June 2019
MONTHLY DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

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June 8 ♦ Ordination to the Permanent and Transitional Diaconate – Patrick Hoeft, Brady Keller and Thomas Skaja will be ordained to the transitional diaconate and Jeff Winkelman and Phillip Henneman will be ordained to the permanent
Diaconate at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, Saint Cloud, at 10:30 a.m. All deacons and priests are invited to vest. Please remember to bring your diocesan stole.

**June 8 ♦ Confirmation for Baptized Catholics** - Bishop Kettler will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults (18+) at the Vigil of Pentecost on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Mary. Priests and deacons are invited to be present. Please remember to bring your diocesan stoles.

**June 9 ♦ Paintball with Priests** - for 9th grade young men and older. All priests are welcome! Please contact Fr. Doug Liebsch at 320-251-2340 if you have some names of men in your parish who might be interested and would benefit from this fun afternoon.

**June 15 ♦ Ordination to the Presbyterate** – Deacons Richard Aubol, Mark Botzet and Gregory Sauer will be ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud at 10:30 a.m. This will be a wonderful opportunity for young people to see the power of God’s call. Priests and deacons are invited to be present. Please remember to bring your diocesan stoles.

**June 17 ♦ Bishop’s Golf Tournament** - Do you have your team yet? Come golf with Bishop Kettler to benefit the Seminarians Education Fund at Territory Golf Club. Pre-register $75.00 per person by contacting Alice at acoudron@CatholicFoundation.info or call 320-258-7656.

**June 22 ♦ Religious Freedom week begins June 22** - Religious freedom gives us the space to carry out the mission that Jesus has entrusted to the Church. Religious freedom means that Catholics, and all people of goodwill, are free to seek and live in accordance with, the truth, strengthening our common life as a nation. Beginning June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops celebrates Religious Freedom Week. In the midst of our current challenges, join us as we seek the kingdom and find "Strength in Hope." For additional resources and to learn more, visit: [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek).

**June 22 ♦ Religious Freedom Mass & Adoration** – Please join us on for Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. Ann’s in Wadena to pray for religious freedom. Bishop Kettler will celebrate Mass with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to follow.

Each parish is invited to participate in this USCCB-sponsored observance to celebrate and promote religious freedom during the week of June 22-June 30. Click [here](#) for a flyer (PDF) to fill in your own information.

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**2019 JUBILARIANS**

55 YEARS

Reverend Gerald Dalseth (Ordained May 30, 1964)
Reverend Gerald Mischke (Ordained May 30, 1964)
Reverend Kenneth Riedemann (Ordained May 30, 1964)
Reverend Eberhard Schefers (Ordained May 30, 1964)
Reverend William Vos (Ordained May 30, 1964)
NOTES FROM THE CHANCERY

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

Prayer for an End to Infanticide from Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities. Suggested bulletin insert. You can copy and paste the following:

The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act – legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. Please join in prayer for an end to infanticide:

“Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.”

Safe Environment

Safe Environment deadline is June 30 for this school year: Pastors and principals should check with their Safe Environment contact people to make sure that parish/school staff and everyone ministering with minors and vulnerable adults have been trained and had their backgrounds checked. Everybody on the parish/school list should have a certification status completed, or be archived if they haven’t been active this year. An audit team from the USCCB will be visiting our diocese and some parishes/schools in September.

The background checks of many priests are expiring mid June: If that is your case, please do the FULL training, which includes the background check. Talk to your parish Safe Environment contact person to see if you already have an account (all pastors do) and what the username/password is.

If you have any questions, ask your Safe Environment contact person, or call Linda Kaiser at 320-251-0111.
NOTES FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICES

Linda Kaiser ♦ (320) 251-0111

Save the Date - Priests and Principals Luncheon at St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Center on September 10 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. All priests and principals in the diocese are invited to attend. Dr. Merylann Schuttlofelf, director of the Institute for Catholic School Leadership at the St. Paul Seminary, will be the speaker. Bishop Kettler will also join us.

