April 11 ♦ Mission Rally – Join us at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in St. Rosa for the Diocesan Mission Rally on Thursday, April 11 from 8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Mission Group women, as well as other social ministry, mission, service and justice-minded parishioners are invited. The day will include fair trade sales, mission group displays, Mass and lunch with Bishop Kettler and speakers whose history as well as present...
experiences are immersed in the reality of our Diocesan Partnerships, life in other countries around the world, and how we can be better connected to our brothers and sisters in need. The cost is $10 and registration is requested to the St. Cloud Mission Office (320-251-1100) by April 5. Our mailing address: 11 South 8th Avenue, St. Cloud, MN 56301. For more information, visit: [http://mission.stcdio.org](http://mission.stcdio.org) and on our Facebook Page: [SaintCloudMissionOffice](http://mission.stcdio.org).

**April 11 ♦ Chrism Mass** – The Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Mary. Please include the Chrism Mass (Thursday, April 11) on the parish’s RCIA schedule. Catechumens are strongly encouraged to be present with the team. Check your sacristies for any old oil bottles and bring them with you to the Chrism Mass. These bottles can be reused. Before Mass, there will be a dinner at 5:00 p.m. for priests, deacons/spouses and seminarians at the Mary Center.

**April 18 ♦ Holy Thursday** – On Holy Thursday and Good Friday, the Eucharist is distributed only during the Liturgy but may be brought to the sick at any time. Funeral Masses are not allowed during the Triduum. However, if a funeral liturgy is necessary, funeral rites on these days are to use the Liturgy of the Word and the Rite of Farewell as found in the Order of Christian Funerals Part 1 or No. 4.

**April 19 ♦ The Chancery and curial offices will be closed on Good Friday and continue to be closed through Easter Monday, April 22. Offices will open again April 23.**

**April 19 ♦ Good Friday** – The Celebration of the Lord’s Passion may be repeated for pastoral reasons. This is a day of fast and abstinence. As directed in The Roman Missal, Holy Communion is one part of the celebration of the Lord’s Passion. The Rite of Communion is not to be omitted in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. The Holy Land Collection is scheduled for Good Friday. This collection unites all Christians to support Christianity in the Holy Land. Send these funds to the Chancery.

**April 20 ♦ Holy Saturday** – Today, the Church meditates on Jesus’ Passion. Mass is not celebrated today and Holy Communion may only be given on this day as Viaticum. Penance and Anointing of the Sick may be celebrated today. Those who celebrate the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil should gather with others from the community for prayer, meditation on Scripture, and the other Preparation Rites found in the RCIA.

**April 21 ♦ Easter Sunday** – The great Feast of Easter begins in the night on April 20 with the Nocturnal Vigil. The Easter Vigil must not begin before nightfall. In the Diocese of Saint Cloud, Bishop Kettler has set this time as 8:30 p.m. The season of Triduum ends with Solemn Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

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**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.
April is Abuse Awareness Month: All safe environment training for children, youth and adults should be completed by this time.

Catholic Schools – Schools continue with their Lenten projects. Catholic school leaders are meeting on April 9 in Alexandria for the last Leadership Academy of the year. The topic for the day is “Conscious Discipline” and “Co-workers in the Vineyard”. We will be honoring those who have served as leaders in Catholic schools for 5 years, 10 years, 20 years or more and honoring those who are retiring or moving on. The Diocese of Saint Cloud is blessed with many outstanding and caring leaders for the Catholic schools.

Breakfast with Bishop is just around the corner on May 1. We hope you are able to join us at the Gorecki Center on the College of Saint Benedict’s campus. Anyone wishing to sit at a table, contact Linda Kaiser (lkaiser@gw.stcdio.org) or Alice Coudron (acoudron@gw.stcdio.org). More information about this event can be found at http://stcdio.org/th_event/2019-breakfast-with-the-bishop/.

Faith Formation – Parish programs are offering opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for children in their faith formation programs. Many students are preparing for their First Reconciliation and for First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please continue to pray for all those preparing for these sacraments. May God be with all the young people who are welcoming Jesus for the first time. May the gift of the Holy Spirit guide all those who are being confirmed.

Confirmation Retreat – There are 45 slots left in the last Diocesan Confirmation Retreat for the year, on April 27 at St. Benedict in Avon. If you have any students that need to complete their Confirmation Retreat, please register them and a chaperone at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4caca729a2f49-september.

Youth Ministry – National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is a gathering of 25,000 youth and adults who gather to celebrate their shared Catholic faith. Registrations for this conference were due last month. Due to cancellations for weather we are able to extend the deadline to April 5. For more information, contact Kent Schmitz at kschmitz@gw.stcdio.org.

