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## OFFICE OF THE DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR

**I AM GRATEFUL TO THE BOARD OF CONSULTORS** for their trust in me, and I ask for all your prayers that I may serve faithfully and well as diocesan administrator. Hopefully, this intervening time between bishops will be brief. For the present, I plan to be at the Chancery on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Obviously, there will be other days I will be in Salina based on scheduling of various events and meetings.

**CONFIRMATIONS** - It is my understanding that I can give a general delegation to all pastors to preside at the Confirmations in their own parishes. For those who do not wish to do that, I will arrange for members of the Board of Consultors to preside. Please let me know, in the next few weeks, which you wish to do, so I can get Confirmations scheduled.

**“PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP”** – Enclosed is a “Prayer for a New Bishop”. You are welcome to make copies of the enclosed sheet which could be cut into fourths to have available in your parishes or to put as a bulletin insert.

Fr. Frank Coady

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast day of the United States of America is celebrated on Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> and is a Holy Day of Obligation. **Chancery will be closed.**

**2017 28th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego 9 P.M. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> (Friday) to 1 A.M. Dec. 9th (Saturday).** It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on December 9th) that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and prays through Her intercession for the establishment of a Culture of Life, protection for the Church from persecution and asks Our Lord to REVIVE OUR LAND. All are invited to participate!

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** depends on an annual appeal to support our aging religious women and men. The collection takes place on the weekend of December 9-10, 2017. Please refer to the November 24<sup>th</sup> issue of *The Register* regarding this important appeal or you may go to the web site [www.usccb.org/nrro](http://www.usccb.org/nrro) or [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org) for more information.

## **OFFICE OF THE DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR (cont.)**

**CHRISTMAS 2017 - a blessed and grace filled Christmas to all!** The Chancery will be closed on Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of December in observance of Christmas.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD** on Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> is also a Holy Day of Obligation. The Chancery will be closed on Monday, January 1st, 2018.

**CLERGY RENEWAL DAYS** – are set for January 22-25, 2018 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. Please see the Continuing Education Office section for more details.

**DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS** – Special collections from your parishioners have been overwhelming these last two months of 2017. I deeply appreciate your support and promotion within your parishes for these events (Hurricane Victims, Annual Seminarian Collection, Annual Human Development as well as the promotion of *The Register* renewal subscription drive.

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**Come and enjoy the Runnin Revs at SH Jr./Sr. High School in Salina Thursday evening beginning at 6 P.M. as they once again will have their annual basketball game.** All are invited to come and cheer the seminarians on to victory as they play against high school students sponsored by Vocatio of Salina. Refreshments will also be available.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERTS for the month of December.** Thank you all for sharing this important information in your parish bulletins each month.

December – Give a gift to support the work of **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, P. O. Box 25241, Philadelphia, PA 19119 Visit: [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org)

**Diciembre** – Haga una donación para apoyar el trabajo de las **Hermanas católicas de los Estados Unidos contra la trata de personas**, P. O. Box 25241, Philadelphia, PA 19119 Visite: [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org)

## **OFFICE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS**

**JANUARY RENEWAL DAYS 2018:** January 22-25, 2018. Jim Berlucchi, MTS, the Executive Director of the Spitzer Center for Ethical Leadership, will be with us on Tuesday. Fr. Frank Coady will guide us on Wednesday and Thursday. These days will begin with supper on Monday evening at 5:30 and conclude with the noon meal on Thursday.

**ANNUAL RETREAT:** Our scheduled days are September 24-27, 2018.

## **OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN:** The recent devastating church shootings in Texas have raised awareness about the need for basic safety and security measures for our parishes and to take precautions in protecting against such violent attacks. If your parish has not looked into assessing security measures it is imperative you do so as soon as possible.

In an effort to provide more detailed assistance with preparing and responding to active shooter situations Catholic Mutual has completed excellent guidelines, procedures, and recommendations (please see below). Catholic Mutual's Emergency Procedure resources can be found on their website [www.catholicmutual.org](http://www.catholicmutual.org)

\* Pastors and other members of safety committees at the parishes are encouraged to watch Catholic Mutual's Defeating a Violent Intruder series on CMGConnect. A second video will provide assistance in creating an Emergency Response Plan which is something all parishes should develop as soon as possible.

\* Guidance regarding written Emergency Procedures for Ushers and an Active Shooter Emergency Response is available to parishes to use as a template when drafting a plan of your own.

\* Parishes are encouraged to utilize the free Emergency Procedures App that was recently made available for electronic devices such as cell phones or tablets. Instructions to download the app in both English and Spanish found on the CARES materials on Catholic Mutual's website addressing security. You may locate the App at [www.catholicmutual.org](http://www.catholicmutual.org) Click Member Login, Username: 0008sal Password: service. Click on Risk Management Info; Property; Security. This information should be able to assist parish members on recommendations to provide better security for parishes.

