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MONTHLY DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER



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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

September 7 ♦ Feast/Solemnity of Saint Cloud – On Saturday, September 7, all parishes should celebrate the Feast/Solemnity of Saint Cloud during their daily

morning Mass. How do you know which it is for your parish? September 7 is a solemnity in the parishes and institutions within the city of St. Cloud since he is the patron of the city. September 7 remains a feast for all other parishes and institutions within the diocese since he is the patron of the diocese. For additional resources click [here](#).

September 10 ♦ Priest and Principal Luncheon – This is a special luncheon for priests and pastors who work with Catholic schools in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. Whether you are currently a priest assigned to a parish with a Catholic school or have been or will be, you are invited to this special luncheon along with Catholic school principals. Bishop Kettler will also join us for this event. Dr. Merylann “Mimi” Schuttloffel, the director of The Institute for Catholic School Leadership at the St. Paul Seminary, will be the speaker. This event will take place at St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Center in St. Augusta from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Laura.Gorder@gw.stcdio.org no later than September 6. We need a lunch count. There is no cost for this special gathering.

September 12 ♦ New Catechetical Leader day at the Pastoral Center. Invitations will be sent to all new DREs and youth ministers in the diocese.

September 12 ♦ Blue Mass – Bishop Kettler will celebrate the Blue Mass for all first responders. The Mass will take place in the lower church at the Cathedral. We are looking for members of parishes who may work as firefighters, police, and EMTs to be involved in the Mass. If you would like to offer a blessing in your own parish, here is the blessing Bishop Kettler will be praying. **Blessing and Recognition document** (PDF.)

September 19 ♦ Diocesan Regional Ministry Gathering will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Louis Church in Paynesville. It features speakers Aaron Carpenter (“Hospitality: Would YOU Come Back?”), Kristi Bivens/Bailey Ziegler (“Do You Realize What I have Done For You?: Servant Leadership Skills”) and David Eickhoff (“Estate Planning and Taxes”). Event is free, but please register at <http://stcdio.org/regional-ministry-gatherings/>. Pastors are encouraged to attend with staff, volunteers and all other interested parishioners. For more information about the workshops, view Regional Ministry Gatherings (*at the bottom of this newsletter*).

September 22 ♦ Oktoberfest 2019 – Join us at the Sauk Centre High School Auditorium for entertainment for the entire family. Bishop Kettler, Fr. Marv Enneking, Fr. Ron Dockendorf, the “Our Fathers,” youth groups and community members will perform musical and comedy acts in a variety show from 2:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. *Admission is free.*

September 25 to November 3 ♦ 40 Days For Life Campaign – View the St. Cloud 40 Days for Life website for details - <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/st-cloud/>.

September 29 ♦ Pre-DMD retreat and social – All are invited to attend a retreat focused on our baptismal call and led by Franciscan Sister Michelle L’Allier from 4-6 p.m., at the St. John’s Abbey Chapter House. Stay afterward for a “Beer, Brats & Bishop” social with Bishop Kettler at 6 p.m. at Brother Willie’s Pub. Cost: \$20 for retreat, \$15 for social. Attend both at the discounted price of \$30. Register for these events, as well as Diocesan Ministry Day Sept. 30, at St. John’s, at stcdio.org/dmd2019.

September 30 ♦ Diocesan Ministry Day –Join Bishop Kettler and parish ministers from around the diocese at Diocesan Ministry Day at St. John's University. Keynoter and local author Laura Kelly Fanucci will share her message on "Our Baptismal Call to be Priest, Prophet and King." The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with Mass and includes learning sessions and lunchtime conversations on a wide variety of ministry topics. Closing prayer and remarks are at 3:15. Register now at stcdio.org/dmd2019.



The Chancery



Office of the Chancellor ♦ Jane Marrin ♦ (320) 529-4607

Second reminder: Official Catholic Directory (Kenedy Directory or OCD):

The Official Catholic Directory (OCD) is now doing all changes to parishes, institutions and organizations, within each diocese, electronically. Sometime in the next few months you or a staff person will receive a notice via e-mail about the data being gathered for the directory. Please read the information carefully and follow the directions carefully as well. Last year, there were over 100 parishes, institutions or organizations that failed to do so and my office had to complete all of the information. There were times that an answer was a "guess" and we really should have accurate information being published. One area that was often left blank was the **contact person**, so the pastor was typically named if it was left blank. You will no longer submit this data to the Chancellor but rather send it directly to the OCD – again electronically. Once the deadline for submission has passed I will receive a notice to go online to approve information before publication. **I am unable to approve for submission if any of the areas are left blank.** So **PLEASE** fill out fully to the best of your knowledge. Thank you in advance for your due diligence with this challenging undertaking. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 320-529-4607 Blessings, Jane

