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November 1 ♦ All Saints – (*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.

November 2 ♦ Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

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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 2 ♦ 40 Days For Life Campaign Ending Rally – The rally begins at noon on the public sidewalk at 451 East St. Germain Street St. Cloud, MN 56301. Opening prayer will be led by Father Aaron Nett at 12:30 p.m. We will proceed to St Augustine's for pizza & sharing. Parking will be at St Augustine's Catholic Church or the side streets in the area, **not in the Planned Parenthood parking lot**. For more information, visit the St. Cloud 40 Days for Life website at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/st-cloud/>.

November 3-9 ♦ National Vocation Awareness Week – Please consider doing one of the following:

- Saying the vocation prayer at the conclusion of the petitions.
- Preaching on vocations.
- Offering your vocation story. People love to hear them!

November 9-10 ♦ Mass for Honoring Veterans – Please remember our veterans, those currently serving in the military and their families on this weekend. For Mass resources, [click here](#).

November 17 ♦ World Day of the Poor – Pope Francis is once again calling upon the church to recognize the World Day of the Poor. For the **Pope's 2019 World Day of the Poor message**, visit: <https://bit.ly/2MLoSxc>. You can also find resources on poverty in the U.S. at povertyusa.org.

Future Dates

Priest ordinations: June 6, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Cloud

Diaconate ordinations: June 13, 2020 at 10:30 at the Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Cloud



The Chancery

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

National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military



Services

Once every three years all the dioceses of the United States are asked to take up a special collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

The collection is scheduled for Sunday, November 10, which in our diocese is the same weekend as the Catholic Charities Appeal. You are therefore asked to take up **the collection for the Archdiocese**

for the Military Services on the weekend of November 23-24 instead. Please send the proceeds for this collection to the Chancery by December 31, 2019.

NOTES FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICES



Catholic Education Ministries



Linda Kaiser ♦ (320) 251-0111

Faith Formation/Youth Ministry – November is an exciting month for our youth. National Catholic Youth Conference takes place in Indianapolis November 20-24. Over 180 participants will be attending from the Diocese of Saint Cloud.

Two other important dates for youth ministers/faith formation to remember in November are:

- November 8 – Study Group in Princeton from 10:00 -2:00. Topic is “He Walked with Them”
- November 16 – Confirmation Retreat 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Church in Sauk Rapids

If you need any additional information, contact Kent Schmitz at kschmitz@gw.stcdio.org or 320-251-0111.

Catholic Schools – Two schools in the diocese have completed their onsite visits for accreditation. Congratulations to St. Mary Help of Christian School in St. Augusta and St. Mary School in Alexandria for all their work in completing this process. Holy Family School will have an onsite visit November 18-19.

Leadership Formation – We are starting our third weekend of study with 60 excited folks on fire for ministry at the Emmaus Institute. This would be a great time to start talking about building the capacity of your current leaders so they can begin a new cohort next fall. This especially is important as budgets are starting to be formed for the next fiscal year.

CEM Scholarship – Just a reminder the timeline for CEM scholarship/grants has changed. Next submission deadline is November 15. The purpose of this grant is ongoing faith formation for all parish leadership.



Communications & Development Office



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Launching an App: Following a presentation to pastors at their September deanery meetings, the Communications Office is moving forward with launching a diocesan app and a new messaging software. The app will provide Catholics with quick access to important local information and resources, such as news, homilies, event reminders, Mass times, readings, videos, etc. The messaging software, called “Evangelus,” will allow Area Catholic Communities and/or parishes to send messages to their parishioners across a variety of platforms simultaneously: email, text, social media, push notifications in the app, etc. Parishioners choose which ways they would like to receive messages.

The app and Evangelus can be customized for each individual Area Catholic Community so the ACC can best meet the needs of its parishes. Pastors and ACC planning chairpersons will be receiving an email to register for a webinar to learn how Evangelus and the app can be utilized effectively in their ACC/parishes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at jtowalski@gw.stcdio.org or 320-258-7624.

