson is an internationally-known specialist in global and multicultural liturgical music. He has a diploma in classical guitar from the Royal Conservatory of Music (Toronto), has long been active in church work as music director, hymnal editor, and presenter, and has served as Worship Consultant to the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. For details, visit the Office of Worship webpage: <http://worship.stcdio.org/>.



Health Care Ministry

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FCN Online Directory. 51 Faith Community/Parish Nurses (some FCN/s have several churches and some churches have several FCN/PNs) in 35 cities of all denominations in the Diocese have signed up for our new online Faith Community/Parish Nurse Directory. Your church phone number or the FCNs email will be the contact point. The FCNs/PNs will take calls and evaluate what church and community services they can provide and connect people to. Service providers can look at and refer people to the Faith Community Nurse.

- Find an FCN By City
- Find an FCN By Denomination

Matter of Balance classes

information: <https://yourjuniper.org/documents/programs/matter-of-balance.pdf>. In setting up a Matter of Balance class, people will be able to register at the <https://yourjuniper.org> web site by zip code or with the help of the Parish Nurses.

If your church would like to hold an evidence based class, your FCN/PN can help. If you do not have a FCN, I can help.

Save the Date – The annual Central MN FCN Workshop will be June 19, 9-4 p.m. at the CentraCare Plaza. Topics will be mental health related. **Barbara Skodje-Mack**, MS, LMFT, Integrated Behavioral Health, CentraCare Health Plaza, Pediatric Clinic will present on suicide in children/adolescents/young adults. Objectives: know the prevalence, facts, and statistics about suicide in the youth population; recognize suicide warning signs in addition to risk and protective factors; gain skills for how to respond to suicide concerns and access crisis resources. **"*Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for youth age 10-24 (CDC, 2016)."** **Katy Kirchner**, MPH, BSN, PHN, Director - Coordinated and Correctional Care, Population Health Leadership Team, CentraCare will speak on the Opioid Epidemic and National, MN, and local drug update, with a Law Enforcement Officer and mental health issues around drug use.



Regional Ministry Gatherings

Come and gather with your Catholic colleagues from parishes all around the northern region of the Diocese of Saint Cloud!

The next RMG will be Thursday, February 7 from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm at St. Michael's in Buckman. For more information and to register, please visit: www.stcdio.org/regional-gatherings.

All are invited for an uplifting evening of learning, faith sharing and fellowship with

your counterparts from nearby communities. Diocesan staff members processed *your* input from a recent regional survey, and planned an evening in which we can gather together, pray together about our ministries stemming from our Baptism, hear a common message, and then break into three groups:

Catholic Education: From Catholic Schools to Faith Formation Programs

Catholic education has a rich history in the United States and in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. Participants will have a glimpse into what the history of education in this area has been and how students and adults are being formed in the Catholic Faith.

Developing a Culture of Stewardship in Your Parish

This session is an overview of the cultural shift required for stewardship to become a way of life, not just a program. The basic characteristics of a stewardship parish will be explored. Time will be allowed for participants to share and discuss their own experiences with stewardship in their parishes.

The Diaconate: Serving God and Serving People

All Christians are called to serve, but perhaps you have felt a desire to move closer to God and His Church in order to serve others in a new and purposeful way. If so, God may be calling you to be a permanent deacon. Find out more about who is a deacon and what the various ministries of the deacon are.

Visit www.stcdio.org/regional-gatherings for the schedule of upcoming regional ministry gatherings and more information.

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Happy Birthday to our Retired Priests

Reverend Thomas Olson will celebrate his **72nd** birthday on **February 22**.

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Reverend Arthur Hoppe will celebrate his **98th** birthday on **February 26**.

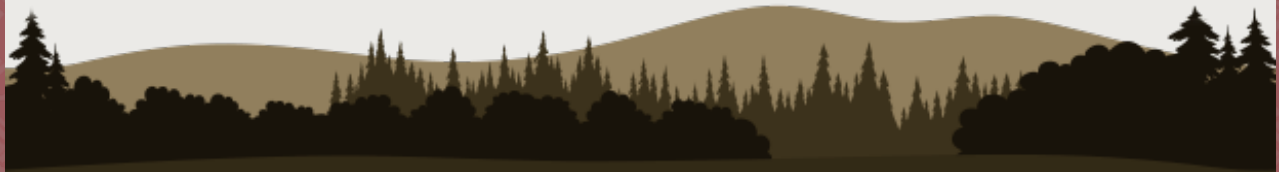
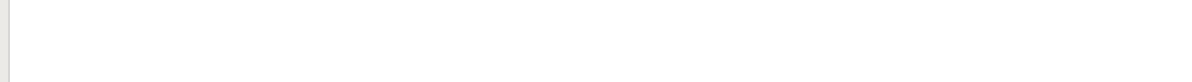
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