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MONTHLY DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER



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October 4 ♦ World Mission Rosary Day – Resources are available on our website or please call the Mission Office for rosaries for your school, youth group, faith formation program and/or parish. Come join us as we pray for all people throughout the world.

October 4 ♦ Andrew Dinner – 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 evening 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! Pastors are encouraged to join their men.

Fr. Doug can be reached at dougliesch@gmail.com or 320-533-0291.

October 6 ♦ Respect Life Sunday – Resources for Respect Life Month are currently available on the USCCB website at <https://www.respectlife.org/october>. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Flynn at (320) 258-7619.

October 6 - 9 ♦ 43rd Annual Clergy Conference at Arrowwood Conference Center.

October 11 ♦ NOTICE – Vocation Mass with Bishop Kettler moved to Friday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's lower church. There will be a vocations holy hour starting at 6:00 p.m. Everyone welcome!

October 12 ♦ Parish Social Ministry Gathering – The annual Parish Social Ministry Gathering in Browerville will focus on the bishops' pastoral letter *Open Wide Our Hearts*. A keynote speaker and panel of diverse community members will speak on how to provide our parishes with tools to have open and honest conversations about racism and what our faith says about it. Please help us promote this important event in your parishes. Be sure to register yourself, your staff and your parish leadership as well; you can **register online**. Below is a sample bulletin announcement that we invite you to use in spreading the word.

- *There is still time to register for the annual Parish Social Ministry Gathering on Saturday, October 12 from 9am-3pm at Christ the King Parish in Browerville. This year's event will focus on the Catholic bishops' most recent pastoral letter Open Wide Our Hearts, the Enduring Call to Love, and will feature keynote speaker Kevin Skwira-Brown as well as panel of diverse community members sharing their experiences and practical tools for having loving conversations about racism in our diocese. More details and registration information can be found on Catholic Charities' website: www.ccstcloud.org/events or contact socialconcernsintern@ccstcloud.org.*

October 13 ♦ Rosary Rally with Bishop Donald Kettler – 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.

October 20 ♦ World Mission Sunday – Resources are now available online, have been emailed to parishes as well as mailed. Please feel free to contact us if you need more resources for the Extraordinary Month of Mission. Thank you for your promotion of this great opportunity to be united in prayer with our global church throughout the world!

October 20 ♦ Mass for Health Care Professionals – All parishioners who work in the health care fields are invited to join Bishop Kettler as he celebrates Mass at the Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph. Mass will begin at 10:30 a.m. Learn more at www.stcdio.org/healthcare-mass2019/.

Download promotional flyer (PDF) to share with your faith communities.

October 23 ♦ Middle School Gathering – Bring your 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to a Middle School Gathering from 6-8:30 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Sartell. For more information and to register, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/MIDDLESCHOOLGATHERING>.

October 24 ♦ Leadership Day: Eucharist: One in Mission and Ministry Part 1 – This day is for all parish staffs and leadership. Join us at Seven Dolors in Albany for a great day learning and growing in collaboration in our Catholic Communities. For more information and to register, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/LEADERDAY>.

October 24 ♦ Passing on the Faith: Empowering & Equipping Parents for the Journey – Parents are invited to an evening of sharing and learning how best to engage in the faith life of their children and youth from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church in St. Cloud. For more information please, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/PASSINGONTHEFAITH>.

October 24 ♦ Mass of Hope & Healing – 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.

October 26-27 ♦ Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) – Parishes are invited to register their high school youth and leaders to participate in our annual diocesan high school conference, "Come to the Table." Registration materials have been mailed to all parishes. For more information and to register, please visit: http://cem.stcdio.org/th_event/dcyc/.

NOTES FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICES



Catholic Education Ministries



Linda Kaiser ♦ (320) 251-0111

Emmaus Institute – We had an amazing inaugural weekend! There are over 60 students from 15 parishes, as well as a handful from neighboring dioceses, taking part in the Emmaus Institute. These participants are excited to bring a fire back to their parishes and will help build vibrant parishes in collaboration with the Body of Christ. See our story about the first weekend of the Institute here <http://thecentralminnesotacatholic.org/emmaus-institute-inaugural-weekend-has-people-on-fire-for-their-catholic-faith/>. It is never too early to start your application for next fall! We hope to start two more cohorts in 2020, one in English and one in Spanish. Contact Kristi Bivens for more information or go to our web page: <http://stcdio.org/emmaus-institute/>.

Safe Environment – Adult Training: We will be following the basic format with CMGConnect (<https://stcloud.cmgconnect.org>) that we followed last year, so it should be much easier. Please log in weekly to see if there are expiring background checks. When people are hired or volunteer, don't forget to check if people are already in the system by looking in your Users>Archived list and Users>All Users 'Search user in Diocese' button. We do not want people to have more than one account. If they are already connected with another parish/school, add them to your secondary list.

Student Training – Please try to have your student training done by the end of October. The training information for students can be found on the Safe Environment page here:

<http://stcdio.org/about/safe-environment//safeenvironmenttrainingforstudents/>.

