

RIVERBEND RIPPLES

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS:

20 years ago we had our 3rd daughter attend her first TEC retreat... like her 2 older sisters before her, she invited her mom and dad to make the retreat. No longer could we bow out saying that we were good with our Catholic Faith. Barb attended first and Pat made a winter TEC after the farming was done. Our lives were changed!

Prayer became so real and powerful, and sharing our love for Jesus together through working many retreats and praying to start and end our days has been very important for our marriage and our domestic church/family including our TEC family. Our TEC family's prayers united with those of hundreds of family and friends, and the Week of Prayer for our son, John, during his battle with brain cancer led to his healing 10 years ago... still cancer free to this day!

It is very exciting to see how TEC is focused totally on our loving and forgiving. Lord Jesus Christ! The weekend is led by his Holy Spirit and we are focusing on Jesus, and encountering him on the road through The Word and Sacraments of The Church!

We feel called to help make it possible for TEC to continue on! It has been very mind blowing to see just how much our dear Father Denny was doing for our Together Encounter Christ Retreats over all these 37 years! And much thanks to Justin and Katie Prokosch for these last 2 years of service!

A team of us are joining forces to enable TEC to continue on... for all those who answer the call to attend and come closer to our Lord Jesus. Looking back over our 20 years of making more retreats than we can count...each time we placed those sins at his feet in the confessional and came closer to Our Lord there for us in the Eucharist and His Word! Filled with overflowing with all we need to armor ourselves to face the battles of life!

Each "yes" we have heard from family and friends to a weekend has been powerful to share in! With grandchildren now within a couple years of being 16 the excitement is building for them to share in this powerful weekend, and then go forth to love and

serve Him and share His LIGHT and Truth with all! This was our experience, and with each weekend we grow whether we are working or praying and doing wheat at home. The Holy Spirit is truly at work building up His Church!

Since John's brain cancer and witnessing the power of prayer as a young girl prayed for John in the middle of a grocery store in the Cities, as well as witnessing the power of prayer each weekend, and how prayer in our marriage heals and blesses us ... We will end this in prayer today, and for the future of The Church as we come Together to Encounter Christ.

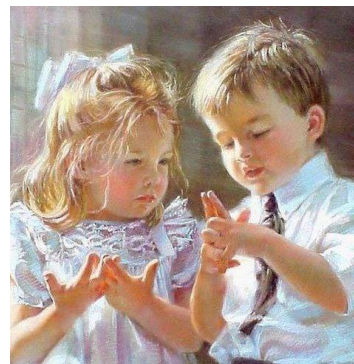
Jesus, we are filled with love for you! Our journey in this world is made clear and bright by your LIGHT that comes to us from Jesus, Mary, the Saints and your Church! We can find happiness in sharing your LIFE/LOVE/LIGHT gained as we embrace our Most Cherished Cross as we carry it following you down the narrow path. We ask that we may love and serve you and one another without counting the cost. "Wounded, we will not cease to love." (*motto lived by our Little Sister Hallel's Community of the Lamb*) Jesus, we trust in you. Amen and Hallelujah

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Upcoming Events for Riverbend TEC