Youth Ministry (NCYC) - National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is a gathering of 25,000 youth and adults who celebrate their shared Catholic faith. Registrations for this conference are past due. Please send any registrations to Laura at laura.gorder@gw.stcdio.org as soon as possible. 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. Students 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: 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.

Joe Towalski ♦ (320) 258-7624

Bishop’s Annual Appeal Update – As of May 23, the Bishop’s Annual Appeal has raised cash and pledges totaling $887,320 toward this year’s goal of $1,300,000 (68%). This is made possible through the faithful donations of 6,016 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese.
There are stories promoting ministries of the Appeal in the June edition of The Central Minnesota Catholic magazine.

In May, pastors received information about how individual parishes are progressing with the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. If you would like an update, feel free to contact Anna Kampa, Office of Stewardship and Development, 320-258-7654 or akampa@gw.stcdio.org.

Resources to help promote the appeal in your parish can be found online at development.stcdio.org/bishops-annual-appeal.

Marriage & Family Office

**Patrick Flynn ♦ (320) 252-4721**

July 21-27– Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week – Plan now to celebrate NFP Week. This year’s theme from the USCCB is “Love Naturally! Natural Family Planning, Cooperating With God’s Design for Married Love!” We will send you the USCCB link for resources when it is available. Please provide your parishioners this opportunity to learn about NFP and God’s plan for married love. If you would like an NFP Week display table, an NFP Witness Couple, or additional resources, contact Sheila Reineke at 320-258-7609 or sreineke@gw.stcdio.org.

Thursday, July 25 – Humanae Vitae Mass and Award Reception – Mark your calendars! The Diocese of St. Cloud will 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. Our award reception will follow.

Mission Office

**Elizabeth Neville ♦ (320) 251-1100**

Thank you to all those who have already sent in the collections from Rice Bowl and CRS/Bishop’s Appeal for Lent 2019. If you have not, please send the funds to our office as soon as possible as we in turn send the funds from our diocese to the national Catholic Relief Services office the end of June. Thank you!

Thank you to all who are welcoming various dioceses, religious orders and lay organizations to your parish/es for the 2019 Missionary Cooperative Plan. We appreciate your loving support and hospitality!

**Saturday, September 20 – Please mark your calendars for the 6th Annual Diocesan Partnership Barndance** in Battle Lake at the Christianson Farm. Please
Thursday, August 8 – Priests’ Night Out at the Rox Game –
Inviting all priests and seminarians to join the Catholic Foundation at the Rox game. Priests and seminarians get FREE game entrance, FREE food, FREE pop, and discounted beer. Must register in advance by contacting Alice at acoudron@CatholicFoundation.info or call 320-258-7656.

New Monthly Update – We are initiating a monthly update for our Area Catholic Community Planning Councils. This update, for members of the planning councils, will come out around the middle of the month and include resources, answers to questions, and reminders as we move through the planning timeline. It will also be archived on the Planning website.

July Mass counts – It is that time of year to begin thinking about Mass counts. Some have challenged the seating capacity of the church. Seating capacity is based on an average of 20 inches per person. Research is showing that 24 inches is probably more realistic due to personal space. We are open to changing the seating capacity of the church. Contact the Planning Office if you think you need to change this number. Mass count forms will be sent out the first week in June.

Sunday, August 18 – Diocesan Rural Life Celebration – Mark your calendars for the annual Rural Life Celebration, “Care for God’s Creation: A Legacy of Faith.” The event will be held at the Randy and Amanda Hartung farm in St. Anthony (40607 County Road 153, Freeport 56331), and begins with Mass with Bishop Donald Kettler at 10:30 a.m.
followed by special guest speaker Joe Gill. Joe is the farm director for KASM Radio out of Albany, MN, and will be presenting the diocese’s first ever Catholic Century Farm Awards! Thirty-five families from throughout the diocese will be honored this year for their legacy of farming. Join us as we celebrate them and our diocese’s history of agriculture and rural communities. The event also includes a meal, musical entertainment by SlewFoot and children’s activities. The event is free, though a second collection will be taken to support the Rural Life Fund for the diocese.

