

March 2020
MONTHLY DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

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THE SEASON OF LENT
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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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 United States 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." Click [here](#) for more information as well as parish resources.

March 27 ♦ Festival of Forgiveness – Catholics throughout the Diocese of St. Cloud will celebrate a Lenten "Festival of Forgiveness" Friday, March 27, to help every person experience the life-changing power of God's love and mercy. On this date, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available for extended times at designated churches throughout the 16-county diocese. Visit www.stcdio.org/2020FestivalofForgiveness for the church(es) in your area and promotional resources.

Future Dates

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 Schools – Principals from the diocese will gather with Dr. Joseph White at the College of Saint Benedict on March 10 for a day retreat, titled "A Still, Small Voice: Listening for God in Everyday Life."

Emmaus Institute – Great formation is happening at the Emmaus Institute! Below are links to three videos created by the Ministry to and with Families course. The videos are in Spanish, just use the closed caption button for English subtitles.

Video 1: *En su opinión, ¿Qué está afectando actualmente a la iglesia doméstica Latina?* (In your opinion, what is currently affecting the Latinx domestic church?)

Link: https://youtu.be/igvIcwUb_Qc

Video 2: *Yo rezo...* ("I pray for...")

Link: <https://youtu.be/lzEHIL9ymBY>

Video 3: *Mi mensaje para el prójimo* ("My message for my neighbor...")

Link: <https://youtu.be/tV0K4cgngVo>

If you are inspired by this great work and wonderful students, maybe you or someone you know should be applying for cohorts 4 (Spanish) and 5 (English) of the Emmaus Institute for Ministry Formation. Classes begin the weekend of September 11, 2020. Applications and the course calendar can be found at <http://stcdio.org/emmaus-institute/>.

In the Ministry of the Word – Are you looking for formation for your catechists and other members of your parish or ACC? In the Ministry of the Word is a great program! Each two-hour session focuses upon a different aspect of basic formation that helps the catechist become more effective and confident in their ministry of catechesis. This formal, structured, sequential training process is available **free** of charge to any parish in the Diocese of Saint Cloud and we will come to you. Upon completion of all 16 sessions, the catechist will receive a certificate. <http://cem.stcdio.org/faith-formation/in-the-ministry-of-the-word/>.

For more information on either of these programs, contact Kristi Bivens at kbivens@gw.stcdio.org or 320-251-0111.



Communications & Development Office



Joe Towalski ♦ (320) 258-7624

Thank you to everyone who helped to promote the Bishop's Annual Appeal during announcement and commitment weekends. As of February 24, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2020 has raised cash and pledges totaling \$98,372 toward this year's goal of \$1,300,000 (7.57%). This is through generous gifts from 536 donors. For the latest updates and resources for promoting the appeal, please visit www.stcdio.org/bishopsannualappeal.



Marriage & Family Office



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DCCW Women's Lenten Retreat "Saints Within Us", Saturday, March 14 – The event will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Sauk Rapids from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more details, including cost and registration information, visit http://omf.stcdio.org/th_event/dccw-womens-lenten-retreat/.

Spanish Speaking Marriage Course, Saturday, March 21 – Sponsor Couple Training for Spanish speakers will be 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 (March 6) and include the \$110 registration fee per couple. For more information, contact Janet at jdusek@gw.stcdio.org or 320-258-7616.

2nd Marriage Course, Saturday, March 28 – Held in St. Cloud at the Pastoral Center from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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. For more information, go to <http://omf.stcdio.org/marriageprep/>.

40 Days for Life Spring 2020 Closing Rally, Saturday, April 4 – Held at St. Augustine in St. Cloud from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, go to http://omf.stcdio.org/th_event/40-days-for-life-spring-2020-closing-rally/

Sponsor Couple Gathering, Sunday, April 26 – All of the Sponsor Couples from the diocese are invited to this gathering. Please join us for this afternoon of encouragement, sharing and education to be held at Saint John the Baptist parish in Colleagueville from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please contact the Office of Marriage and Family for more information at 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, Saturday, May 2 – 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 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.



