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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

PRIESTS COUNCIL MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2016 will be emailed to all priests as they were not ready for submission with this March 2016 issue of SDNB. The next Council of Priests Meeting is set for Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

DATES to mark on your calendars this spring and early fall:

- **Ordination of Transitional Deacon is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.** Please keep Leo Blasi, Ryan McCandless and Justin Palmer in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their Diaconate Ordination.
- **The Knights of Columbus State Convention is April 28-May 1, 2016 in Wichita.** Contact your local K of C Council for more details.
- **Annual Religious Sisters Appreciation Mass and luncheon this year is set for Tuesday, May 3, 2016** with Mass at 11 a.m. and luncheon following. All will be invited to concelebrate Mass and enjoy the luncheon.
- **Clergy Health and Retirement Association Members annual luncheon and meeting for all retired priests dates are set – 11:30 a.m. social w/luncheon following. Invitations with deadlines to RSVP** will be sent later.
 - *Wednesday, May 11, 2016 Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life, Victoria*
 - *Thursday, May 12, 2016 Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina*
- **Ordination to the Priesthood, June 4, 2016,** 10 a.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral. Please keep Deacon Luke Thielen in your prayers as he continues to prepare for his Ordination. I trust that you will make every effort to attend.
- **Fr. Basil Torrez will be celebrating his 60th Anniversary of Priesthood on Sunday, June 5, 2016** at St. Michael Parish in Collyer with Mass at 4 p.m. All priests are invited to concelebrate this special Mass.
- **Fourth Annual Salina Diocesan Men's Conference,** Saturday, August 13, 2016 in Hays at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. All parishes should have received detailed information from the Family Life Office recently.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) COLLECTION is scheduled for the weekend of March 5-6. This collection is the principal means through which the Church in the United States is able to respond to international relief efforts. See the *The Register* or visit their web site: www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information about this important collection and the essential organizations funded by it as well as Bishop Weisenburger's email to all priests on February 12, 2016 containing an attachment from Archbishop Paul Coakley, Chairman of the CRS Board of Directors.

PONTIFICAL HOLY LAND (GOOD FRIDAY) COLLECTION is Friday, March 25, 2016. On Good Friday, all Christians are united in a special way to the Holy Land. Donations on Good Friday make a direct impact on the Christians living in the Holy Land and helps maintain the Christian shrines. Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to support the Christians in the Holy Land by ***PRESERVING THE PAST – SHAPING THE FUTURE*** of the Holy Land. Please encourage a generous response and see *The Register* for more information. All parishes should have received a packet of information regarding this important Pontifical Collection.

CONFIRMATION OF CATHOLIC ADULTS WHO WERE BAPTIZED AS INFANTS IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH: Priests must obtain explicit permission and approval from the Bishop for adults seeking Confirmation who were baptized as Catholics and who have received their First Communion. For Catholics baptized as infants and who have not made their First Communion, no permission is necessary for the pastor to confirm them at the Easter Vigil, as long as they have completed RCIA.

CONTINUING EDUCATION DATES:

ANNUAL RETREAT 2016: September 19-22, 2016
JANUARY RENEWAL DAYS: January 16-19, 2017

BULLETIN INSERTS, HUMAN TRAFFECTING: Please refer to the Dec 2015 SDNB for the March inserts to be put into your bulletins during this month. Your continued assistance in promoting an awareness of Human Trafficking during 2016 is greatly appreciated.

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT & BIO DATA FORM, ETC.: According to Diocesan policies, priests are required to have their Last Will and Testament on file at the Chancery within three (3) months of ordination. Furthermore, the following forms should also be on file at the chancery: biographical data sheet, funeral & burial information form, Catholic healthcare directives form, and the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care Decision form. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning your file (Pamela Sullivan @ 785.820.8704 ext. #18 or pam.sullivan@salinadiocese.org).

LAY REVIEW BOARD MEETING: The next Lay Review Board Meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2016 in the Chancery Conference Room at 4:00 p.m. Proposed agenda items may be submitted to Pamela Sullivan.

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.

OFFICE OF FINANCE

Reminder - The fee for the Corporate Annual Reports - \$40.00 - is now due from each parish. If you have not already sent the \$40.00 to the Finance Office, please do so at your earliest convenience. A list of parishes that have paid is attached.

