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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

THANK YOU for your presence at the Religious Sisters' Appreciation Mass. I know they enjoyed seeing so many of you.

THANK YOU to all who attended the Seminarian Recognition Dinner. It was nice to have so many of you there.

DELAYED ORDINATION of Deacon Michael Leiker: I know that this is a very difficult situation for many. Please continue to keep Dcn. Michael and his family in your prayers.

PARISH CONFIRMATION REQUEST FORM is attached. You can also find the form on the diocesan website at <https://salinadiocese.org/bishops-office/confirmation-schedule/scheduling-form/file>. Please complete the form and return to Katie by **Friday, July 5**. Additionally, you will find a second attachment that indicates dates that I am unavailable for Confirmation. Please avoid choosing these as your preferred dates. It will be a huge help when it comes to scheduling!

A few reminders, all parishes are asked to complete the form, even if you will not be having Confirmation this year. Please consider having Confirmation every 2, 3, or 4 years if your class size is fewer than 10 students per year. You are also encouraged to combine parishes within your pastoral assignment. Lastly, please refrain from finalizing your Confirmation plans in your parish until Katie has completed the final schedule and sent it out to all of you. Thank you in advance!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MANHATTAN OFFICE blessing is on June 5, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. The new office is located at 212 S. 4th; Ste 120.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP is Thursday, June 27. Please consult the Ordo for the Mass proper for this patronal feast of the Diocese of Salina.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION is June 29-30. Please see the attached copy of my letter supporting this important collection. This letter can be inserted into your parish bulletin.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING inserts for the bulletin:

June: Predators are at work throughout the year – summer is no exception. Learn more about human trafficking/modern day slavery so that you can be more alert to trafficking situations.

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. sistersagainstrafficking.org

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP (cont.)

Junio: los depredadores están trabajando durante todo el año; el verano no es la excepción. Obtenga más información sobre la trata de personas y la esclavitud moderna para que pueda estar más atento a las situaciones de trata de personas. **Hermanas católicas de los Estados Unidos contra la trata de personas.** sistersagainstrafficking.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

BISHOP FITZSIMMONS GOLF TOURNAMENT for the benefit of Sacred Heart Jr./Sr. High School is Friday, July 12, 2019. Contact the Development Office at Sacred Heart (785-825-4011) for more information.

2019 CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL FUNDRAISER is Sunday, July 21, 2019 from 5-7:30 P.M. at the Salina Country Club. Please consider attending the event to show your support and appreciation for all the good that Catholic Charities does.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES are set for Sunday, October 6, 2019 at St. Joseph Parish in Hays and Sunday, October 13, 2019 at St. Mary Queen of the Universe in Salina. Both Masses are scheduled for 3:00 P.M. More information to follow at a later date.

OFFICE OF THE VICAR FOR PRIESTS

PRAYER & ACTION is in Colby in June and in Abilene in July. If you have some of your youngsters attending one of the weeks, try to stop by and help with Reconciliation and Adoration on Wednesday evenings.

I know we are all busy, doing what probably should be done by two priests instead of just us, but these events are part of our ministry as well as the things in our parishes. I know we can't do it all, but at least keep it on your RADAR and be there when you can.

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

JUNIOR CYO CAMP: We had a wonderful response from our parishes in sending youth to our camp at Rock Springs. Our theme was "COME AS YOU ARE". We have close to 300 attending this camp. The college age students and seniors in high school make this camp happen. Many thanks to everyone who makes this camp possible.

PRAYER AND ACTION: Sacred Heart Parish in Colby will be hosting Prayer & Action during the month of June. Please remember our youth and adults that will be participating in this program. We will have the Core Teams from Savannah, Georgia, Des Moines, Iowa and Dodge City, KS here with us during our College Week. Please pray for our diocese as well as the other dioceses that have started this program in their dioceses. We will have around 14 high school students from Amarillo, Texas with us for one of our high school weeks in June. We have a wonderful team: Kade McGaffin (Team Leader), Paul Flesher, Trent Logan, Ingrid Herrenbruck, Megan Bates and Carly Smith.

