

April 2020
MONTHLY DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

APRIL

Easter

IN HIS GREAT MERCY (GOD) GAVE US A NEW BIRTH TO A LIVING
HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST.

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Please feel free to put the following livestreamed liturgies
in your parish bulletins. Bishop Kettler will be celebrating

these liturgies privately.

April 2 ♦ Chrism Mass – Chrism Mass will be livestreamed on Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. To view the Mass visit www.stcdio.org/liturgies.

April 5 ♦ Palm Sunday – The Mass will be livestreamed on Sunday at 9:45 a.m. To view the Mass visit www.stcdio.org/liturgies.

April 9 ♦ Holy Thursday – Holy Thursday will be livestreamed on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. To view the Mass visit www.stcdio.org/liturgies.

April 10 ♦ Good Friday – Good Friday will be livestreamed on Friday afternoon at 12:05 p.m. To view the Mass visit www.stcdio.org/liturgies.

April 11 ♦ Easter Vigil – The vigil will be livestreamed on Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. To view the Mass visit www.stcdio.org/liturgies.

April 12 ♦ Easter Sunday – The Mass will be livestreamed on Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. To view the Mass visit www.stcdio.org/liturgies.

April 16 ♦ Leadership Day – Collaborative Leadership: One in Mission and Ministry - Part 2 – The leadership day is **postponed** but will be rescheduled on a later date due to measures implemented to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

April 23 ♦ Spring Mission Rally – The rally is **cancelled** due to measures implemented to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

April 28 ♦ Partnership Reunion – The rally is **cancelled** due to measures implemented to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

Future Dates – *Dates subject to change pending status of state and federal health mandates/guidelines.*

Priest ordinations: June 6, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Cloud
Diaconate ordination: June 13, 2020 at 10:30 at the Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Cloud

NOTES FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICES



Catholic Education Ministries



David Fremo ♦ (320) 251-0111

Catholic School principals are reading Ann Garrido's "Redeeming Administration" book over the next several months, with group reflections and integration discussions in their school communities. E-meetings will be utilized to support professional and practical needs and opportunities throughout the remainder of this school year. The shift from traditional to online and distance learning is providing a time for exploring ways to adapt and grow the toolkits, methods and assessment models used in our Catholic schools. Contact David Fremo, dfremo@gw.stcdio.org for more information.

Catholic Education Ministries is connecting with youth ministers and volunteers as we shift from some scheduled events to home and online settings. The Diocese of Saint Cloud Youth and Young Adult Ministry Facebook page is a central, dedicated place to see what is happening and to find resources. Contact Kent Schmitz, kschmitz@gw.stcdio.org for more.

The Emmaus Institute is accepting applications for studies this Fall. Instructors are developing coursework adaptations for current students to complete their April studies. For more information, or an application to the Institute, contact Kristi Bivens, kbivens@gw.stcdio.org.



Communications & Development Office



Joe Towalski ♦ (320) 258-7624

Coronavirus updates and resource page – For the latest messages from the diocese and links to a variety of prayer and spiritual resources, including for Holy Week, please visit www.stcdio.org/coronavirus-update. If your parish has a page listing similar resources, please consider adding our link to your page.

If you have other resource ideas, or if there is any other way our office can help you at this time, please contact me at jtowalski@gw.stcdio.org or 320-258-7624.

Diocesan app – The app is another great way to stay up to date on the latest diocesan news. You can now download the app directly at <https://mypari.sh/bb6>.

As of March 30, the **Bishop's Annual Appeal** for 2020 has raised cash and pledges totaling \$778,348 toward this year's goal of \$1,300,000 (59.87%). This is through generous gifts from 5,332 donors. Thank you to everyone for the work you are doing to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal during this challenging time. If you have collected any gifts that you have not yet been able to submit, please submit them as soon as you are able. Questions can be directed to Anna Kampa at



Continuing Education for Clergy



Fr. Joe Herzing ♦ (320) 258-7624

Wednesday, July 15 – Clergy day for priests (including Jubilarian celebration) at St Paul's (St Cloud) starting at 1 PM. Bishop Quinn of Winona-Rochester will talk on issues facing clergy. 4:00 p.m. Mass, after Mass a reception time, at 5:30 p.m. we will have a meal honoring our Jubilarians.