A Call To Service (ACTS) – A Call to Service is a week-long service learning opportunity for high school youth. Student travel to the metro area, stay overnight in a parish and serve others during the day. If your parish would like to be involved, please fill out the parish enrollment form found at: http://cem.stcdio.org/th_event/a-call-to-service-2019/.
Lay Leadership Formation – In the Ministry of the Word – It is hard to imagine planning for next school year in the midst of the end of this one, but we ask you to think about inviting us to your parish or ACC to help with your formation. Currently, Catholic Education Ministries offers in the Ministry of the Word, a catechetical formation program at no cost for your parishes and Area Catholic Communities. For information on this program, visit: http://cem.stcdio.org/faith-formation/in-the-ministry-of-the-word/. We would love to work with you to bring formation to your ACC. Please do not hesitate to contact us at (320) 251-0111.

Christian Brothers Retirement – There is a new website available April 1st for participants in the plan. Site benefits administrators should be receiving an email from Christian Brothers regarding this in the coming days. If you are the site administrator and do not receive this communication, please update your location’s information as explained below.

Health Insurance- PreferredOne: As of April 1, all parishes and schools in the Diocese on the health insurance plan are eligible to take out health insurance premiums and HSA premiums pre-tax. This will be communicated with your location shortly from Britt at North Risk Partners at the end of March to site benefits administrators. If you are the site administrator and did not receive information, please update your location’s information as explained below.

Benefits Administrators: Please Update Your Information – Please be sure that you have updated information for your benefits administrators with both NorthRisk Partners and Christian Brothers. If you have had a change of benefits administrator in your location, please send the updated name, location(s), and email address to Britt Osterhues with North Risk Partners at bosterhues@northriskpartners.com and to Elisa Pantaleo at Christian Brothers at elisa.pantaleo@cbservices.org

Staff and Clergy Education Day Questions – Thank you for those who attended and asked your questions at staff and clergy education day on March 14. As promised, here is some more information on some of the questions asked that day that couldn’t be addressed or needed further addressing. For those of you unable to attend but would like any information on hiring or terminations, contact Bailey. Please see some of the questions answered here (attached pdf).

Mandatory Workplace Postings – Every location must have information posted on a variety of labor laws. There are postings mandated by the federal and state government. Please make sure your mandatory postings are updated yearly. You can order posters through various companies, or download and print these postings yourself.

- Federal Postings: https://www.dol.gov/general/topics/posters#workplace-posters
- State Postings: https://www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/workplace-posters

Employee Benefits: Please Update Your Information – If you are the site administrator and did not receive information, please update your location’s information as explained below.

- Federal Postings: https://www.dol.gov/general/topics/posters#workplace-posters
- State Postings: https://www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/workplace-posters
In addition to the articles printed in The Central Minnesota Catholic magazine, two other ways to stay in touch with current news and topics is through our weekly Monday Morning Update e-newsletter and our locally produced Minnesota Catholic Podcasts.

- You can sign up for the Monday Morning Update (which includes an attachment with information suitable for parish bulletin use) by clicking on this link: [https://bit.ly/2SUpC1K](https://bit.ly/2SUpC1K).

- You can subscribe to the podcasts on iTunes or Google Play, or listen to them at [http://minnesotacatholicpodcasts.libsyn.com](http://minnesotacatholicpodcasts.libsyn.com).

### Marriage & Family Office

**Patrick Flynn • (320) 252-4721**

**Beginning Experience, April 5 - April 7, 2019** – 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 (320) 319-8863 or go to [https://www.beginningexperiencemn.com/](https://www.beginningexperiencemn.com/).

**Nominations for the 2019 Humanae Vitae Award** – July 25 will mark the 51st Anniversary of Humanae Vitae! In celebration, we'll host our annual diocesan Humanae Vitae Mass & Award Reception on Thursday, July 25 at Saint Mary’s Cathedral in Saint Cloud. We are blessed to have people in our diocese who have dedicated themselves to the promotion of Natural Family Planning and the principles of Humanae Vitae. If you know a person(s) who has demonstrated courage in promoting Natural Family Planning, submit your nomination in writing (500 words or less). For more information visit: [https://wp.me/a3NwgY-1h0](https://wp.me/a3NwgY-1h0). Send, fax or e-mail nominations before May 15 to the Office of Marriage and Family, Natural Family Planning Advisory Committee, 305-7th Avenue North Suite 100, Saint Cloud, MN 56303 Fax: 320-258-7658, e-mail: omf@gw.stcdio.org. Questions? Contact Sheila Reineke at sireineke@gw.stcdio.org or (320) 252-4721 ext. 308.
Mark your calendar for July 25 to celebrate the Anniversary of *Humanae vitae* during our annual diocesan *Humanae vitae* Mass & Award Reception. Bishop Donald Kettler will celebrate a 7:00 p.m. Mass at Saint Mary’s Cathedral, Saint Cloud. The award reception will follow.