We thank Father Richard Daise, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish for hosting Prayer and Action during the month of June.

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY (cont.)

NCYC: As you know in our mailings that we have set up for NCYC we gave you three deadlines for the payment. Thank you for responding to paying your first payment. The second payment is June 17. The third payment will be September 30. Thank you for working with us in these deadlines. We also thank the adults that make NCYC possible for our youth in our diocese.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TOTUS TUUS: We have three teams of seminarians and college age females that will be traveling throughout the diocese teaching our young people. The theme for this summer is: SACRAMENTS & SORROWFUL MYSTERIES. If there is a parish that would like to have a team come to your parish, the last week July 21-26, still has 2 openings. Please contact us as soon as possible if you would like one of these openings. The team members for TOTUS TUUS this summer are: Claire Friess, Emma Girton, Claire Zarbynicky, Torrie Gregg, Lindsay Gack, Myka Kuhlman, Adam Bates, Ridge Pinkston, Chris Hilger, Aaron Dlabal, Kyle Pfeifer and Kenny Snider II. Please pray for these team members as they share their faith with the youth in our parishes.

OFFICE OF RURAL LIFE

2019 RURAL LIFE DAY will be at St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Hoxie, Sunday, August 18, 2019. We will begin at 3:00 P.M. with an opening prayer. The main feature of the Rural Life Day is presenting the Msgr. John George Weber Century Farm Award to families who have farmed or owned their farm for 100 years or longer. Families applying for the award are asked to prepare a brief (5 minutes +/-) history of their family farm; their hardships, successes, how faith played a major role, family succession for the operation of the farm, etc.

Photographs of the families and the family histories will be placed in *The Register*. While we are targeting farms and families in the West Deanery, any family in the Diocese may apply. Families in your parish who qualify for the Century Farm Award may apply by filling the application found on the Diocesan Website under Rural Life. We would appreciate the application submitted by August 1st, 2019.

Please send the applications to: Rural Life Commission c/o Rev. Richard Daise 585 N French Avenue Colby, KS 67701. For additional information, please call me at (785) 462-2179.

RURAL LIFE WORKSHOP- The Rural Life Commission urges everyone to save the date for a Rural Life Workshop, *Thriving (not just surviving) in Ag.*, hosted by the Sacred Heart parish in Colby, on August 17, 2019. We have 3 speakers lined up for the workshop. There will be a minimal registration fee of \$25 to help defray the cost of our speakers and for the lunch which will be included in the registration. More information will be in future SDNB's, but please save the date.

Several members of the Rural Life Commission are reaching the end of their six year term and will step down as of July 1, 2019. If you have any parishioner interested in serving on the Commission, please ask them to contact Fr. Rich Daise at (785) 462-2179 or email frrich@sacredheartcolby.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2019 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER is Sunday, July 21 from 5:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at the Salina Country Club. Anonymous donors have provided a Matching-Gift Donation Challenge of \$100,000, so every dollar donated will be doubled and we need your help to reach the goal. If you would like to attend this complimentary dinner event, please RSVP to Jeanie Warner at 785-825-0208 ext. 215 or jwarner@cenks.org.

FUNDRAISER POSTER - Attached is the 2019 Catholic Charities Annual Fundraiser poster and small flyer. Please place it in a high traffic area for the most exposure in your parish and/or use the small ones for your bulletins. We will need everyone's help this year to reach our \$100,000 match. Thank you for assisting this ministry to help families in crisis.

OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE

2020 MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. - It's not too early to start planning for the 2020 March for Life! The 48th Annual March for Life will take place in Washington, D.C. on January 24, 2020. The Salina Diocese will sponsor a pilgrimage to attend this special event. In addition to the March we will tour and attend Mass at the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, celebrate Mass with all four dioceses in Kansas, attend the Life is Very Good Youth Rally, visit Arlington National Cemetery, and visit the National Monuments and other sites in Washington, D.C. The trip will take place January 22-26, 2020. This trip is open to all ages across our diocese and we strongly encourage our youth to attend! Look for more information in the coming months!