During the Priest Council meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, Bishop Weisenburger approved of an increase in priest's salary and car allowance starting July 1, 2016. There will be a \$10 monthly salary increase and a \$10 monthly car allowance increase. Therefore, the new monthly salary will be \$1,000 and the new monthly car allowance will be \$1,000. A new Compensation for Clergy page for the Diocesan Policy Handbook will be included in next month's SDNB. This information was included in this SDNB simply to notify all the parishes as they start working on the budgets for next year.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

As a reminder, if you would like to change your order for the 2016 Mission Co-op appeal envelopes you need to call or email Brenda at the chancery as soon as possible. You can reach her at 785-827-8746 or by email at brenda.streit@salinadiocese.org. 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 Co-op included in your parish packets.

OFFICE OF NEW EVANGELIZATION

West Central Vicariate Jubilee Year of Mercy Gathering on Sunday, March 13, at St. Fidelis Basilica, Victoria

- Confessions at 3 P.M. (priests of the vicariate are asked to inform Fr. John Schmeidler at Victoria if you are able to assist with hearing Confessions and concelebrating at Mass)
- Rosary led by Bishop Weisenburger at 3:30 P.M.
- Mass at 4 P.M. with Bishop Weisenburger presiding
- Reception following

Several bulletin promotional materials were previously emailed to parishes of the vicariate. One example:

Whatever burden you've been carrying, bring it to God's mercy. Deepen your hope through celebration of that mercy on Sunday, March 13, at St. Fidelis Basilica in Victoria. This Jubilee Year of Mercy event begins with individual Confessions at 3 P.M., Bishop Weisenburger leading the Rosary at 3:30 P.M., and Mass at 4 P.M. A reception will follow.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

SINGLE PARENT NETWORKER is usually relevant for all parents, not just Single Parents. Many of the articles pertain to all parents. Please distribute to your Family Life Coordinator.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE cont.

2016 MEN'S CONFERENCE REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 1. The Family Life Office will begin taking registrations online for the 2016 Men's Conference on Friday April 1. This year's Men's Conference speaker is Curtis Martin. Curtis is one of the most sought-after speakers in the country. In anticipation of drawing a crowd larger than the Russell parish facility can handle, we are moving this year's conference entitled "Come Follow Me" to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays. It will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2016.

Curtis Martin is the founder and CEO of Fellowship of Catholic University Students, one of the fastest growing movements in the Catholic Church. No one does a better job of reaching college students for Christ than FOCUS. Curtis is an award-winning and proven dynamic speaker. The men of your parish won't want to miss this opportunity. Please encourage them to attend and bring their sons.

(A registration form is attached for your convenience).

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER DATES FOR 2016

Apr. 22-24, 2016 - Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria

June 10-12, 2016 - Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life-Victoria

GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE SEMINAR DATES FOR 2016

Mar. 5, 2016 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Concordia

Apr. 9, 2016 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Concordia

Apr. 30, 2016- Immaculate Heart of Mary- Hays

June 18, 2016 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Concordia

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 Feb. 16, 2016 purple). 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 AND HANDOUTS : 2016 Men's Conference Registration enclosed.

OFFICE OF MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL

TRIBUNAL: Thank you to all of you who are now using the new Preliminary Petition and Narrative Outline. If anyone still needs the templates for those, contact Sr. Carolyn in the Tribunal Office.

Some changes in the annulment process that resulted from the new guidelines that were implemented Dec. 8, 2015 include:

1) Witnesses are not contacted until these two steps are completed which require at least a month to provide time for responses from both parties;

- o Session I: The Respondent receives a citation of the petition by the Petitioner and the possible grounds for marriage nullity.

- o Session II: Both parties are informed of the assigned Constitution of the Tribunal officers and given opportunity to express objections.

- o The case is then instructed and testimony is requested from the witnesses. They are given one (1) month to respond.

OFFICE OF MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL cont.

2) There is no set fee at the time Preliminary Petition and Narrative is sent to the Tribunal. After the case is completed, a voluntary \$325 offering is requested from the Petitioner or the Parish to help defray the expenses.

3) An Affirmative decision for marriage nullity no longer has to be sent to Court of Second Instance (which makes the process much briefer). The length of time for a particular case depends in large part upon the accuracy and completeness of the Preliminary material presented and upon the timely response from the Witnesses.

PRE-NUPTIAL PAPERWORK: Please note that all **Pre-Nuptial and Defect of Form requests** are now sent directly to Mr. Corey Lyon, J.C.L. at the chancery.

OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE

Kansans for Life has developed a church bulletin project entitled “**In the beginning**”. It follows the development of a child named “Chris” in the womb. The bulletin messages begin on March 13th to prepare for Feast of the Annunciation on March 25th and end near Christmas on December 18th. It mirrors the fetal development of Jesus Christ. This is a great way to spread the pro-life message while honoring the child Jesus. The bulletin announcements can be found at <http://www.kfl.org>. Below are the bulletin announcements for March:

For the bulletin on March 13th

March 25th is the Feast of the Annunciation but is celebrated this year on April 4th (because of Good Friday), when Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Nine months later, he was born on Christmas. Next week will begin a series of bulletin messages about the development of the child in the womb – just like the development of Jesus in Mary’s womb. Together, we will learn of the miracle of our earliest days of life.

For the bulletin on March 20th - Palm Sunday

The Feast of the Annunciation, March 25th, commemorates the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary that she would conceive Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. Traditionally, 9 months later, Jesus is born. We are going to follow the development of a child in the womb from now until Christmas. The Holy Spirit, “*the Lord, the Giver of Life,*” cooperates with man and woman in creating a new human being. At conception, when we were just one cell, our DNA is completed. Everything physically about us was determined then. The color of our hair, the color of our eyes, how tall we will be, whether we will have diabetes later in life, whether we will need to wear glasses, everything physical is determined by our DNA in the beginning. “*I am the handmaid of the Lord, said Mary!*” Luke 1:38

For the bulletin on March 27th (week 1) - Easter Sunday

The Miracle of Life. At conception the gender of the child is determined by the father’s sperm. We are going to name this tiny new human being, “Chris.” Chris has not implanted into the wall of the uterus yet, so no one but God knows of Chris’ existence. God has known of Chris’ existence before He created the universe. Jesus died for us and rose from the dead so that we may have eternal life. Alleluia! God said, “*Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.*” Jer. 1-5

OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE cont.

Save the Date! Respect Life Conference will be August 27th, 2016 in Russell, KS. A speaker representing The National Committee for a Human Life Amendment will give the keynote address. We will also have Michael Schuttloffel, Executive Director of the Kansas Catholic Conference. More information to come!

Summer Internship Opportunity! Have you ever wondered what it's like to work full-time as a pro-life activist? The Pro-Life Action League has announced a **Summer Internship program for college students**. Interns will learn and practice sidewalk counseling, pro-life protest (including the 8 day "Truth Tour") and more! For more information, visit <http://prolifeaction.org/about/intern.php>.

Pro-Life Intercessions for Mass

For women and men suffering after abortion: May God grant them courage to seek healing and peace through the Church's post-abortion healing ministry; We pray to the Lord:

For married couples: May the Holy Spirit guide them as they embrace their call to total, faithful, and fruitful love; We pray to the Lord:

For public servants: May God grant them the humility, wisdom, and courage to defend all human life; We pray to the Lord:

For all Catholics: May we follow Jesus' example of humbly serving others at every stage and in every circumstance of life; We pray to the Lord:

For those who suffer: May they be surrounded by loving family and friends who walk with them in their suffering; We pray to the Lord

For Christians worldwide: May Christ's Resurrection daily inspire us to bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living; We pray to the Lord:

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

DIOCESAN CYO CONVENTION: The deadline for registration for the Convention is March 10th. Our main speaker for our Convention will be Jesse Manibusan. Please get your registration forms into the Office as soon as possible. The Convention will be April 9-10, 2016 at St. Mary's Grade School. (They are doing some renovation at South High School this year.)

JUNIOR CYO CAMP: Our camp will be May 28-31, 2016 at Rock Springs Ranch near Junction City, Kansas. This camp is for all 6th, 7th and 8th graders (school year 2015-2016). The registration forms will be sent to your Adult Leaders within the week.

PRAYER & ACTION: You will find the registration form on the diocesan web page under Office of Catholic Formation (Youth Ministry Office). Please click Prayer and Action and you will find the forms to fill out to send to the Office.

This program is for all present high school students. In June we will be in Hays for college week and 3 high school weeks and in July we will be in Junction City for 3 weeks.

OFFICE OF PRIEST COUNCIL

PRIEST COUNCIL DUES: It's not too late to pay your dues. They are \$25.00 again this year. Please make checks payable to Priests' Council and send it to Fr. Joseph Kieffer, P.O. Box 148, Norton, KS 67654. A list of those who have paid their dues will be sent separately.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TOTUS TUUS: We have had a great response from the parishes in the diocese. Thank you for supporting this program. The following weeks have openings:

June 5-10 (1 opening)

June 26-July 1 (2 openings)

July 24-29 (2 openings)

Please contact us as soon as possible if you are open to having a team come to your parish this summer.