Also, following is the website link to all of the Emergency Management contacts in the State of Kansas: <http://www.kansastag.gov/KDEM.asp?PageID=200>

You may contact the Emergency Management representative that is in your county and they will make themselves available to assist you in constructing an Emergency Procedure Plan specifically for your parish at no cost to you. Hannah Stambaugh with the Saline County Emergency Management Office came to the Chancery to even review the layout of our facility before making recommendations on the Emergency Procedure Plan.

If you have specific questions, need additional assistance or would like a copy of the Chancery's Emergency Procedure Plan to use as a template please email Pamela at [pam.sullivan@salinadiocese.org](mailto:pam.sullivan@salinadiocese.org) or call (785) 820.8704 Ext. 18.

**2018 OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY ONLINE UPDATING:** We have received the following from the Official Catholic Directory office concerning updating for the 2018 OCD:

On December 1, 2017, letters with simple and easy to follow instructions for using the OCD Online Update System will be sent to each organization within your diocese. The letter and the online update system will include an OCD support phone number and email address where system users can have issues/questions addressed. You will not be receiving the blue or pink sheets in the mail. It will all be coming by email. If you have not received anything from the Official Catholic Directory by email in the next few weeks please let Darlene or Claudia know and they can follow up on this: [darlene.streit@sbcglobal.net](mailto:darlene.streit@sbcglobal.net) and [claudia.commerford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:claudia.commerford@sbcglobal.net).

## OFFICE OF LITURGY

I'm sure you have all figured out your Mass schedules for December 24-25. People will probably be asking you if they can attend Mass on Sunday evening and have it count for their obligation for both Sunday and Christmas. The answer is no.

The same goes for December 31. If you are providing an evening Mass for the Holy Day, people cannot participate in that Mass and count it for both December 31, Sunday, Holy Family and January 1, Monday, Mary, Mother of God.

Documentation below was provided by Msgr. Brinkman, if you care to read it.

The reasoning:

There no two obligations intersecting one another. According to canon 1247 the obligation to participate in Mass is tied to Sunday or a holy day of obligation that begins at midnight. Consequently, the obligation itself is binding not from 4:00pm on the evening preceding the Sunday or holy day of obligation but only during the midnight-to-midnight period of the day of precept itself (cc. 200 and 202 §1). In other words, on Sunday evening December 24 the faithful are able to fulfill their obligation for Christmas, but they are not required to do so. When commenting on *Orientalium Ecclesiarum* 15 that extended the *tempus utile* for Eastern Catholics to satisfy their Mass obligation in the evening before, Victor J. Pospishil made a similar argument that “should he, e.g., foresee that he will be prevented from attending church on the Sunday or holyday, he is not obliged to assist at Mass on the preceding evening although he has such possibility.”[i]

Therefore, the code only offers a possibility to satisfy a Mass obligation in the evening before, but it does not extend the obligation to the evening before. Otherwise, the precept of Sunday rest would be binding already in Saturday evening as well. Accordingly, while on the surface it seems that two Mass attendance obligations are equal when they intersect in an evening, in reality they do not have the same weight. In such an evening there is only one binding obligation that takes precedence over the other.

In regard to USCCB: Actually, they gave direction (NCCB back then) for this matter in the early 70s. On July 24, 1970 Msgr. Giulio Einaudi, charge d'affairs of the Apostolic Delegation in the United States, wrote the following to Bishop Joseph Bernardin, general secretary of the NCCB:

“In reply to inquiries it continues to receive, the Sacred Congregation for the Clergy has again written to clarify the matter of fulfilling the double precept of the obligation to attend Mass.

The following dubium is presented: Whether the faithful who attend Mass on Saturday, 15 August, would fulfill the double precept of hearing Mass on Saturday, feast of the Assumption, and Sunday, 16 August?

In analogous cases, the Sacred Congregation, after deep study and due consideration gave the following response: Negative. His Holiness has approved this response.

## **OFFICE OF LITURGY (cont.)**

The indult by which the faculty is given to fulfill the obligation of attending Mass on the evening of a Saturday or of a feast day of obligation is generally granted in view of rendering easier the fulfillment of such a precept, without prejudice of keeping every Lord's Day holy.

May I ask Your Excellency to bring this reply to the attention of the Most Reverend Ordinaries.”[ii]

This letter references not just the congregation's reply to the *dubium* but also (at least) one more answer given by the same congregation to someone else, which can indicate that the matter of concurring Mass obligations was discussed and considered a resolved matter. As Brian Dunn points out, although it was not an authentic interpretation of the law, being only a private reply, it does indicate the *praxis Curiae*. [iii] Moreover, the indication that the Roman pontiff has approved the resolution of the *dubium* can give greater weight to this praxis. This letter was made known to the wider public in the United States only in November of 1974 in the *Newsletter* of the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy. [iv]

## **OFFICE OF MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL**

After 25 years of priestly ordination the diocese permits a priest to apply for a sabbatical of up to three months. Several months ago, with the Bishop's permission, I applied for a 12 week sabbatical at the Institute for Continuing Theological Education at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. I was accepted into the program for the Spring 2018 session; They accept 30 priests every Spring. I will be departing for Rome on January 10th and returning to the Diocese after Easter.