OFFICE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

THANK YOU to those who hosted us for Safe Environment Audits this spring. We very much enjoyed our visits. There is great work being done in the field to ensure we are providing a safe environment in our facilities and programs, and we appreciate your effort and dedication! In April, we visited the following locations, and again want to say *Thank you!*

St. Joseph –Damar

Donna Benoit
Father Henry Saw Lone

Immaculate Heart of Mary-Hill City

Wendy Keith
Father Henry Saw Lone

St. Joseph - New Almelo

Shelly Wahlmeier

St. Francis of Assisi- Norton

Suzi Brooks

St. Aloysius Gonzaga- Osborne

Brenda Henke

St. Mary - Smith Center

Stacey Rempe
Father David Micheal



OFFICE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY (cont.)

SUMMER ACTIVITIES - With the start of summer activities (VBS, Totus Tuus, Prayer and Action etc.), please be sure all volunteers working with minors have completed the CMGConnect Safe Environment Curriculum with background check. *For students under the age of 18 who will be volunteering with younger minors, please have them complete the Youth Minors Curriculum "So you think you can volunteer."* These volunteers cannot be the primary supervisors of other minors; they must be working under the supervision of at least two fully trained adults (more trained adults may be necessary depending on group size).

ANNUAL DIOCESAN AUDIT - The Diocese will have an on-line audit this year. It is essential that all volunteers, employees and educators who have ministered during this audit period (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019) are trained and in the data base. Safety Coordinators, please remember to check your CMGConnect data base **WEEKLY**. ****If you have ministers in the data base who did not work with minors during this audit period, please archive them.**

SAFE ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION PACKET - Safe Environment Program information packets will be mailed in August. Included in the packet will be all the forms each parish or school is required to complete and return. The packet will generally be mailed to the Safe Environment Coordinator at the parish or school. You may request that the packet be sent directly to the Coordinator's home by emailing wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org as soon as possible.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE/NFP

2019 DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: The eighth annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, August 10th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Hays. ALL men and young men Junior High and up are encouraged to attend! Refer to the May 2019 SDNB for sample Bulletin Announcements to run in your parish bulletin. Please see attached flyer for more information. Please encourage the men of your parish to attend.

FAMILY MATTERS! Attached is the June issue of Family Matters. Please use this resource in your parishes to promote and support Family Life.

UPCOMING MARRIAGE PREPARATION AND ENRICHMENT EVENTS: Please refer to the attached updated flyer, or go to salinadiocese.org

2019 NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK - *Love Naturally!*

National NFP Awareness Week (JULY 21 - JULY 27) is a national educational campaign that highlights the anniversary of the papal encyclical "[Humanae Vitae](#)," (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE/NFP (cont.)

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING WITH INFERTILITY - In conjunction with NFP Awareness Week the Family Life and NFP Office will host a retreat for couples struggling with infertility. The retreat will be held at St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish in Russell, Kansas on July 27, 2019 from 9 A.M to 3:30 P.M.. The retreat will include Mass and the opportunity for confession, as well as inspiring talks from a priest, a witness couple, and more. Registration will be available online at salinadiocese.org beginning June 15. For more information, please contact the Family Life Office at 785-827-8746 or email familylife@salinadiocese.org.

MIDWEST CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE – 20 years celebrating! The conference will be held August 2-4, 2019 at the Century II Convention Center in Wichita. It is a total family event with activities for every age group in the family with parents able to take babies in strollers along to their sessions. This spirit-filled Catholic conference has reached thousands with its saving message of Christ's love through an enhanced understanding of the role of the Catholic Church and its teachings in spreading this message.

NEW this year, Spanish Catholic Family Conference in Exhibition Hall featuring special talks and programs! For more information and to register go to catholicfamilyconference.org

Paper copies of the Conference Flyer and Registration Form are available by contacting the Family Life Office, familylife@salinadiocese.org or 785-827-8746.

