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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

THANK YOU to all who attended the ordination of Father Michael Leiker. We are blessed to have him as our newest priest.

THANK YOU to Fr. Rich Daise for coordinating the Clergy Retreat in September. It was good to see all of you there. Clergy Renewal Days are scheduled for February 18-20, 2020 at the Spiritual Life Center.

FORMED webinar will take place on October 1, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. Please see the Office of Communications section for more information. This webinar will be an effective way for you, your religious educators, parish workers, etc. to learn how to best utilize the FORMED website. Please contact Colleen Augustine, colleen.augustine@salinadiocese.org) if you have any questions with regard to FORMED.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH is October. We will kick off the month with Mass and a speaker on October 2, 2019. Mass will be at 6:30 P.M at St. Edward Parish in Belleville. Following Mass, there will be a light reception and a presentation by Chuck Weber, Executive Director of Kansas Catholic Conference. Additionally, we are working on a project called *Reverse the Ruling*. As a reminder, please work with Corey Lyon (corey.lyon@salinadiocese.org) to submit the names of one to two people from your parish who would be willing to serve as volunteers in this very important and upcoming pro-life endeavor.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI is the secondary patron of our diocese. His feast day is on Friday, October 4, 2019. I encourage you to include special prayers and petitions for the needs of our diocese.

MARRIAGE 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. Please contact the Family Life Office with any questions.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is October 20, 2019. On this day, the entire Church comes together to support various mission works. All donations from every Mass across the world are given in support of hospitals, schools, and vocations. Please encourage your parishioners to participate in this important initiative.

WHITE MASS for healthcare professionals is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. The Mass is open to all, and I encourage you to come and concelebrate this special Mass.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP (cont.)

ALL SAINTS DAY is Friday, November 1, 2019. The Chancery will be closed for this Holy Day of Obligation.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERTS:

October: “All of us are called by God to be free and each according to his or her own responsibilities is called to combat forms of enslavement.” Pope Francis. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** – sistersagainstrafficking.org

Octubre: "Todos somos llamados por Dios para ser libres y cada uno de acuerdo con sus propias responsabilidades está llamado a combatir las formas de esclavitud". Papa Francisco. **Hermanas católicas de los Estados Unidos contra la trata de personas** - sistersagainstrafficking.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FORMED TRAINING SESSIONS will be taking place November 4-6, 2019. Please encourage your religious educators, school faculty, parish administrators etc. to attend these training sessions. We are excited to have FORMED in our diocese and hope that your parishioners take the opportunity to use the resources FORMED makes available to them. Please contact the Communications Office for more information.

Hays Training: Old Kennedy Middle School (enter West door by gym)
1309 Fort St.
Hays, KS 67601

Monday 11/4 (Spanish) 6:30 – 9:00 P.M.
Check-in at 6:00 P.M. Refreshments served

Tuesday 11/5 (English) 10 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Check-in at 9:30 A.M. Lunch provided.

Salina Training: Sacred Heart Cathedral – Hall of Bishops
118 N. Ninth
Salina, KS 67401

Tuesday 11/5 (Spanish) 6:30 – 9:00 P.M.
Check-in at 6:00 P.M. Refreshments served

Wednesday 11/6 (English) 10 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Check-in at 9:30 A.M. Lunch provided.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP (cont.)

PRIESTS' COUNCIL is scheduled for November 7, 2019 at the Spiritual Life Center in Victoria.

ADOPTION MASS is scheduled for November 8, 2019 at noon at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. The event is hosted by Catholic Charities in honor of those who have been touched through adoption in their own lives. A reception will follow.

PADRE PIO RELICS will be on display 9 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina on November 15, 2019. Bishop Vincke will celebrate the closing Mass at 7:30 P.M.

NCYC is November 21-23, 2019. Thank you to all priests, adult sponsors, etc. who have encouraged the youth to attend this event. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Barb in the Youth Ministry Office.

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY- It is that time of year where the Official Catholic Directory will be sending you via email, a link to access the website where you can make updated changes for the 2020 Official Catholic Directory. It will come with instructions to follow. There is a deadline that needs to be followed for our office to accurately fill out the forms.

VOCATIONS

ENCOUNTER WITH GOD'S CALL weekend at Conception Seminary College is Nov. 16th-18th. Please contact the Vocations Office if you know any High School Seniors or college aged young men interested in attending.

QUO VADIS retreat at Spiritual Life Center in Wichita is Dec. 27th-29th. Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt will be the keynote presenter at the Retreat. Please contact the Vocations Office before Dec. 10th if you know any High School Seniors or college aged young men interested in attending.

MASS FOR SEMINARIANS will be Friday, Dec. 20th at 11:00 A.M. in the Cathedral. Dinner for Seminarians and their families to follow in the Hall of Bishops.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

2019 MISSION CO-OP: If your parish has not yet sent to the diocese the Mission Cooperative collection from summer 2019, please do so at your earliest convenience. Your prompt attention to this will help avoid confusion of the (summer) 2019 Mission CO-OP collection with the (October) World Mission Sunday collection. Please also return the completed Mission CO-OP evaluation forms; your candid comments are very helpful in deciding which mission groups to invite back to the diocese.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH (cont.)

