



Riverbend Ripples

Coordinator's Comments:

There is a lot of excitement about our new Riverbend TEC center in Marshall. Many people from the Marshall area have indicated that they will help in whatever way needed to help get this new TEC center up and going. Our TEC Council met in Marshall to look at what rooms and spaces we could use. This will be a very good facility for TEC to use. We are very thankful to the parish and school leadership who have been very welcoming. We also picked team for the January TEC at Marshall so that the directors could tour the facilities. We are anticipating a great TEC on January 14-16. We hope to have a great turnout for the reunion too.

The past several months I have been discussing with the Riverbend TEC Council transition. I have served as the coordinator and spiritual director for Riverbend TEC since January 22, 1980. During these 36 years I have happily given much time to work with thousands of people serving on teams growing in their own faith and provide an opportunity for many to more fully encounter Jesus Christ and grow in their relationship with the Lord. On June 24, 2002, Bishop John Nienstedt officially appointment me as the Spiritual Director for Riverbend TEC.

It has been a privilege to serve all these years as coordinator and spiritual director for Riverbend TEC. In February 2018 I will be turning 70. I plan on remaining involved in Riverbend TEC but I think it would be wise to bring new people in as coordinator and spiritual directors for Riverbend TEC.

As we have discussed this process a couple elements are clear for us. We plan to separate the role of coordinator and spiritual director. This is a practice in many dioceses. The responsibilities of the coordinator focus more on the day-to-day operation of TEC, maintaining a vibrant relationship with the national TEC Conference, and working with youth and adults to continue providing quality retreat weekends. The Spiritual Director needs to be

a priest appointed by the bishop. With our diminishing number of priests we cannot expect another priest to take on both positions as I have held. We are recommending that there be two priests appointed, a Spiritual Director and an Assistant Spiritual Director. They could work together providing the spiritual leadership and priestly presence on the TEC weekends, leadership formation, and working with the TEC Council. Along with these two priests other priests would continue serving as team spiritual director on each TEC weekend.

Our plan is to have the new Coordinator and Spiritual Directors in place effective on July 1, 2017. I will continue to work with the new Coordinator and Spiritual Directors as they get familiar with their duties. I have visited with Bishop LeVoir about this transition plan. I ask everyone in the Riverbend TEC community to keep this in your prayers so that we have a smooth transition and that Riverbend TEC continues to be an opportunity to help adults and young adults encounter Christ.

A new opportunity organized by the youth ministry office of the Diocese of New Ulm is Cor Jesu (pronounced core yay-zoo) which means Heart of Jesus. It is an opportunity to encounter our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during adoration, while singing contemporary songs of praise, hearing a short sermon, and reconciling oneself with God in the Sacrament of Penance. All ages welcome! Visit www.dnu.org/cor-jesu for more information. The schedule for Cor Jesus is:

Saturday, January 7 Cathedral of the Holy Trinity | New Ulm
Saturday, February 11 St. Andrew | Granite Falls
Friday, March 31 St. Clotilde | Green Valley | w/ Stations of the Cross!

Saturday, May 6 St. Aloysius | Olivia
Friday, June 2 Cathedral of the Holy Trinity | New Ulm | w/ Bishop John M. LeVoir!

Please ramp up your prayers for TEC and especially Riverbend TEC. St. Theresa of Lisieux, pray for us.

Fr Denny

Please join us for

Riverbend TEC 40th birthday

6TH ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP GALA

5-11PM

*Friday February
24th*

2017

MAX'S GRILL - OLIVIA, MN

*email Jerry to register
jerrylangworthy@hotmail.com*

TICKETS: \$25 PER PERSON
EMCEE: HAROLD ARMSTRONG



2017 TEC Gala - Ticket Information:

February 24, 2017. 5pm to 11pm.
Max's Grill. 2425 W. Lincoln Ave, Olivia MN

To reserve your seat(s) at our TEC Gala and to be a part of our 40th Anniversary of TEC in the Diocese of New Ulm, simply send an email to jerrylangworthy@hotmail.com.

In the email, include the following information. [You may purchase more than one ticket]

The Names of each person

The Entree preference for each person (Chicken, Prime Rib, or Walleye)

And indicate when you will pay for the tickets:

Pay at the door

Attend and pay at the January TEC Reunion

Mail a check to Jerry Langworthy

11837 Harvest Lane #16

Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Tickets are still just 25.00 per person. Don't miss out on this milestone event for our community as we gather to celebrate, socialize, laugh, and pray. There may even be a few party games! Pin the collar on the Priest?



FIAT # 31 was held on Dec. 3-4, 2016 at St. Aloysius Church in Olivia. There were five people who made the FIAT. It was a wonderful time of preparation for Advent, a time similar to Mary's time of preparation after her Fiat to the Angel Gabriel. please watch for the date of the next FIAT which will likely be in the fall or early Advent next year.

Riverbend TEC website information:

After opening the updated TEC website www.riverbendtec.org, go to the upper right corner and click "Sign In" to access the updated 430 page. We have new, easy to use online application forms now for applying for team! Everyone now uses the same username and password to log in.

www.riverbendtec.org
username: riverbend
password: wheat430

Find up to date news, applications, contacts, links, & information on Saints!