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you for all you have done to promote the Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share. Together our efforts have generated over \$1.5 million for the Diocese of Salina – more gifts

than have ever been raised through an annual appeal in our diocese. This means more money for seminarian education, priests' retirement and clergy health, evangelization and ministry as well as education. Our diocese has been blessed and the results will be more services to the parishes.

And remember annual appeal pledges and gifts will be accepted through December 31, 2019. There is still plenty of time to encourage your parishioners to participate. Everyone is encouraged to give whatever size gift is comfortable. If you have any questions contact Beth at 785-827-8746, ext. 42 or Lois at 785-827-8746, ext. 45.

#iGiveCatholic

Again this year, the Diocese of Salina will be a part of #iGiveCatholic, where Catholics across the nation participate in Giving Tuesday, which is December 3, 2019 this year. This is an online giving day celebrated annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday. It kicks off the charitable giving season and brings the Catholic community together to give thanks and give back. Much generosity was shared with our diocese last year, through this effort. We'll do it again this year.

Each parish, school, and Catholic ministry in our diocese will be invited to participate. Watch your emails this summer for more information and an invitation to join us.

MISCELLANEOUS

SAVE THE DATE: Sacred Heart Parish, Colby, is hosting the Sacred Relics of the Saints: Treasures of the Church. Sacred Heart Parish, in Colby, presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Friday, August 2nd at 7:00 P.M. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with a very special Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church’s history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

CORRECTIONS:

1. Change of mailing address for Fr. Basil Torrez: P.O. Box 129, Apt. 206, Quinter, KS 67752; Phone: (785) 754-3716.

JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day CHANCERY CLOSED	5	6
7 Totus Tuus-Osborne, Salina & Hanover	8 Prayer & Action-Abilene	9 Curia, 10 am, Group B	10	11	12 Bishop Fitzsimmons Golf Tournament	13
14 Totus Tuus-Ellsworth, Atwood & Park/Grainfield	15 Prayer & Action-Abilene	16	17	18	19	20 Mass of Healing, Seven Dolors, Manhattan, 6 pm
21 Totus Tuus-Goodland Mass of Healing, 8:30 am, Chapman Mass of Healing, Solomon, 11 am Annual CC Fundraiser	22 Prayer & Action-Abilene	23	24 Confirmation, St. Patrick's, Lincoln 6:30 pm	25	26	27 Confirmation at IHM, Hays, 5 pm
28 Confirmation, St. Nicholas, Hays, 10:00 am	29	30 Investment Committee Mitg., 2:00 pm	31			



Diocese of Salina

2019-2020 Parish Request for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Pastor/PLC:	Email:
Parish/Parishes:	Phone:
Parish Address:	Number to be Confirmed:
City & Zip Code:	Year last administered: If not 2017-2018, next year anticipated:
Parishes, if combined:	Location, if combined:

The above Parish requests the Sacrament of Confirmation for 2019-2020: **Yes** **No**

Preferred time of the year for the Sacrament of Confirmation: Fall 2019 Winter/Spring

Preferred Day/Time of the week: 2020

Weekday: Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Time am pm

Weekend: Saturday Sunday Time am pm

If you have a specific date and time in mind, please indicate below. Please note that this not guarantee the date/time you may have requested. You may also list alternate dates/times of your preference. Please be sure your requested date/time does not conflict with other school, parish and/or community events. If the date/times you have indicated are already filled by other commitments on the Bishop’s schedule, you will be called and offered other possible open dates.

1 st Choice: Date/Time	2 nd Choice: Date/Time
3 rd Choice: Date/Time	4 th Choice: Date/Time

Comments:

All parishes are asked to kindly return this form to the Office of the Bishop by Friday, July 5, 2019. You may also scan and email.

All parishes are required to complete and return this form, even if you are not planning to have Confirmation in 2019 - 2020. If you have any questions, contact the Bishop’s Office at 785-827-8746 Ext. 34 or chancery2@salinadiocese.org. Thank you.