**Honoring Marriage Day, 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 jzylla@gw.stcdio.org or fax (320) 258-7658 **as soon as possible**. Invitations will be sent to the celebrating couples. [http://omf.stcdio.org/th_event/honoring-marriage-day-7/](http://omf.stcdio.org/th_event/honoring-marriage-day-7/).

**Sponsor Couple Gathering, May 5** – The Office of Marriage and Family is hosting a gathering of Sponsor Couples from throughout the diocese on Sunday, May 5. If you are currently an active Sponsor Couple, you should be receiving an invitation soon. Please mark the date on your calendars. More details will be available shortly.

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**Mission Office**

Elizabeth Neville ♦ (320) 251-1100

**Solidarity in Mission Workshop** – Join us on Sunday, May 5 at Christ our Light in Princeton for the Solidarity in Mission Workshop from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. We invite all those who have been a part of mission in any way, as well as those involved in sister parish relationships, social ministry teams or cross-cultural communities and work situations of all kinds to join us for this great event. Our theme for the day is: South Sudan: One of the Greatest Humanitarian Crisis on Earth: St. Cloud Mission Office is Responding! The day will consist of Mass, lunch, fair trade sales and a presentation by Sister Joan Mumaw from the mission organization called Solidarity with South Sudan. She will share firsthand information including videos created by our missioners on the ground. The cost for the day is $15 and registration is requested to the St. Cloud Mission Office (320) 251-1100 by April 29. Our mailing address is: 11 South 8th Avenue, St. Cloud, MN 56301. You can also find more information on our website: [http://mission.stcdio.org](http://mission.stcdio.org) and on our Facebook Page: St. Cloud Mission Office.

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**Office of Stewardship & Development**

**Bishop’s Annual Appeal Update** – As of March 20, the Bishop’s Annual Appeal has raised cash and pledges totaling $690,459 toward this year’s goal of $1,300,000 (53%). The total compares to $673,969 at this time in 2018.
Parishes – If you still have appeal gifts from your offertory, please turn them in now. They contain time-sensitive information such as dated checks and pledges that may have had payments due in March.

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 with the Office of Stewardship and Development at (320) 258-7654 or akampa@gw.stcdio.org.

Social Concerns Office

Kateri Mancini ♦ (320) 229-6020

Support to Farmers – We have been hearing from many of you about the current farm crisis and the concerns farmers in your communities are facing. Please consider including the following information in your parish bulletins for those who may need this important resource.

Please let us know if you would like additional outreach from our Rural Life Coordinators or have particular resources we can help get to your communities to help our farmers and rural communities.

U.S. Bishops Pastoral Letter on Racism – The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has put out a new pastoral letter entitled "Open Wide Our Hearts: the Enduring Call to Love," which speaks of the reality of racism in our country and our Christian call to fight against it. This resource is available online at http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/upload/open-wide-our-hearts.pdf or contact me for a hard copy free of charge. We are also available to come out to parishes for presentations or to facilitate conversation, or can provide supplementary resources such as discussion questions or racism inventories, as we strive to help our communities unpack the letter and delve into this important issue. Let me know how we can help!

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. This is a huge honor for them as individuals as well as for your parish, as Bishop Kettler has asked every parish to have a Parish Social Ministry team, so why not recognize yours! If you 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 in your parishes to be leaders in this much needed area!
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/](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](http://www.stcdio.org/pay) to make an online donation, under “Tribunal – Annulments”. Thank you for your kind donation.

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**Vocation Office**

Fr. Scott Pogatchnik ♦ (320) 251-5001

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations is May 1** – As a priest, please consider simple ways you can highlight your vocation story and pray specifically for more vocations.

We have vocation materials available for pastors who are wanting to highlight this World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Cost is $5. Please contact the Office of Vocations by April 10, so we can have the materials to you in a timely manner. Thank you!
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 Hoeft, 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.

2019 Summer Vocation Events:
June 9: Paintball with the priests (9th grade young men and older)
June 10 – 12: Hillman Vacation Camp (7th – 10th grade young men)
June 18 – 20: Alexandria & North Bus Tour (7th – 12th grade young men)
June 24 – 26: Avon Vacation Camp (7th – 10th grade young men)
July 16 – 19: Nun Run (young women)
August 3: Paschal Challenge, Sauk Centre (9th – 12th grade young men)

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

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: Bluffton/Wadena & Milaca
July 20 – 26: Belgrade & Long Prairie
July 27 – Aug. 2: St. Michael, St. Cloud & Sauk Centre

Addition to Solemn Intercessions for Good Friday – Follow this link to an intercession for immigrants and refugees, which Bishop Kettler has asked to be inserted between IX. For those in public service and X. For those in tribulation.

Reception of the Holy Oils in the Parish Community – "The reception of the Holy Oils may take place in individual parishes either before the celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper or at another time that seems more appropriate." — Roman Missal, Chrism Mass, no. 15
Here is a link to the text, which may be used during the Introductory Rites at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper.