The Riverbend TEC Council is the leadership organization for Riverbend TEC which meets the 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:30pm to 9:30pm at the Catholic Pastoral Center in New Ulm. This group works at providing leadership training, evaluation, publishing a newsletter, updating the TEC weekend and being a resource for any TECite to contact with concerns or ideas.

Riverbend TEC T-Shirt WEBSITE: We have a storefront on CafePress. You'll find a wide variety of options, styles, sizes, and colors.

A part of every purchase made will go to Riverbend TEC.
www.cafepress.com/riverbendtec.

Wheat Letters are a vital part of our weekend, building the faith community. Write a Die Day, Rise Day, or Go Day letter for the upcoming weekend.

You can also write Personal Die Day letters for any of the new TECites or Team Members participating on the weekend. Letters for Rise and Go Day should address the entire group.

You can now submit your letters from the website or you can send them in the mail to Riverbend TEC, 302 S. 10th St, Olivia, MN 56277.

Safe Environment - Volunteers are to go to the VIRTUS website (www.virtus.com) to read an article and answer a simple question. Login with your name and password. If you have any trouble doing this, please send an email to or call Fr. Denny Labat at riverbendtec@gmail.com or 320-523-1271. **Please read the Safe Environment training article ASAP. It is required to work on team for a Riverbend TEC weekend in 2016-2017.**

FIAT is a shorter follow-up retreat for those who have made TEC and are 18 and over. Check our website for more information. We have our next Fiat in December in Olivia MN.

Upcoming Events for Riverbend TEC

January 2017

1	Planning Meeting RB 264	Marshall
12	TEC Council	New Ulm
14-16	RB 264	Marshall
15	Reunion, RB 264	Marshall
29	Small Reunion RB 264	Marshall

February 2017

9	TEC Council	New Ulm
24	RB 265 team applications due	
24	TEC Gala	Olivia

March 2017

4	RB Leadership Day	Bird Island
9	TEC Council	New Ulm
19	Planning Meeting RB 265	New Ulm

April 2017

1-3	RB 265	New Ulm
2	Reunion, RB 265	New Ulm
23	Small Reunion RB 265	New Ulm

Conference Room Team

Eric Soupir - LD
 Chasity Soupir - LD
 Justin Prokosch - ALD
 Fr Zach Peterson - SD
 Katie Prokosch - ASD
 Lori Mathiowetz - MD
 Pat Verly - GD
 Roxanne Felder - AT
 Barb Verly - AT
 Jean Polman - AT
 Monica Simmons - R
 Samantha Welu - R
 Christina Koester - R
 Emily Mortier - R
 Nathan Brueske - TM
 Michael Koester - M
 Angie Otto - M
 AJ Hoffman - G
 Adam Raney - G
 Todd Vogl - G

Tecites as of Dec 17

Emma Erdmann	Dawson
John Ferber	Jordan
Bruce Johnson	Lester Prairie
Kraig Kellner	Lester Prarie
Kaitlyn Mathiowetz	Granite Falls
Belinda Minahan	Willmar
Lisa Portner	New Ulm
Cathy Raney	Granite Falls
Brooke Sorensen	Minneota/Marshall
Isaac Timmerman	Marshall

Wheat Team

Alex Rohlik - WD
 Jessica Schmitz - AWD
 Art Rohlik - WSD
 Ellen Mathiowetz - AWSO
 Audrey Prokosch - C
 Amy Foster - AC
 Mary Myrhe
 Elizabeth Raney
 Leigha Felder
 Tracy Felder
 Katherine Frank
 Vicky Rasmussen
 Kevin Savoye
 John Verly
 Brynn McKeown
 Nichole Felder
 Jami Meirick
 Stephanie Kellner
 Megan Vogl
 Holly Zins
 Denise Johnson
 Eli Welu
 Will Klann
 Kaitlyn Leach
 Ashton Stahl
 Lori L Timmerman

Pray for the Team/TECites of

RB 264



Riverbend TEC Schedule for 2016-2017

TEC	Date	Location
264	January 14-16, 2017	Marshall
265	April 1-3, 2017	New Ulm
266	August 5-7, 2017	Winsted

Directors for RB 265 in New Ulm, MN

LD	Ben VanMoer
ALD	Norb Kramer
SD	Fr. Tony Hesse
ASD	Jim Rice
MD	
GD	
WD	Anne Richardson
AWD	
WSD	Fr. Wes Dessonville
AWSD	Ron Nielsen

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*St. Therese of Lisieux,
 Patron Saint of TEC
 pray for the team
 and TECites
 of Riverbend # 264!*

*Shop online at:
www.cafepress.com/riverbendtec*

*Check out our
 Facebook group,
www.facebook.com/groups/2204607343*

**Team Applications
 need to be received
FIVE weeks before the
 TEC weekend.**

*You can now fill out
 and send in your team
 application **ONLINE!***

*Submissions for the Ripples
 are due 5 weeks before a
 TEC weekend.
 Email them to
jerrylangworthy@hotmail.com*

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