NOTES FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICES



Catholic Education Ministries



Linda Kaiser ♦ (320) 251-0111

Lay Leadership Formation – September 6-8 – The first classes of the year for the Emmaus Institute. Folks should have received acceptance letters and packets in August with all the information they will need for the upcoming year in the Emmaus Institute. We are so excited about this new program and training. If you are interested in observing

any of the classes or participating in Sunday liturgy with us, know that you are very welcome. Contact Kristi Bivens to let us know when you would be interested in participating or observing. Please pray for the success of Emmaus Institute and for those who will use their formation to serve the Church. May the Holy Spirit guide this new endeavor and call forth new leaders to serve in our Church.

Catholic Schools – Welcome back to another year. All the schools are ready and excited to see the faces of the students as they walk through the doors. May God bless each one on their educational and faith formation journey this school year.

Safe Environment – The curriculum for students is online. Please try to do student training early in the year so it fits with your faith formation plan for the year. Please remember: **No one should work with children, youth, or vulnerable adults until they have completed their training and a background check.**

CEM Scholarship – Be aware the application deadline dates have been changed this year. Due dates are November 15, April 15 and July 15. Forms are available on the CEM website: <http://cem.stcdio.org>.



Continuing Education for Clergy



Fr. Joe Herzing ♦ (320) 251-3260

Annual Priest Retreat – Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Annual Priest Retreat. The retreat will begin Sunday evening, January 5 and end with lunch on Thursday, January 9. It will be held at Christ the King House in Buffalo, MN.



Communications & Development Office



Joe Towalski ♦ (320) 258-7624

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update – As of August 22, the Bishop's Annual Appeal has raised cash and pledges totaling \$1,045,507 toward this year's goal of \$1,300,000 (80%). This is made possible through the donations of 7,084 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese.

If you would like an update on your parish's progress toward your Appeal goal, you can contact Anna Kampa, 320-258-7654 or akampa@gw.stcdio.org.



Marriage & Family Office



Patrick Flynn ♦ (320) 252-4721

2020 Marriage Course Bookmark

Copies will be available at Arrowwood.

Sponsor Couple Training October 5

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 at (320) 258-7616 or email jdusek@gw.stcdio.org to register. The parish will be billed \$110 per couple for the cost of training (which includes Fully Engaged supplies).

WINE Conference, Saturday, October 5 – WINE: Women In the New Evangelization

Join women from across the Diocese of St. Cloud (and all around the country) for a day of inspiration, faith, fellowship, and fun. The doors open at 8:00 a.m., allowing time for registration, shopping, and coffee. The conference will be at the Church of St. Mary in Alexandria and begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. The day will include praise and worship music, shopping, prayer, confession, adoration, holy humor, a fabulous lunch, CHOCOLATE, and an opportunity to join Bishop Kettler for 5:00 p.m. Mass. You will leave equipped to persevere in prayer, endure in affliction, and (as Pope Francis compels us) be beacons of hope to all those around you. Click [here](#) for more information.

Respect Life Sunday, October 6 – Materials for Respect Life Month are available on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Flynn at (320) 258-7619.

2nd Marriage Course, Saturday, October 12

SAINT CLOUD: The Second Marriage Preparation Course is for couples preparing to marry after the death of a spouse or an [annulment](#). Marriage preparation must be completed at least three months before the date of the wedding celebration. It is recommended you complete the course well in advance (six months or more). Many couples take the course one year before their wedding.

<http://omf.stcdio.org/marriage-ministries/marriage-preparation/>.

Rosary Rally with Bishop Donald Kettler, Sunday, October 13 – In honor of the appearance of Mary to the children in Fatima, you are invited to join Bishop Kettler and hundreds of others in a rosary rally beginning at St. Augustine in St. Cloud at 2:00 p.m. and processing to the Cathedral of St. Mary. The event will end at 4:00 p.m.

Mass of Hope & Healing, October 24 – Our Lady of Victory, 207 N Vine St, Fergus Falls at 7:00 p.m. This special Mass is for couples experiencing infertility as well as those who have suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage, abortion, SIDS, illness, or accident.