June 2019

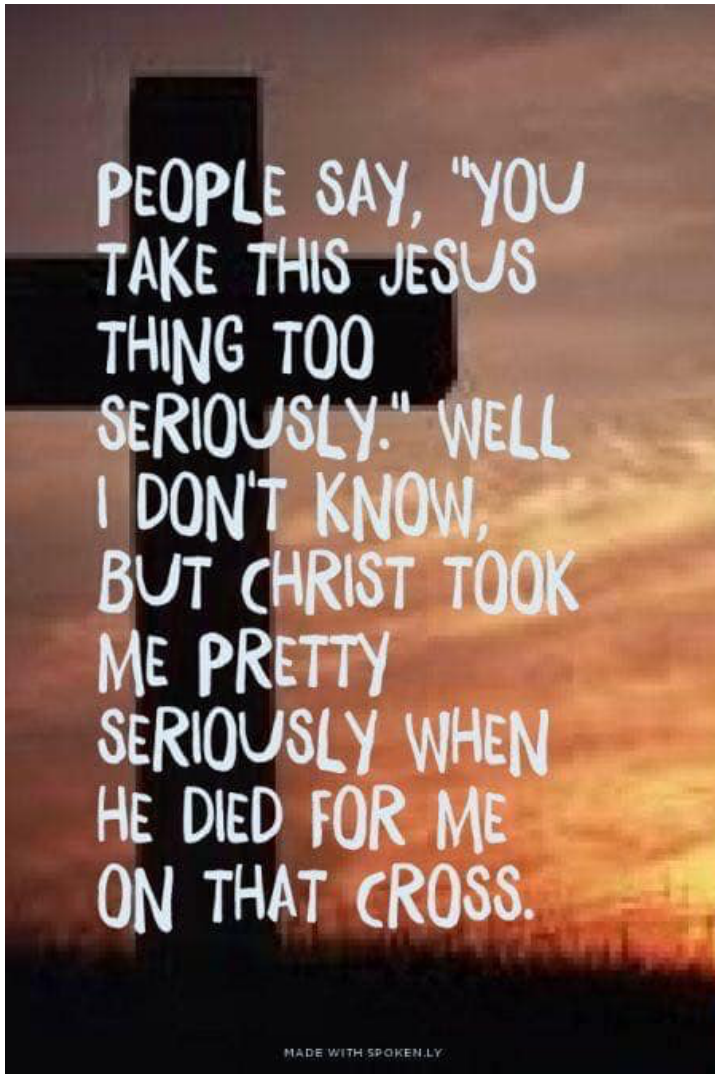
9 | **Planning Meeting RB 272** **Bird Island**

22-24 | **RB 272** **Bird Island**

23 | **Reunion RB 272** **Bird Island**

July 2019

12-14 | **TEC Encounter** **St. John's**



2018-2019 TEC Council

Fr. Tony Hesse

Fr. Dennis Labat

Joe Neumann

Alex Rohlik

Taylor Welu

Fr. Andy Michels

Justin Prokosch

Tracy Felder

Catie Loken

and newly added to leadership duties: Elaine Kahle, Peggy Lenz, Pat Verly, and Barb Verly.

Each summer there are usually a few council positions that open up. In addition, there are a few positions open on the current council.

Is Christ calling you to serve the Riverbend community by helping guide and shape the program - to provide an Encounter with the Paschal Mystery for team and TECites? Email riverbendtec@gmail.com to let us know your interest.

Keep the Council in your prayers!

COMMUNICATION COMMENTS:

My Dearest TEC Family,

I have been involved in Riverbend TEC since 1983, when I made RB#40 as a 19 year old. Little did I know at that time the impact that the TEC program would have on my faith journey and my life. I had no idea that God would call me time after time to serve on team in various capacities, to not only share my faith and journey with others, but to encounter Him over and over again and deepen my personal relationship with Him on each weekend. I am so thankful that I said yes to that first weekend and that God has continued to call me and use me as his instrument through the TEC program.

Over these past 36 years I have met hundreds of people through the TEC program and many of you have become my very closest friends. We have shared our faith with one another, laughed together, sung together, cooked, prayed, cried and encountered the love of our God together. I have said on a number of occasions that the TEC program has been the single most influential event in my life that has helped me become the person that I am today and has helped me grow into the faith I have today. TEC has led me to God through the sacraments in the Catholic Church and has instilled in me the desire to be active in my home parish and to celebrate the sacraments more often. I have seen, first-hand, the impact that the TEC program has had in the lives of other people as they encounter the unconditional love and forgiveness of God the Father like never before. TEC is often a turning point in the faith journey of many people, and it is for these reasons that I have decided to step up and take a leadership role in the Riverbend TEC program.

