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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE will be celebrated the weekend of February 7-8, 2015 in parishes. In 1997, Pope John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. This feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. **Please pray for those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.** Go to the USCCB website www.usccb.org/consecratedlife for more information and resources.

23rd WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2014: On February 11, 2015. Pope John Paul II initiated this day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. World Day of the Sick was first observed on February 11, 1993. February 11 is also the Catholic Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is a name given to the Virgin Mary in honor of the apparitions that were said to have been seen in and around Lourdes, France, by a young girl named Bernadette Soubirous. It would be especially appropriate to include petitions for the sick and for health care providers on this day as well as thanking those who care for the sick and elderly. The Pope underlines the Church's fundamental role in "lovingly and generously accepting every human being, especially those who are weak and sick".

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK (FEB. 7-14), WORLD MARRIAGE DAY (SUNDAY, FEB. 8) and VALENTINE'S DAY (FEB. 14) all provide opportunities

to strengthen individual marriages, reduce the divorce rate, and build a stronger marriage culture, which in turn helps curtail poverty and benefits children. Together we can make more impact than working alone. Please join with others by providing an opportunity to celebrate the gift and blessing of marriage and to affirm and support engaged and married couples. Information and resources are at <http://www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org>

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH. Lent is a time of grace and renewal for the entire Church, especially for the catechumens and candidates preparing for initiation during the Easter Triduum. The three traditional ascetical practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are important pillars for a fruitful experience of Lent. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (for those 14 through 59) and abstinence (for those 14 and over). The Fridays of Lent remain days of abstinence

RITE OF ELECTION February 22nd, Hays at 3:00 p.m. and March 1st, Salina, at 3:00

p.m. I will again be sending letters to the candidates and the catechumens. All names of candidates or catechumens need to be submitted to the Liturgy office no later than Feb. 18th for Hays and Feb. 24th for Salina. Refer to the Office of Liturgy for more detailed information. **THE CHRISM MASS** will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2015 with a luncheon following.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP (cont.)

SACRAMENTAL RECORDS: The new round of Confirmations is beginning this month. On the occasion of the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, please have the books containing the sacramental records of your parish available for review. If several parish communities are together for a single celebration, please provide the records of each parish. Also all parishes are reminded to complete the Confirmation Liturgy Guide and mail to the Bishop's Office at least seven working days prior to Confirmation. (*See Section VI-7B of the Diocesan Handbook*) or on the Diocesan Web site under the Bishop's Section, you will find the Confirmation Schedule and the Confirmation Liturgy Guide which is a fillable form for your convenience.) The completed form along with the letters from the Candidates should be mailed to my office at least seven days prior to the date scheduled for Confirmation.

BULLETIN INSERT: Human Trafficking, an assault on the dignity of persons, is often in the news. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT) is working to educate about this criminal activity. If any group in your parish would like a talk about Human Trafficking, please contact Sister Margaret Nacke, csj, who serves on the core team of USCSAHT. Her number: [785-527-2516](tel:785-527-2516) or csjdev@nckcn.com

OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (formerly ACOAF) COLLECTION is scheduled for the weekend of March 15, 2015. This collection is the principal means through which the Church in the United States is able to respond to international relief efforts. Watch *The Register* or visit their website www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information about the collection and essential organizations funded by it.

BAPTISMAL RECORDS: Please check your records to see when the last time was that records of baptisms were sent in to the Chancery. For the large parishes this should be done every year. For the small parishes maybe only every two or three years. Enclosed is the form used for recording your baptisms. If you need more of these forms you can email Darlene at chancery@salinadiocese.org. Also, this may be done electronically. Darlene, the Chancery secretary, has the template for this and can email it to you. For those receiving this SDNB by email, the template is attached. You can fill it out and return it to her by email.

MAILING OF CHECKS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHANCERY In recent years, due to changes in both chancery and parish staff, there has been some confusion about checks and correspondence going to the chancery office. Attached is a sheet containing helpful information in making sure your mailings are reaching the correct recipient.

TRIBUNAL/JUDICIAL VICAR

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS: *May a Catholic couple who has been married "outside the Church" have their marriage "convalidated"?*

Sometimes a Catholic enters into marriage without following the proper canonical form or when a canonical impediment is present which prevents them from validly entering into marriage. Canonical form for a Catholic is to exchange consent in the presence of a properly delegated priest or deacon unless they have petitioned for a dispensation from this form and received it from the bishop of the diocese or his delegate. Catholics who gets married 'outside the church' may wish to have their marriage validated in the Church. This is usually referred to as "convalidation" (sometimes incorrectly referred to as a 'blessing' of the marriage). Convalidation involves the couple renewing their consent in the present of a priest or deacon, and two witnesses, observing the canonical form. In the case of an impediment which prevented the Catholic from getting married in the Church, this impediment must for formally dispensed or be no longer present before the consent may be renewed. Examples

TRIBUNAL/JUDICIAL VICAR(cont.)

of impediments that would need to be resolved prior to a convalidation could include a previous marital bond by one or both parties, a prior publicly professed perpetual religious vow and age/too young at time of original consent. When preparing a couple for convalidation, the Church's minister should complete the same pre-nuptial form and secure the usual required documentation as they would for a couple who is not married.

-- Fr. Barry Brinkman JCL

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb. 22nd 3:30-8:30 Confirmation retreat Clyde KS (open to all confirmation classes needing a retreat)

Feb. 23-27 Seminary Visits to Indiana and St. Louis.

May 5th and 6th – 5th/6th grade vocation days in Hays and Abilene.

5/6th Grade Vocation Days

The Vocation's team will once again be holding the "Vocation Days" for 6th grade students of our Catholic Schools, or 5th graders if your school does not have a 6th grade. Please put this in your calendar and let Fr. Gale know how many students and adults you will be bringing. Fr.gale@shcathedral.com I apologize to those schools who have a scheduling conflict, but these dates seem to work best for us on the vocation's team. We will be in Hays on the 5th and in Abilene on the 6th.

Intercessions for vocations

For those parishes who have been using the intercessions for vocations, they can be found at the following website: http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/voc_intercessions.aspx

OFFICE OF LITURGY

1. Reminders for the Rite of Election

On the morning of the first Sunday of Lent, the parish should celebrate the PARISH CELEBRATION FOR SENDING CATECHUMENS FOR ELECTION AND CANDIDATES FOR RECOGNITION BY THE Bishop, nos. 530-546 in the RCIA Ritual. Catechumens should sign the Book of Elect during that rite (see no. 539). Parishes whose Rite of Election is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Lent should celebrate the Rite of Sending on that day.

Bring your Book of Elect to the Diocesan Rite of Election. Names of the elect will be read from this book and presented to the bishop.

Instructions for the Rite:

- A. The people in the procession are:
 - catechumens and candidates
 - sponsors
 - RCIA directors
 - pastors.

They should gather in the parish hall.

Family members and guests are not in the procession. They should go to the church before the ceremony begins.

- B. The front pews are reserved for the people in the procession.

OFFICE OF LITURGY(cont.)

C. Catechumens/candidates should sit on the left side of the church; sponsors, directors, and pastors should sit on the right side of the church.

D. The RCIA director comes to the ambo when the name of the parish is called. S/he calls out the names in this way:

“I present for baptism... (all those names)

“I present for full communion... (all those names)

The catechumens and candidates come to the front as the names are being called. They should all leave the pew immediately, not waiting for their names to be called (think liturgical procession rather than graduation ceremony). The bishop will greet each one individually, after which they return to their seats. When the director finishes reading the names, s/he gives the Book of Elect to the bishop, who signs it.

2. The Chrism Mass is at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thursday, March 26, at 11:30 a.m.

3. According to sunset times given for April 4, the Easter Vigil should not begin before 8:30 p.m.

OFFICE OF FINANCE

SECOND HALF OF PARISH TAX is now due. Please check the enclosed sheet (blue) to see what amount, if any, is due from your parish(es). Also, please check the total amount due for your parish(es) as amounts may have changed due to Annual Reports received late. Send check to the chancery **Attn: FINANCE OFFICE**.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENT SUBSIDY: The per student subsidy for the 2015-2016 school year will be \$80.00 per student. The subsidy is based on the allocation from the Catholic Community Annual Appeal, donations received, and earnings on investments.

OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP

Save the Date – The Region IX Stewardship Conference will be held on Friday May 1, 2015 in Columbia, MO. The conference is scheduled to begin at 8:00A.M and will conclude at 3:30P.M. Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt will be a key-note speaker. The diocese will offer Scholarships for the conference. If you have parishioners that you would like to send to the conference, please contact Syndi Larez in the Stewardship office. More information will be sent at a later date.

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Catholic Community Annual Appeal: Bishop Weisenburger’s pre-recorded audio message is scheduled to be played at all Masses on the weekend of February 7/8. The CCAA letters will be mailed to all registered households the week of February 9th. Any pledges that come to the Parish office should be forwarded to the Office of Development at the Chancery. Your Parish Office does not need to process these envelopes.

An electronic version of the Parish Manual was emailed to all Pastors on January 27th. We hope this will be useful to you when doing your bulletin announcements and prayers of the faithful. You should be able to just “cut and paste” directly on your document.

If you have any questions regarding the CCAA, please contact Syndi Larez at syndi.larez@salinadiocese.org or by calling 785-827-8746. THANK YOU for all that you do to promote the CCAA in your Parish.

OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT(cont.)

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Those parishes or entities who were awarded grants from the 2015 Bishop's Fund will be receiving their checks the week of February 9th. Any questions, please contact Syndi Larez at 785-827-8746. Thank you to all who applied. The 2016 Bishop's Fund will begin accepting applications in September 2015.

OFFICE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Safe Environment Compliance

Please note we still have volunteers and employees in parishes and schools that have not completed VIRTUS online training and/or a criminal background check. For those who still have to complete the VIRTUS online training and/or a criminal background check please contact Sr. Carolyn Juenemann (785.827.8746 ext. #22 or carolyn.juenemann@salinadiocese.org) for directions, guidance and/or questions. Please note Sr. Carolyn is not in the office on Fridays.

The Office of Safety and Security will be having their onsite audit conducted by Stonebridge Business Partners this year so it is imperative that every parish and school is in compliance. Please accept my endless gratitude to those parishes, schools and individuals who have completed the VIRTUS online training and criminal background check.

OFFICE OF NEW EVANGELIZATION

Evangelization in and through the Family

Enclosed are some suggestions to consider during February for Evangelization in and through the Family. Please consider forwarding the enclosed handout to your parish Family Life Commission and/or Evangelization Commission. (Note: February 7-8, 2015 is the formal observance of World Marriage Day. However, the Development Office has also scheduled the Bishop's CCAA message to be played that weekend. It is also the weekend that recognizes the World Day for Consecrated Life. So, the parish may wish to acknowledge World Marriage Day the following weekend, Feb. 14-15.)

FAITH SHARING AT PARISH MEETINGS: The enclosed handout *Tool 5: The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and the gift of forgiveness* is offered as a possible tool to facilitate brief faith sharing at the beginning of parish and/or school meetings.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

MISSION COOP ENVELOPES: attached is a spreadsheet with the counts for the number of Mission Coop envelopes ordered by each parish last year's Mission Coop appeals. Please contact Renee at renee.thompson@salinadiocese.org, or call her at the chancery by March 2nd to place your order for this year's appeal. These envelopes are provided to you free of charge by the Diocesan Propagation of the Faith Office. We ask that you DO NOT have an envelope for Mission Coop included in your parish packets.

Next week the Propagation of the Faith Office will complete the annual report for the National Office. If you have any outstanding donations for Mission Sunday, Mission Coop, or Missionary Childhood, please forward them to Renee as soon as possible.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

SINGLE PARENT NETWORKER: Please distribute the enclosed Single Parent Networker to your Family Life Coordinator.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: World Marriage Day will be celebrated **Sunday, Feb. 8** this year. Especially at this time in our culture when efforts are being made to redefine marriage away from the covenant between a man and a woman as God designed, all parishes are encouraged to have some special activity to honor married couples. Don't hesitate to ask your Family Life Coordinators to assist with this effort. Included in this mailing is a Renewal of Vows, Intercessions and a Blessing for Couples. Additional liturgical aides, special activities and ideas for celebrating the day can be found on the World Marriage Day website <http://wmd.wvme.org>. Also included is a bulletin insert with the most popular catholic marriage web sites and a flyer of marriage statistics from National Marriage Week USA.

BUSY MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT: In honor of National Marriage Week 2015, Bishop Loverde from Arlington, VA will lead an online retreat for couples, beginning on World Marriage Sunday, Feb. 8 through Feb. 14. Each day the Bishop will offer reflections and practical steps for growing closer to Jesus and to your spouse. Sign Up for the **free** Busy Couples Retreat at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/couplesretreat/index.aspx.

LOVE IS OUR MISSION - THE FAMILY FULLY ALIVE: To love as God loves – that's what we are called to do. At no time in history has there been a more desperate need for families to carry out their mission to love. All parishes are urged to use this year of the World Meeting of Families to educate and encourage families as to their mission. A Catechesis has been developed with an accompanying study guide to assist parishioners in understanding the importance of family and its mission to love. (A copy of each of these has been sent by Bishop Weisenburger to every pastor in the Diocese). The book, **Love Is Our Mission** can be ordered from Amazon for \$7.67 and the study guide can be downloaded from WMOF web site at: <http://www.worldmeeting2015.org> Scroll down to the bottom and click on **Prepare Your Parish** in the right hand column. Then scroll down to **Catechesis Study Guide** under Parish Preparation. The 6 session study guide would lend itself to this program being covered during the 6 weeks of Lent.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER DATES FOR 2015

Feb. 13-15, 2015-Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria
 Mar. 13-15, 2015-Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria
 Apr. 17-19, 2015-Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria
 June 5-7, 2015-Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria

GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY FILLED MARRIAGE SEMINAR DATES FOR 2014-2015

Feb. 28, 2015- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church-Concordia
 Apr. 18, 2015- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church-Concordia
 May 2, 2015-Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays

CALENDAR & CONTACTS—Please find enclosed your updated copy showing Engaged Encounter, God's Plan For A Joy-Filled Marriage, Marriage Encounter, Retrouvaille, Beginning Experience and Young Adult Beginning Experience Dates and Contacts for the Salina, Dodge City, Wichita, and Kansas City Dioceses (revised Jan . 27, 2015, yellow). Since Retrouvaille is no longer available in the Wichita Diocese, Dates and Contacts for Retrouvaille in the Omaha and Denver Arch Diocese have been included.

BULLETIN INSERTS OR HANDOUTS: Celebrate St. Valentine's Day at Home, Make Lent Count, Celebrate Lent at Home and Lenten Calendar are enclosed.

THE REGISTER

Thank you for your continued support of The Register's fund drive this year. Please use the following English bulletin announcement to help us reach our goal, and please distribute the Spanish announcement by whatever means you deem appropriate:

We are approaching our goal!

As a parishioner in the Diocese of Salina, you receive The Register twice a month to help keep you informed about your diocese and the Catholic Church at large. Because we no longer required a paid subscription, we rely on your generosity to help fund this initiative.

If you have not donated yet this year to The Register, please consider a \$20 contribution to offset our printing and mailing costs. A \$30 donation will help send the newspaper to someone who can't afford to give.

Thanks to more than 3,600 generous donors out of nearly 18,000 recipients of the newspaper, we have reached 80 percent of our goal for 2015.

Please send your donation to The Register, P.O. Box 1038, Salina KS 67402.

¡Nos estamos acercando a nuestro objetivo!

Como un feligrés en la Diócesis de Salina, recibe el Registro dos veces al mes para ayudarle a estar informado acerca de su diócesis y de la Iglesia católica en general. Ya que no se requiere una suscripción de pago, dependimos en su generosidad para ayudar a financiar esta iniciativa.

Si usted no ha donado todavía este año a The Register, por favor considere una contribución de \$ 20 para compensar los costos de impresión y envío o una donación de \$ 30 donación ayudará a enviar el diario de alguien que no puede permitirse el lujo de dar.

Gracias a más de 3,600 donantes generosos de las 18,000 personas que reciben el periódico, hemos alcanzado el 80 por ciento de nuestra meta para el 2015.