Please enter the data under the Children's Data tab once completed. Have you checked our online instructions? Updated information can be found at <http://stcdio.org/safeenvironment>.

Study Day, Oct 11 – Please join us for Study Day at Saint Michael's in Motley from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. We will be looking at the beginning chapters of Pope Francis' Exhortation, "Christ Is Alive." For more information and to register, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/MOTLYSTUDYDAY>.

Principal Meeting, Oct. 29 – More information regarding this day will be emailed to the principals as the day approaches. Please read through the introduction and Chapter 1 of "Redeeming Administration". If you need a book, please contact Laura at laura.gorder@gw.stcdio.org.



Communications & Development Office



Joe Towalski ♦ (320) 258-7624

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update – As of September 23, the Bishop's Annual Appeal has raised cash and pledges totaling \$1,223,741 toward this year's goal of \$1,300,000 (94.13%). This is through generous gifts from 7,353 donors.

Thank you to the deaneries for welcoming communications and development staff to your meetings in September. We appreciate the opportunity to provide information and to hear your thoughts about diocesan activities.

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



Human Resources Office



Bailey Ziegler ♦ (320) 258-7655

There are two new positions open in the Diocese. If you or anybody you know is interested in applying, please share the diocesan website: <http://humanresources.stcdio.org/job-openings/diocesan-job-openings/>.

- Receptionist for the Chancery (Full Time)
- Accounts Payable Support (Part Time/15 hours per week)



Marriage & Family Office



Patrick Flynn ♦ (320) 252-4721

2020 Marriage Course Bookmark
Copies will be available at Arrowwood.

40 Days For Life Campaign, September 25 to November 3
View the St. Cloud 40 Days for Life website for details -

<https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/st-cloud/>

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 at St. Mary in Alexandria – 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 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. Click [here](#) for more information.

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/>.

Spanish-Speaking Sponsor Couple Training, Saturday, November 9 – Held in St. Cloud at the Pastoral Center from 9 a.m. to 4 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 Janet Dusek at 320-258-7616 or jdusek@gw.stcdio.org

UPDATE Spanish Speaking Marriage Course, Saturday, November 16 – 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 (November 1) and include the \$110 registration fee per couple. For more information, contact Janet Dusek at 320-258-7616 or jdusek@gw.stcdio.org.



Mission Office



Elizabeth Neville ♦ (320) 251-1100

All resources for World Mission Rosary Day (Friday, October 4) and World Mission Sunday (Sunday, October 20) are now available online, have been emailed to parishes as well as mailed. Please feel free to contact us if you need more resources, World Mission Rosaries or anything else for the Extraordinary Month of Mission. Thank you for your promotion of these great opportunities to be united in prayer with our global church throughout the world!

Thank you to all who have been contacting us and arranging for our office to come and meet with your staff, mission groups and youth groups. We are MORE than happy to come to your community(ies) and share about our baptismal call to mission!

Please welcome our new mission education coordinator, Sydney Athey, to the Mission Office! Sydney comes from mission lived out in many areas of her life as well as being an educator. We are excited to bring her on board and she is excited to come meet you! Her email is sydneyathey@cloudnet.com.



Social Concerns Office



Thank you to everyone who supported the work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) during the special collection last month. With the parishes' financial support, we will be able to further CCHD's mission of bringing our communities out of poverty and enhancing the dignity of all our neighbors!

If you are aware of organizations or groups in your area who are working on anti-poverty efforts and thus may qualify for local or national CCHD grants, please contact me (Kateri.Mancini@ccstcloud.org) so we can discuss how we might be able to support them and their great work!



Tribunal Office



Fr. Virgil Helmin ♦ (320) 251-6557

ANNULMENT PROCEDURE

The Tribunal of the Diocese of St. Cloud has established a policy that the annulment process will not be started until six months after issuance of the final divorce decree.

No wedding date must be set until an affirmative decision has been rendered.

The annulment process requires the following:

A) The petitioner contacts his/her parish priest or a Tribunal staff member in order to petition and begin the annulment procedure.

1. The petitioner needs to present the following documents at the time of the application:

- a) Baptismal certificate and/or Profession of Faith of self and of former spouse.
- b) Certificate of marriage and/or Validation and/or Dispensation
- c) Divorce decree (Final Judgment).
- d) Current address of former spouse.

2. The petitioner has a recorded preliminary interview (conducted by a parish priest, deacon, parish minister or a Tribunal Staff Member) **-OR-** writes a narrative that covers in depth the following factual information about the petitioner and his/her former spouse:

- a) Description of childhood and home life of self and former spouse. Alcoholism or chemical addiction in family background?

- b) Description of dating process and maturity of self and former spouse.
- c) Description of how the decision to marry was reached.
- d) Description of ability to communicate and resolve conflicts.
- e) Description of problems that developed in the marriage and when they began.
- f) Description of attempted solutions to the problems.
- g) Description of performance of roles of husband/wife, father/mother.
- h) Description of how the decision to divorce was reached.

B) When there are ground(s) for a declaration of nullity, the Tribunal will contact both, the petitioner and the respondent.