OFFICE OF PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Diaconate Ordination – April 9. We are excited to be ordaining three men to the diaconate this year: Justin Palmer, Ryan McCandless, and Leo Blasi. All are welcome to join us at the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 10:00 a.m. We will have a small reception to follow in the Hall of Bishops.

5th/6th grade vocation days - April 26 in Abilene and May 3rd in Hays at St. Nicholas parish. Please RSVP to Fr. Gale at pastor@saintxparish.org

MISCELLANEOUS

INVITATION FROM THE KANSAS STATE REGENT OF THE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA: The Daughters of Isabella are holding a major fundraiser to support Vocations and Religious Life in Kansas on April 2nd and 3rd in Hays. Your help with making this a successful fundraiser is greatly appreciated. Help us to support Vocations and Religious Life in Kansas by attending: ‘Til Death do us Part. Two Performances ONLY 7:30 PM, Saturday, April 2, 2016 and 2:00 P.M., Sunday, April 3, 2016. Come see Late Nite Catechism at the Dreiling Theater on the campus of Thomas More Prep-Marian, Hays, sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella. Log on to www.tmp-m.org/dofi/ to reserve your seats, tickets are \$30.00 each. Late Nite Catechism, the show which the New York Times declares “speaks to an audience much broader than any one church...” and the Daily News crowned as “Blessedly Funny”. A flyer is attached with the details.

April 2016

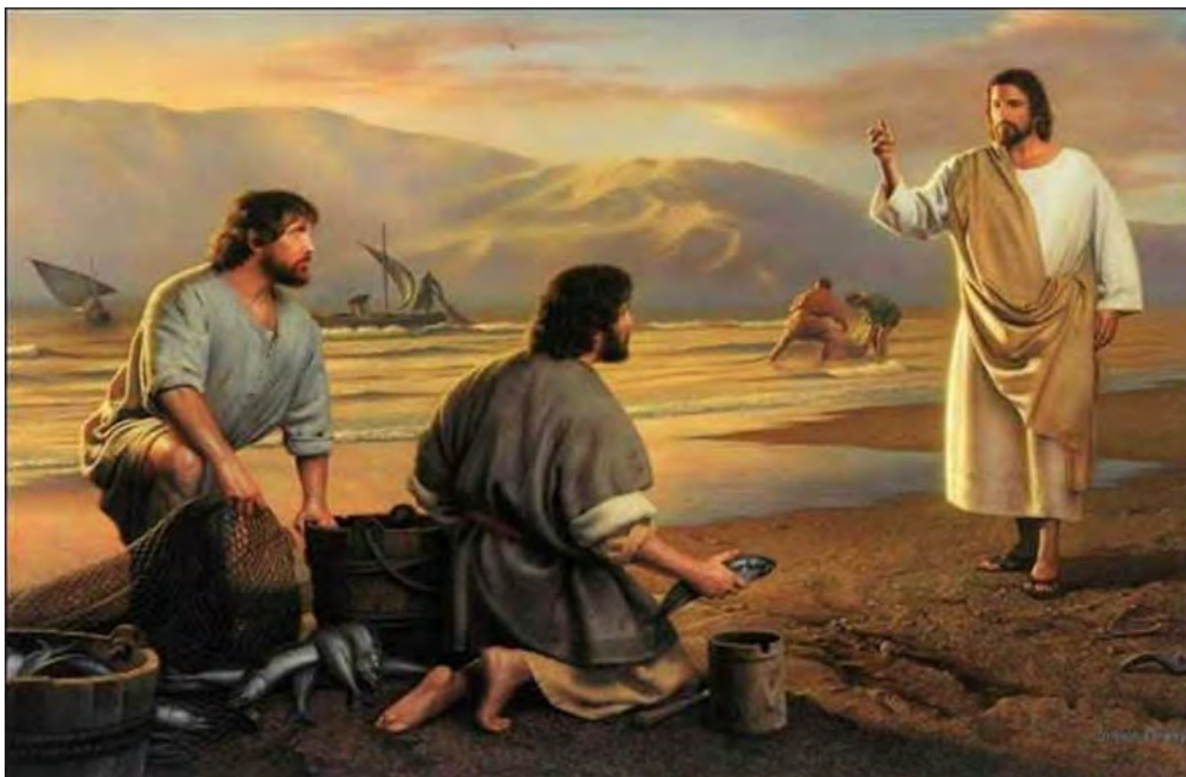
◀ Mar 2016							May 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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3	4 Jesus Caritas	5 Kenrick Seminary Visit Jesus Caritas	6 Kenrick Seminary Visit	7 Kenrick Seminary Visit	8	9 CYO Conv.-April 9-10 CONFIRMATION 5:30 pm- St. Mary's-Russell Deacon Ordination 10 am 8 am God's Plan for A Joy Filled Marriage Seminar 8am – 5pm-Concordia	
10 CYO Convention Apr. 9-10 CONFIRMATION 3 PM Sacred Heart-Colby CONFIRMATION 9 AM St. Mary's - Ellis		12	13 CONFIRMATION 6:30 PM St. Andrew - Abilene	14	15 Lay Review Board 4 PM	16 CONFIRMATION 5:30 pm SS Peter & Paul, Clay Center w/Anthony & Miltonvale S.H. High School, Salina, Annual Auction	
17 CONFIRMATION 10 AM St. Wenceslaus –Wilson w/Dorrance CONFIRMATION 3 PM Sacred Heart Cathedral- Salina	18	19 Catholic Community Founders Board-4 PM Chancery	20	21	22 Engaged Encounter Weekend -Victoria	23 Engaged Encounter Weekend-Victoria Catholic Home Missions Appeal CONFIRMATION 10 AM- St. Elizabeth's, Salina Confirmation 6 PM-Seven Dolors, Manhattan	
24 Engaged Encounter Weekend-Victoria Catholic Home Mission Appeal CONFIRMATION 9 AM- OUR Lady of Perpetual Help- Concordia	25	26	27 Administrative Secretaries Day CONFIRMATION St. John the Evangelist, Herington w/Hope and Elmo	28 State K of C Conv. April 28 – May 1 Catholic Charities Board Meeting	29	30 TMP Hays Annual Auction	