During my sabbatical, Fr. Don Zimmerman will be serving as the acting pastor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays. I am very grateful to the Diocese and Bishop Weisenburger for this opportunity. I am also thankful Fr. Don Zimmerman and his willingness to substitute for me while I am away from the parish. Tribunal operations will go on as usual with Fr. Peter O'Donnell and Mr. Corey Lyon processing cases along with Sr. Carolyn Juenemann, CSJ, coordinating Tribunal operations.

-- Fr. Barry

## **OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Wishing** each and every one of you a **blest Advent season** and a **Merry Christmas**.

From Beth and Lois in Stewardship and Development

### **YEAR-END GIFTS**

As this calendar year comes to a close, it is likely your parishioners are considering year-end gifts to their favorite charities. Many generous individuals, moved by the birth of Jesus (and tax incentives,) give large amounts of gifts, collectively, to churches and nonprofits organizations during these last few weeks of the calendar year. Let your parishioners know that they can support your parish, school, CCAA, or other Catholic ministry through these year-end gifts. If you need assistance, please contact Beth Shearer at [785-827-8746](tel:785-827-8746) or [beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org](mailto:beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org)

**ADVENT ADORATION** event scheduled for December 17, 2017 in Junction City. Families are invited to celebrate Advent Adoration from 3-4:30 P.M. December 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City. Murphy and Kelli Lierley will be the featured speakers and music for the event will be provided by the SPARK choir. Special guest Heidi Jirak will join the SPARK choir. This event is a great addition to your personal or family Advent preparations for Christmas. See attached flyer for more information, or contact the family life office [familylife@salinadiocese.org](mailto:familylife@salinadiocese.org)

**START A CHRISTMAS TRADITION** - Christmas is all about family, faith and the baby Jesus. Those are the exact themes you will find in the new animated movie **THE STAR**. Families, film reviewers and Catholic children's ministry leaders agree that **THE STAR** is an instant classic that people will come back to watch year after year. "Experience the story of the Nativity in a whole new way-see it with your entire family!" For Church posters, bulletin inserts, family discussion guides and Catholic Curriculum go to [www.thestarmovie.com](http://www.thestarmovie.com) "A family-friendly Christmas treat that manages to be both funny and faithful."

**FAMILY MATTERS!** Attached is the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of Family Matters. Please use this resource in your parishes to promote and support Family Life.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION AND ENRICHMENT EVENTS:** Attached is the newly revised and updated sheet (previously called Calendar and Contacts). On the front side it describes events in the Salina Diocese and on the back side lists events taking place in surrounding Dioceses. I have also added the websites for the Arch Diocese of Omaha and Denver, as they continue to have many Family Life Events (especially in the areas of Marriage and Engagements) that might be of interest.

*Upcoming Marriage Preparation and Enrichment Events, Diocese of Salina*

**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER DATES FOR 2018**

Feb. 9-11, 2018 - Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria  
March 9-11, 2018 - Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria  
April 13-15, 2018- Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria  
June 8-10, 2018 - Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria  
For more information, go to [www.salinacee.com](http://www.salinacee.com)

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION RETREAT**

February 9-10, 2018 – St. Isadore's Catholic Student Center-Manhattan  
April 6-7, 2018- St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center-Manhattan  
For more information, contact Maria Leiker at [mleiker@stisidores.com](mailto:mleiker@stisidores.com)

**GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY FILLED MARRIAGE SEMINAR DATES FOR 2018**

Feb. 24, 2018 – Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Concordia  
April 28, 2018 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Concordia  
For more information, contact Tony and Lindy Meyer at [familylife@olphconcordia.org](mailto:familylife@olphconcordia.org)

**BELOVED-(Finding Happiness in Marriage) SEMINAR DATES FOR 2018**

February 24, 2018 – St. Thomas More- Manhattan  
March 10, 2018 – St. Thomas More- Manhattan  
For more information, please contact Deacon Wayne Talbot at 785.776.5151 or Email him at [pastassoc@stmmanhattan.com](mailto:pastassoc@stmmanhattan.com)

## OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE/NFP (cont.)



Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 11, 2018. The Office of Family Life is very excited to provide another family event...this time during Lent.

“Let light shine out of darkness”-Empowering FAMILIES to overcome the darkness of an over sexualized culture.

Special guests will be Lori and Eric Doerneman authors of *The Parenting Dare*, an online course that gives parents the tools and confidence they want and need to equip their children to choose porn-resistant, happy, satisfying, mission-driven, on-fire lives. Also, speaking will be Dave DiNuzzo, founder of TrueManhood Men’s Ministry which works to teach virtue, while fighting pornography, and a term that Dave coined- “cultural manliness”.