As many of you know, Fr. Denny was our TEC coordinator for 36 years. When he stepped down a couple of years ago, Katie and Justin Prokosch graciously accepted the position. As life would have it, God blessed their family with twins last summer. Their top priority is taking care of their family, and in December they stepped down from their position as coordinator. The TEC Council looked at options for coordinators, possibly splitting up the job into a few roles, and prayerfully discerned where the Spirit was calling the program. Justin and Katie kept doing the roles of the coordinator until this past May, until we found individuals to cover the 3 positions of coordinator: Administration, Communications, and Logistics. I, Elaine, along with Peggy Lenz will cover the role of Communications, and Pat and Barb Verly will cover the roles of Administration and Logistics."

All of us are a little overwhelmed to say the least, but our goal is to have a successful June TEC and

then review the roles and positions over the summer and come up with a plan for the future of TEC. WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE!! We need all of our TEC family to join us in prayer, praying for the future of Riverbend TEC as well as the future of TEC at large. We need to revive our program and do a better job evangelizing. Now, more than ever, our diocese, our world needs programs like TEC to awaken that desire deep within the hearts of our people to want to know, love and serve our Lord. We need TEC members and past priests that have been inactive for years to re-engage in our program and in our faith.

If you have concerns about the TEC program please bring them to my attention so I can address your concerns and bring them to the TEC council. Have there been changes in the TEC program over the years? Yes, small details have been tweaked and improvements have been made, but we have always stayed true to the heart of TEC and that is the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of our Lord. The preliminary plan is to host 2 successful TEC weekends next year—one in January and another in June.

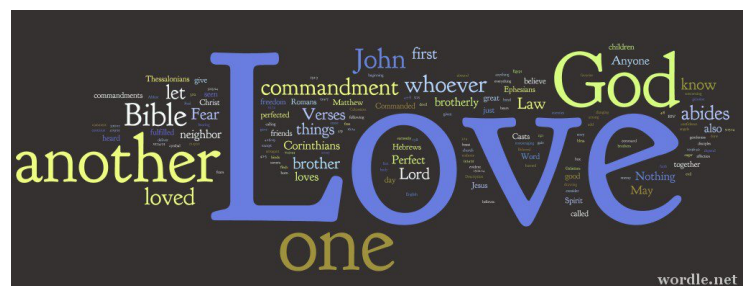
Would you be willing to set aside one weekend to work on team? Can you share your faith and love of God with a few people and invite them to encounter Christ on this 3-day journey? Working and praying together I know we can rejuvenate our program so we can continue to lead more people to Christ through the TEC experience. All of us can pray, write letters and offer wheat and we can start right now in preparation for the June TEC. Watch for info coming out this summer through the TEC Facebook page, website and Ripples about dates for 2020. I know and believe that I can count on each one of you, to look within your heart, remember what the Lord has done for you and trust that you will respond to the degree that you are able. God Bless you all!

Yours in Christ,

Elaine Kahle

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19 Ways to Let Your Parish Priest Know You Appreciate Them:

1. Pray for Your Priest(s)
2. Cook Them a Meal, Especially on Their Busy Days
3. Celebrate Their Special Days
4. Pray More, Complain Less
5. Offer to Help
6. Go to Mass and/or Confession
7. Write Them a Note Expressing Your Gratitude
8. Say Thank You
9. Give Them a Compliment
10. Look Out for Their Wellbeing
11. Save the Drama for Yo Mama
12. Let Him Know You Have His Back

13. Establish a Relationship
14. Have Realistic Expectations and Be Helpful
15. Don't Be a "Priest Collector"
16. Be Supportive
17. Give Him Space
18. Invite Him Over
19. Strive for Holiness

You can read more about each of these by clicking on the link below and reading the article.