Find out more at Catholic Charities’ website: https://www.ccstcloud.org/events#UpcomingEvents

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**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/](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.
2019 Summer Vocation Camps – The following camps are being offered for young men, please help spread the word:

- June 10 – 12: Bulldog Lake Camp (near Hillman, MN)
- June 18 – 20: Bus Tour (Alexandria area and NW)
- June 24 – 26: Avon Camp

Registration has been extended to May 28, to ensure a t-shirt. Questions, please contact Julie at 320-251-5001 or jjacobs@gw.stcdio.org.

Nun Run – Fr. Scott and Fr. Doug would like to invite any young ladies (approaching junior year to mid-20s) who are interested in religious life to join us for a “nun run” July 16 – 19. Please let us know of anyone who might be interested.

Paintball with Priests – Sunday, June 9 for 9th grade young men and older, and all priests are welcome!

Paschal Challenge – Saturday, August 3 for young men grades 9th – 12th. Follow Jesus and experience the Last Supper, the Way of the Cross and His Resurrection in a WHOLE new way!

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 here.

Ordinations – June 8 and 15 – All priests and deacons of the diocese are invited to be present for the diaconate ordination on June 8 and the presbyteral ordination on June 15. Please remember your diocesan stole. We will also need deacons to serve as cup ministers. If you plan to be present, please RSVP with the Office of Worship so pews can be reserved for you. Email Aaron.
Annette Jesh ♦ (320) 249-0280

To recruit a Faith Community Nurse, personal contact with a currently licensed Registered Nurse is key to assessing 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 CentraCare Find A FCN Online as a resource.

BEFORE STARTING AS A PARISH/FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE, each PN/FCN in the Diocese must have the Safe Environment Training and background check for working with vulnerable adults. http://stcdio.org/about/safe-environment/safeenvironmenttraining/. Check with your Parish Safe Environment contact if you have any questions or call 320-251-0111.

Minnesota registered nurse licensure verification is needed before beginning the ministry and recertification check is needed of license every two years by church staff supervisor. https://mn.gov/boars/nursing/licensure/licensure/licensure-verification.jsp.

Employers must verify a nurse's license at the time of employment, make a record of the license expiration date, and verify the nurse has renewed the license by the date of the expiration in the employer's record. Licensure verification is available on this website by clicking on the Verify an RN or LPN License button on the home page of the website. A Faith Community Nurse cannot work as a FCN or parish nurse unless they have an active MN RN License.

A RN may not work as a Faith Community Nurse after the registered nurse license expiration date. They may work as a volunteer.

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

Target Audience: FCNs, clergy, deacons, pastoral ministers & assistants, youth ministers, chaplains, Befrienders, Friends in Faith, faith community staff and members in ministry, teachers, and others such as Knights of Columbus and church groups who can help in prevention. *One role a church can play will be discussed by Katy and Pastor Ed. Most youth first access drugs and alcohol in their homes. They will share a way church members can help prevent this access.

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)**

**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.

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**FCN Online Directory**. 55 Faith Community/Parish Nurses in 35 cities of all denominations in the Diocese and CentraCare System are listed. Your church phone number or the FCN’s 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 in-house 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

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**Regional Ministry Gatherings**

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

The next gatherings are scheduled for late summer. Attached at the bottom of the Regional Ministry Gathering section, you will find promotional flyers including the topics, location and dates for all upcoming Regional Ministry Gatherings. Each gathering will include prayer, a common message and breakout sessions.

**Wednesday, August 19**
9:00 a.m. - Noon
Exploring the Essential Elements of a Vibrant Parish

A parish is a community of baptized disciples committed to following Jesus Christ. What does such a community look and act like? The life, mission and growth of faith in a parish is illustrated through the visible actions of seven essential elements. We will learn how each of these elements constantly interrelate with, nurture and support the others for the pastoral mission of the parish.

Educating the Family on Challenging Topics

This workshop will open the discussion on the challenges that face the family today. We will take a look at gender theory, chastity, pornography, social media and sexuality.