Mission Office



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World Day of Prayer is Friday, March 6 at 1:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran church. Come join many voices and faith communities from across the diocese as we celebrate Zimbabwe.

The Catholic Relief Services/Bishops' Overseas Appeal is Sunday, March 22. This collection provides funding for the USCCB offices of International Justice and Peace,

Migration and Refugee Services, Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, Relief work for the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

Spring Mission Rally is **Thursday, April 23** at Sacred Heart parish in Staples. We welcome our partners from Homa Bay and Maracay as presenters. Please contact the Mission Office for information and registration for the day. Cost is \$10.00.

We welcome both of our partners with delegations from Homa Bay, Kenya and Maracay, Venezuela this April!

- Homa Bay will be in our diocese from April 13-April 29
- Maracay from April 20-May 3.

Please watch for events and activities happening throughout the diocese while they are here.



Social Concerns Office



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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 have not yet been certified, please encourage them to contact Social Concerns for more information on the Certification program in our diocese. If you would like to know more about developing social ministry in your parish or ACC, please let us know; Catholic Charities offers training and ongoing support in the area of Parish Social Ministry that can help empower and equip individuals and groups in your parishes to be leaders in offering positive change in your communities!

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

Day at the Capitol: April 1

The Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) and the Minnesota Catholic Conference invites all parishioners and staff to join the Bishops and other JRLC members for the annual Day on the Hill on Wednesday, April 1 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The day will include a multi-faith, statewide gathering for prayer, hearing from keynote speaker Archbishop Hebda, and meeting with elected officials at the State Capitol. Whether it's your first time meeting with legislators or you're an advocacy pro, the day is great for everyone! Registration is required through JRLC's website: <https://jrlc.org/day-on-the-hill>. We are offering a **FREE bus** to the event, departing from Little Falls, St. Cloud and Monticello; sign-up for the bus is separate from event registration, and can be done online at https://ccstcloud.formstack.com/forms/joint_religious_legislative_coalition_2020 or by **emailing social concerns**.

Catholic Century Farm Award – Catholic Charities would once again like to honor those Catholic families who have farmed and nurtured the same land for 100 years or more! We are once again taking applications from Catholic farm families who meet the [requirements for the award](#); recipients will be honored at the **Rural Life Celebration on Sunday, August 2** (though recipients need not be present to be

awarded). Please share information about the Catholic Century Farm Award with parishioners and encourage those who have or know of Catholic Century Farms in our diocese to [contact social concerns](#), or visit our [social concerns website for requirements and application form online](#).



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

Vocation Jamboree: If you know of young women who are high school juniors and older, invite them to join a trip to the University of Mary, Bismarck, North Dakota, to meet members of religious communities and mission organizations from around the country. Fr. Doug will be taking a group leaving early on March 18 and returning

the evening of March 19. Please contact Julie in Vocations at 320-251-5001 or jjacobs@gw.stcdio.org if you have any questions.

Eucharistic Adoration: Previously we mailed some seminarian trifolds to parishes with Eucharistic Adoration Chapels, with hope that these could be placed in or near the chapel. Hopefully we didn't miss any parishes. If your parish didn't receive these and would like some, please contact the Vocations Office. Or if you'd like more

seminarian tri-folds, please let us know and we'll mail some to you. Thank you.

Ordinations: Deacons Patrick Hoefft, 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.

Totus Tuus – Below is the schedule and locations for Totus Tuus this summer:

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

- Still need Totus Tuus leaders. If you know of anyone, please have them complete an application at <http://vocations.stcdio.org/totus-tuus/leaders/>.
- The Totus Tuus planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, at 3:00 p.m. at the Pastoral Center lounge.

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)

For more information or to register, visit <http://vocations.stcdio.org/events/>.