This event will be held from 3-5:00 P.M. at St. Thomas More Church, Manhattan, KS, followed by 5:30 P.M. Mass at St. Thomas More.

For more information, please contact the Office of Family Life 785.827.8746  
familylife@salinadiocese.org

## OFFICE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

- † Dates for **on-site visits** to Parishes and Schools (Year 2, East Central Deanery and Beloit School, Hanover School, Sacred Heart School, Salina, St. Mary School, Salina and Tipton Catholic) have been set. Wendy Backes will be contacting the Safety Coordinator/Priest/Principal of each parish and/or school with **your** scheduled date and time, along with a tentative agenda.
- † Safety Coordinators: **Please review the CMGConnect** data base. Please note Religious Education teachers are volunteers not educators. Be sure this is properly designated in each individual’s profile. Also, please go through your list and archive anyone who is **not** ministering at your parish or school at this time. Finally, is everyone who **is** ministering in the data base? If not, this needs to be done as soon as possible. Please contact me if you have questions.
- † **Testimony of Compliance Form** ...Safe Environment training for **STUDENTS** (Child Lures etc...) must be returned to the Diocese by **January 1, 2018**. I have attached one for your convenience.

## OFFICE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY (cont.)

- † **Kidsmartz** is a child safety program, similar to Child Lures that educates families about preventing abduction and empowers kids in grades K-5 to practice safer behaviors. This program offers resources to help parents, caregivers, and teachers protect kids by teaching and practicing the 4 Rules of Personal Safety using tips, printable activities, quizzes, music, video and more. This program was created by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. If you are still looking for ideas to implement into your curriculum to fulfill the Safe Environment training for student's requirement of the Diocese of Salina, please check out this website. <https://www.kidsmartz.org/> All you have to do is log in, it is **FREE** and the materials/lesson plans are right there!
  
- † All parishes are reminded to place the "Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline" announcement **quarterly** in their Parish bulletins. See below.

For the safety and the healing of children the Diocese of Salina provides an **Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline. 785.825.0865** along with an email [reportabuse@salinadiocese.org](mailto:reportabuse@salinadiocese.org). Calls /emails will be answered by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator.

All calls/emails are confidential with the following exception:  
Any allegation of child abuse concerning those who currently are minors, must be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center (1.800.922.5330) as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy



- † The Safe Environment program has policies and procedures and requirements that need to be followed. Please be mindful of those as our safe environment programs are in place to assist parents and children—and those who work with children in securing a safe environment for our young people where they can grow to full and human Christian maturity.
  
- † Finally, if you have any questions, please contact Wendy Backes at the Chancery 785-827-8746 #24 or email [wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org](mailto:wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org) Thank you for all your work as we continue our mission, *Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal*.



## **OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**TOTUS TUUS:** We have 13 parishes signed up for TOTUS TUUS next summer. If you would like to reserve a week for this program in the **summer of 2018** for your parish please call Karen Taylor. June 3-8 and June 10-15 are closed. July 1-7 is a week off for the teams.

**TOTUS TUUS TEACHERS:** We are in need of teachers for TOTUS TUUS this coming summer. Students in college may apply for these paid summer jobs. Please go to our diocesan webpage, click Offices, click Catholic Formation, click Religious Education and then Documents, to locate the Application Forms.

## **OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY**

**NCYC:** Around 27,000 total youth and sponsors attended NCYC on November 16-18, 2017. A big “Thank You” to all sponsors for their efforts on behalf of the youth of our diocese.

**DIOCESAN CYO CONVENTION:** April 7 and 8, 2018, in Salina. CYO Sponsors will be receiving a packet in the mail.

**JR. CYO CAMP:** May 26-29, 2018, Rock Springs Ranch, Junction City. Youth able to attend are 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders this current school year.

**PRAYER AND ACTION:** Parishes may request to be a Host Parish for **summer 2018**. One in the east and one in the west will be selected. Please encourage your church community to consider this program for your youth. If you have questions contact Russell and Beloit parishes for their feedback. Call Karen Taylor if you would like to host Prayer and Action in your parish. Students in college may apply to be on the Team for June and July. Application Forms may be found on our diocesan webpage, Offices, Catholic Formation, Youth Ministry, and then Documents.