CORPORATE ANNUAL REPORT FEE

PARISH		PARISH		PARISH	
CATHEDRAL		GLASCO		NEW ALMELO	\$40.00
SAL-ST. ELIZ.	\$40.00	GOODLAND		NORTON	\$40.00
SAL-ST. MARY	\$40.00	GORHAM		OAKLEY	\$40.00
ABILENE		GRAINFIELD	\$40.00	OBERLIN	
ANGELUS	\$40.00	GREENLEAF	\$40.00	OGDEN	
ANTONINO		GRINNELL	\$40.00	OSBORNE	\$40.00
ATW-S.HEART	\$40.00	GYP SUM		PARK	\$40.00
AURORA		HANOVER	\$40.00	PHILLIPSBURG	
BEARDSLEY	\$40.00	HAYS-C.C.C.		PLAINVILLE	
BELLEVILLE		HAYS-IHM		RUSSELL	\$40.00
BELOIT		HAYS-ST. JOS	\$40.00	ST. FRANCIS	
BIRD CITY		HAYS-ST. NICK		SCHOENCHEN	
BROOKVILLE		HERINGTON	\$40.00	SEGUIN	
CATHARINE		HERNDON	\$40.00	SELDEN	
CAWKER CITY		HILL CITY		SHARON SPRING	
CHAPMAN	\$40.00	HOLYROOD	\$40.00	SMITH CENTER	
CLAY CENTER	\$40.00	HOPE	\$40.00	SOLOMON	
CLIFTON		HOXIE		STOCKTON	
CLYDE		JUNCT CTY	\$40.00	TIPTON	\$40.00
COLBY	\$40.00	KANOPOLIS	\$40.00	VICTORIA	\$40.00
COLLYER		LEOVILLE		VINCENT	\$40.00
CONCORDIA	\$40.00	LINCOLN		WAKEENEY	
CUBA		LOGAN		WALKER	\$40.00
DAMAR		MAN-S.DOLORS		WASHINGTON	\$40.00
DORRANCE	\$40.00	MAN-ST. ISIDOR	\$40.00	WILSON	\$40.00
DOWNS		MAN-ST. THOMAS	\$40.00		
ELLIS		MANKATO			
ELLSWORTH	\$40.00	MILTONVALE	\$40.00	PERSONAL	
ELMO	\$40.00	MINNEAPOLIS		Salina, SHHS	\$40.00
ESBON		MUNDEN			
		MUNJOR	\$40.00		
				GRAND TOTAL	\$1,600.00