Marriage & Family Office



Patrick Flynn ♦ (320) 252-4721

World Wide Marriage Encounter, Friday, May 1 – Held in Buffalo, MN. Looking for a way to increase the love and romance in your marriage? Do you need time just for the two of you? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience may be the answer! Instead of simply listening to lectures about how to improve your marriage, you will actually learn a practical communication technique and have an opportunity to rediscover your hopes and dreams for your marriage. Find more information at www.wwme.org or call Brent & Tracy Chessen at 612-756-8720.

Honoring Marriage Day, POSTPONED to Saturday, September 26, 2020

This event will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Mary in Saint Cloud at 1:30 p.m. for couples celebrating their 5th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60 plus anniversaries in 2020. **Parishes are asked to send names and addresses of parishioners celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50, 60 & 60 plus years of marriage in 2020** to the Office of Marriage & Family, 305 7th Avenue North, Suite 100, Saint Cloud, MN 56303 or via email to Jan at jzylia@gw.stcdio.org or fax 320-258-7658 as soon as possible. Invitations will be sent to the celebrating couples.

Nominations for the 2020 Humanae Vitae Award – July 25 will mark the 52nd Anniversary of Humanae Vitae! In celebration, we'll host our annual diocesan Humanae Vitae Mass & Award Reception on Thursday, July 23 at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Saint Cloud. We are blessed to have people in our diocese who have dedicated themselves to the promotion of Natural Family Planning and the principles of Humanae Vitae. If you know a person(s) who has demonstrated courage in promoting Natural Family Planning, submit your nomination in writing (500 words or less). For more information visit: <http://stcdio.org/nfpnomination>. Send, fax or email nominations before April 22 to the Office of Marriage and Family, Natural Family Planning Advisory Committee at 305-7th Avenue North Suite 100, Saint Cloud, MN

56303; fax: 320-258-7658; e-mail: omf@gw.stcdio.org. If you have any questions, contact Sheila Reineke at sreineke@gw.stcdio.org or 320-252-4721 ext. 308.

And mark your calendar for July 23, 2020 to celebrate the Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* during our annual diocesan *Humanae Vitae* Mass & Award Reception. Bishop Donald Kettler will celebrate a 7:00 p.m. Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Saint Cloud. Our award reception will follow.



Mission Office



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The delegations from Homa Bay Kenya (April 13-29) and Maracay Venezuela (April 20-May 3) have been **cancelled** due to measures implemented to curb the spread of the coronavirus.



Planning Office



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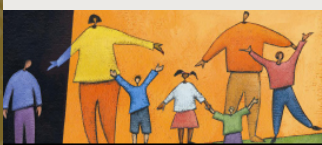
Letters from Bishop Kettler in response to the ACC submitted plans have been sent to the pastors and ACC chair. In addition to specific affirmations and recommendations, the bishop states: "After reading all of the plans, we have a few general observations and would like to add these expectations for all Area Catholic Communities."

These additional expectations are listed below. Each came with a specific target date; these dates have been suspended for the time being in light of the coronavirus pandemic. However, the expectation is that you would continue working toward these additional goals:

- Have a joint bulletin
- Have a Mass schedule that staggers Mass times
- Have a joint pastoral council
- Communicate the plan to the broader Area Catholic Community
- Include at least one goal that is externally focused (reaching out to inactive parishioners, collaborating with other faith traditions in your area, etc.)
- Work together as one Area Catholic Community
- Include realistic timelines

Please send any revisions to your plans to the Planning Office as soon as you are able.

All ACC plans will be published on the diocesan planning website on a new date TBD. Contact the planning office with any questions or concerns.



Safe Environment



Linda Kaiser ♦ (320) 251-2340

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting System

The new Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting (CBAR) service became operational March 15. The bishops of the United States approved the national reporting system following Pope Francis' May 2019 apostolic letter, "Vos estis lux mundi" ("You are the light of the world"), to address the issue of sexual abuse and bishop accountability in the global Catholic Church.