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 their 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, 2019 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.” Visit the USCCB at http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/saint-paul-vi.cfm for more information. Visit http://worship.stcdio.org/liturgical-calendar/ for more notes on the 2019 Liturgical Year.

Gathering of Liturgists and Pastoral Musicians – All liturgists and pastoral musicians are invited to a gathering on May 15, 2019 from Noon – 2:00 p.m. We will gather at St. Louis in Paynesville.

Health Care Ministry

Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Class May 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 including 30 on-site and 8 hours on-line. Flyer coming soon. Fee $450. Six (6) $250 Scholarships available. You can also apply for a scholarship from Catholic Education Ministries, an office of the Diocese of Saint Cloud. Registration flyer and Scholarship forms can be found on the Faith Community Nurse CentraCare website at https://www.centracare.com/services/spiritual-care/faith-community-nursing/education-events-news/.

June 19 – Annual Central MN FCN/Parish Health Ministry Workshop - Suicide & Drugs. How Can We Help? 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the CentraCare Plaza in the Windfeldt Room. See Flyer for Registration on FCN Education & Events section of CentraCare FCN website.

**Session 1:** Suicide Awareness and Prevention in the Youth Population: Engaging the Faith Community Objective: Introduce facts about suicide in the youth population, identify warning signs, risk factors, protective factors, and crisis resources for youth and families. ~ Barbara Skodie-Mack, Integrated Behavioral Health, CentraCare Health Pediatric Clinic.

**Session 2:** QPR: Question, Persuade, Respond Objective: Assess suicide risk factors and signs, persuade to reconsider, ensure help is in place. ~ Steve Hansberry, Wellness in the Woods.

**Session 3:** Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) Objective: Learn about evidence-based suicide risk assessment tool. ~ Kelly Wurdelman.

**Session 4:** Collaborative Community Approach to Mental Health and Addiction-How St. Cloud is Interrupting “Business as Usual”
Objective: The audience will understand the various benefits of a community team consisting of diverse sectors to address “active utilizers” of community services. ~ Katy Kirchner, Director, Coordinator & Correctional Care Population Health Leadership Team, James Steve, Commander of Operations for St. Cloud PD.

**Session 5: What Can the Faith Community Do About Addiction?**
Objective: Outline ways Faith Communities can Organize for Recovery Ministry ~ Rev. Dr. Ed Treat, Senior Pastor, Transfiguration Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN.

**FCN Online Directory** - There are 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 are listed. Your church phone number or the FCNs email is the contact point. The FCNs/PNs take calls and evaluate what the church, Faith Community Nurse and service agencies can offer members for help and support. To recruit a Faith Community Nurse, personal contact with a currently licensed Registered Nurse is necessary to assess the possibility of having a Faith Community Nurse join your Ministry Team. In my role, I can help with decision making resources. You can also use the “Find A FCN Online” to find FCNs and their pastor to discuss the Faith Community Nurse ministry.

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

*Parishes without a FCN/PN are encouraged to ask the client if they belong to a specific faith community. A call to their parish for outreach or in-house services they offer should be done. *If you have service agencies in your area, please let them know how to connect to your faith community resources.*

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**Regional Ministry Gatherings**

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

**RMG North**
St. John the Baptist in Swanville
Tuesday, April 30
9:00 – Noon

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. These sessions will be:

**The Voice of the Assembly**
with Aaron Carpenter, Director of the Office of Worship
In this session, we will explore the most beautiful sound in our Eucharistic gathering – the voice of the assembly. Through sharing, discussion and practice, we will look at ways we, as music ministers, can support the ownership of the liturgy by the liturgical assembly. How do our song choices, gestures and texts create a worshiping environment that brings about “full, conscious and active participation”?

**Budgeting for Mission and Ministry**

*with Bailey Ziegler, Director of Human Resources*

This workshop will look at the parish and ministry specific budgets, not only as a financial statement, but as a parish or school’s theological statement and some practical ways to budget for the mission of the organization.

**Baptized in Christ’s Body, Called in Christ’s Service**

*with Kateri Mancini, Director of Social Concerns and JoAnn Braegelman, Rural Life Coordinator, Catholic Charities*

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.

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](http://stcdio.org/regional-gatherings).

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**2019 Regional Ministry Gatherings large 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)

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**2019 Diocesan Regional Ministry Gatherings**
**2019 Diocesan Ministry Day**
**Sept. 30, 2019**

*Join us!*

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**Happy Birthday to our Retired Priests**

Reverend Arlie Sowada will celebrate his 73rd birthday on April 14.
117 6th Street
Bluffton, MN 56518
(218) 298-1099
Reverend Richard Leisen will celebrate his 89th birthday on April 26.
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