Worship Office



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The Three Scrutinies – Parishes with catechumens preparing for baptism should plan to celebrate the Three Scrutinies on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. Readings from Cycle A should be the preferred option if celebrating the Scrutinies. Contact the Office of Worship with any questions.

Chrim Mass and the RCIA – Please include the Chrim Mass (Thursday, April 2) on the parish's RCIA schedule. Catechumens are strongly encouraged to be present with the team. The bishop will celebrate a dismissal with the catechumens who will then break open the readings and the ritual. The dismissal will take place after the blessing of the oils.

Invitation to Chrim Mass – All confirmation candidates and any others from your parish are invited to participate in the Chrim Mass. We will reserve space **for those parishes who RSVP** your group. Call Laura at 320-251-0111 with a specific number of those who will be present. **You can call any time up to April 2 at Noon**. The Chrim Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m. on April 2.

Holy Oils – All Holy Oils will be bottled and packaged and ready for pick up following the Chrim Mass. Please **DO NOT** bring your own vessels. If you have any questions,

please contact Aaron at aaron.carpenter@gw.stcdio.org or 320-255-9068.

Confirmation for Baptized Catholics – Bishop Kettler will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults (18+) at the Vigil of Pentecost on Saturday, May 30 at 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Mary. This is for Catholic candidates who are seeking to complete their Christian initiation. Each parish that is preparing adult candidates for this sacrament is strongly encouraged to send its candidates, along with their sponsors and families, to the cathedral for this Diocesan Confirmation Liturgy. Register [here](#).

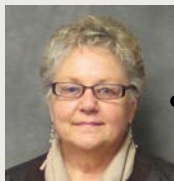
Pall for Child/Infant – The diocese now has three child/infant palls available for parishes who may find the need for their use. There is one stored at St. Mary's in Alexandria, one stored at Christ Our Light in Princeton and one stored at the Office of Worship. Should your community need a child/infant pall, please contact St. Mary's, Christ Our Light or the Office of Worship. Please be sure to return the pall to the original location.

Important Dates

- Chrism Mass – April 2
- Confirmation of Adults – May 30
- Ordination of Priests – June 6
- Diaconate Ordination – June 13



Health Care Ministry



Annette Jesh ♦ (320) 249-0280

- **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.
- Use the [CentraCare FCN website](#) to Find A FCN Online to see the list of 54 FCNs by denomination in 35 cities. These FCNs are working in their faith communities to meet the needs of members; working with community resources to promote health and collaborating with churches and community providers to enhance health within the church and the broader community. Recently, over 20 FCNs received training in a new Light the Legacy Advance Care Planning initiative and received a Toolkit created to teach and help members fill out Advance Care Plans. To receive more information about training or to connect with a trained FCN, contact [Annette](#) Jesh.
- **Wednesday, April 8 – Next Central MN FCN Committee Meeting** from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the CentraCare Plaza in the Marco Room with a speaker on MN Assisted Suicide legislation. The meeting will be hosted on CC **Web Ex**. An invitation will be sent out to FCNs of all denominations across diocese. FCNs can also attend via phone, iPad or computer.
- FCNs will have their second annual joint retreat with the **Friends in Faith Group** at St. Benedict's Monastery Spirituality Center on March 10 from 4-8 p.m. All FCNs are welcome to the potluck and program. RSVP needed.

- **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 held on Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Benedict's Monastery.