Social Media Do’s and Don’ts

This workshop will highlight the do’s and don’ts of posting on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, including privacy and copyright concerns. Participants will have a chance to ask questions and share their experiences and approaches.

Wednesday, August 21
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Assumption, Morris

The Voice of the Assembly

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”? 
Becoming Who We're Called to Be, At Work: How the Workplace Forms Disciples

This talk will explore how the workplace is a “setting for rich personal growth,” (Laudato Si, 127) by looking briefly at some church teachings on the subject and some practical ways to help employees grow into strong disciples through good practices in our workplaces.

We are Called to Journey Together...

Through our baptism we are called to be disciples in the world. During this session we will explore what this means and how we can live it by discussing: 1) How we serve others both in physical needs, but also relationally; 2) what it means to be in solidarity with others and what that looks like in real life; and 3) options for mission trips and projects you can do in your parish / school.

Wednesday, August 28
9:00 a.m. - Noon
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Isanti

Using Technology to Tell the Stories of Jesus Christ, our Parishes, and the Christ in Us

Dr. David Walsh says, “Whoever tells the stories defines the culture.” Communications 101 says “If we don’t tell our story, someone else will.” How are we telling the Stories of Jesus Christ, our parish, and God’s activity in our lives? This session will look at some of the why’s and how’s of using technology in faith formation and parish communications. We will also dream about ways of engaging our youth and young adults in this important ministry. We need to tell our story, and tell it well.
Baptized in Christ’s Body, Called in Christ’s Service

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.

Unlocking the Restless Heart: Finding Our Own Story in the Life of Saint Augustine

This talk will inspire you to understand the powerful story of your own life and give simple instructions for creating a personal testimony. Drawing upon St. Augustine’s early life, conversion and testimony (on his feast day no less), we will mark key stages in the life of discipleship. From that framework and using principles of spiritual discernment, we will rediscover the power of our own story – one that God adds to with each new season of life.

Thursday, September 19
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
St. Louis, Paynesville

Hospitality: Would YOU Come Back?

In this session, we will explore the idea of hospitality in our parishes by asking three questions: What does the Bible say? What is radical hospitality? What can we do? Based on Robert Schnase’s book, Five Practices: Radical Hospitality, we will be guided on a journey to discover ways we can evaluate our own parishes, share ideas with one another and set into motion a plan to take back to our faith communities.

“Do You Realize What I have Done...
For You?": Servant Leadership Skills

We will look at John 13:12-17, the story of Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet, as a basis for servant leadership skills for all types of leaders in parishes and schools.

with Kristi Bivens
Associate Director of Lay Leadership Formation

and Bailey Ziegler
Director of Human Resources

Estate Planning and Taxes

RMD, DAF, IRA... LOL. Every industry has its own acronyms and abbreviations; taxes, charitable giving, and estate planning are no different. We will discuss which abbreviations you should know to reduce taxes and accomplish your philanthropic goals. Sometimes it's easier than you think...

with David Eickhoff
Executive Director of the Catholic Foundation

Registration for these events, and more information about all Regional Ministry Gatherings can be found on the web at: stcdio.org/regional-gatherings. 

REGISTER NOW!

2019 Regional Ministry Gatherings large poster (PDF)
2019 Regional Ministry Gatherings Summer poster (PDF)
2019 Regional Ministry Gatherings Latino interpreted workshops poster (PDF)

2019 Diocesan Ministry Day
Sept. 30, 2019
Join us!
Happy Birthday to our Retired Priests

Reverend Gregory Lieser will celebrate his 82nd birthday on June 1.
308 Third Street South #103
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
Telephone: (320) 654-8846
E-mail: glieser8846@charter.net

Most Reverend Bishop John Kinney will celebrate his 82nd birthday on June 11.
P.O. Box 1248
St. Cloud, MN 56302-1248

Reverend Anthony Kroll will celebrate his 85th birthday on June 17.
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Reverend Robert Kieffer will celebrate his 76th birthday on June 23.
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Reverend Stanley Wieser will celebrate his 77th birthday on June 25.
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