Spanish Marriage Course, Saturday, November 9 – Held in St. Cloud at the Pastoral Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Couples should register at least *two weeks* before the course (October 25) and include the \$110 registration fee per couple. For more information, contact the Office of Marriage & Family at (320) 252-4721.



Mission Office



Elizabeth Neville ♦ (320) 251-1100

World Mission Sunday (October 20) and World Missionary Rosary (October 4) resources will be emailed as well as mailed to parishes, schools and faith formation and youth ministry programs by mid September. Please watch for these and share with staff and parishioners.

The 6th Annual Mission and Partnership Barndance is set for Saturday, September 28 from 4 - 8:00 p.m. at the Stephanie and Peter Christianson Farm at 41431 County Hwy. 16 in Battle Lake. Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. with Bishop Kettler; dinner; kid's activities; live auction; hayrides to follow. Come join us!

Please consider inviting a missionary, mission office staff, returned delegate to visit your parish, school, faith formation program this year to share their story and their call to living mission. Resources are available on our website or by contacting the Mission Office directly at (320) 251-1100.



Social Concerns Office



Kateri Mancini ♦ (320) 229-6020

Thank you to Benedictine Fathers Edward, Julius and Greg and their Area Catholic Community for the generous hospitality and hard work that they all shared in hosting this year's Rural Life Celebration on August 18. It was a *blessed* event, with over 900 people gathering to celebrate the rural nature of our diocese and to honor this year's Catholic Century Farm Award recipients. Over \$3,000 was raised for the Rural Life Fund.

If you are interested in hosting this event in the future, please contact me for more information.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection September 14-15
A reminder that the special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is coming up in a few weeks! If your parish is in need of envelopes, promotional materials or would like our staff to come and speak about CCHD and how this collection benefits those living in poverty in our diocese and across the nation, please let us know. Meanwhile, please be sure to share the following information in your parish bulletins and announcements.

Please share the following information in your parishes the week(s) leading up to the collection:

The weekend of September 14-15, the parishes of the St. Cloud Diocese will take up

a special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Over 46 million people in the United States live below the poverty line, including 2.5 million children. The CCHD collection supports programs across our diocese and the nation that strive to empower people living in poverty and identify and address causes of poverty to bring positive change to their communities. Twenty-five percent of funds collected stay local, and all funds collected make a huge difference to those living below the line! Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection on the September 14/15 and the work of the church on the margins.

Please share the following information in your parishes the week of the CCHD collection (September 14-15):

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in seven people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling both within our diocese and across the country. Twenty-five percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Thank you for your generosity and spirit of concern for those living on the margins.

Parish Social Ministry Gathering October 12

Please mark your calendars now for the annual Parish Social Ministry Gathering coming up on Saturday, October 12 in Browerville. This year's theme is based on the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter *Open Wide Our Hearts*, as well as Bishop Kettler's invitation to our diocese in his recent column to "change attitudes and dispel prejudices." The keynote speaker as well as a panel of diverse community members will be speaking about racism and how to provide our parishes with the tools and confidence to lovingly yet challengingly have conversation about its presence in our communities. Please help us promote this important event in your parishes. Below is a sample bulletin announcement that we invite you to begin using to spread the word; additional resources will be coming out mid-month as well.

Please share the following information in your parish bulletins:

Join Catholic Charities' Social Concerns staff, Bishop Kettler and many others from across the diocese for the annual Parish Social Ministry Gathering, a day-long workshop to learn more about important topics in social ministry and join in prayer, fellowship, and idea-sharing with others wanting to make a difference in their communities. This year's Parish Social Ministry Gathering will take place on Saturday, October 12 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Christ the King Parish in Browerville. Based on the theme of the U.S. bishops' most recent pastoral letter *Open Wide Our Hearts, the Enduring Call to Love*, this year's event will feature keynoter Kevin Skwira-Brown of Cultural Fluency Associates as well as diverse panelists, all sharing on the topic of "Open Wide Our Hearts: Having Loving Conversations about Racism." More details and registration information can be found on Catholic Charities' website: www.ccstcloud.org/events or contact socialconcernsintern@ccstcloud.org



Tribunal Office

Fr. Virgil Helmin ♦ (320) 251-6557

All divorced persons who want to now marry in the Catholic Church



need an annulment. There are three different annulment processes to determine the validity/invalidity of marriage.