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## **OFFICE OF RURAL LIFE**

The Rural Life Commission is sponsoring a workshop on Agricultural Ethics, February 24, 2018, at St Isidore's Parish in Manhattan, KS. The workshop will begin at 10 am with an hour presentation by Dr. Mykel Taylor, Economics Professor at Kansas State University, followed by group discussion and wrap-up. A box lunch will be provided for attendees. There is no charge for the workshop; however, we would appreciate an R.S.V.P. to assist in planning the lunch. Please inform your agriculture parishioners, as well as 4-H groups and FFA classes in your parish. Please send their RSVP's to Fr. Rich Daise, [\(785\) 462-2179](tel:7854622179), or email [frrich@sacredheartcolby.com](mailto:frrich@sacredheartcolby.com)

Please mark your calendars for St. Isidore's Day which will be observed on May 15, 2018, at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Kanopolis, KS. Plan to join us for Mass, Blessing of the Fields and Flocks, lunch, and a tour of an agricultural activity in the area.

Rural Life Day will be August 12, 2018 at a parish in the West Central Deanery. This is the event for presenting the Century Farm Awards.

If any of your parishioners are interested in Catholic Rural Life or the Rural Life Commission, please ask them to call Fr. Rich Daise at [\(785\) 462-2179](tel:7854622179).

## **OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE**

Information on the National Night of Prayer for Life Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego 9:00 PM Dec. 8th to 12:00 AM Dec. 9th available @ <https://sites.google.com/site/nationalnightofprayerforlife>

125 pilgrims are registered to travel to Washington DC for the Salina Diocese Pilgrimage to the March for Life. Buses depart Salina on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 and return to Salina on Sunday, January 21, 2018. The March itself is on Friday January 19, 2018. Final payment for the pilgrimage was due December 1, 2017. Please pray for this pilgrimage.

Word of Life respect life petitions, bulletin briefs, and bulletin art for the month @ [usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life](http://usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life) Simply click on the appropriate month and download. Also available in Spanish. These resources are from the USCCB and are free.

For updates, information, inspiration, and action items related to respect of all human life from conception to natural death, like the Salina Diocese Respect Life Office Facebook page @ [facebook.com/officeofrespectlife](https://www.facebook.com/officeofrespectlife).

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE** sponsored by Seven Dolours and St. Thomas More Women's group will be held on Saturday, February 3. Registration deadline is January 27. For questions, call Rosie Rundell [785-565-5000](tel:7855655000) or email her at [formation@sevendolors.com](mailto:formation@sevendolors.com)

**MISCELLANEOUS (cont.)**

**PHONE NUMBER CHANGE** for Catherine - The 785-625-5091 landline has been disconnected.

Please use 785-650-1746 (Glenda Schuetz's cell) if you need to contact someone at the parish.

**PLEASE NOTE** the following change in schedule for Cawker City, Downs, Osborne & Tipton.  
**Mass Times Changes: Beginning in January 1, 2018**

**May 1 thru September 30:****Saturday Masses:**

Osborne - 4:30 p.m.

Cawker City – 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

Tipton – 8:00 a.m.

Downs – 10:00 a.m.

**October 1 thru April 30:****Saturday Masses:**

Downs – 4:30 p.m.

Tipton – 6:00 p.m.

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Osborne – 8.00 a.m.

Cawker City- 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day  CHANCERY CLOSED	2	3	4	5	6
7 Epiphany	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  Kansas Catholic Conference-Topeka	16  Kansas Catholic Conference-Topeka	17 Annual March for Life, Washington D.C.	18 Annual March for Life, Washington D.C.  Christian Unity Week  Catholic Charities Board Mtg. 6:30 pm	19 Annual March for Life, Washington D.C.  Christian Unity Week	20 Annual March for Life, Washington D.C.  Christian Unity Week
21 Annual March for Life, Washington D.C.  Christian Unity Week	22 Annual Clergy Renewal Days  Christan Unity Week	23 Annual Clergy Renewal Days  Christian Unity Week	24 Annual Clergy Renewal Days  Christian Unity Week	25 Annual Clergy Renewal Days  Christian Unity Week	26	27
28 Catholic Schools Week  Confirmation - St. Thomas More, Manhattan 5:30 pm	29 Catholic Schools Week	30 Catholic Schools Week	31 Catholic Schools Week			



### **PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP**

Heavenly Father, you have blessed our diocese time and again with good and holy bishops who have led us ever closer to you.

Aware of your profound love for us, we ask you to bless us once again. Send us a good and holy man to become our next bishop. Inspire us, the clergy, religious and laity of the diocese to work generously with him so that we might grow together in your love and continue the good work you have begun in us for the sake of all.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

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Aware of your profound love for us, we ask you to bless us once again. Send us a good and holy man to become our next bishop. Inspire us, the clergy, religious and laity of the diocese to work generously with him so that we might grow together in your love and continue the good work you have begun in us for the sake of all.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 17 - 3 TO 4:30 PM**

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH, JUNCTION CITY**

**Praise & Worship † Reconciliation † Eucharistic Adoration**

*Advent  
for*

**PRAYER & PRAISE  
MARRIAGE & FAMILY**

*Musical Guests...*



**Heidi Jirak**

**&**



**SPARK Youth Group Choir  
St. Francis Xavier Parish**

*Special Guests...*



**Murphy & Kelli Lierley**

This is a **FREE** event sponsored by the Office of Family Life and Natural Family Planning

Freewill offerings to help defer costs are greatly appreciated. For more information call (785) 827-8746 or email [familylife@salinadiocese.org](mailto:familylife@salinadiocese.org).