C) Prior to the formal hearing you, the petitioner, must complete and return the witness list. Witnesses include 2-3 adult people who knew you prior to and during your marriage and can give us information about the marriage. At the time of the formal hearing you, the petitioner, must bring these witnesses in with you. A witness can be a brother, sister, parent, friend, co-worker, neighbor or a member of the wedding party. Witnesses should not all be relatives. We do not interview children of the marriage. At the formal hearing the petitioner and the witnesses will be questioned privately.

D) If the petition comes to formal hearing the following will occur:

1. All testimony is gathered and sent to the Court Members.
2. The defender of the bond presents its brief to the Judge.
3. Judge(s) renders a decision. Petitioner and respondent are notified.
4. Both the petitioner and the respondent have the right to appeal the decision of the Court of First Instance. Also, both are notified of the decision and given 15 working days to review that decision and/or to appeal the decision.
5. If the decision is not appealed by either person, the defender of the bond signs off on the waiver. Once that is returned to the Tribunal office the process is complete and the petitioner and the respondent are notified along with the parish of baptism and parish of marriage.
6. A vetitum (prohibition) may be attached to the decision, requiring that either or both spouses must attend professional counseling with a counselor approved by the Tribunal before being allowed to marry in the Catholic Church.

The average length for the Tribunal to process a petition is 12 months. If the process is appealed by either parties, the process may take longer than 18 months. ***No wedding date can be set until an affirmative decision has been rendered.*** The Court could require that you participate in an evaluation or counseling with your intended spouse. This requirement is made so that your future marriage may be happy and fulfilling.

As of July 1, 2016, the Tribunal of the Diocese of St. Cloud no longer charges a set fee for annulments. If you wish 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 – Signup for Totus Tuus 2020! If you're interested in reserving a week for our dynamic team of college students to come and lead this program for the youth in your parish (es) please contact Julie @ 320-251-5001 or jjacobs@gw.stcdio.org. Weeks begin June 13, 20, 27, and July 11, 18, and 25. **Deadline is October 30, 2019.**

National Vocation Awareness Week November 3 – 9 – Resource Packets will be available at Arrowwood Clergy Conference for pastors to pick up.

Seminary Visits – Visit Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, in Winona on November 9 – 11. Or visit St. John Vianney Seminary, St. Paul from November 14 – 16. If you have young men interested in visiting a seminary, please contact Fr. Doug at dougliesch@gmail.com or 320-533-0291. Thank you.



Worship Office



Aaron Carpenter ♦ (320) 255-9068

All Saints – November 1 (Holy Day of Obligation) – Parishes may want to consider displaying any relics, which may be processed in during Mass. You may also consider creating a display of icons of Saints on this day and/or throughout the month of November.

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) – November 2
*Please Note: Mass for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed **cannot** replace the Saturday Mass of anticipation for the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.*

November is considered the Month of Remembrance. How might your parish find ways to remember those saints who have gone before us? You might consider a Book of Remembrance where parishioners and guests can write the names of all those who have died. During the Universal Prayers, your community could mention the Book of Remembrance. For example, "For all the names of those entered into the Book of Remembrance and for all who have gone before us, we pray:". Another idea would be to invite your community members to bring in pictures of their deceased family and friends and place them in a location where all could see and remember. What other ways does your parish remember those who have died? Email your ideas to aaron.carpenter@gw.stcdio.org. They will be added to the Office of Worship newsletter in October.

Immaculate Conception – December 9, 2019 – 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

- All Saints – November 1, 2019 (Holy Day of Obligation)
- First Sunday of Advent – November 30/December 1, 2019
- 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 Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Class at Grace United Methodist Church in St. Cloud will be held November 7, 8, 14, 15. This 38-hour class is required for currently licensed Registered Nurses who want to add the Specialty of Faith Community Nursing and minister in churches.

The Central MN Faith Community Nurse Committee renewed its support of the classes with a \$1,500 donation for 6 \$250 Scholarships. Class fee is \$450. *More information on Faith Community Nursing can be found on our website. If you have RNs interested in the class, please have them contact me at 320-249-0280. Visit: <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 them about the ministry.

NEW CentraCare has added a position of Suicide Prevention Program Manager. Lisa Bershok spoke at our Central MN FCN meeting in September. 12 FCNs shared many stories of needs they address with people in churches around suicide and the needs for education and support of family and members. One benefit of this position is help with keeping all the resources up to date by Lisa with a website at CentraCare and a link to our FCN resource page. Visit: <https://www.centracare.com/services/spiritual-care-services/faith-community-nursing/resources/suicide-prevention-resources/>

Lisa Bershok offers free Suicide Prevention training for churches: Join us in continuing this conversation in our communities by hosting a suicide prevention training at your workplace, your community organization, your faith community, your school, or with any group of people who are interested in helping to #BreaktheStigma. For more information about scheduling a suicide prevention training please contact: Suicide Prevention Program Manager [Lisa Bershok](#), MSW,

*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](#)

Happy Birthday to our Retired Priests

Reverend Mark Willenbring will celebrate his 88th birthday on October 13.

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Reverend Timothy Wenzel will celebrate his 79th birthday on October 16.

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