Por favor mande su donación a The Register, P.O. Box 1038, Salina KS 67402.

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

DIOCESAN CYO CONVENTION: The information on our Diocesan CYO Convention has been sent out to your Adult Leaders. Our speaker will be Doug Brummel.

Thank you to all the priests that called to let me know that they will help with the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, March 28

DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING: The Diocesan Youth Council will meet on Sunday, February 22 at Russell.

JUNIOR CYO CAMP: Our annual Junior CYO Camp this year will be for the 6th, 7th and 8th graders. In March we will send the information out to you regarding registration etc.

NCYC: The registration forms have been sent to our Adult Leaders in your parishes. We have around 975 attending from our diocese. Thank you for your response and support for our youth in attending this conference. We are the second largest diocese attending NCYC—the first diocese is Dubuque, Iowa.

PRIEST'S COUNCIL

Priests: If you haven't paid your Priest Council dues it's not too late. Please remit to Fr. Joseph Kieffer, 622 E. Main St., Beloit, KS 67420. Dues are still \$25.00 and checks should be made payable to Priests' Council. Thank you!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Please remember to **SAVE THE DATE** for the Catholic Charities 10th Annual Fundraiser:
Sunday, July 12, 2015
Salina Ambassador Hotel

We remain grateful and humbled by your continued support of Catholic Charities. THANK YOU!

OPERATION RICE BOWL

RICE BOWLS: If you ordered Rice Bowls from Catholic Relief Services last year, all orders should have been automatically repeated this year and you should have received them in early January. If you did not receive Rice Bowls, they can still be ordered by calling 1-800-222-0025. Orders placed now are not guaranteed to be here by Ash Wednesday, but they will do everything they can.

MISCELLANEOUS

Directory update: The secretary for the Ellsworth Parish is Jeanette Soukup.

Pastors please insert this information in your parish bulletin(s) sometime over the next two months. **Ireland Pilgrimage:** Fr. Joseph Kieffer with Fr. Tony Neusch will be leading a pilgrimage to Ireland from September 6 – 16, 2015. If you are interested in this trip and would like a brochure please email Fr. Kieffer at joek321@hotmail.com or call him at [785-738-2851](tel:785-738-2851). The deadline for registration is June 15, 2015.

Diocese of Salina
 Copy of Baptismal Register
 (Parish name & dates)

#	Family Name Given Name Residence	Date of Birth Date of Baptism			Names of Parents		Names of Sponsors		Notanta: (Convert Ceremonies) (Cond. Baptism)	Name of Minister Pastor-Assistant-Chaplain
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MAILINGS TO THE CHANCERY

1. If you are sending something to a particular person or office in the chancery, please write Attn: Youth Office, or Attn: Karen Taylor, etc. on the outside of the envelope. This prevents the receptionist from having to open each piece of mail and protects confidentiality.
2. If you are mailing a check to the chancery and are not sure what office it goes to, it is best to just make the check payable to the Diocese of Salina, then notate in the memo line, which collection or office it is for. Some of the banks are getting particular on this.
3. When mailing several checks or items to the chancery at once, it is perfectly fine to tuck them into a large envelope and send them to Renee's attention. She will get them where they need to go.
4. As you will see from the following list, we have several people in the office who handle several separate bank accounts, for that reason we ask that you **DO NOT COMBINE PAYMENTS** into one check. We need a separate check for each payment.
5. Following is list of which secretary should get which checks/mail. This is not all inclusive, but should hopefully clear up some confusion:

Renee Thompson- Mission Coop, Mission Sunday, Missionary Childhood Association, priest health insurance, Register donations, Register ad payments, income from second Masses said (please make out to Clergy Health and Retirement), excess Mass stipends to be disbursed, completed Parish Data Sheets, Marymount Scholarship Applications

Jo Jahnke- Catholic Relief Services, Holy Land, Catholic Home Missions Appeal, Peter's Pence, Human Development, Retired Religious, Operation Rice Bowl

Lois Yost- Yesterday, Today, and Forever, Catholic Community Annual Appeal, Seminarian Collection

Karen Taylor- AFLAC Group payments, Metropolitan Life Ins. premiums, bookstore invoices, Education invoices, Liturgy Invoices

Darlene Streit- baptismal records, Prenuptials (She will process them and forward them on to either Msgr. Hake or Msgr. Brinkman), Parish Bulletins - Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline blurb (put in quarterly)

Sr. Barbara Ellen- payments for youth ministry events

Jennifer- Annual Reports, payments for background checks

Sr. Carolyn- background check forms, Virtus forms, Tribunal (annulment) forms and payments

Sheila Marcotte- any mailings or registrations for the Family Life Office, Anniversary Masses

PARISH TAX 7-1-14 THRU 6-30-15

PARISH	PARISH-TAX DUE	PARISH-TAX PAID	PARISH-TAX PAID	PARISH TAX DUE
Salina, Cathedral	\$24,756.00	\$12,173.35		\$12,582.65
Salina, St. Elizabeth	\$24,897.00	\$12,448.50		\$12,448.50
Salina, St. Mary's	\$27,916.00	\$13,958.00		\$13,958.00
Abilene	\$12,257.00	\$6,128.50		\$6,128.50
Angelus	\$2,663.00	\$2,663.00		\$0.00
Antonino	\$2,719.00	\$2,719.00		\$0.00
Atwood, Sacred Heart	\$8,235.00	\$8,235.00		\$0.00
Aurora	\$1,783.00	\$1,783.00		\$0.00
Beardsley	\$2,129.00	\$2,129.00		\$0.00
Belleville	\$6,870.00	\$3,435.00		\$3,435.00
Beloit	\$5,823.00	\$2,911.50		\$2,911.50
Bird City	\$1,430.00	\$1,430.00		\$0.00
Brookville	\$832.00			\$832.00
Catherine	\$3,831.00			\$3,831.00
Cawker City	\$3,743.00	\$3,743.00		\$0.00
Chapman	\$7,174.00	\$3,587.00		\$3,587.00
Clay Center	\$10,791.00	\$5,395.50		\$5,395.50
Clifton	\$3,236.00	\$1,618.00		\$1,618.00
Clyde	\$6,183.00	\$3,091.50		\$3,091.50
Colby	\$15,032.00	\$15,032.00		\$0.00
Collyer	\$2,503.00	\$1,251.50		\$1,251.50
Concordia	\$18,502.00	\$9,251.00		\$9,251.00
Cuba	\$1,189.00	\$594.50		\$594.50
Damar	\$4,157.00	\$2,078.50		\$2,078.50
Dorrance	\$1,908.00	\$1,908.00		\$0.00
Downs	\$2,903.00	\$2,903.00		\$0.00
Ellis	\$5,086.00	\$5,086.00		\$0.00
Ellsworth	\$7,476.00	\$3,756.50		\$3,719.50
Elmo	\$1,143.00	\$571.50		\$571.50
Esbon	\$2,206.00	\$2,206.00		\$0.00
Glasco	\$3,895.00			\$3,895.00
Goodland	\$11,626.00			\$11,626.00
Gorham	\$3,438.00	\$1,719.00		\$1,719.00
Grainfield	\$3,995.00	\$3,995.00		\$0.00
Greenleaf	\$1,769.00	\$884.50		\$884.50
Grinnell	\$3,552.00	\$1,776.00		\$1,776.00
Gypsum	\$932.00	\$932.00		\$0.00
Hanover	\$4,392.00	\$2,196.00		\$2,196.00
Hays, St. Joseph	\$31,601.00	\$15,800.50		\$15,800.50
Hays, St. Mary	\$53,913.00	\$17,971.00		\$35,942.00
Hays, St Nicholas	\$21,827.00	\$10,913.50	\$10,913.50	\$0.00
Herington	\$3,985.00	\$1,992.50		\$1,992.50
Herndon	\$3,244.00	\$3,244.00		\$0.00
Hill City	\$6,561.00	\$3,280.50		\$3,280.50
Holyrood	\$1,736.00	\$1,736.00		\$0.00
Hope	\$2,064.00	\$1,032.00		\$1,032.00