# family MATTERS

## THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Although too often many consider the month of December as the "Christmas Shopping Season", our church reminds us, it is *Advent*, a time to prepare, be watchful, and alert. As a family, be watchful and look for symbols of the season. Lights, stars, candles, bells, wreaths, holly, nativity scenes and candy canes. These familiar symbols of *Advent* and Christmas are tangible ways for us to embrace, learn and anticipate our spiritual journey as we prepare for Christmas. Let us prepare Him room in our hearts, in our church and in our families as we journey through this *Advent* season.

### Saint Nicholas and Your Shoes! A St. Nicholas Day Tradition

Children's Prayer to St. Nicholas  
 God Our Father we pray,  
 That through the intercession  
 of St. Nicholas,  
 You will protect our children.  
 Keep them safe from harm,  
 And help them grow,  
 And become worthy of Your  
 sight.  
 Give them strength,  
 To keep their Faith in You,  
 And to keep alive their joy,  
 In Your creation.  
 Through Jesus Christ Our  
 Lord.  
 Amen.



December 6th is the feast day of Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of Children, which appropriately falls during the Advent season. One of the old Christian traditions surrounding his feast day was for kids to leave their shoes out overnight in front of the fireplace on the windowsill, or outside their bedroom door so that St. Nicholas could fill them with special fruits, candies and other small gifts and treats. While Catholics in America aren't as big on celebrating this feast day with their children, more and more American Catholic families are adopting St. Nicholas Day as a special Advent family tradition. Continue this Advent tradition with your family and teach your children to venerate the saints and deepen their knowledge of love for their Catholic Faith. Ideas to fill your children's shoes may be chocolate coins, a small toy, new socks, an orange, rosary and a prayer card.

*The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, go to Mass as a family and listen carefully. Make a Mary Candle, listen to music about Mary, pray a Marian Prayer (Hail Mary, Hail, Holy Queen, or the Magnificat).*

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, free from original sin.

### Make a Mary Candle

You will need a large white pillar candle. Decorate it with symbols of Christ, such as *chi rho* (the first two letters of Christ's name in Greek, it looks like a large letter P with an X across the bottom part of the stem). Place it in a special part of your home and cover it with a white cloth or lace for the remainder of Advent. The candle represents Christ, the white cloth represents Mary. On Christmas, remove the cloth to reveal Christ, and light the candle all through the Christmas season.



DECEMBER 12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: PAY A VIRTUAL VISIT TO HER SHRINE  
 IN MEXICO CITY  
[www.sancta.org/basilica.html](http://www.sancta.org/basilica.html)



DECEMBER 17 HAPPY BIRTHDAY POPE FRANCIS! SEND HIM A BIRTHDAY CARD  
 HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS  
 APOSTOLIC PALACE  
 00120 VATICAN CITY



DECEMBER 25 **Merry Christmas**

Leave your Christmas decorations and Nativity up long into January, Christmas does not end when the last present has been opened.

### Christmas Tree Blessing

Holy Creator of Trees, Bless with your abundant grace this our Christmas tree as a symbol of joy. May its evergreen branches be a sign of your never-fading promises. May its colorful lights and ornaments call us to decorate with love our home and our world. May the gifts that surround this tree be symbols of the gifts that we have received from the Tree of Christ's Cross. Holy Christmas tree within our home, may Joy and Peace come and nest in your branches and in our hearts.  
 Amen.

# OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

MARRIAGE PREPARATION AND ENRICHMENT EVENTS

## Diocese of Salina

[salinadiocese.org/family-life](http://salinadiocese.org/family-life)

### ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

When: February 9-11, 2018  
March 9-11, 2018  
April 13-15, 2018  
June 8-11, 2018  
Where: Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life  
Victoria, Kansas  
Contact: Chad and Angela Zimmerman  
785.460.1818  
[coordinator@salinacee.com](mailto:coordinator@salinacee.com)  
Register online:  
<http://www.salinacee.com>

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION RETREAT

When: February 9-10, 2018  
April 6-7, 2018  
Where: St. Isidore Catholic Student Center  
Manhattan, KS  
Contact: Maria Leiker  
785.539.7496  
[mleiker@stisidores.com](mailto:mleiker@stisidores.com)

**"The surface of love has its  
current- swift, flickering,  
changeable. A kaleidoscope of  
waves and situations full of  
attraction"**

**- Saint John Paul II**

### GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE

When: February 24, 2018  
April 28, 2018  
Where: Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Concordia, Kansas  
Contact: Tony and Lindy Meyer  
785.243.1099  
[familylife@olphconcordia.org](mailto:familylife@olphconcordia.org)

### GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE (SPANISH)

When: Spring 2018  
Where: Sacred Heart Cathedral  
Contact: Father Carlos Ruiz  
785.565.5031  
[carlos.ruiz-santos@salinadiocese.org](mailto:carlos.ruiz-santos@salinadiocese.org)

### GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE

When: TBD  
Where: Hays, KS  
Contact: Deacon Dave and Susan Kisner  
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays  
785.625.7339  
[deacondave@ihm-church.com](mailto:deacondave@ihm-church.com)  
[skisner@ihm-church.com](mailto:skisner@ihm-church.com)  
Deacon and Steve and Nancy Urban  
St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays  
785.628.1446  
[urbs57@gmail.com](mailto:urbs57@gmail.com)

### BELOVED SERIES-Finding Happiness in Marriage

When: February 24, 2018 (1st 6 videos)  
March 10, 2018 (2nd 6 videos)  
Where: St. Thomas More  
Manhattan, KS  
Contact: Deacon Wayne Talbot  
785.776.5151  
[pastassoc@stmmanhattan.com](mailto:pastassoc@stmmanhattan.com)



# OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

MARRIAGE PREPARATION AND ENRICHMENT EVENTS

## Diocese of Wichita

[catholicdioceseofwichita.org/mfl](http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/mfl)

### ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

When: January 12-14, 2018  
February 2-4, 2018  
February 23-25, 2018

Where: Spiritual Life Center  
Wichita, KS

Contact: Megan Augustine  
316.744.0167  
[maugustine@slcwichita.org](mailto:maugustine@slcwichita.org)

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

When: February 23-25, 2018  
November 2-4, 2018

Where: Spiritual Life Center  
Wichita, KS

Contact: Frank & Allison Molnar  
316.650.9593  
Leon & Loretta Brittian  
719.387.9842  
[brittleloretta@msn.com](mailto:brittleloretta@msn.com)  
[www.kansas-wwme.org](http://www.kansas-wwme.org)

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (SPANISH)

When: April 20-22, 2018  
August 24-26, 2018

Where: Spiritual Life Center  
Wichita, KS

Contact: Franciso & Lore Rios  
316.925.2796 or 316.573.2940  
[emmwichitaseccion21@gmail.com](mailto:emmwichitaseccion21@gmail.com)

### RETROVAILLE (ENGLISH & SPANISH)

When: TBD  
Where: Wichita  
Contact: Jake Samour  
316.685.5240  
[samourj@catholicdiocesewichita.org](mailto:samourj@catholicdiocesewichita.org)

## Diocese of Dodge City

[dcdiocese.org/marriage-family-life](http://dcdiocese.org/marriage-family-life)

### ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

When: January 5-7, 2018  
March 2-4, 2018  
June 1-3, 2018  
July 20-22, 2018

Where: Heartland Retreat Center  
Great Bend, KS

Contact: Michael & Lindsay Mazouch  
620.792.6290  
[lindsay.mazouch@usd428.net](mailto:lindsay.mazouch@usd428.net)  
[lmazouch@gmail.com](mailto:lmazouch@gmail.com)

## Archdiocese of Kansas City

[archkck.org/mfl2015](http://archkck.org/mfl2015)

### ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

When: January 19-21, 2018  
February 16-18, 2018  
March 16-18, 2018

Where: Savior Pastoral Center  
Kansas City, KS

Contact: Tom & Chris Carroll  
816.966.0947  
[cee.kansascity@gmail.com](mailto:cee.kansascity@gmail.com)

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

When: April 20-22, 2018  
July 13-15, 2018

Where: Savior Pastoral Center  
Kansas City, KS

Contact: Deacon Tony and Barb Zimmerman  
816.741.4066  
[tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net)  
[wwme4youandme.org](http://wwme4youandme.org)

### RETROVAILLE

When: January 26-28, 2018  
Where: Kansas City, KS  
Contact: Paul and Tracy  
816.806.9402  
[retrovaillepaultracy@gmail.com](mailto:retrovaillepaultracy@gmail.com)  
[retrokc.com](http://retrokc.com)

For information from the Office of Family Life Archdiocese of Omaha <https://archomaha.org>

For information from the Office of Family Life Archdiocese of Denver <https://archden.org>



# Testimony of Compliance

To verify and document that the Parishes and Schools have implemented and are using a current version of the *Child Lures Prevention Program, Happy Bear Program* or a program of equivalent subject matter as required by the USCCB *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please complete this form and return to the Safety and Security Office by **January 1, 2018**.