Salina Diocesan Catholic Men's
Conference

Come Follow Me



Curtis Martin

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
1805 Vine St Hays, KS

August 13, 2016

8:30 to 4:00

**Registration: Online <http://salinadiocese.org/familylife>
Or mail registration form on back**

Salina Diocese Men's Conference 2016

"Come Follow Me"

Saturday, August 13, 2016

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

1805 Vine Street, **Hays**, Kansas 67601

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parish: _____, Parish City: _____

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

E-mail Address _____

Registration (refreshments & lunch included)

Adult - \$35 _____

Student - \$15 (HS & College) _____

Father with son under 21 yrs. of age-\$40 _____ each additional son under 21 yrs. of age - \$10.

First name: _____ Last name: _____, included in the \$40.

First name: _____ Last name: _____, Second son: \$10 _____

First name: _____ Last name _____, Third son: \$10 _____

Priests, deacons and seminarians are free, but need to register for planning purposes.

August 1 is the final registration date. Registrations after that date will require an additional \$5.00/person

Send completed registration form and payment to:

Diocesan Family Life Office

P. O. Box 980

Salina, KS 67402-0980

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Easter brings us the renewal of spring, the wonder and awe of Holy Week and the JOY of Christ's resurrection on EASTER SUNDAY...

Lead your family to a more meaningful Easter by incorporating some of these ideas into your life during this holiest of weeks.

Palm Sunday

- Spend time making Easter cards for family and godparents.
- After receiving palm fronds at Palm Sunday liturgy, put them with the household cross or crucifix, put the palm crosses up in each person's bedroom, or learn to weave palm fronds into objects to enjoy.

Monday - Thursday

- Finish as many household chores and Easter preparations as possible during this time. There is an old tradition of thoroughly cleaning house in the days before sundown on Holy Thursday. Get what you need for the meals of Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Day, so you don't need to run errands then.
- Arrange for Friday and Saturday to be quiet family days, with few or no outside activities scheduled.
- Make special Easter bread now

if it will keep until Easter morning.

Good Friday

- Keep a quiet atmosphere at home, with little or no outside activities, errands, or chores, and limited television, radio, and computer use.
- Choose some special music to enjoy that's closely related to these days, such as J.S. Bach's "St. Matthew's Passion" or the Easter section of G.F. Handel's "The Messiah."
- Cut out a large cross from a big piece of poster board, and decorate it festively with colored tissue or shiny paper, or paper flowers; enjoy it on Easter and afterward.
- Make hot cross buns, a traditional Good Friday sweet.
- For the Stations of the Cross at home, use a book with slightly abstract images, such as mosaics or icons, of the events. Make a set of images as a family Lenten or Holy Week activity.

Holy Saturday

- Decorate and/or dye eggs.

- Decorate a new white pillar candle with flowers, jewel-like decorations, or symbols cut from colored beeswax, for your Easter at home.

- Perhaps set the table for tomorrow's Easter dinner. Take naps if you're going to attend an Easter vigil tonight.

- If you aren't attending an Easter vigil, after dark light your decorated candle together and enjoy a special Easter bread as a first taste of the festivity of Easter.

- Before bed on Holy Saturday night, or on Easter morning, set out festive Easter decorations.

•Great Vigil of Easter

- The night before Easter Day, bring your children to the Easter vigil! A liturgy that reaches back to early centuries of Christianity, the Great Vigil of Easter is often more interesting for young children than most other church services. It is in the evening. There is darkness and light, fire, water, quiet readings, festive singing, and

Eucharist. And we stay up after bedtime!

- The Great Vigil begins in darkness, a single candle is lit -- perhaps from a fire -- and the church begins to fill with light. Readings and singing alternate, telling many of the great salvation stories from the Bible. There will probably be a blessing of water and then baptisms. A gloriously festive Alleluia!" The first Eucharist of Easter. Then we can exchange special Easter greetings: "Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed!"
- At home after the Vigil, share a special Easter bread; Easter has arrived!
- Sleep late in the morning, as you've been to an Easter service already.