Dear Father,

Below is a summary of dates (listed by month) that are UNAVAILABLE for Bishop Vincke to celebrate Confirmation in 2020. When you submit your Confirmation date request form, please try to avoid the below dates.

In doing this, it will be a huge help to me for scheduling purposes! Thank you so much!

Katie

2020

January

No available weekends, Tuesdays,
Wednesdays, or Thursdays

February

4-6
18-20
25-27

March

April

1-2
4-12
29-30

May

1-4
8-10
16-17

June

8-14

July

1-14

August

1-8
12-13
23-29

September

13-17
21-24

October

7-8

November

14-29

December

23-31



Diocese of Salina

Office of the Bishop

103 N. Ninth
P.O. Box 980
Salina, Kansas 67402-0980

Peter's Pence Collection *Be a Witness of* **Charity**

"A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just."

—Pope Francis, *Angelus*, March 17, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Peter's Pence Collection is the weekend of June 29-30, 2019. This collection is an opportunity for the Church around the world to stand in solidarity with those who suffer and are marginalized. Our brothers and sisters in Haiti, for example, have faced difficult challenges as they rebuild from the 2010 earthquake and then Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Buildings have been destroyed, and many communities have struggled to rebuild in the wake of these natural disasters.

Our diocese's generosity to the collection provides much-needed support for those who are suffering in Haiti and throughout the world. Pope Francis calls each of us to "respond with faith and charity" and to see in each person "a human being with a dignity identical to my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ" (Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 98). Your contributions help Pope Francis respond in our name with efforts of mercy and grace.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection. Join our brothers and sisters in faith around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the most marginalized in our world. For more information about the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Thank you, and may God bless you abundantly.

In Christ's service,

+ *Gerald L. Vincke*

Most Reverend Gerald L. Vincke
Bishop of Salina

Catholic Charities 14th Annual Fundraiser

Sunday, July 21, 2019
5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Salina Country Club

2101 E. Country Club Rd.

Social, Cash Bar, Dinner, Live Auction

Dinner is complimentary - RSVP ONLY

Seating is limited, so make your reservation TODAY!*

**\$100,000
Donation Match
through July 21**

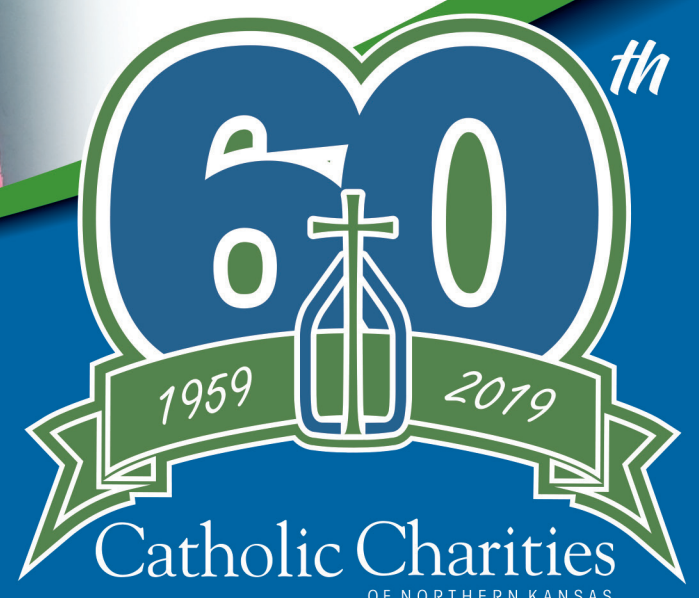
Anonymous donors have offered
a dollar-for-dollar match.
Every dollar you donate is doubled!

DONATE TODAY
and give the Gift of Hope
to families in crisis.

Donate online at www.ccnks.org.



