

*July 2019*  
MONTHLY DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER



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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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!" The USCCB link for resources is available [here](#). 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](mailto:sreineke@gw.stcdio.org).

**July 25 ♦ Humanae Vitae Mass and Award Reception** – Join us for the annual *Humanae Vitae* Mass on Thursday, July 25 at the Cathedral of Saint Mary in Saint Cloud. The celebration will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m. **Deacons are invited to vest and priests to concelebrate** with Bishop Donald Kettler presiding. If you wish to a part of the Mass, please contact Sheila Reineke at 320-258-7609 or [sreineke@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:sreineke@gw.stcdio.org). The *Humanae Vitae* Award Reception will follow Mass with presentation of the 2019 *Humanae Vitae* Award to Mark & Lola Welle. [http://omf.stcdio.org/th\\_event/humanae-vitae-mass-and-award-reception-2/](http://omf.stcdio.org/th_event/humanae-vitae-mass-and-award-reception-2/).

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## NOTES FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICES

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### *Catholic Education Ministries*



Linda Kaiser ♦ (320) 251-0111

**CEM Scholarship /Grant Committee** is changing the dates of submission for grant requests. Dates now are July 15, November 15 and April 15. This will allow folks to hear back prior to a course. If you need more information about the CEM Scholarship, please contact Tim Welch or Linda Kaiser at 320-251-0111 or [twelch@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:twelch@gw.stcdio.org) or [lkaiser@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:lkaiser@gw.stcdio.org).

**Staff updates:** As you make changes in your parishes and schools, please let us know so we can keep the databases up-to-date. Contact Laura at [Laura.Gorder@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:Laura.Gorder@gw.stcdio.org).

**Feel Good News:** This June was a health insurance holiday meaning no parish/school or its employees paid insurance premiums. Thanks to the Diocese and North Risk Partners for its management of the health insurance plan.

**Safe Environment and Regional Ministry Gatherings (RMG):** We would like to touch base with Safe Environment Site Administrators (parish and school contact people) 30 minutes before the Regional Ministry Gatherings this coming August and September. We will quickly recap this transition year, address any updates, and field questions. It will be informal, and we can all enjoy the Regional Ministry Gathering and the hospitality, prayer and presentations after we meet. The dates and locations are at <http://stcdio.org/regional-ministry-gatherings/>. Simply RSVP to the RMG to register.

Also thank you to Tim Welch at CEM for all the work he did to input past

background checks into the new safe environment platform to save parishes and schools lots of money. Thank you to every parish and school for their patience in working with Tim and CEM in setting up this new system. We value your time and diligence in getting your staff and volunteers trained and having background checks updated.

**New Diocesan Initiative for Forming Lay Ministers:** The Emmaus Institute is an intellectual and ministerial formation program for lay leadership ministry and potential Latino/Hispanic diaconal candidates from the Diocese of Saint Cloud, in partnership with Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary. Its purpose is to create well-formed ministers who will serve the mission of the Gospel in their families, parishes and Area Catholic Communities throughout the diocese. Two cohorts will be formed to begin in September 2019. For more information, visit [www.stcdio.org/Emmaus-Institute/](http://www.stcdio.org/Emmaus-Institute/).



## *Office of Communications & Development*



**Joe Towalski ♦ (320) 258-7624**

**Bishop's Annual Appeal** – As of June 26, the Bishop's Annual Appeal has raised cash and pledges totaling \$987,102 toward this year's goal of \$1,300,000 (76%). So far, we have received donations from 6,740 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese.

The yearly checks using funds from the Bishop's Annual Appeal to assist parishes with the costs of Catholic education and religious education programs are in the process of being mailed. The checks are sent directly to pastors. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

A third appeal letter will be mailed in August to those who have not yet made a gift. The August edition of The Central Minnesota Catholic also will include appeal-related articles and an envelope. Resources to promote the Bishop's Annual Appeal can be found at: <http://development.stcdio.org/bishops-annual-appeal>.

Thank you for promoting the appeal in your parishes. All funds are used exclusively to fund essential ministries in your community and throughout the diocese.

**Stewardship and Development Advisory Board** – We are forming an Advisory Board for stewardship and development. The goal is to build relationships, establish a foundation for stewardship as a way of life, and support development efforts to meet the ongoing needs of the diocese and the Area Catholic Communities. Pastors and parish life coordinators received a letter in June with information about the board and a request for feedback and volunteers/nominations for membership. The board will have 10 members from throughout the diocese and will work with our office to:

- Provide education and resources to support and enhance stewardship efforts throughout the Diocese of St. Cloud.
- Support the development efforts of the diocese and Area Catholic



Communities.

