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As Thanksgiving approaches: **Every person has a human right to food** [1]by Sr. Francine Dempsey

A calendrical quirk brings the first day of Hanukkah and Thanksgiving together this Thursday for the first time since 1888. **Eight ways to celebrate Thanksgivukkah** **[2]** Scientists say the confluence won't occur again for another 70,000 years, give or take a millennium.

Pope Francis calls for decentralization of church power **[3]** (Watch NCRonline.org for more reporting on Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation **"Evangeli Gaudium"** **[4]**)

More on "Evangeli Gaudium"**:** **Pope attacks 'tyranny' of markets, urges renewal in key document** **[5]**

Why are Ireland?s Catholic bishops dragging their heels on new Vatican questionnaire? **[6]** There has not even been a Sunday Mass announcement about it.

Two bishops dialogue with Catholic peace activists[7]

Pittsburgh, Erie dioceses win temporary injunction against HHS mandate[8]

Vatican abuse prosecutor says Rome 'well aware' of accountability problem[9]

St. Paul-Minneapolis -- Twin Cities archdiocese is just at the beginning of its sex abuse scandal -- **Unfolding of cases here mirrors national pattern.**[10]

Omaha, Neb. -- **2 priests found guilty of sex abuse by archdiocese unlikely to face criminal charges**[11]

Boonville, Mo. --**Former priest charged with 8 felony counts, including sodomy and kidnapping, wants a bench trial.**[12]

Steubenville, Ohio -- **Four more school employees charged in Steubenville rape case** **[13]**, including superintendent and coaches

[14]Looking for an a little inspiration to begin your day? NCR's sister publication, Celebration, gives you two options, both based on the Scripture readings of the day:

Pencil Preaching [14] is blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

Daily Bread[15] is a series short reflections, written by four authors who meet regularly to share the readings. Daily Bread is intended to help daily preachers and others who pray from the assigned scriptures each day to orient themselves to the Living Word addressed to the church in the world. It's a great way to begin the day.

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