Participation in this initiative is voluntary, but it has great potential for being a valuable communications tool for ACCs and their constituent parishes/parishioners. The combined cost of the app and Evangelus is \$60/month per ACC.

CMG Connect – This is the training platform of Catholic Mutual Group. In addition to the safe environment training resources it provides for our diocese, CMG Connect also features a risk management resources library that addresses topics related to personnel, property, schools, youth ministry and general operations (including emergency preparedness tips and safety guidelines). Resources are available in English and Spanish. You can access the resources by visiting <https://stcloud.cmgconnect.org/diocese>. Log in with your username and password. Open the “Resources” tab at the top of the page, and then click on “Risk Management CARES Resource Library.”

Bishop's Annual Appeal update – As of October 28, the Bishop's Annual Appeal has raised cash and pledges totaling \$1,254,118 toward this year's goal of \$1,300,000 (96.47%). This is through generous gifts from 7,452 donors.



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.



Marriage & Family Office



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November 9 – Spanish Speaking Sponsor Couple Training – The training will be held at the Pastoral Center in St. Cloud from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Couples should register at least *two weeks* before the course and include the \$110 registration fee per couple. Couples who have been through the training but wish to get a refresher are also invited. Please bring your Fully Engaged materials plus a \$40/per couple fee. For more information, contact Janet Dusek at 320-258-7616 or jdusek@gw.stcdio.org.

November 9 – Known By God retreat – This event will be held at the Church of the Epiphany, 1900 111th Ave NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Join other mothers on a day-long retreat with Mass, adoration, Ignatian prayer, talks on grieving with God and the experience of losing an unborn infant, small group time, lunch, and a chance to honor your child. The day includes lunch and Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. All families are invited for Mass. If you have questions, contact Jill Fink, Director of Faith Formation 763-862-4335 or jfink@epiphanymn.org. Find more details and the registration form [here](#).

November 15 – Natural Family Planning Witness Couple Gathering – We are blessed to have 10 NFP “Witness Couples” in our diocese. We would like to add a few more to this amazing group. Many couples tell us that NFP brought joy and blessings to their marriage & family life. If you know of a couple willing to speak for 10-15 minutes about their experience using NFP, please invite them to consider witnessing. Ask them to call Sheila Reineke or forward their names and contact information to: Sheila Reineke, NFP Program Coordinator, 320-258-7609 or sreineke@gw.stcdio.org.

November 16 – UPDATE Spanish Speaking Marriage Course – 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.

November 24 – Christ the King materials – The USCCB has prepared materials to help educate the faithful about the Solemnity of Christ the King, which the Church celebrates on November 24, and its connection to religious liberty. Find resources on our website at <https://wp.me/P3NwgY-H3>.

January 24 – Retrouvaille – This opportunity is a peer ministry of couples helping other couples who are living in hurting marriages. The Retrouvaille program focuses on teaching couples communications skills that can help them work on their differences. For more information, visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

February 22 – Catholic Men's Conference – This year's theme is "The Real Presence: Bringing Christ to the World" at St. John's University. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Michael Haverkamp. Michael is the national liaison between the Catholic Church and Young Life. He has a phenomenal conversion story about becoming Catholic.

March 7/8 – Safe Haven Sunday – The weekend of March 7/8 is dedicated to bringing about awareness of the negative impacts of pornography on individuals, marriages, families and society. Safe Haven Sunday weekend is set aside by dioceses and parishes to directly address the harms of pornography in an appropriate way. Within the context of the Mass, dioceses and parishes are able to provide teaching and resources that will support and protect individuals, marriages and families in making all homes a safe haven. It is inspired by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' formal statement *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*, where they explain, "The use of pornography by anyone in the home deprives the home of its role as a safe haven and has negative effects throughout a family's life and across generations." Resources can be found at the [Covenant Eyes](#) website.



Mission Office



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Thank you to all for your promotion, participation and support for the Extraordinary Month of Mission this past October! We were invited into 8 communities for mission education in faith formation classes, Catholic school religion classes, parish mission groups, and regional parish clusterings throughout the diocese. We look forward to coming out to see you!