https://focusoncampus.org/content/19-ways-to-let-your-parish-priest-know-you-appreciate-them?fbclid=IwAR2_9TwxOalSgKKBeUQJ_b281z73EXEwwvH1uGm_nQo9p5ANsmnDEfDYtM

Welcome to the Family! Riverbend TEC #271

Logan Cronen, Clara City

Patty Eiden, Chaska

Bridget Essen, Glencoe

Patty Fitzgerald, Winsted

Kara Gion, White Bear Lake

Pat Hoecke, Howard Lake

Amy Lager, Eden Prairie

Dylan Nelson, Winsted

Anna Samuelson, Benson

Joseph Schuller, Lucan

Gabe Sparks, Clara City

Joe Walker, Sioux Falls SD

Conference Room #272

Kristin M (Kahle) Adams - AT
 Nate L Brueske - M
 Sarah E Finnegan - R
 Rose M Heimerl - LD
 Denise A Johnson - AT
 Elaine Kahle - M
 Kraig R Kellner - G
 Norb D Kramer - ALD
 Peggy Lenz - G
 Pamela Loken - R
 Fr Mark Mallak - SD
 Emma C Oglesby - AT
 Angie M Otto - MD
 Vicky L Rasmussen - GD
 Maria E Reising - R
 Dr Jim C Rice - ASD
 John P Verly - AT

Wheat Team #272

Alice A Fasnacht - W
 Vince Curtiss Haag - W
 Sydnee L Heggstad - W
 Mara Kerns - W
 Robin Kerns - W
 Mike R Knapp - W
 Christina M Koester - W
 Michael J Koester - W
 Amy Lager - W
 Catie A Loken - C
 Dylan Nelson - W
 Tarra L Parsons - W
 Anne C Richardson - WD
 Kellie Jo Sloom - W
 Christa J Switzer - AWD
 Barbara L Verly - WSD
 Patrick G Verly - AWSO
 Veronica A Ward - AC

TECites as of June 8

Isabelle F Ballalatak	Arlington
Lucy Louise Ballalatak	Arlington
Jason G. Brandt	Sacred Heart
Shanna E Daugherty	Buffalo
George Fred Essen	Glencoe
Allie Marie Evink	Willmar
Ellen Guggemos	Winsted
Molly Therese Koralewski	Glencoe
Anna Clare Mielke	Glencoe
Rene' Lillian Neumann	Winona
Mike Petree	Hutchinson
Emily Ruth Staska	Willmar

*Lift up these RB 272
 team members in your
 prayers, that they may be
 instruments of God's
 grace and will.*

*Pray for the hearts of the
 TECites to be open to
 Encounter the Paschal
 Mystery.*

TEC Encounter 2019: **Called by Christ; Affirmed in** **Love; Sent to Serve**

July 12-14, 2019

St. John's University

Collegeville, MN

The TEC family gathers for 3 days each year so that our call to encounter Christ may deepen. Everyone who is interested in bettering their TEC community is invited to participate. At TEC Encounter, you will find:

- A deeper sense of community
- Networking opportunities with other members of the TEC family
- A greater knowledge of TEC's spiritual processes
- An opportunity to gather and share resources
- Personal spiritual renewal

Encounter 2019's keynote speaker is John Vitek. John has served in church leadership for nearly 30 years, including as a parish youth minister and director of religious education, a diocesan director of youth and pastoral life, and Chancellor of the Diocese of Winona. He is currently president and chief executive officer of Saint Mary's Press. Recently, he coauthored the study *Going, Going, Gone: The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Youth Catholics*. He is a sought-after public speaker on this and countless other topics. Further, John has years of "TEC experience," having directed many TEC weekends over the years.

You can find more information and register at:
<https://tecconference.org/get-involved/tec-encounter/>

Reunion Schedule

- **4:00pm:** Time to socialize, set up, and get ready for the reunion (in the gym)
- **4:35pm:** Go to Church to prepare for chapel visit and prayer
- **4:50pm:** Prayer, Witness talk, and Adoration (in Church)
- **6:15pm:** Chapel Visit
- **7:00pm:** Reunion in Gym



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.