1. **Lack of Canonical Form** – this annulment process is used when a baptized Catholic marries without a dispensation from form in a setting other than a priest and two witnesses.
2. **Previous Bond** – this annulment procedure is used when a person enters a marriage with another who has been previously, presumably validly married and is not divorced.
3. **Formal Process** – this annulment procedure is used when a Catholic is married in a Catholic ceremony or a Protestant is married in a ceremony that is accepted by the state. [With the timely cooperation of the petitioner, this process is normally complete within twelve months.] **DO NOT SET A WEDDING DATE UNTIL THE ANNULMENT PROCESS IS COMPLETE.** It can take up to 9 months to be completed.

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

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

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



Vocation Office



Fr. Scott Pogatchnik ♦ (320) 251-5001

TOTUS TUUS – The Totus Tuus, Summer Catechetical Youth Program, ended August 2. We heard great things about the program and this could not have happened without the support of pastors and parish leadership. Thank you for your participation in this awesome program! This is the fourth summer Totus Tuus was held in our diocese and each year the number of locations grows, which shows the program is really taking off! We look forward to taking reservations for the 2020 summer beginning in October.

NEW SEMINARIANS – Please welcome six new seminarians, Jean-Claude Duncan from St. Ann, Wadena; Tobias Ellis from St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, Lucas Gerads from St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, Scott Kahler from Our Lady of Lourdes, Little Falls, Nolan Lemna from St. Mary of the Presentation, Breckenridge; and Mark Nosbush from St. Louis, Paynesville. Jean-Claude will be in Theology 3 at Saint John's University, in Collegeville, Tobias and Nolan will be in College 1 at Saint John Vianney, in St. Paul, and Lucas, Scott and Mark will be in College 1 at Immaculate

Heart of Mary, in Winona. Please pray for all seminarians as they start seminary studies this fall.

ANDREW DINNER – The next Andrew Dinner with Bishop Kettler will be October 4. Do you have young men in your parish grades 8-12 who have potential for a priestly calling? Fr. Doug would love to hear from you! This simple and powerful night consists of evening prayer and dinner with Bishop Kettler while priests share their vocation story. Young men find it very meaningful and special to have a night with the Bishop and priests!

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK: NOVEMBER 3-9 – Pastors and parochial vicars please make a special effort for vocations during National Vocation Awareness Week. If we can help in any way, please contact the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001.

You will be receiving an e-mail about a 2019 Parish Resource Packet; please watch for this in the next couple of weeks. A Vocation Mass is being held on November 7 at the Cathedral of St. Mary at 7 p.m. Please join us; invite parishioners too, and encourage young men discerning vocations to attend this Mass!



Worship Office



Aaron Carpenter ♦ (320) 255-9068

Mass for Health Care Professionals – Bishop Kettler will celebrate this Mass on **October 20**. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Benedict's Monastery and will begin at 10:30 a.m. All parishioners who work in the healthcare fields are encouraged to participate.

Immaculate Conception – **December 9** – The Office of Worship has received several inquiries about the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. In the new Liturgical Year, the feast is transferred to Monday, December 9 and is non-obligatory. The Sundays of Advent have a higher ranking on the Liturgical Calendar; therefore, this feast is moved. Masses celebrated on December 9 should use the orations as prescribed for Immaculate Conception. Masses celebrated on December 7/8 should be for the Second Sunday of Advent.

Important Dates

Rite of Election – March 1, 2020

Chrism Mass – April 2, 2020

Confirmation of Adults – May 30, 2020



Health Care Ministry



Annette Jesh ♦ (320) 249-0280

- The fourth class of Foundations of Faith Community Nursing will be held at Grace United Methodist Church in St. Cloud at 2 p.m. on two Thursdays in November (7 and 14) and at 8 a.m. on two Fridays (8 and 15).
- More information on Faith Community Nursing can be found on our website. We are currently updating our website to add more information about the class and FCN and health ministry resources. 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.

*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!

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...



REGISTER NOW!

**2019 Diocesan Ministry
Day**

Sept. 30, 2019

Join us!

Visit www.stcdio.org/DMD2019 to see presenters,
workshops and to register.

Happy Birthday to our Retired Priests

Reverend Nicholas Landsberger will celebrate his 84th birthday on **September 10.**

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Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

Telephone: (320) 217-5346

Reverend Silverius Schmitt will celebrate his 91st birthday on **September 20.**

308 Third Street South #205

Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

Telephone (320) 309-1946

Reverend Kenneth Riedemann will celebrate his 81st birthday on **September 22.**

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Reverend Eberhard Schefers will celebrate his 81st birthday on **September 27.**

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