

March 2019
MONTHLY DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER



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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

March 2/3 ♦ Safe Haven Sunday – 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.

March 6 ♦ Ash Wednesday – The Lenten Penitential regulations can be found at: <http://thecentralminnesotacatholic.org/lenten-penitential-regulations/>

March 10 ♦ 2019 Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion –This liturgy will be celebrated 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 in 2019, *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.

March 20 ♦ Vocation Jamboree – For young women high school seniors and older. Come to the University of Mary, Bismarck, North Dakota, to meet members of religious communities and mission organizations from around the country. Fr. Doug will be taking a group leaving early on March 20 and returning the evening of March 21. Please contact Julie in Vocations at (320) 251-5001 or jjacobs@gw.stcdio.org if you have any questions.

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

Office of the Vicar General ♦ Fr. Robert Rolfes ♦ (320) 251-2340

Priests' Pension Plan Trustee Board and the Clerical Aid Association Board
– The votes have been tallied for the Priests' Pension Plan Trustee Board and the Clerical Aid Association Board.

I am pleased to announce that Father Glenn Krystosek has been elected and

Father Thomas Olson re-elected to serve on the Priests' Pension Plan Trustee Board.

Father Michael Wolfbauer has also been elected and Father Ronald Weyrens re-elected to serve on the Clerical Aid Association Board. Father John Knopik has been elected to complete Father Donald Wagner's term on Clerical Aid.

I wish to thank Frs. Joseph Vandenberg, Mitchell Bechtold, Daniel Walz, Gabriel Walz, Omar Guanchez and Benjamin Kociemba for their willingness to have their names on the ballots.

Clergy hospitalizations – If any priest or deacon is hospitalized and would like his brother priests or deacons to be informed, please call the dean and Father Rolfe at the Chancery so a notice can be sent.

NOTES FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICES



Linda Kaiser ♦ (320) 251-0111

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: March finds many schools taking Spring Breaks. Catholic schools are beginning their Lenten programs with the students. Wonderful ideas to reflect on Lent and prepare for Easter can be seen in the classrooms of the schools. Christ the King School in Browerville will have their Catholic Identity visit on March 20.

FAITH FORMATION: Catholic Education Ministries is rescheduling the February 4 meeting for Faith Formation Directors and Youth Ministers to March 18.

CPR and First Aid Emergency Preparedness for Faith Formation and other Parish Ministers - Monday, March 18, St. Mary Church, Alexandria

This day will help prepare us for those situations that don't happen very often, but are essential to know how to respond. We will be learning the basics of CPR and First Aid as well as basics of emergency planning. Participants will be able to learn skills to pass along to their parish volunteers as well as next steps for further preparedness. Training led by Kathy Fischer, Parish Nurse, St. Mary, Alexandria. We will also be looking at handbooks for the parish faith formation programs.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Castaway: There is a meeting for those participating in Castaway on Monday, March 4 at 9:00 a.m. at the Church of the Holy Spirit in St. Cloud. Castaway Weekend is March 29-31 at Young Life Camp in Detroit Lakes, MN.

LAY LEADERSHIP FORMATION: As the plans for Area Catholic Communities unfold, the need for the training and formation of lay leaders has been expressed. Catholic Education Ministries is hoping to have a framework for forming various leadership roles in parishes of the diocese. The idea is to connect folks with programs that addresses the need and the person's interests.

SAFE Environment – Just a reminder to go over your user lists to be sure folks who

are volunteering or working in your parish have completed their training and background check. Start by archiving those who are not volunteering or working this current school year. Questions please call Tim or Linda at CEM: (320) 251-0111 with any questions. Also check your email for billing from Selection.com (the background check company). We are receiving notifications of accounts that have late fees. Please contact Stephanie Whelan of Selection.com at (513) 522-8764 x3020 with your invoice concerns.



Office of Communications



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Reminder: 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 (at the top center of the webpage or scroll to the bottom of the webpage).



Marriage & Family Office



Patrick Flynn ♦ (320) 252-4721

DCCW Women's Lenten Retreat "Dignity of Women", Saturday, March 16 – The event will be held at Seven Dolors in Albany from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more details including cost and registration information, go to our website at

http://omf.stcdio.org/th_event/womens-lenten-retreat-dignity-of-women/

Second Marriage Course – March 23 – Held on Saturday, March 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pastoral Center in St. Cloud. Couples should register at least one week before the course (March 15) and include the \$175 registration fee per couple. For more information, contact the Office of Marriage & Family at (320) 252-4721.