Faith Community Nursing, formerly called Parish Nursing, is the blend of nursing and ministry promoting the wellness of body, mind and spirit for individuals of all ages. Faith Community Nurses are Registered Nurses prepared to work with members of a local congregation in many ways:

- Visit members in homes or hospitals
 - Counsel members on health-related issues
 - Assist in obtaining needed health services
 - Help members understand the relationship between body, mind and spirit
 - Assist in adapting important lifestyle changes
 - Teach classes on how to maintain good health
 - Provide health screenings
 - Develop support groups within the church
 - Coordinate church volunteers
- [Find an FCN By City](#)
 - [Find an FCN By Denomination](#)



Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities ♦ (320) 650-1641

Catholic Charities 10th Annual Pack the Porches and Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign

Do you know that nearly one in eleven Minnesotans experience food insecurity, and that 12.5 percent of children in Minnesota are food insecure? This March, Catholic Charities Emergency Services Food Shelf joins other food shelves, faith communities, businesses and organizations across Minnesota in acting to end hunger and food insecurity during the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign, the largest annual grassroots food and fund drive in the state, and Catholic Charities 10th annual Pack the Porches Food Drive on March 20. Learn how you can help ensure food for all throughout Minnesota at ccstcloud.org.

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.


D I O C E S E O F S A I N T C L O U D

LEADERSHIP DAY
for all parish staffs and parish leadership


COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP:
*One in Mission
and Ministry*
(Part 2)

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Ann Garrido
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Called. Co-responsible. Collaboration. Co-workers. We hear these terms so often in our ministry, but often do not go beyond the word itself. We are called. We need to collaborate as lay and clergy. We are co-responsible for the life of the Church. We are co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord.

So how do we bring to life these words in our mission and ministry? Come join us on Thursday, April 16 at Holy Family parish in Belle Prairie for another Leadership Day: **Collaborative Leadership: One in Mission and Ministry**. Our presenters will be Ann Garrido and Fr. Scott Steinkercher, OP.

During our day together, you will have the opportunity to hear our presenters on collaborative mission and ministry, connected to the concepts of the book *Redeeming Conflict*, by Ann Garrido. You will also have time to reflect together as members of parish staffs and ACC leadership. We will also worship together and have time for networking.

Intended Participants: Priests, Deacons, Liturgists, FF and YM Coordinators, Pastoral Associates, Business Administrators, Secretaries, School Principals, other Diocesan, Parish or ACC Leadership.

For more information or to register: http://cem.stcdio.org/th_event/collaborative-leadership-one-in-mission-and-ministry-part-2/.

** To attend this leadership day it is not necessary that you attended Part 1 with Doug Tooke last Fall.*

October Leadership Day Follow-up for the month of March

In an effort to provide discussion materials based on Doug Tooke's presentation last October and to keep the conversation going parishes as we look forward with Ann Garrido in April, we are providing discussion materials monthly for parish staffs, parish councils, leadership teams and ministry groups.

Watch the video "Jonah" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLlabZc0O4c>) with other staff members, team members, councils, boards, etc. Following the video, reflect on these questions and share your insights with one another.

- How are you like Jonah?
- Have you ever entered a team meeting with assumptions about the outcome? How can our assumption create barriers to collaboration?
- More than likely we all work with people who think differently that we do. What ways are you like Jonah and get frustrated because of these differences?
- Instead of needing to be right, how might you do a better job of seeking to understand?

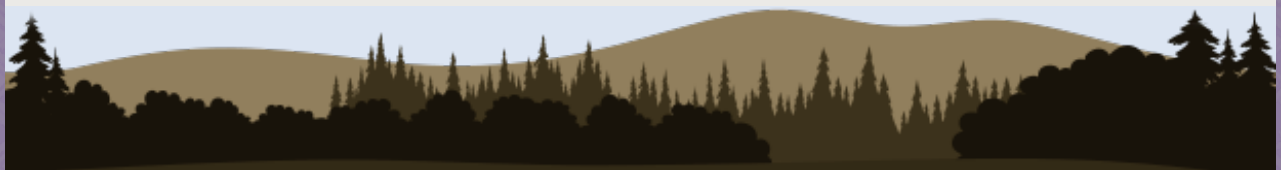
Happy Birthday to our Retired Priests

Reverend Gerald Dalseth will celebrate his **82nd** birthday on **March 10**.

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Reverend Albert Holmes will celebrate **76th** birthday on **March 26**.

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