Easter Day

- Set out a decorated cross and a special Easter candle for the Easter season. Enjoy a special Easter bread, preferably rich and egg-laden. Enjoy the eggs, candy, and what ever was given up for Lent.
- Attend an Easter Day service if you didn't go to a Vigil the night before. Have a special Easter dinner. Table decorations could include decorated eggs, a flowered cross, and just-blooming branches from the garden. Light a new candle. If it's decorated for Easter, even better.

Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28: 5-6

He's Risen!

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6

Parenting Pointers

666. Mar. 4: Books are a wonderful tool of knowledge and inspiration, BUT, I bet you have some that you won't read again or you can get the information online. This week pass at least one book on to a friend, a school, Friends of the Library, a nursing home...

667. Mar. 11: Jesus fed the hungry and bids us to do the same. (Mt. 25:35) But people need pots, pans, and other kitchen utensils to cook meals to feed themselves. Do you have any duplicate kitchen supplies that you can pass on to a needy family; perhaps a newly arrived immigrant?

668. Mar. 18: Everybody needs a little fun in their lives. Sports equipment and games can help us do this. Is there some amusement that your family no longer uses? Let your children help you pick out things to pass on to kids who don't have a basketball, skates, a puzzle, etc.

669. Mar. 25: On this "Good" Friday, we remember that Jesus experienced humiliation and the physical suffering of the crucifixion. Death is the ultimate letting go of self. Few of us will be in a position to surrender our lives for our faith through physical martyrdom, but letting go of pride and ego can be a spiritual martyrdom and not for the fainthearted. Take stock of your attitudes of pride, self-righteousness, and wanting to be right and important today. Help your children understand true humility.

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How Can Families Be Healthier?

Involving the whole family is the best way to promote better eating habits and healthy activities for your kids.

A whole-family approach simply means that everyone — parents and kids alike — works together as a team to achieve good health and well being. As with any team, there's a leader or coach — and that's you!

- **Lead by example.** Adult family members are important role models for healthy eating and exercise. Talk about why you eat fruit as a snack, take an exercise class, or go for walks.
- **Start 'em young.** Don't wait until your child is at an unhealthy weight to institute good eating and activity habits. It's much easier to maintain a healthy weight than to lose pounds later.
- **Be active together.** Make it usual for the family to be active, not sedentary. Being active as a family allows kids to expend energy in a positive way, and adults get the health benefits, too.

Cook together. It may not be possible to do it every day, but invite kids into the process of preparing food. Little kids can learn math skills by measuring and they'll begin to understand the chemistry of cooking. They'll also gain an understanding of healthy ingredients.

Older kids will enjoy having the authority to choose and prepare foods they like and will be more likely to eat what they've made. It might even inspire them to make healthy choices on their own.

Eat together. Eating a meal as a family sends the right messages about nutrition. Kids will see their parents eating healthy food and may want to try new foods. They'll also see mealtime as a time for socializing and sharing. Parents get a chance to offer nutritious food, note their kids' likes and dislikes, and talk about daily triumphs and troubles.

Family Goals Chart If your trying to build healthier family habits, a goal chart is a good way to keep score. A chart, posted on the refrigerator or other highly visible spot, can remind family members to pay attention to eating and exercise habits.

Choose family goals, such as exercising every day and eating fruits and vegetables. Keep track and praise those who meet their goals. And when the whole family achieves the goals, do something fun to celebrate.

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Bunny Dirt Cups

15 chocolate graham crackers

2 3.25 ounces chocolate pudding snack packs

1 teaspoon vanilla

Add graham crackers to a food processor and blend until fine, stir in the pudding and vanilla. Pour the mixture into small clear cocktail cups or small clear drinking cups.

Icing

1 stick butter

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

1 3/4 cup powdered sugar

3 tablespoons milk

3 to 4 drops of green food coloring

4 bunny peeps

Add butter, vanilla, powdered sugar, milk and food coloring to a bowl. Mix with a hand mixer until smooth. Pour into a icing bag and use Wilton tip 233 for grass. Go along the top of the dirt making grass, top the grass with a peep



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PRAYER ON THE FEAST OF EASTER

God our loving Father,
we are your people and everything in us shouts for joy
on this feast of the resurrection.

What great love and power you have shown!
You have raised your Son, Jesus, from death!

You have given him a new life stronger than death.
You have made him Lord over all the earth.

In the name of all your creatures
we thank you for your great love.
We praise you and we wait with hope
for the day of our own resurrection.

Show us that we can celebrate the new life of
Easter today and everyday through the truth, the hope and the love we give each other
in the name of our Risen Lord. Amen.

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