Hispanic Marriage Course – March 30 – Held on Saturday, March 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pastoral Center in St. Cloud. Couples should register at least one week before the course (March 22) and include the \$110 registration fee per couple. For more information, contact the Office of Marriage & Family at (320) 252-4721.

Beginning Experience, April 5 - April 7 – The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce or death is one of life's most traumatic experiences.

Beginning Experience is an international program that helps facilitate the grief resolution process for those who have suffered such a loss and frees them to again love themselves, others and God. This is accomplished by offering time-tested and copyrighted grief resolution programs presented by trained peers. Founded by a Catholic nun and rooted in the Christian tradition, the ministry's open, ecumenical spirit serves those of all faiths. For more information, call 1+(888) 565-0178 or go to <https://beginningexperience.org/team/central-minnesota/>

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. **Send in Excel spreadsheet format, if able.** Invitations will be sent to the celebrating couples.



Mission Office



Elizabeth Neville ♦ (320) 251-1100

Please keep our 16 member delegation to Homa Bay in your thoughts and prayers as we journey to our partners in Kenya from March 3-19.

Ash Wednesday, March 6, begins the **CRS Rice Bowl Program** in parishes, schools, faith formation and youth ministry programs within our diocese and throughout the country for food security projects. 75% is sent to CRS for overseas projects and 25% of what is collected from throughout the diocese remains local for our own emergency food assistance programming. Last year, we distributed over \$30,000 in local grants for the Rice Bowl within the St. Cloud Diocese. Please be generous!

Local Rice Bowl Grant Applications 2019 are available on our website for requests for local food assistance programming.

Sunday, March 31 is set aside for the **CRS Bishop's Appeal collection**. This collection provides funding for CRS, the USCCB offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

Please mark your calendars for the **Spring Mission Rally** from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11 at St. Rose of Lima in St. Rosa. Cost for the day is \$10.00. Please check our website for registration information and schedule.

Please mark your calendars for our **Solidarity in Mission workshop** on Sunday, May 5 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Christ our Light parish in Princeton/Zimmerman. Cost for the day is \$10.00. Please check out our website for registration information and schedule at www.mission.stcdio.org



Office of Stewardship & Development

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update – As of February 19, the Bishop's Annual Appeal has raised cash and pledges totaling \$316,250 toward this year's goal of \$1,300,000 (24%). This total compares to \$299,892 (23%) of the 2018 goal of \$1,300,000 in cash and pledges at this time.

Thank you to everyone who is working to make the Appeal a success this year. If you have questions, or to learn more about how your parish is performing, you can contact Anna Kampa, Office of Stewardship and Development, (320) 258-7654 or akampa@gw.stcdio.org.

Parishes, please remember to turn in your Appeal gifts and pledges in a timely manner.



Social Concerns Office



Kateri Mancini ♦ (320) 229-6020

Last Chance! 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 all applying Catholic families that have owned the same farm for a century or more!

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 *(Note: If a family is already registered with the state or their county, there is no need to send additional documentation to verify length of ownership)*

- 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. There is no cost to you or the family to apply. All qualifying applicants will be honored at the annual Rural Life Celebration in August. For more information, requirements and online application visit www.ccstcloud.org/services/socialconcerns. Or contact Rural Life Coordinators Joann.Braegelman@ccstcloud.org or Barb.Ryan@ccstcloud.org with any questions. **Deadline for application to be honored in 2019 is March 31.**

Parish Social Ministry Certification – Last year Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud became the second diocese in the nation to offer a Certification program in Parish Social Ministry! If you have leaders in this area in your parish communities who were not certified last year, please encourage them to contact Social Concerns about how to be recognized for this special leadership. If you have parishioners who you would like to see become certified or would like to know how to develop a parish social ministry team, please let us know. Catholic Charities offers training and ongoing support in the area of Parish Social Ministry that can help empower and equip individuals and groups in your parishes to be leaders in offering positive change in your communities!



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:



Vocation Office



Fr. Scott Pogatchnik ♦ (320) 251-5001

Ordinations – Deacons Richard Aubol, Mark Botzet and Gregory Sauer will be ordained to the Priesthood on June 15, at Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud, at 10:30 a.m.

Patrick Hoefft, Brady Keller, and Thomas Skaja will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on June 8, at Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud, at 10:30 a.m.