CBAR is one way to report allegations, operated by Convercent, Inc., an independent, third-party entity that provides intake services to private institutions for reports of sensitive topics such as sexual harassment, through a secure, confidential, and professional platform. Individuals may make a report by accessing www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or calling (800) 276-1562. Reports are taken 24 hours a day in English and Spanish. More information may be found at www.archspm.org/ReportBishopAbuse.



Social Concerns Office



Kateri Mancini ♦ (320) 229-6020

Parish Social Ministry Certification – Catholic Charities is once again looking for those parishioners who are active in the work of Social Concerns to be recognized by Bishop Kettler for their leadership in this area through Parish Social Ministry Certification. If you have leaders in your parish communities who are involved in this ministry in some way and have not yet been certified, please encourage them to contact Social Concerns for more information on the Certification program in our diocese, or notify us at Social Concerns so we may reach out to them. **Applications for Certification are due May 24**, so encourage your parishioners to apply right away!

Please consider sharing the following information in your parish bulletins:

Seeking Rural Life Coordinator:

Social Concerns is seeking someone with farming and agricultural background interested in working with other people of faith on activities that help families and individuals in our rural communities to serve as a part-time (14 hours per week) Rural Life Coordinator. The position allows candidates to work from home, engage in community meetings and partner with a great team striving to live out our Catholic Social Teachings while meeting the needs of our rural parishes and areas of the diocese. Competitive wage and paid expenses. A passion for promoting Catholic social teaching is required; some experience in parish social ministry or charity and justice work is preferred. Must have lived and/or worked in a rural environment, including knowledge of farming. Interested persons should contact Kateri Mancini at Kateri.Mancini@ccstcloud.org 320-229-6020. Catholic Charities is an equal opportunity employer.

Catholic Century Farm Award – Deadline extended!

Please share information about the Catholic Century Farm Award with parishioners and encourage those who have or know of a Catholic Century Farm in our diocese to [contact social concerns](#), or visit our [social concerns website](#) for [requirements and application form online](#). This is a wonderful honor and we would like to reach a few more Catholic Century Farm families, and appreciate your help in identifying these pillars of our diocese!

Please share the following information in your bulletins or parish announcements:

Catholic Charities would once again like to honor those Catholic families who have farmed and nurtured the same land for 100 years or more! Catholic Century Farm Award recipients will be honored at the Rural Life Celebration on Sunday, August 2, 2020 at the Steve and Jamie Ries Farm in Eden Valley (though recipients need not be present to be awarded). If you or someone you know have a Catholic Century Farm in our diocese, [contact social concerns](#), or visit our [social concerns website](#) for [requirements and application form online](#). Form can also be mailed to interested farms. Applications/Nominations are requested by April 30.

Save the Date: annual Rural Life Celebration Sunday, August 2, 2020 at the Steve and Jamie Ries Farm in Eden Valley, MN



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, the petitioner must complete and return the witness list. Witnesses include 2-3 adult people who knew them prior to and during their marriage and can give us information about the marriage. At the time of the formal hearing, the petitioner must bring these witnesses in with them. 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 the person participate in an evaluation or counseling with their intended spouse. This requirement is made so that the 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

May 1: World Day of Prayer for Vocations – As a priest, please consider simple ways you can highlight your vocation story and pray specifically for more vocations.

Ordinations – *Dates subject to change pending status of state and federal health mandates/guidelines.* Deacons Patrick Hoeft, Brady Keller and Thomas Skaja will be ordained to the priesthood on June 6, at Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud, at 10:30 a.m.

2020 Summer Vocation Events

June 14: Paintball with the priests (9th grade young men and older)

June 16 – 18: Avon Vocation Camp (7th – 10th grade)

June 22 – 24: Belle Prairie Vocation Camp (7th – 10th grade)

August 8: Paschal Challenge, Sauk Centre (9th – 12th grade)

More information or to register go to <http://vocations.stcdio.org/events/>.