PARISH TAX 7-1-14 THRU 6-30-15

PARISH	PARISH-TAX DUE	PARISH-TAX PAID	PARISH-TAX PAID	PARISH TAX DUE
Hoxie	\$9,787.00	\$9,787.00		\$0.00
Junction City	\$4,429.00	\$4,429.00		\$0.00
Kanopolis	\$3,831.00	\$3,831.00		\$0.00
Leoville	\$3,034.00	\$3,034.00		\$0.00
Lincoln	\$3,847.00	\$3,847.00		\$0.00
Logan	\$3,018.00	\$1,509.00		\$1,509.00
Manhattan, St. Isidore	\$25,779.00	\$25,779.00		\$0.00
Manhattan, St. Thomas	\$42,686.00	\$24,920.00		\$17,766.00
Manhattan, Seven Dolors	\$29,018.00	\$7,918.00		\$21,100.00
Mankato	\$1,893.00			\$1,893.00
Miltonvale	\$1,693.00	\$846.50		\$846.50
Minneapolis	\$6,280.00	\$3,140.00		\$3,140.00
Munden	\$1,340.00	\$670.00		\$670.00
Munjor	\$4,980.00	\$2,490.00		\$2,490.00
New Almelo	\$2,292.00	\$2,292.00		\$0.00
Norton	\$8,173.00	\$8,173.00		\$0.00
Oakley	\$6,303.00	\$6,303.00		\$0.00
Oberlin	\$3,961.00	\$3,961.00		\$0.00
Ogden	\$1,227.00			\$1,227.00
Osborne	\$4,828.00	\$4,828.00		\$0.00
Park	\$4,665.00	\$2,332.50		\$2,332.50
Phillipsburg	\$5,305.00	\$2,655.00		\$2,650.00
Plainville	\$4,203.00	\$4,203.00		\$0.00
Russell	\$10,320.00	\$5,160.00		\$5,160.00
St. Francis	\$2,824.00	\$2,824.00		\$0.00
Schoenchen	\$2,544.00	\$2,544.00		\$0.00
Seguin	\$1,635.00	\$1,635.00		\$0.00
Selden	\$2,686.00	\$2,686.00		\$0.00
Sharon Springs	\$3,692.00	\$2,050.00		\$1,642.00
Smith Center	\$3,254.00			\$3,254.00
Solomon	\$4,331.00	\$4,331.00		\$0.00
Stockton	\$6,001.00	\$6,001.00		\$0.00
Tipton	\$3,591.00	\$3,591.00		\$0.00
Victoria	\$18,293.00	\$9,146.50		\$9,146.50
Vincent	\$1,903.00	\$1,903.00		\$0.00
Wakeeney	\$7,504.00	\$3,752.00		\$3,752.00
Walker	\$2,935.00	\$2,935.00		\$0.00
Washington	\$5,768.00	\$2,884.00		\$2,884.00
Wilson	\$6,089.00	\$6,089.00		\$0.00
	\$643,845.00	\$384,039.35	\$10,913.50	\$248,892.15

Possible Parish Activities for Evangelization in and through the Family
Diocese of Salina Office of New Evangelization
February, 2015

February 7-8, 2015 marks this year's observance of World Marriage Day. The office of New Evangelization offers some simple ideas for evangelization in and through the family, in particular related to World Marriage Day. (Note: if necessary for parish scheduling, a World Marriage Day activity could also easily be conducted on the weekend of February 14-15.)

Married couples could be recognized at weekend parish Masses.

- Marriage vows could be renewed and/or an anniversary-type blessing could be offered to married couples who are present.
- A token of recognition could be offered, such as a single-stemmed rose, to each married couple present.
- Special recognition could be given to the longest and the most recently married couple. One option is presenting each such couple (who are present at each weekend Mass) with a gift certificate/card for dinner at a local restaurant.

Married couples could be asked to respond to the question: "What is it about my spouse that helps me to be a better Christian and/or disciple of Jesus?" Responses could be publicized through the parish bulletin, website, Facebook page, etc.

Not all marriages are happy all the time. The "Prayer to St. Rita for Troubled Marriages" could be distributed. The prayer text:

St. Rita, make us understand that a vocation is not only a matter of attraction. Enable us to see clearly that it is also a matter of finding in ordinary events, God's will for us and then accepting it even if it seems to be baffling and contrary to our wishes. Teach those called by the Lord to the married state to reflect deeply on the delicate choices that will influence their destiny. Let them not be deceived by their feelings; instead, let them look for the solid qualities that keep a home united in the joy of the Lord. Teach unhappy spouses the power of patience and mildness. Let them not give way to discouragement but, like you, let them endeavor to save both the happiness of their home and the soul of their spouse. St. Rita, we pray this prayer through you and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(This is the fifth of nine tools to facilitate brief faith-sharing at a parish meeting in keeping with the theme of the 2014-15 catechetical year, Teaching about God's Gift of Forgiveness. These articles are provided by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, via the New Evangelization Office of the Diocese of Salina. Suggested use: this handout could be provided to meeting participants in advance, to give them the opportunity to reflect on the Teaching Tool content and the Reflection Question. As a meeting opening, the Teaching Tool content could be read aloud, followed by a few minutes' discussion of the Reflection Question.)

Tool 5: The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and the gift of forgiveness.

Teaching tool

In many ways the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is by far the clearest example of God's gift of forgiveness. By Christ's will, the Church possesses the power to forgive the sins of the baptized. This is normally exercised through bishops and priests in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. One who desires to obtain reconciliation with God and with the Church, is obliged to confess to a priest all the unconfessed grave sins they remember after having carefully examined their conscience. This is the only ordinary means by which the Church in the name of Christ can reconcile a person with God and the Church. Because of this, one of the Church's precepts is that, "You shall confess your sins at least once a year."

The regular confession of even venial sins is highly encouraged. It helps to form one's conscience, and lets one be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit. In response to God's mercy and compassion, true penitence involves a conversion of heart. This authentic conversion entails a sorrow and abhorrence for sins committed, a firm disposition to discontinue sinning, as well as the necessary action to turn from evil and remain united with God

In whichever form the celebration of the rite takes, the four essential elements of the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation remain: repenting for the sins committed, confessing sins to the priest, receiving absolution, and doing penance and correcting any wrong that was done.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is one of the deepest and most profound ways we can experience God's gift of forgiveness.

Reflection Question

Think about the first time you celebrated the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. In what ways has your experience of this sacrament matured with you over time? Do you experience this sacrament as a joyful celebration designed to assist you to live more fully as a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Additional References: *Catechism of the Catholic Church* no. 986; *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* pp.233-247