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Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

8th Annual Catholic Men's Conference 2019



Pete Burak

Graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, former University of Michigan basketball player, Director of a Catholic Outreach Program- i.d.9:16, and Co-director of Pine Hills Boys Camp, Michigan



Peter Herbeck

Vice President and director of missions for Renewal Ministries. Co-host of EWTN's *The Choices We Face* and *Crossing the Goal* and host of radio show *Fire on the Earth*

Saturday

August

10th

8 AM - 4PM

1805 Vine Street Hays, KS

Register online beginning April 1st @ salinadiocese.org

Salina Diocese Men's Conference 2019

Saturday, August 10, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

1805 Vine Street - Hays, Kansas 67601

Registration (refreshments & lunch included)

_____ Adult - \$35 **NOTE:** *If paper form submitted each adult must fill a separate form*

_____ Student - \$15 (MS, HS & College)

_____ Father and one son under 21 - \$40

_____ Father and two sons under 21 - \$50

_____ Father and three sons under 21 - \$60

_____ *Priests, deacons and seminarians are **FREE**, but need to register for planning purposes.*

Adult Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parish: _____ Parish City: _____

Home Phone: () _____, Cell Phone: () _____

E-mail Address _____

First Son Name: _____

Second Son Name: _____

Third Son Name: _____

Bringing more than 3 son's add \$10 for each and include information here



_____ I would like to preregister for an Assistive Hearing Device at no additional charge

_____ I would like to sponsor an additional adult entry fee.

(Donated entry fees will be given to the Priests of the Diocese to disperse to those in their communities who may otherwise be unable to attend.)

August 1st is the final registration date. Registrations after that date will require an additional \$10.00/person

**Make checks payable to Diocese of Salina and send completed registration form and payment to:
Diocesan Family Life Office
P. O. Box 980
Salina, KS 67402-0980**



family MATTERS

THE MONTH OF JUNE

hello
summer

School is out and summer break has begun. Is your summer busier than the school year? Whatever your story, it's crucial that a break from school doesn't turn into a break from God. As your schedule changes from homework, and extra-curricular activities to family vacations, baseball, and family bbq's, it is important that your family stay focused on the one thing that never changes, your Heavenly Father.

What will you do as a family to keep Jesus a part of your summer routine?

READ

Read together as a family, the bible (a paragraph a night), a novel, your favorite prayer book.

Reading together as a family exercises our God-given imaginations, it gives families a chance to spend quality time together, it helps to grow attention spans (reading isn't always easy, and reading aloud takes a high level of concentration). Reading a book together is a journey of shared experiences. Sharing these experiences become memories to our family. Hopefully, our kids will carry memories like these into their own families some day.

*Bless my reading Lord.
May it unite me to your will, open me to your wisdom, and relax me into your arms.
May the words that I read lead me closer to you.
Amen*

GO TO CHURCH

Go to church as a family. A child learns mostly by doing. They also learn by watching what the parents do. Be careful, your children are paying attention to you. When you attend church as a family you are sending a very concrete and strong message to your child about who they are and who their family is. They know that they go to church, and that Mom and Dad do too. Many families can find attending mass challenging. Attending mass as a family may mean sacrifices, but it is essential for the life of our souls. Our faithful mass attendance sets a good example of what we parents and their extended family values. Going to Mass as a family and celebrating the great things that God has done for us through Jesus and the Saints at Mass can help strengthen our bond and instill morals and values in your children's lives, creating togetherness and traditions. When you establish your own family routine on Sunday, you are creating your own family traditions.

PRAY

5 Simple Ways to Pray together as a Family

1. Pray at meal time: Make the sign of the Cross and have the kids simply say, "Thank you, Jesus." Or, you may say the "Bless us O Lord..." prayer, or whatever other words of thanks to God may be on your heart! These are great reminders for the whole family, about where all good things ultimately come from.
2. Bless each other: Parents can offer a blessing by tracing the sign of the cross on their children's foreheads, and children can return the favor. This simple practice welcomes God into your relationships and reminds all that "our" family belongs to God.
3. Wonder at Creation: Help your children to recognize and adore the glory of God in all things: in the ocean; the night sky; the forest; etc. The awe experienced through His creation can point the family toward God and help to appreciate His power, goodness, and love.
4. Say sorry: When you or your children find yourselves in a situation that requires an apology as remedy, be sure to apologize to God, as well. This will help the family remember its duty to live well in relation to both God and neighbor.
5. Pray through joys and sorrows: Families can pray together in thanksgiving for a good day and for God's help in difficult times. Praying through both good and bad reminds the family of God's presence and that he answers all prayers as He sees fit. Prayer need not be difficult. A family can pray simply by living among one another. In addition to attending Sunday Mass, read scripture together, visit the adoration chapel, pray the Rosary.