Totus Tuus – Below is the schedule and locations for Totus Tuus this summer:

June 8 – 14:	St. Augustine, St. Cloud & Holdingford/Upsala
June 15 – 21:	Little Falls
June 22 – 28:	Elk River & Foley
July 6 – 12:	Eden Valley & Fergus Falls
July 13 – 19:	Long Prairie & Milaca
July 20 – 26:	Belgrade & Bluffton/Wadena
July 27 – Aug. 2:	St. Michael, St. Cloud & Sauk Centre

- Still need one male for the Totus Tuus leader teams. If you know of anyone, please have them complete an application at <http://vocations.stcdio.org/totus-tuus/leaders/>.
- The Totus Tuus planning meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25 at 3:30 p.m. here at the Chancery.

2019 Summer Vocation Events:

June 9: Paintball with the priests (9th grade young men and older)
June 10 – 12: Hillman Vocation Camp (7th – 10th grade)
June 18 – 20: Alexandria & North Bus Tour (7th – 12th grade)
June 24 – 26: Avon Vocation Camp (7th – 10th grade)
August 3: Paschal Challenge, Sauk Centre (9th – 12th grade)

More information or to register go to <http://vocations.stcdio.org/events/>.



Worship Office



Aaron Carpenter ♦ (320) 255-9068

Invitation to Chrism Mass – All confirmation candidates and any others from your parish are invited to participate in the Chrism Mass. We will reserve space for those parishes who RSVP your group. Call Laura at (320) 251-0111 with a specific number of those who will

be present. You can call any time up to April 11 at Noon. The Chrism Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m. on April 11.

Chrism Mass and the RCIA – Please include the Chrism Mass (**Thursday, April 11**) on the parish's RCIA schedule. Catechumens are strongly encouraged to be present with the team. The bishop, like this past year, will celebrate a dismissal with the catechumens who will then break open the readings and the ritual. The dismissal will take place after the blessing of the oils.

Optional Memorial for Pope Saint Paul VI – This optional memorial can be observed on May 29. From the USCCB, "At present, there are no approved English or Spanish texts for this celebration. Appropriate texts from the *Common of Pastors: For a Pope* may be used at Mass and in the *Liturgy of the Hours*." Click [here](#) for more information.

Gathering of Liturgists and Pastoral Musicians – All liturgists and pastoral musicians are invited to a gathering on May 15 from Noon – 2:00 p.m. We will gather at St. Louis in Paynesville.

Homily Resource – The Fellowship of Catholic Scholars would like to offer clergy a monthly digital publication called Teaching the Faith. For example, issues from this past year (all available at our website at <https://www.catholicscholars.org/TFlist.php>) include essays on "The Theological Virtue of Faith," "The Unrepeatable Call of Personal Vocation," and "Baptism: Spirit, Water, and Fire." This is simply provided to you as a **resource**.



Health Care Ministry



Annette Jesh ♦ (320) 249-0280

Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Classes are being planned for 2019. Thursday, May 9, 2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.; Friday, May 10, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, May 16, 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.;

Friday, May 17, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 38 hours which includes 30 hours on-site and 8 hours online. Flyer coming soon. Fee \$450. Six \$250 Scholarships available. Scholarships can also be applied for with Catholic Education Ministries. Churches are encouraged to help Registered Nurses with costs to attend. More information on the Faith Community Nurse CentraCare website.

FCN Online Directory. 55 Faith Community/Parish Nurses (some FCN/PNs have several churches and some churches have several FCN/PNs) in 35 cities of all denominations in the Diocese and CentraCare System 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 their church, Faith Community Nurse and service agencies can offer members for help and support.

*For those churches without a FCN/PN we continue to encourage them to ask the client if they have a faith community they belong to and then call the church for any outreach or inhouse services they offer. *If you have agencies in your area,

please let them know of this way to connect to your faith community resources.

[Find an FCN By City](#)

[Find an FCN By Denomination](#)

Save the Date • Annual Central MN FCN/Parish Health Ministry Workshop – June 19, 2019, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the CentraCare Plaza.

Title: Suicide & Drugs: How Can We Help?

Presenter: **Barbara Skodje-Mack**, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor

She will present "Suicide Awareness and Prevention in the Youth Population: Engaging the Faith Community." This presentation will introduce facts about suicide in the youth population, as well as identify warning signs, risk factors, protective factors, and crisis resources for youth and families. Kelly Wurdelman and Steve Hansberry will present two tools for assessment, Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) & QPR Question, Persuade, Respond. Katy Kirchner, Director - Coordinated and Correctional Care, Population Health Leadership Team, CentraCare, will speak on the Opioid Epidemic and other drugs, vaping, etc. and National, MN, and local drug update, and mental health issues around drug use with a Law Enforcement Officer. The Rev. Dr. Ed Treat will end the day with "What can the faith community do about addiction?"