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OSV Consignee Code	Order for 2014 appeal	Church Name	Address	City, State, Zip
SAKS10038	300	St. Andrew's	311 S. Buckeye	Abilene KS 67410
SAKS10000	50	Our Lady, Help of Christians	c/o 210 W 13th St.	Antonino KS 67601
SAKS10039	300	Sacred Heart	508 N. Railroad	Atwood KS 67730
SAKS10001	0	St. Peter's	112 Kansas Ave	Aurora KS 67417
SAKS10018	150	St. Edward's	1827 Q Street	Belleville KS 66935
SAKS10051	450	St. John the Baptist	622 E. Main	Beloit KS 67420
SAKS10002	50	St. Catherine's	1681 St. Joseph St.	Catharine KS 67627
SAKS10007	0	St. Michael's	210 E 6th ST.	Chapman KS 67431
SAKS10022	0	SS. Peter and Paul	730 Court St.	Clay Center KS 67432
SAKS10023	100	St. John the Baptist	204 N. High	Clyde KS 66938
SAKS10041	150	Sacred Heart	585 N. French	Colby KS 67701
SAKS10046	350	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	307 E 5th St.	Concordia KS 66901
SAKS10004	50	St. Mary's	611 Division	Downs KS 67437
SAKS10040	200	St. Mary's	703 Monroe St.	Ellis KS 67637
SAKS10024	200	St. Bernard's	911 N. Kansas	Ellsworth KS 67439
SAKS10025	200	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	307 W 13th	Goodland KS 67735
SAKS10008	100	St. Mary's, Help of Christians	135 3rd St.	Gorham KS 67640
SAKS10032	0	St. Agnes	266 Cedar	Grainfield KS 67737
SAKS10009	75	Immaculate Conception	3rd and Monroe	Grinnell KS 67738
SAKS10047	75	St. John the Baptist	114 S. Church St.	Hanover KS 66945
SAKS10042	0	St. Nicholas of Myra	2901 E 13th St.	Hays KS 67601
SAKS10054	500	St. Joseph's	210 W 13th ST.	Hays KS 67601
SAKS10055	0	Immaculate Heart of Mary	1805 Vine St.	Hays KS 67601
SAKS10059	0	Comeau Catholic Campus Center	506 W 6th	Hays KS 67601
SAKS10019	150	St. John's	712 N. Broadway	Herington KS 67449
SAKS10026	250	Immaculate Heart of Mary	110 N. 10th Ave.	Hill City KS 67642
SAKS10027	125	St. Frances Cabrini	924 N 17th St.	Hoxie KS 67740
SAKS10049	400	St. Francis Xavier	218 N. Washington	Junction City KS 66441
SAKS10020	80	St. Patrick's	206 N 5th	Lincoln KS 67455
SAKS10010	100	St. John's	203 E Main	Logan KS 67646
SAKS10050	400	St. Thomas More	2900 Kimball	Manhattan KS 66502
SAKS10056	600	Seven Dolors	731 Pierre	Manhattan KS 66502
SAKS10011	100	St. Isidore's	711 Denison Ave.	Manhattan KS 66502
SAKS10021	120	St. Theresa's	422 N. Commercial	Mankato KS 66956
SAKS10012	80	Immaculate Conception	216 Cherry	Minneapolis KS 67467
SAKS10013	50	St. Francis of Assisi	883 Moscow St.	Munjor KS 67601
SAKS10029	50	St. Joseph's	28035 St. John St.	New Almelo KS 67645
SAKS10028	200	St. Francis of Assisi	108 S. Wabash	Norton KS 67654
SAKS10030	300	St. Joseph's	625 Freeman Ave	Oakley KS 67748
SAKS10003	0	St. Paul's	C/O 625 Freeman Ave	Oakley KS 67748
SAKS10035	200	Sacred Heart	210 E Washington	Oberlin KS 67749
SAKS10014	150	St. Aloysius	203 N Elm	Osborne KS 67473
SAKS10031	230	Sacred Heart	202 S. Cottonwood	Park KS 67751
SAKS10015	100	SS. Philip and James	690 S. 7th St.	Phillipsburg KS 67661
SAKS10043	0	Sacred Heart	206 N Washington	Plainville KS 67663
SAKS10045	100	St. Mary's	28 N. Kansas St.	Russell KS 67665
SAKS10037	0	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	1000 Burr Oak Lane	Salina KS 67401
SAKS10052	200	Sacred Heart Cathedral	118 N. 9th St.	Salina KS 67401
SAKS10057	0	St. Mary, Queen of the Universe	230 E Cloud	Salina KS 67401
SAKS10006	50	St. Anthony's	c/o 210 W 13th St.	Schoenchen KS 67601
SAKS10036	0	Sacred Heart	205 S. Mission	Selden KS 67757
SAKS10016	100	Holy Ghost	403 N. Main St.	Sharon Springs KS 67758
SAKS10017	100	Immaculate Conception	3599 Field Rd	Solomon KS 67480
SAKS10005	75	St. Francis of Assisi	625 S. River St.	St. Francis KS 67756
SAKS10044	80	St. Thomas	722 Main St.	Stockton KS 67669
SAKS10033	150	St. Boniface	308 Gambrianus	Tipton KS 67485
SAKS10053	200	St. Fidelis	601 10th St.	Victoria KS 67671
SAKS10058	300	Christ the King	412 N. 9th St.	Wakeeney KS 67672
SAKS10048	150	St. Augustine's	410 B Street	Washington KS 66968
SAKS10034	180	St. Wenceslaus	2811 Ave. D	Wilson KS 67490

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Are You Dreading Valentine's Day?

By Laura Petherbridge

When I went through my divorce Valentine's Day was one of the most dreaded days of the year. I hated it. The endless scenarios of people falling in love or frolicking on sun baked beaches all confirmed that I was a failure. During that season of loss and grief my friends tried to tell me I was a terrific person. But I felt like an ugly, rejected loser who couldn't keep a husband, and Valentine's Day was the proof.

Engagement ring commercials inflicted the worst torture. I'd watch the lovers proclaiming a life of endless bliss, pledging eternal love to each other. And the sparkling emerald-cut diamond ring somehow made it all delightfully perfect. My cynical tongue would hiss, "Yeah, someone made that vow to me once to - don't believe it!"

After several years of helping others during their divorce, and time spent listening to truth instead of the media, I discovered a handful of encouraging ways for single people to cope with the day for "lovers."

I'm not talking about an unrealistic "just don't think about it" mentality, or pretending the day doesn't evoke nostalgia or a longing for someone special. We were created for companionship, that's a God-given need.

However, my suggestion is an optimistic approach to Valentines

Day, instead of focusing on what is lacking. What if our yearnings caused us to look for beneficial ways to heal our wounds rather than tolerate them? When we take positive steps toward mending a broken heart, the result can be a healed life that thrives - whether single or married.

Here are a few practical "Survival Tips" to help a person refrain from an emotional meltdown on Valentines Day.

Connection

- Don't hibernate or wait until February 13th to make a plan. Force yourself to be with other people, even if only briefly.

- Gather same sex friends and visit a "family focused" restaurant. Avoid ones that cater to couples or have romantic overtones.

- Look into a church or community support group. They often have fun activities planned.

- Non-custodial parents: Bring your child a valentine or small, inexpensive gift that communicates your love.

Creativity

- Think of new, fun things to do this year such as: making handmade heart-shaped decorations, pizza, cakes or cookies.

- Try something that is completely different. Go roller-skating, skiing, hiking, bowling, climb a mountain or a walk through a museum.

- Immerse your family in assembling a model airplane, a Lego adventure, or a jigsaw puzzle.
- Have a potluck supper with each person bringing a favorite chocolate treat.

Care

- Help your child make a valentine for your ex-spouse or former in-laws. This communicates your permission for the child to love the other family, which greatly reduces his or her fear or tension.

- Splurge on a cappuccino or a box of Godiva chocolates - for yourself!

- Notice a married same-sex friend who may need encouragement or a hug. While others are receiving cards, gifts, and flowers, Valentine's Day may be a reminder of a spouse who is thoughtless, cruel or unloving.

- Take a small gift to someone who is lonely or hurting such as: an exchange student, a widow or widower, an unmarried pregnant girl, someone out of work, an elderly neighbor, or a handicapped homebound person.

Considerate

- Invite friends over for dinner and use the good linens and china.

- Ladies: Indulge yourself to cozy bed linens, a new nightgown, a massage or a pedicure.

- Guys: Treat yourself to a ballgame, model train exhibit, or car show.

- Send a valentine or flowers to someone who has comforted and loved you. This day isn't solely for romantic love.

Calm

- Try a new pillow or neck exercises. They work wonders for tension.
- Make yourself a warm, comforting drink of hot cocoa or chai tea.
- Get enough sunshine. Winters's shorter daylight hours can produce depression.
- Exercise produces natural stress reducers, and it's a great way to meet new people. Many gyms have childcare available.
- Calligraphy your favorite Bible verse (Suggestions: Deuteronomy 31:6, Philippians 4:6-8, 1 Peter 5:7) or try your hand at drawing or sculpting.

Caution

- Refrain from anesthetizing loneliness with drugs or alcohol. These chemicals can induce despair which often leads to a greater sense of isolation.
- Shun the temptation to frequent bars or use sex as way to ease the pain. This decision often leads to disastrous long-term consequences.
- Avoid photographs, memorabilia, fragrances, restaurants or atmospheres which trigger memories of "what used to be."
- Steer clear of movies that focus on weddings. People falling in love, adultery, or emotionally wounded children. Instead choose films with a lighthearted, fun plot.

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Have a Heart!!



Parenting Pointers

Lent is a perfect time to reflect on the ways we show our love for God through our love of neighbor. Think about creating a heart valentine with each of the Works of Mercy, the Seven Corporal and Seven Spiritual Works represented on each heart.