2020 Totus Tuus Schedule

June 13 – 19: Braham/Cambridge & Isanti * Little Falls * St. Michael, St. Cloud

June 20 – 26: Eden Valley * Elk River * Perham

June 27 – July 3: Holdingford/Upsala * Bluffton/Wadena * Long Prairie

July 11 – 17: Belgrade * Belle River/Osakis * Milaca

July 18 – 24: Foley * St. Augustine, St. Cloud * Sauk Centre

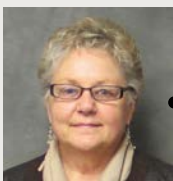
July 25 – 31: St. Augusta

The Totus Tuus planning meeting will be Tuesday, April 28, 3:00 p.m. at the Pastoral Center lounge.

Eucharistic Adoration: We mailed seminarian trifolds to parishes with Eucharistic Adoration Chapels, with hope that these could be placed in or near the chapel. If your parish didn't receive these, and would like some please contact the Vocations Office. Thank you.



Health Care Ministry



Annette Jesh ♦ (320) 249-0280

- **To Be Determined: Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Classes for 2020 Dates:** May 7-8, 14-15, 2020; November 12-13, 19-20, 2020. A waiting list is open. Please call 320-249-0280. *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. Scholarships are available.
- Faith Community Nurses and church staff have changed the way they reach

out since the social distancing during Covid-19. Many FCNs and others are calling members who are seniors, shut-ins and those with chronic conditions. Some FCNs are developing a system where all seniors, shut-ins and those with chronic conditions in our churches get a phone call at least once a week. Many churches are using their resources to do this.

- Another resource from Red Cross: This is how to prepare an emergency plan from a pandemic workshop in 2007: <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/make-a-plan.html>.
 - **To Be Determined: WEB EX ONLY MEETING - Wednesday, April 8 – Next Central MN FCN Committee Meeting** from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The meeting will be hosted on CC **Web Ex**. An invitation will be sent to FCNs of all denominations across the diocese.
 - **To Be Determined: SAVE THE DATE June 9 – The Annual FCN Workshop** will focus on trauma awareness response in our faith communities where mental health and faith come together. The workshop will be held at the Todd Steinke Auditorium, South Point, in Saint Cloud.
 - The **White Mass for Health Care Professionals** will be Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Benedict's Monastery.
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- [Find an FCN By City](#)
 - [Find an FCN By Denomination](#)

Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls ♦ (320) 632-0680

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls are hosting the 13th annual Franciscan Girls Camp entitled, "Faith and Fun with Franciscans," on Tuesday, June 2 (10 a.m.) – Thursday, June 4 (6 p.m.) in Assisi Park, located on the grounds at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Girls who have completed grades 6-8 are invited to enjoy a variety of nature and fun activities, campfire, prayer and singing. Participants will have an opportunity to visit with and learn about the Franciscan Sisters and the values of St. Francis of Assisi. In addition, campers will discover their unique gifts and become aware of God's presence in their lives—all while camping outdoors in the beauty of nature. This year's theme is "Dance the Circle of Sacredness."

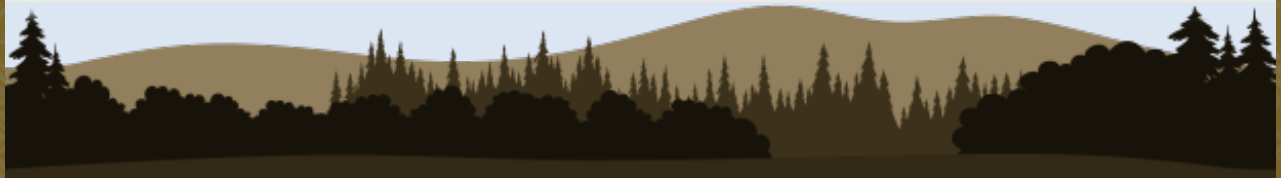
For more information on Franciscan Girls Camp, or to **register by May 1**, contact Sister Ange Mayers at (320)632-0680 or email: amayers@fslf.org; www.fslf.org.

Happy Birthday to our Retired Priests

Reverend Arlie Sowada will celebrate his 74th birthday on April 14.
117 6th Street
Bluffton, MN 56518
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Reverend Richard Leisen will celebrate his 90th birthday on April 26.
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