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 Riverbend TEC at riverbendtec@gmail.com. **Please read the Safe Environment training article ASAP. It is required to work on team for a Riverbend TEC weekends.**

FIAT is a shorter follow-up retreat for those who have made TEC and are 18 and over. Check our website for more information.



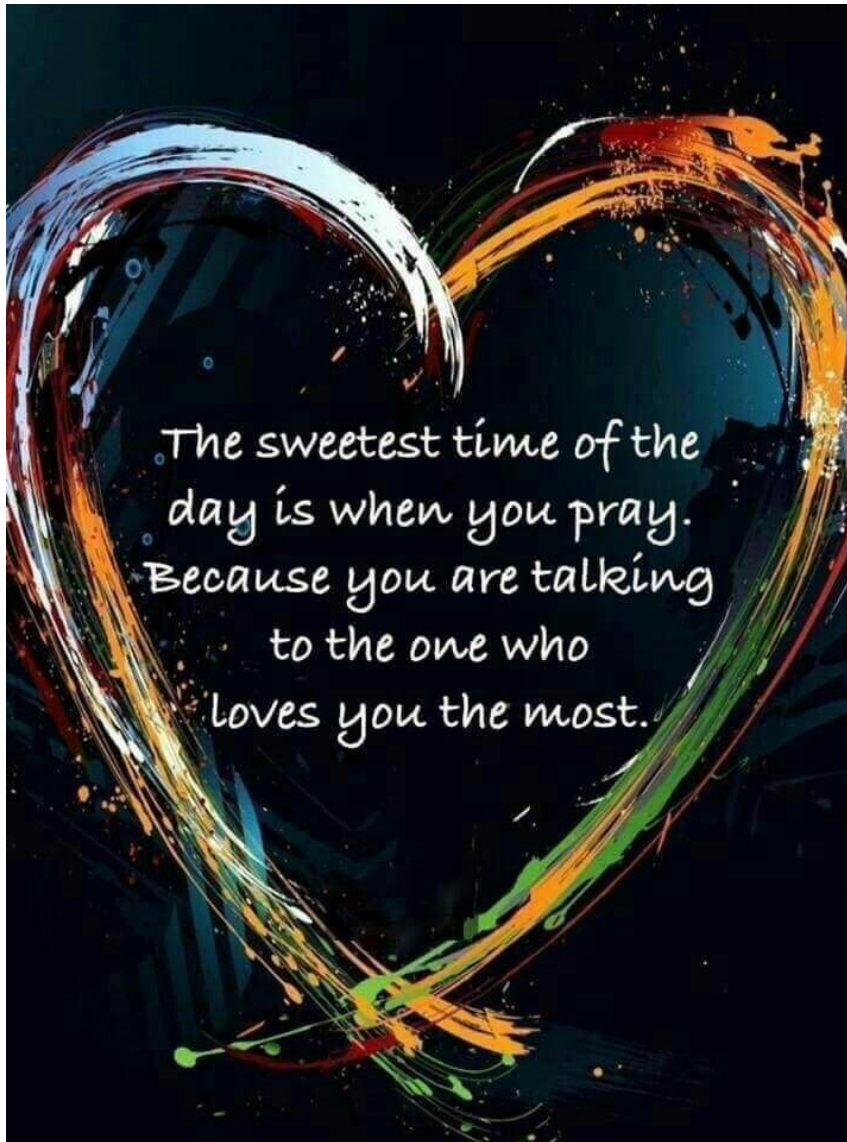
Riverbend TEC Schedule for 2019

TEC	Date	Location
272	June 22-24, 2019	Bird Island

*St. Therese of Lisieux,
Patron Saint of TEC
pray for the team
and TECites
of Riverbend # 272!*

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**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
jerryangworthy@hotmail.com*