Works of Mercy are;

- ♥ Feed the Hungry,
- ♥ Give Drink to the Thirsty,
- ♥ Clothe the Naked,
- ♥ Shelter the Homeless
- ♥ Visit the Sick,
- ♥ Comfort the Imprisoned,
- ♥ Bury the Dead.

Spiritual Works are;

- ♥ Instruct the Ignorant,
- ♥ Counsel the Doubtful,
- ♥ Admonish the Sinner,
- ♥ Bear Wrongs Patiently,
- ♥ Comfort the Afflicted,
- ♥ Forgive Offenses Willingly,
- ♥ Pray for the Living and the Dead.

Each day during Lent these hearts will be a reminder not only of the depth of the human love we commemorated on Valentine's Day, but also of Jesus' call: "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34).

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18.

610. Feb. 6: February is Black History Month. No matter what our skin color, religion, or economic status we need to learn to get along with people who are different from us. As a family, learn about a race different from your own this month. [Click here](#) for ideas or try this [Erasing Racism](#) family activity.

611. Feb. 13: Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which begins Lent. But before Lent comes Tuesday, Feb. 17, Mardi Gras. I guess it is human nature to want to splurge before taking on a sacrifice. Decide a family penance for Lent, but plan a family treat for next Tuesday.

612. Feb. 20: "I establish my covenant with you." (Genesis 9:11) God's covenant with Noah was a solemn promise. Talk with your child(ren) today about what it means to make a promise. Is it ever OK to break a promise?

613. Feb. 27: "When your child marches to a different drummer, your main task is to support them when the culture may not." (Parenting Your Adult Child) This applies to gender identity, a special needs child, or simply one in crisis. Love them but don't pamper them.

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Valentines Fun With the Kids

Use this Valentines Day as an opportunity for teachable moments with your kids while having fun baking.

- Give a job to each child based on their age so no one feels left out.
- Remind them about proper hand washing before beginning any baking.
- Show them how to properly measure ingredients the difference when measuring flour versus brown sugar.
- The importance of cracking an egg just the right way to avoid any shells.
- Talk about the importance of safety when using the oven.
- Above all, don't forget to tell them what a wonderful job they have done.

Cupcake Surprises

1 box cake mix or a favorite homemade cake any flavor. Make as directed.

Pour batter into cupcake holders. Place an unwrapped Hershey kiss in each cupcake. Bake at recommended temperature, frost with your favorite frosting and decorate with sprinkles and hearts.



Positive Steps to Take in a Stepfamily Situation

The primary relationship in a marriage should be that of a couple. Create an on-going pattern of communication with each other.

- ⇒ Provide couple unity in family issues for the benefit of the children.
- ⇒ Be aware of the different lifestyles and value systems, which are being combined into your stepfamily situation.
- ⇒ Show the same respect *for* your stepchildren as you expect *from* them.
- ⇒ Consider the combined children as *ours*, not *yours* or *mine*.
- ⇒ Remember that your biological children know you better than your new spouse. Be aware of your over protectiveness as a biological parent.
- ⇒ Consider the children living apart from the new stepfamily as being as much a part of the stepfamily as those living within.
- ⇒ Keep communication open, whenever possible, with ex-spouses for the sake of the children.
- ⇒ Appreciate the individuality of each child in the stepfamily.
- ⇒ Provide a reasonable territorial space for each family member.
- ⇒ Address financial issues before the marriage to a mutually acceptable term. Continue to negotiate monetary adjustments with each other.
- ⇒ Be flexible in resolving issues and be willing to try various alternatives. Everyone makes mistakes. If you find yourselves unable to come to a solution, see professional guidance and counseling.
- ⇒ Keep a sense of humor.
- ⇒ Raise the consciousness of your family, friends, teachers, and clergy about the uniqueness of a stepfamily.

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"Train a boy in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6



Happy
Valentine's
Day



Forgiveness Prayer for Lent

*Loving Father,
Our family gathers here together
with you.*

*Help us to listen carefully to our
hearts, to see if we have shared our
love and peace with each other or if we
have hurt each other.*

*We know you love us very much.
You are always ready to forgive us.
Help us to forgive each other.*



February 7-14

National Marriage Week USA™

Let's Strengthen Marriage

A national campaign to help marriage
which benefits children and reduces poverty

"We have launched highly effective public education campaigns on much less momentous issues, from smoking to recycling...For now, the decline in marriage is our most ignored national crisis..."
TIME Magazine commentary
March 5, 2012

The Benefits of Marriage:

- ▶ Married adults live longer lives, have better health, and greater personal happiness.
- ▶ Children raised by both parents at home perform better in school, have less addiction, less teen pregnancy and less trouble with the law.
- ▶ Marriage is the unsung anti-poverty program.
- ▶ Single motherhood is greatest cause for poverty among women and children.
- ▶ Married adults have more wealth and financial stability.
- ▶ Healthy marriage saves U.S. taxpayers—costs \$112 billion per year for divorce and unwed childbearing.

We Can Do Better

Huge decline in married adults: from 79% in 1970 to 57% in 2013

US births to unwed mothers grew from 5% in 1960 to an alarming 41% in 2008

White, working-class, U.S. children living with both parents declined from 96% in 1962 to only 37% in 2004

Never-married Americans soared nearly 4-fold from 21 million in 1970 to 77 million in 2012

Children Need Both Parents

Teen birth rate for girls when their father leaves before they are 6-yrs-old is 35%. 7 times the rate from when fathers stay married.

Boys without fathers at home are twice as likely to end up in prison

What Can You Do?

- ▶ Find a marriage class or event near you on the NMW National Calendar!
- ▶ Mobilize your organization to start a new marriage class or host a special event.
- ▶ Help build a groundswell of marriage education across the nation, and post your info for free with us!
- ▶ Launch a National Marriage Week USA Celebration in your town!

Marriage Reduces Poverty

We'd have 25% less poverty today if we had the marriage rates we had in 1970

Only 2% chance of poverty if you finish high school, work fulltime, & postpone marriage/child bearing until age 21. 77% chance of poverty if you don't do these 3 things.

In U.S., marriage drops probability of child poverty by 82%

A SAMPLE RENEWAL OF VOWS

The Celebrant invites the remainder of the congregation to pray in silence as married couples renew before God their sacred matrimonial commitment to each other.

Celebrant:

"Dear Friends, on your wedding day, you stood before the Church's minister and the community, and solemnly vowed your love. On this World Marriage Day, you stand before the community of faith as a reminder of the great beauty of the Sacrament of Covenant of Matrimony."

"You stand before your children who reflect the life and love you have given to them through Your marriage."

"You stand before those who are living the single vocation in the Church. Your marriage vows complement their lives of commitment and service to the Lord's call."

"You stand before widows and widowers who recall the love and commitment given to their spouse."

"You stand before us as witnesses to the married love which Christ abundantly blessed on your wedding day. I invite you now to renew the promises you made in mutual and lasting fidelity."

Couples (repeat after the celebrant):

Husbands: "I have taken you and take you again _____, to be my wife. I promise to be true to you in the good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life."

Wives: "I have taken you and take you again _____, to be my husband. I promise to be true to you in the good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life."

Celebrant:

"You have renewed your marriage vows before the Church. May the Lord in His goodness strengthen your commitment and fill you with His blessings. Amen"

"Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing."

"May God the almighty Father, give you joy. (Response) Amen"

"May the only Son of God have mercy on you and help you in good times and in bad. (Response) Amen"

"May the Holy Spirit always fill your hearts with love. (Response) Amen"

"And may Almighty God bless you all, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Response) Amen"

SAMPLE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (Husband and Wife to deliver)

Celebrant: Let us join in prayer for our special anniversary couples and for all married couples on this World Marriage Day, knowing that God hears us whenever we pray.

(Response): Lord, make us one.

Husband: That all husbands may have the wisdom and courage to help their wives grow and develop their talents, to become all God wants them to be. We pray to the Lord.

Wife: That all wives among us have the knowledge and the will to encourage their husbands to grow and fulfill all the rich potential that lies within them. We pray to the Lord.

Husband: That we may receive the gifts of patience, imagination and understanding in our relationship with our children in these changing times. We pray to the Lord.