- Improve participation in the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

If you would like more information, or to nominate someone for membership, please contact Anna Kampa at 320-258-7654 or [akampa@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:akampa@gw.stcdio.org).



## Marriage & Family Office



Patrick Flynn ♦ (320) 252-4721

Sponsor Couple Training October 5, 2019

SAINT CLOUD: Sponsor Couple Training will be Saturday, October 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pastoral Center in St. Cloud. Registration for couples (names, address, phone number, parish and email address) should be made at least one week (September 27) before training. Call Janet @ (320) 252-4721 extension #320 or email [jdusek@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:jdusek@gw.stcdio.org) to register. The parish will be billed \$110 per couple for the cost of training (which includes Fully Engaged supplies).



## Mission Office



Elizabeth Neville ♦ (320) 251-1100

Thank you to all who are welcoming the various dioceses, religious orders and lay organizations to your parish/es for the 2019 Missionary Cooperative Plan. We appreciate your loving support and hospitality! Please send your funds from the completed appeals into the office as soon as you are able.

Please mark your calendars and join us for the 6th Annual Mission Office Partnership Barndance on Saturday, September 20 in Battle Lake at the Christianson Family Farm. Please check out the website for more details and the flyer. More information will be emailed to the parishes for bulletins and printing.

The Mission Office still offers wonderful Fair Trade gifts for weddings, graduations, anniversaries, baby showers,... Come check us out!

It's never too early or too late to consider scheduling our office to come to your faith formation programs, vacation Bible school classes, youth ministry activities, teacher workshops,... We love to come meet you and share the ministry of the Mission Office!



David Eickhoff ♦ (320) 258-0390

**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](mailto:acoudron@CatholicFoundation.info) or call 320-258-7656.

**Wednesday, August 21 – St. Michael Parish in St. Cloud is hosting an End of Life/Estate Planning seminar** from a Catholic perspective at 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the church. Among the topics that will be covered are whether medical treatment should always be continued, the Church's teachings about cremation, death with dignity, living wills and health care directives. RSVP to the parish at 320-251-6923.



## Social Concerns Office



Kateri Mancini ♦ (320) 229-6020

Congratulations to the 15 parish social ministry leaders from our diocese who were certified by Bishop Kettler on Tuesday, June 25 at St. Ann's Parish in Wadena. These individuals exemplify a strong understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and the pillars of parish social ministry, and demonstrate a commitment to formation and action within their parishes and communities on behalf of these important principles of our Catholic faith. This is the second year that the Diocese of St. Cloud has offered Certification in Parish Social Ministry. This year's certification candidates include:

- *Gregory (Greg) Spofford, from Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids*
- *Jeffery (Jeff) Gerst, from St. James Parish in Maine*
- *Barbara (Barb) Piecek, from Church of St. Ann in Wadena*
- *Jean-Claude (JC) Duncan, from Church of St. Ann in Wadena*
- *Mary Schmit, from Church of St. Ann in Wadena*
- *Lorie Baron, from Church of St. Ann in Wadena*
- *Mary Peeters, from Holy Cross Parish in Butler*
- *Dawn Swanz, from Holy Cross Parish in Butler*
- *Faye Hendrickx, from Holy Cross Parish in Butler*
- *Kateri Mancini, from Christ Church Newman Center in St. Cloud*
- *Beatrice (Bea) Britz from St. Mary's Parish in Little Falls*
- *Margaret (Peggy) Martin from St. Mary's in Little Falls*
- *Gertrude (Gert) Lambert from Holy Cross in Onamia*
- *Jennifer Honek from Holy Cross in Onamia*
- *Cyrilla Bauer from Sacred Heart in Wahkon*

*Please share the following information in your parish bulletins:*

## Diocesan Rural Life Celebration

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 18, 2019** 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 of KASM Radio out of Albany, MN. The event will also include the presentation of the **Catholic Century Farm Awards** to 35 families from throughout the diocese who are being honored for their legacy of farming. Join us as we celebrate them and our diocese's legacy of rural life! The event includes a meal, musical entertainment by SlewFoot and fun for the whole family; the event is free, though a second collection will be taken up during Mass to support the Rural Life Fund for the diocese.

Find out more at Catholic Charities'

website: <https://www.ccstcloud.org/events#UpcomingEvents>



## 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](http://www.stcdio.org/pay) to make an online donation, under "Tribunal – Annulments".



Thank you for your kind donation.