Thank you for keeping World Mission Rosary day and the World Mission Sunday collection as part of your mission promotion and awareness. This year we have sent out nearly 2,000 World Mission Rosaries around the country and globally. What a great way to be united in prayer and support.

November 14 – Give to the Max day – Please look for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith/St. Cloud Mission Office for ways to contribute. We appreciate your support!

December 6 – Advent and Christmas Open House – Come and join us for some tasty treats; beautiful and unique fair trade food, coffee, chocolate and craft items; and 10% off everything from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Mission Office.



Planning Office



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Please submit your October Mass counts by November 15 to Jayne Bruemmer via email jbruemmer@gw.stcdio.org or mail them to Attn: Planning Office, P.O. Box 1248, St. Cloud, MN 56302.



Social Concerns Office



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Thank you Fr. Mitchell and staff at Christ the King Parish in Browerville for hosting us for the annual Parish Social Ministry Gathering. Thanks to Bishop Kettler and the many participants from throughout the diocese as well. It was a great conversation around systems and biases that hold our communities in patterns of racism and marginalization! We look forward to continuing the conversation!

If you would like to offer a book read/study of the bishops' pastoral letter against racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, please let us know. Thanks to a generous donation we are able to help your parishes get copies of the bishops' document for minimal to no expense in order to help facilitate conversation on racism throughout the diocese.

Rural Life Leadership Development Initiative – Bishop Kettler has expressed his desire that every Area Catholic Community have a parish social ministry or social concerns team. If you do not yet have one, or if you would like to strengthen your existing ministry, we can help! The Rural Life Leadership Development Initiative (RLLDI) series of formation sessions focuses on community-building and parish/committee support in light of our rich tradition of Catholic social teaching, as well as the chance to join in prayer, meal and fellowship with participants from other parishes. It is a **free** training series, and participants also have the option to receive Certification in Parish Social Ministry by Bishop Kettler following the sessions. Any pastors, parish staff or parishioners interested in learning more, or who are aware of someone with a heart for service and social ministry who would be a good fit, should contact the social concerns staff *as soon as possible*. Thank you for your help in developing the diocese's 6th cohort of Parish Social Ministry Leaders, and helping reach Bishop Kettler's goal of taking social ministry across the diocese!

safeTALK – Training to Prevent Suicide in Agricultural Communities

Mental Health continues to be a large concern for many farmers and agricultural communities across the diocese. Depression, anxiety and suicide are increasingly the products of economic downturn, heavy workloads and rural isolation. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture is offering suicide prevention workshops specifically for agricultural communities on **Wednesday, December 4 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Waite Park**. "SafeTALK" is a 4 hour course that includes in-depth skills on how to recognize, engage and get help for those having thoughts of suicide, as well as how to address stigma associated with mental illness among farmers and farm workers. This workshop will be especially helpful for clergy and



Tribunal Office



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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

November 7 – 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 reach at dougliedsch@gmail.com or 320-533-0291.

Seminary Visits – Visit Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona from November 9 – 11, 2019. Or visit St. John Vianney Seminary in St. Paul from November

14 – 16, 2019. If you have young men interested in visiting a seminary, please contact Fr. Doug at douglibsch@gmail.com or 320-533-0291. Thank you.

Totus Tuus – Signup has started for Totus Tuus 2020! If interested in reserving a week for a dynamic team of college students to come and lead this program for youth in your parish(es), please contact Julie at 320-251-5001 or jjacobs@gw.stcdio.org. Weeks begin June 13, 20, 27, and July 11, 18, and 25. Deadline is November 30, 2019.



Worship Office



Aaron Carpenter ♦ (320) 255-9068

Mass for Health Care Professionals – On October 20, Bishop Kettler celebrated with and blessed healthcare professionals from around the diocese. If you would like to use this blessing in your parishes, you may access it [here](#).

December 9 – Immaculate Conception – 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.