Wife: That all couples may be delivered from the dangers of boredom and routine which can erode the deepest love relationship. We pray to the Lord.

Husband: For the courage to overcome fear and reveal ourselves more openly and honestly through more intimate communication. We pray to the Lord.

Wife: That all our relatives, friends and neighbors may experience the joy of family love. We pray to the Lord.

Husband: That all the families on earth may have the resources they need to lead happy, healthy and prayer-filled lives. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Father, you love us so much that you gave us your only Son. Grant that all who are in the union of marriage may reflect the beauty of your love and share it with others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING AT END OF MASS

Celebrant: "Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing."
"May God the almighty Father, give you joy. (Response) Amen"
"May the only Son of God have mercy on you and help you in good times and in bad. (Response) Amen"
"May the Holy Spirit always fill your hearts with love. (Response) Amen"
"And may almighty God bless you all, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Response) Amen"

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Support Resources for Marriage and Family

With the upcoming observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 8-14), World Marriage Day (Feb. 8) and Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) parishes are encouraged to use these opportunities to celebrate the gift and blessing of marriage and to affirm and support engaged and married couples.

Since the USCCB has as one of its' top pastoral priorities the goal of strengthening marriages, they have located a number of resources that can assist Dioceses and parishes in honoring and promoting marriage and family. Some of these resources are as follows:

For Your Marriage (Por Tu Matrimonio) – A large and varied collection of resources for couples who are married or planning for marriage can be found in English and Spanish at www.ForYourMarriage.org and www.PorTuMatrimonio.org, billed as the “best” catholic marriage website online.

Marriage: Unique for a Reason – Video and print materials and other educational and catechetical resources that explain the uniqueness of marriage as the permanent, faithful, and fruitful union of one man and one woman can be found at www.MarriageUniqueforaReason.org.

World Marriage Day Ideas and Resources for celebrating World Marriage Day, Feb. 9, 2014 sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, are available at <http://wmd.wwme.org>.

National Marriage Week USA – National Marriage Week, now in its fifth year, is a collaborative effort to influence the culture by faith communities, business, media, education, and non-profit groups. It promotes marriage as a benefit to husbands and wives and to the nation, as well as the best environment in which to raise children. Information and resources are at <http://www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org>.

St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body Online –
<http://www.ewtn.com/library/papaldoc/jp2tbind.htm>

PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Almighty and eternal God,

You blessed the union of married couples
so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church:
look with kindness on them.
Renew their marriage covenant,
increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace
so that, with their children,
they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.

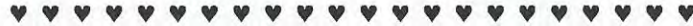
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Celebrate St. Valentine's Day at Home

“The mission of the church is carried into the home when:

You love and never give up believing in the value of another person. Before young ones hear the Word of God preached from the pulpit, they form a picture of God drawn from their earliest experiences of being loved by parents, grandparents, godparents, and other family or community members.”

Follow the Way of Love



Today is a day for families to **CELEBRATE** and **BE THANKFUL** for the many loves in their lives.

HOME-MADE WAYS TO SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR OTHERS

1. **Hold a child/loved one next to your heart.**
2. **Put a note in a child's or spouse's lunch box on heart-wrapped paper saying, "I love you!"**
3. **Read a story about someone who had great love for another.**
4. **Send a letter or greeting to someone you love with whom you have lost touch.**
5. **Give thanks at meal or night prayer for all those who have loved you.**

A Family Prayer of Thanksgiving for Love

Leader: Faithful God, thank you for the people in our lives who show us your love. We are grateful for the love of parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and godparents, especially....

Response: We who abide in love, abide in God and God in us.

Leader: Today we celebrate the love of brothers and sisters, cousins and friends, especially....

Response: We who abide in love, abide in God and God in us.

Leader: We ask you to bless all those who show their love to us by their service: teachers, coaches, priests and sisters, community leaders and others who spend their lives and talents for our well-being, especially....

Response: We who abide in love, abide in God and God in us.

Leader: Teach us how to love each other well, in word and deed in our home and community. Grant our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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CALENDAR & CONTACTS

SALINA DIOCESE

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

WHEN: Feb. 13-15, 2015 Mar. 13-15, 2015
Apr. 17-19, 2015 June 5-7, 2015
WHERE: Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life
Victoria, KS 67671
CONTACT: Chad & Angela Zimmerman
785-460-1818
coordinator@salinacee.com

REGISTER ONLINE--<http://www.salinacee.com/>

GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE

WHEN: None scheduled at this time
WHERE: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Salina
CONTACT: Family Life Office 785-827-8746
familylife@salinadiocese.org

WHEN: Feb. 28, 2015 April 18, 2015
WHERE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Concordia
CONTACT: Tony & Lindy Meyer 785-614-0831
familylife@olphconcordia.org

WHEN: None scheduled at this time
WHERE: St. Thomas More Parish, Manhattan

WHEN: May 2, 2015
WHERE: Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays
CONTACT: Deacon David & Susan Kisner 785-625-7339
deacondave@ihm-church.com
REGISTER: skisner@ihm-church.com
Deacon Steve & Nancy Urban 785-628-1446
urbs57@gmail.com

WICHITA DIOCESE

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

WHEN: Feb. 6-8, 2015
Feb. 20-22, 2015 Mar. 13-15, 2015
Apr. 10-12, 2015 Apr. 24-26, 2015
May 1-3, 2015 May 15-17, 2015
June 12-14, 2015 July 10-12, 2015
July 24-26, 2015 Aug. 14-16, 2015
Sept. 25-27, 2015 Oct 16-18, 2015
Nov. 6-8, 2015 Dec 4-6, 2015
WHERE: Spiritual Life Center 7100 E. 45th St.
316-744-0167 N Wichita, KS 67226
CONTACT: Randy & Denise Walker ceewichita@cox.net

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

WHEN: (English)
Feb. 20-22, 2015
CONTACT: Leon & Loretta Brittan
719-387-9842
WHEN: (Spanish)
None scheduled at this time
CONTACT: Ramon y Maria Romero
316-806-9884
WHERE: Spiritual Life Center
7100 E. 45th St.
N. Wichita, KS 67226
316-744-0167

RETROUVAILLE

NONE SCHEDULED FOR 2015 IN WICHITA DIOCESE

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE—(Divorce & Grief)

COST: \$50.00 nonrefundable registration fee
WHEN: None scheduled at this time
CONTACT: The Beginning Experience
P.O. Box 3152 866-610-8877
Wichita, KS 67201
Beverly Pieplow 316-264-4876
Judy Demuth 620-430-0339

YOUNG ADULT BEGINNING EXPERIENCE (Ages 14-25)

WHEN: None scheduled at this time
WHERE: Magnificat Center for Unity & Reconciliation
Congregation of St. Joseph Wichita
CONTACT: Karen Oller 620-896-7664

KANSAS CITY DIOCESE

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

WHEN: Feb. 13-15, 2015 Mar. 13-15, 2015
Apr 17-19, 2015 June 19-21, 2015
July 17-19, 2015 Sept. 18-20, 2015
Nov. 13-15, 2015
CONTACT: Eric & Debbie Zayas
913-782-1603

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

WHEN: Feb. 6-8, 2015 June 26-28, 2015
Oct. 2-4, 2015 Nov. 20-22, 2015
CONTACT: Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman
816-741-4066

RETROUVAILLE

WHEN: Feb. 27, 2015 July 24, 2015
CONTACT: Jerry & Kim Bronder
816-505-0510 or 800-470-2230

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

WHEN: None scheduled at this time
CONTACT: Kim
816-739-4733

DODGE CITY DIOCESE

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

WHEN: Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2015 Apr. 24-26, 2015
June 12-14, 2015 July 31-Aug. 2, 2015
WHERE: Heartland Retreat Center Great Bend, KS
CONTACT: Michael & Lindsay Mazouch
620-792-6290

ARCH DIOCESE OF OMAHA

RETROUVAILLE

WHEN: Aug. 21, 2015
WHERE: Schuyler, NE
CONTACT: Birger & Connie Benson 308-986-2351

ARCH DIOCESE OF DENVER

RETROUVAILLE

WHEN: Apr. 17, 2015
WHERE: Denver, CO
CONTACT: Ron & Diana Lovell 303-317-5111
dialov1282@gmail.com

Make Lent Count

That is a good way to think of Lent. By giving things up or doing something spiritual, we aren't engaged in an effort to make ourselves special; we are engaged in an effort to get close to Christ.