In the 2018 Nursing Annual Report-Achieving Nursing Excellence, from CentraCare St. Cloud Hospital, it is noted, the St. Cloud Hospital Received Magnet Designation for the fourth time in May 2018. The Magnet Designation is the highest international recognition for quality patient care, nursing excellence and innovations in professional nursing practice. As Coordinator I was able to present testimony on the FCN Program to the evaluators as one of 32 service and specialty programs of the hospital, Spiritual Care/Parish Nurse Ministries.



Regional Ministry Gatherings

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

Tuesday, March 5

6:00 -8:30 p.m.

Church of Saint Paul

304 Sinclair Lewis Ave

Sauk Centre, MN 56378

In an effort to provide ongoing and lifelong formation for our parish leaders, the diocesan staff have reviewed the data from the survey you all completed this summer. We are prepared to come to 4 regions, North, East, South and West, to do workshops based on the priorities that emerged from the information you gave in

the survey. We will come to each region 3 times to present on the topics that were a priority in your region, as well as other topics. Attached you will find a promotional flyer including the topics, location and dates for all upcoming Regional Ministry Gatherings. Each gathering will include prayer, a common message and breakout sessions. Tuesday's sessions will be:

Co-Responsibility: The Common Priesthood of All Believers - Interpreted into Spanish – Kristi Bivens

At our baptism, we are received into the Body of Christ through which we participate in the threefold office of Jesus – priest, prophet, and king. What does it mean to participate in the “common priesthood of all believers?” We will learn what each of these roles mean for lay people and how we can share in the responsibility for our Catholic Church and the world around us. Come join us as we reflect on ways of living out our common priesthood.

Baptized in Christ's Body, Called in Christ's Service – Kateri Mancini & JoAnn Braegelman

Have you ever wondered what our Church tells us about Baptism beyond the oil and water? Have you ever wondered what Baptism tells us about our Church? In our time together, we will explore the social aspects of Baptism and how our being a part of Christ's Body pushes us towards service and justice. As a group, we will share different aspects, practical tools and best practices for doing social ministry within our communities, as invited to by our Baptism.

Enriching Marriage for married couples and those who work with them - Interpreted into Spanish – Patrick Flynn

Whether you've been married 2 months or 20 years, there are endless ways to nurture your sacramental covenant to one another. Join us as we discuss the possibilities.

Registration for this event, as well as more information about all Regional Ministry Gatherings can be found on the web at : stcdio.org/regional-gatherings.

- [2019 Regional Ministry Gatherings large poster \(PDF\)](#)
- [2019 Regional Ministry Gatherings Winter poster \(PDF\)](#)
- [2019 Regional Ministry Gatherings Spring poster \(PDF\)](#)
- [2019 Regional Ministry Gatherings Summer poster \(PDF\)](#)
- [2019 Regional Ministry Gatherings Latino interpreted workshops poster \(PDF\)](#)



2019 Diocesan
Regional Ministry Gatherings
2019 Diocesan Ministry Day
Sept. 30, 2019
Join us!

Lenten Ideas

Lots of special days are found in March. March 6 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. See below for some Lenten ideas. March 17 is the Feast of St. Patrick and for some a “national holiday”. March 19 is the Feast of St. Joseph. March 25 is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of Jesus.

- www.thecentralminnesotacatholic.org/Lenten-opportunities
- <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/index.cfm>
- https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/resources/lenten-resources/?utm_source=cfflist&utm_medium=email&utm_content=201902&utm_campaign=lent2019
- <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>
- <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-spiritual-exercises/an-ignatian-prayer-adventure>
- <https://www.osv.com/TheChurch/Practices/Article/TabId/665/ArtMID/13706/ArticleID/11461/Your-Guide-To-A-Catholic-Lent.aspx>

Happy Birthday to our Retired Priests

Reverend Sylvester Kleinschmidt will celebrate his 96th birthday on **March 22.**

c/o Judith Vener (niece)
1415 S. Ferdinand Drive
Tahoma, WA 98205
206-915-2008
javener@hotmail.com

Reverend Gerald Dalseth will celebrate his 80th birthday on **March 10.**

Speltz House
308 Third Street South, #105
Sauk Rapids MN 56379
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Reverend Albert Holmes will celebrate 75th birthday on **March 26.**

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