One Body: Gathered. Nourished. Sent – With our new two-year focus on Eucharist, perhaps your parish community or ACC would like to utilize a wonderful resource from the Office of Worship. *Engaging the Mystery* is a DVD series (also available for [streaming](#)) produced by the Office of Worship to deepen our understanding of the Mass. You could create your own study questions or utilize the book, *The Mystery of Faith*. In the early part of 2018, ALL parish communities received a free copy of both the DVD and the resource book. Please contact the Office of Worship if you would like assistance setting up this study program in your community.

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
- Ordination of Priests – June 6, 2020
- Ordination of Deacons – June 13, 2020



Annette Jesh ♦ (320) 249-0280

The fourth Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Class at Grace United Methodist Church in St. Cloud to be held November 7,8,14,15 was cancelled. There is a waiting list now for the next class in May 2020. The 38 hour class is required for currently licensed Registered Nurses who want to add the specialty of Faith Community Nursing and minister in churches. Those who registered were set with Catholic Education Ministries, Central MN FCN Committee, and MN Methodist PN Assoc. scholarships. Scholarships are available to help with tuition.

NEW 2020 Dates for the Foundation Classes: May 7-8, 14-15, 2020; November 12-13, 19-20, 2020. A waiting list for notification is open. More information on Faith Community Nursing can be found at <https://www.centracare.com/services/spiritual-care/faith-community-nursing/education-events-news/>. If you have RNs interested in the class, please have them call 320-249-0280.

To recruit a Faith Community Nurse, personal contact with a currently licensed Registered Nurse is key. For more information visit: <https://www.centracare.com/services/spiritual-care/faith-community-nursing/>.

If you want the postcard size **National Suicide Prevention Line and Crisis Text card** sent to you to have by your phone or put on your phone, or to post, or have in your display area, contact Lisa Bershok, suicide prevention program manager, at 320-251-2700 ext. 23793 or email: Lisa.Bershok@centracare.com

A Faith Community Nurse Facebook page will be available soon to share information.

Living Waters in Sauk Rapids is hosting an annual **Angel of Hope Candlelight Vigil**. The Angel is a gathering place for anyone grieving the loss of a child of any age, for any reason. All are welcome here to grieve, reflect, find solace and hope for the future. Held at the Sartell Community Center on December 6 at 6:30 p.m. The evening begins with a brief indoor ceremony before proceeding to the outdoor pavilion. White flowers will be provided to participants to place at the foot of the Angel in honor of their child or loved one. See more and register at: <http://wwbdinc.org/>.

**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](#)



Catholic Charities ♦ (320) 650-1550

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal: Make God's Love Visible 2019 – Make God's Love Visible 2019, the annual appeal of Catholic Charities, will launch the week of November 10. We invite you to join us in helping ensure a better tomorrow for our community. Together we made a difference in the lives of 52,655 individuals in 2018, and our ability to continue helping our neighbors depends on the success of this campaign. One hundred percent of all donations support Catholic Charities programs throughout Central Minnesota. Watch for more information to come in November and donate online today at ccstcloud.org/donate.

Share the Spirit This Holiday Season with St. Cloud Area Families – For many local families it is difficult to find joy in the holiday season while struggling to provide children with a unique holiday experience. You can help to ease this worry for families in need by participating in Catholic Charities' Share the Spirit program. Learn more and sign up to adopt a family at ccstcloud.org/share-the-spirit.

January 25 – Mardi Gras Celebration—Purchase Your Tickets Today! – Join us for our 2020 Mardi Gras Celebration at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud. Show your support for Catholic Charities' and our Central Minnesota community while enjoying great food, friends, and entertainment! This year's celebration includes a silent auction, wine pull, music by the Vista Jazz Band and the Fabulous Armadillos, and more. We hope to see you there! For more information and to purchase tickets visit ccstcloud.org/mardi-gras.

Happy Birthday to our Retired Priests

Reverend Arthur Vogel will celebrate his **96th** birthday on **November 7**.
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Sartell, MN 56377
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****NOTE**

A birth date of a retired priest was unintentionally omitted from the October Monthly Diocesan Newsletter:

Reverend Joseph Korf celebrated his **71st** birthday on **October 9**.
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