The Rosary stops a busy family in its tracks, quiets the world's noise, gathers us together, and focuses us on God and not ourselves. This does wonders for a family psychologically and emotionally. -Tom Hoopes

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

MARRIAGE PREPARATION AND ENRICHMENT EVENTS

Diocese of Salina

salinadiocese.org/family-life

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

When: June 7-9, 2019

Where: Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life
Victoria, Kansas

Contact: Diocese of Salina

785.827-8746

coordinator@salinacee.com

Register online:

<http://www.salinacee.com>

MARRIAGE PREPARATION RETREAT

When: TBD

Where: St. Isidore Catholic Student Center
Manhattan, KS

Contact: Rachel Francis

785.539.7496

rfrancis@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: TBD

Where: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Concordia, Kansas

Contact: Tony and Lindy Meyer

785.614.0831

familylife@olphconcordia.org

Register online: www.easytithere.com

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

When: TBD

Where: TBD

Contact: Father Carlos Ruiz

785.565.5031

carlos.ruiz-santos@salinadiocese.org

BELOVED SERIES-Finding Happiness in Marriage

When: August 17, 2019

Where: Hays, KS

Contact: Susan Kisner

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays

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skisner@ihm-church.com

Nancy Urban

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BELOVED SERIES-Finding Happiness in Marriage

When: TBD

Where: St. Thomas More
Manhattan, KS

Contact: Deacon Wayne Talbot

785.776.5151

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OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

MARRIAGE PREPARATION AND ENRICHMENT EVENTS

Diocese of Wichita

catholicdioceseofwichita.org/mfl

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER (2019)

When: June 7-9, 21-23, 2019
July 12-14, 19-21 2019
Aug 23-25 2019

Where: Spiritual Life Center
Wichita, KS

Contact: Megan Augustine
316.744.0167
maugustine@slcwichita.org

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

When: November 8-10, 2019

Where: Spiritual Life Center
Wichita, KS

Contact: Frank & Allison Molnar
316.650.9593
Leon & Loretta Brittan
719.387.9842
brittleloretta@msn.com
www.kansas-wwme.org

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (SPANISH)

When: September 13-15, 2019

Where: Spiritual Life Center
Wichita, KS

Contact: Jose Alma Garcia
emmwichitaseccion21@gmail.com

RETROVAILLE (ENGLISH & SPANISH)

When: June 14, November 22, 2019

Where: Wichita

Visit: www.helpourmarriage.org

Contact: Jake Samour
316.685.5240
samourj@catholicdiocesewichita.org

Diocese of Dodge City

dcdiocese.org/marriage-family-life

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

When: July 26-28, 2019

Where: Heartland Retreat Center
Great Bend, KS

Contact: Michael & Lindsay Mazouch
620.792.6290
lindsay.mazouch@usd428.net
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Archdiocese of Kansas City

archkck.org/mfl2015

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER (2019)

When: Jun 21-23, Jul 26-28, Sept 13-15, Oct 18-20

Where: Savior Pastoral Center
Kansas City, KS

Contact: Tom & Chris Carroll
816.966.0947
cee.kansascity@gmail.com

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (2019)

When: July 12-14, Oct 4-6, Nov 8-10, Nov 15-17

Where: Savior Pastoral Center
Kansas City, KS

Contact: Deacon Tony and Barb Zimmerman
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tonybarbz@prodigy.net
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RETROVAILLE

When: October 25, 2019

Where: Kansas City, KS

Contact: Paul and Tracy
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