Name of Parish or School: \_\_\_\_\_

What Safe Environment Program did you implement with your students this year? \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a general description below:

***Please fill out as it applies to your School or Parish Religious Education Program this school year.***

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Total Number of Students in these grades</i>	<i>Total number of students that received training in these grades</i>	<i>Total number of students who opted out(forms attached)</i>
<i>Pre-K Thru 8</i>			
<i>9-12</i>			

Dear Bishop Weisenburger,

In keeping with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, I testify that the Parish/School has implemented a current version of the *Child Lures Prevention curriculum, Happy Bear*, or a program of equivalent subject matter in the Parish Religious Education program/and or Catholic school for the 2017-2018 school year. This is a part of our effort to make and maintain a safe environment for children and young people.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Pastor or Parish Life Coordinator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of RE Coordinator/Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of School Administrator/ Principal (if applicable)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Please return this completed form to:  
Wendy Backes, Safety and Security Office  
PO Box 980  
Salina, KS 67401***

***by January 1, 2018***

Women's Spirituality Conference is jointly sponsored by the St. Thomas More and Seven Dolores Women's Groups.

This event is held annually at St. Thomas More Parish Center located at 2900 Kimball Ave., Manhattan 785-776-5151

**Continental Breakfast /Gather 8:30am - 9:00am**  
**Introduction and Presentation 9:am to Noon.**  
**Lunch Break Noon to 1:00p.m.**  
**Presentation resumes 1:00p.m. to 3:30p.m.**

Registration Fee \$35 (adults), \$20 (students HS/College)

(Online Convenience fee \$40 adults \$25 students)

Make checks payable to St. Thomas More memo Women's Conference.

For more information, check out the website

<http://www.womensspiritualconference.org>. or

email : Rosie Rundell [formation@sevendolores.com](mailto:formation@sevendolores.com)

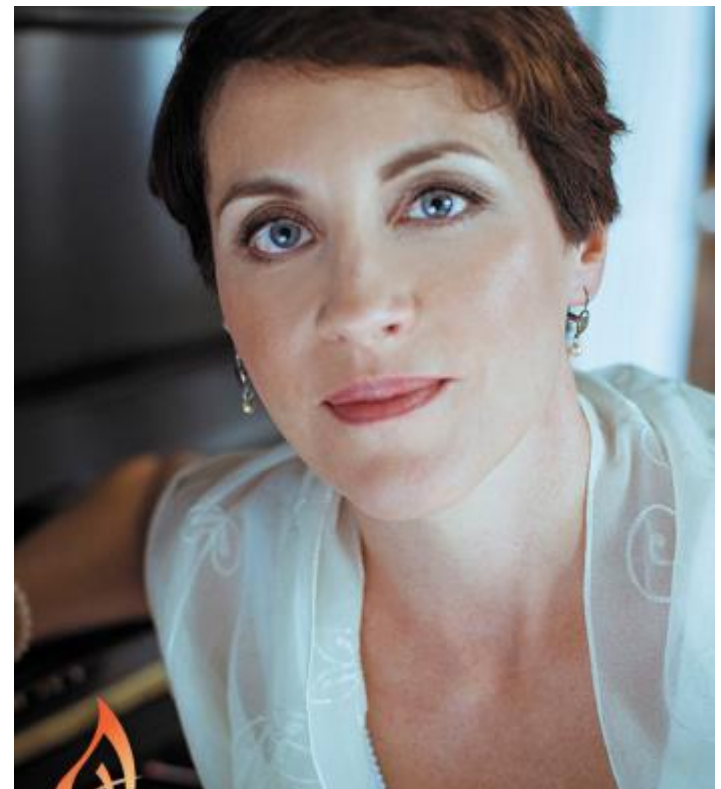
Alysia at [reledsec@stmmanhattan.com](mailto:reledsec@stmmanhattan.com)

# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Spirituality Conference

February 3, 2018

Featuring

*Sarah Hart*



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **JANUARY 27, 2018**

Please print legibly

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration forms to:

Women's Conference  
2900 Kimball Ave.  
Manhattan, KS 66502

(Parish Center behind the church)



Sarah Hart is one of the leading figures in contemporary Catholic music today. Her songs of faith have touched the lives of millions. Originally from Lancaster, OH, she has a degree in music from Ohio State University. Now based in Nashville, she's on the road a good part of the year juggling songwriting, recording, concerts, and a full events schedule.

Sarah's songs are part of the common worship experience of Catholic's in the US: "Go in Peace," "You Alone," "Sweet Redeemer" and others. Her signature blend of folk, pop, and rock delights listeners of every age. She often co-writes with artists like Curtis Stephan, Steve Angrisano, and Jesse Manibusan. Her songs have been covered by Amy Grant, Celtic Women, Matt Maher, Jason Crabb and The Newsboys. Grant's recording of Sarah's "Better than a Hallelujah" earned a Best Gospel Song Grammy nomination.

Sarah's dynamic energy, sense of humor and deep faith make her retreats unforgettable experiences. She especially enjoys exploring topics around women's ministry and spirituality. In October of 2013, Sarah was invited to perform for Pope Francis and a crowd of 150,000 in St. Peter's Square.

Sarah lives in Nashville with her husband and two daughters.