## Worship Office



Aaron Carpenter ♦ (320) 255-9068

**TV Mass Presiders Needed** – We need presiders for the Diocesan TV Mass on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, July 23 – 6:45 p.m.; recording for 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday, August 20 – 6:45 p.m.; recording for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday, September 3 – 6:00 p.m.; recording for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday, September 17 – 6:45 p.m.; recording for 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday, November 5 – 6:00 p.m.; recording for 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Tuesday, November 19 – 6:45 p.m.; recording for Feast of the Holy Family
  - Music Ministers and Proclaimer also needed (6:00 and 6:45)
- Tuesday, December 17 – 6:00 p.m.; recording for 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday, December 17 – 6:45 p.m.; recording for 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
  - Music Ministers and Proclaimer also needed (6:00 and 6:45)

If you are able to help out, please sign up [here](#) or contact Aaron at 320-255-9068 or [aaron.carpenter@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:aaron.carpenter@gw.stcdio.org).

**Varying the Eucharistic Prayers Enriches Liturgy and Assembly** – This is a great article by Richard McCarron! Priests, deacons, liturgists and liturgy commissions should all take a look at this and see how using the various options can open up the riches of the Eucharistic Prayer. [Link to PDF](#)



## Health Care Ministry



Annette Jesh ♦ (320) 249-0280

The third Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Class was held May, 2019. Five new FCNs were commissioned on Friday, May 17, 2019, bringing the total to 21 new FCNs since we started a class in St. Cloud in April of 2018. St. Mary Church in Alexandria adds one of the grads to their team of two in paid positions. St. Paul Church in Sauk Centre adds a new FCN.

More information on Faith Community Nursing can be found on our website. We have a list of Registered Nurses who are interested in becoming Faith Community Nurses and are on a waiting list. Please let me know you want to be notified of future classes. We are currently updating our website to add more information about the class and being able to go to it to be added to the future class list. If you have RNs interested in the class, please let me know, and I can contact them. I usually try to meet each candidate to discuss the FCN Ministry and connect them

to other FCNs and resources. <https://www.centracare.com/services/spiritual-care/faith-community-nursing/education-events-news/>

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 to see the list of 54 FCNs in 35 cities and connect to them and their pastors, to speak with about the Ministry.

\*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](#)



## 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 14

9:00 a.m. - Noon

*St. James, Randall*



with Brenda Kresky  
Director of Planning

### 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





with Patrick Flynn  
Director of the Office of  
Marriage and Family

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.



with Joe Towalski  
The Central Minnesota  
Catholic, Editor

## 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*



with Aaron Carpenter  
Director of the Office of  
Worship

## 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”?



with Bailey Ziegler  
Director of Human Resources

## 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...



with Katy Lentz  
Coordinator of Mission  
Education

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*



with Tim Welch  
Consultant for Educational  
Technology

### 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.



and Jenny Adams  
Communications, Christ Our  
Light Church in Princeton



with Kateri Mancini  
Director of Social Concerns

### 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.



and JoAnn Braegelman  
Rural Life Coordinator, Catholic  
Charities



with Fr. Scott Pogatchnik  
Director of Vocations

## 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*



with Aaron Carpenter  
Director of the Office of  
Worship

## 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.



with Kristi Bivens  
Associate Director of Lay  
Leadership Formation

## "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.





and Bailey Ziegler  
Director of Human Resources



with David Eickhoff  
Executive Director of the  
Catholic Foundation

## 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...

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

**[2019 Regional Ministry Gatherings large poster](#)** (PDF)

**[2019 Regional Ministry Gatherings Summer poster](#)** (PDF)

**[2019 Regional Ministry Gatherings Latino interpreted workshops poster](#)** (PDF)



## REGISTER NOW!

2019 Diocesan Ministry Day

Sept. 30, 2019

*Join us!*

Visit [www.stcdio.org/DMD2019](http://www.stcdio.org/DMD2019) to see presenters, workshops and more information.

## Happy Birthday to our Retired Priests

Reverend Frank Tomasiewicz will celebrate his 86th birthday on July 3.

308 Third Street South #201  
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379  
Telephone: (320) 240-7974  
E-mail: fstomjr@q.com

**Reverend Edwin Kraemer** will celebrate his **90th** birthday on **July 6**.  
308 Third Street South #202  
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379  
Telephone: (320) 248-6352  
E-mail: fred.kraemer0706@gmail.com

**Reverend Harold Pavelis** will celebrate his **93rd** birthday on **July 11**.  
1181 Court Lane  
Concord, CA 94518  
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