Here is a list of things you might consider:

Ideas for Adults

Fasting

Skip lunch one day a week.

Skip meat an extra day – or two – a week.

Give up alcoholic beverages.

Give up soda – even diet soda.

Give up all desserts.

Don't buy anything except groceries and absolute necessities.

Fast from listening to talk radio or music in the car.

Prayer

Begin – or begin again – the daily Rosary.

Meditate for 10 minutes a day – *Magnificat* offers a wonderful daily meditation.

Attend Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy devotions or Eucharistic adoration.

Start a nightly habit of spiritual reading.

Read the Compendium of the Catechism (just four pages a day will allow you to finish it in Lent).

Almsgiving/Charity

Volunteer to deliver food to the poor.

Join the social-concerns committee at your parish.

Make a significant donation to a deserving charity with each Lenten paycheck.

Forgive someone, and tell him or her you want to patch things up.

Say a kind word to everyone you meet.

Pay one significant compliment – or more – to each of your children every day.

Offer to watch the children of a new mother or a single parent one day a week throughout Lent.

Visit an elderly friend or relative.

For Children and Teens

For younger folks, don't be afraid of the adult ideas. But if none will work for you, try these:

Look for and address a need in your house every day.

Start asking, "Is there anything else I can do?" after you do what your parents ask.

Turn off your phone except for specific times at home.

Give up video games. Yes – entirely – throughout Lent (except Sundays)!

Send a note to each grandparent, aunt, uncle and godparent during Lent.

Make a new friend outside your "crowd."

Be a friend to a shy person.

Give up that bad place, person or thing.

Choose a favorite toy, book or piece of clothing and give it away before Easter.

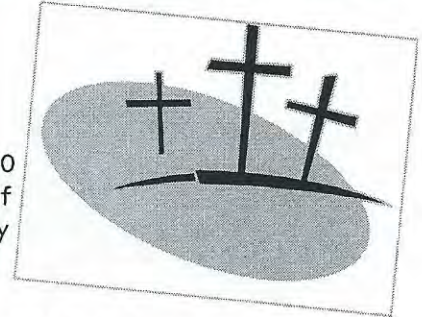
CELEBRATE LENT AT HOME

Lent comes from a word that means "springtime," and is celebrated for 40 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a time of repentance, prayer and sacrifice in preparation for the great feast of Easter.

The following are family rituals and traditions that deepen family faith and relationships.

LENTEN JOURNAL:

On Ash Wednesday, make an official beginning to your Lenten season by starting a 40 page journal of what your family will do to celebrate this season. Keep a record of special prayers and activities you do together in this notebook. Children will enjoy decorating it and entering each day's activities.



HIDDEN ACTS:

Decorate a special container with pictures or designs that describe how you feel about Lent. Family members write down simple actions which each member could perform for the family, parish, or community. For one week, each member chooses a slip of paper each day and tries to carry it out. At the end of the week, members share both the times when they were able to follow through and when they found it difficult to carry out.

CENTER OF ATTENTION?

Designate your refrigerator as your "Lenten Progress" center. You might post a Lenten calendar or large paper cross and attach your personal and family pledges; whenever opening the door, you could say a short prayer for those who are hungry in the world. You might make a large map starting from Ash Wednesday and ending at Easter. At the end of each week, you could record along the path what has happened to you/your family up to that point on the journey. If you choose to give up certain foods during Lent, place wrappers or pictures of that food on the door and sign your name. Use your imagination.

THE FAMILY TABLE:

Make a simple tablecloth out of burlap or other coarse fabric. Once a week make your own Lenten place mats out of paper and decorate them with various symbols (the cross, the tomb, resurrection, cocoons, caterpillars, butterflies, scenes of winter). Eat part of your evening meal in silence. Use fresh flowers or greens on those days when the family has experienced a significant event on its Lenten journey.

EASTER TREE:

Your family might like to create an Easter Tree during Lent. Take a large branch and put into a container to hold it upright. As the season progresses, decorate it with signs of life: cracked egg shells, a leaf or green branch, pictures taken during Lent, etc. When Easter arrives your tree will be full of new life and color to symbolize Jesus' rebirth and also your own.

FAMILY LENTEN SYMBOL:

Each person in the family can carry a "family Lenten symbol" which will remind him/her during the day to think of and pray for each other (a purple piece of yarn tied to a shoelace, a small Lenten prayer card carried in a shirt pocket or purse, a homemade wooden cross on a piece of cord).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Attend parish "Stations of the Cross" services as a family each week, or pray one station each day during Lent at home using different "Stations of the Cross" booklets available at religious goods stores.

A FAMILY PRAYER/GOOD DEED BASKET:

Use an ordinary Easter basket. Have each family member write the name of every person he/she promises to remember in prayer during Lent on a very small piece of paper—about a quarter inch to three inches in length. These small pieces are placed in the basket to form the straw. Pieces may be added at different intervals during Lent and should be a variety of colors. The basket can also be used to collect a listing of good deeds done by individual family members during Lent. On Easter, each family member places his/her own specially decorated Easter egg into the new basket to symbolize the spirit of new life which has been shared with others through prayers and good deeds.

The ideas in this article were taken from *Faith and Fest*,

Lenten Calendar

**ASH
WEDNESDAY**
Make Lenten
resolutions
and sacrifices.

THURSDAY
Do a good
deed.

FRIDAY
Be especially
obedient today.

SATURDAY
Cut your TV
time down by
2 hours today.

1st SUNDAY
Be attentive at
Church today.
Read MARK
1:12-15

MONDAY
Read PSALM
51

TUESDAY
Give up
something you
enjoy eating
just for today.

WEDNESDAY
Say an extra
prayer today.

THURSDAY
Visit someone
who is lonely.

FRIDAY
Send a card to
someone who
needs
cheering up.

SATURDAY
Pray for all
people who
are in the
hospital.

2nd SUNDAY
Give extra
money you
saved to the
poor.

MONDAY
Smile at
everyone you
meet today.

TUESDAY
Read MATT.
23:1-2

WEDNESDAY
Get up extra
early to pray.

THURSDAY
Go out of your
way to help
someone
today.

FRIDAY
Read MATT.
21:33-43.
45-46

SATURDAY
Do an extra
chore
CHEERFULLY
today.

3rd SUNDAY
Offer your
Mass and Holy
Communion
for family
members.

MONDAY
Pray for the
homeless.

TUESDAY
Be extra nice
to everyone
you meet
today.

WEDNESDAY
Give old
clothes to the
needy.

THURSDAY
Read LUKE
11:14 28

FRIDAY
Forgive
someone who
hurt you.

SATURDAY
Do something
extra nice for a
family
member.

4th SUNDAY
Pray for all
people who
are out of
work.

MONDAY
Visit someone
who is sick.

TUESDAY
Read JOHN
5:1-16

WEDNESDAY
Clean up your
neighborhood.
Pick up trash
near
home/work.

THURSDAY
Tell someone
you LOVE
them today.

FRIDAY
Read JOHN
7:1-2, 10,
25-30

SATURDAY
Pray for the
sick today.

5th SUNDAY
Do something
together with
your family

MONDAY
Donate food to
the hungry.

TUESDAY
Read a book to
a child today.

WEDNESDAY
Read JOHN
8:31 42

THURSDAY
Be nice to
someone you
don't like.

FRIDAY
Read a story
about a Saint
today.

SATURDAY
Let someone
else choose the
TV programs
today.

**PALM
SUNDAY**
Listen closely
to the
PASSION OF
CHRIST at
Mass.

MONDAY
Give up
watching TV
today

TUESDAY
Read JOHN
13:21-33.
36-38

WEDNESDAY
Read PSALM
22:2-6.
23-25

THURSDAY
Attend the
Mass of the
Lord's Supper.

FRIDAY
Pray the
STATIONS OF
THE CROSS.

SATURDAY
Read ROMANS
6:3-11

**EASTER
SUNDAY**
Rejoice in the
resurrection of
the Lord.
GO TO MASS!

Happy Easter!!!