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is October 19-20, 2019 and this year is being observed as part of the Extraordinary Mission Month (as declared by Pope Francis). By now you should have received your mission information packet in your parish. The theme for this year's collection is "Baptized and Sent." Please display the posters and use any bulletin inserts to help promote this collection.

Please consider raising mission awareness through the entire month of October by including a mission-related petition in the General Intercessions at Mass. Some examples:

For a personal encounter with Jesus Christ that will deepen our passion for Jesus and a passion to share His message with others, near and far, let us pray to the Lord.

For an increase in missionary charity, that our spiritual and financial sacrifices may help the message and love of our Lord be made known to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Bulletin Announcements:

THE WEEKEND BEFORE WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: NEXT WEEKEND, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers, and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

THE WEEKEND OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our Baptismal call to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

THE WEEKEND AFTER WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$(insert amount). You may stay connected year round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.org.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: A World Mission Sunday contribution envelope should be included among the regular parish contribution envelopes your parishioners already have. Also, please do not confuse the World Mission Sunday envelopes with the Mission CO-OP' envelopes. If you have any questions please contact Brenda at the chancery, 785.827.8746 or brenda.streit@salinadiocese.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

2019 ANNUAL APPEAL - Thank you for assisting Catholic Charities with our Annual Appeal. We are truly blessed to have your support and appreciate your assistance. Next month, we plan to publish the report that shows the totals per parish collected during these efforts. Please continue to collect the envelopes you receive and mail them to Catholic Charities without processing or opening them. Catholic Charities staff prefers to handle all processing internally to enable proper acknowledgement of all individuals who donate. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact our office at 785-825-0208 or mmartin@ccnks.org. We truly appreciate your help in making this appeal successful! *Please continue to forward donations to: Catholic Charities P.O. Box 1366, Salina, KS 67402-1366.*

PLEASE CONSIDER PUBLISHING THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT IN YOUR PARISH BULLETINS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

SECOND ANNUAL ADOPTION MASS - At noon on Friday, November 8, 2019, Bishop Vincke will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral in Salina in honor of National Adoption Awareness month. Catholic Charities will host a reception immediately after Mass in the Hall of Bishops providing light snacks and refreshments along with resources and information about adoption. All families and individuals touched by adoption are encouraged to attend.

OFFICE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

SAFETY COORDINATORS: Information sheets and Certification Status Sheets were due to the Chancery September 15, 2019. If you have not returned them, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation. Also, *thank you* for your patience during the recent “crash” of the CMGConnect database. CMGConnect sincerely apologizes for the inconvenience, especially during this very busy part of the year. They are working on the issue and are trying to improve ways to handle the 5,500 daily users, something they never anticipated. As Safety Coordinators, please do as much as you can at the parish/school level to assist your users, this too will alleviate some of the issues CMGConnect is encountering.

CHILDREN’S TRAINING DATA REPORT: We have had a few calls regarding the Testimony of Compliance Form, (the form that was previously used to record Safe Environment training for *students*, i.e....Child Lures etc....) This year we will begin using a new reporting procedure, please refer to page 3 - instruction sheet in the packet that was mailed out in August. This will help guide you in the new procedure for reporting and how to generate the *Children’s Training Data Report* required for signatures and dates. The completed report is due January 1, 2020.

Please remember, the data base is for active, certified users. If anyone is expired or no longer ministering, please archive them. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Wendy or Corey at 785-827-8746.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE/NFP

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASSES will take place on:

10/6/19 St. Joseph Parish-Hays 3:00 P.M.

10/13/19 St. Mary Queen of the Universe-Salina 3:00 P.M.

We are looking forward to celebrating with you and this Mass does fulfill your Sunday obligation.

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION AND ENRICHMENT EVENTS: This document was updated last month and is on our webpage. Please contact The Office of Family Life if you have questions or need more information. 785-827-8746.

SAINT PIO RELIC TOUR: Saint Pio comes to the Diocese of Salina Friday, November 15, 2019. Public veneration of the relics will be from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M. followed by a Mass in honor of Saint Pio celebrated by Bishop Vincke at 7:30 P.M. Please post the attached flier in your churches and encourage people to plan to attend. There will be an 8 A.M. daily Mass that morning followed by a short liturgy of receiving of the relics prior to the public veneration beginning at 9 A.M. This is a great opportunity for catechesis about the saints for confirmation classes, and other religious education, youth groups, or adult faith formation groups.

Encourage your parish to learn more about Saint Padre Pio in the month of October by watching videos about his life on FORMED.org, or listening to the Light House Catholic Media Talk by Matthew Arnold "The Life of Padre Pio" also available on FORMED.org.

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

NCYC MANDATORY SPONSOR MEETING: NCYC is just around the corner. We have 4 meetings scheduled, one in each of the deaneries. It is MANDATORY that every adult that will be going to NCYC attend one of these meetings. The meetings are at the following locations:

September 30, 2019-----Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hays 7:00- 8:30 P.M.

October 1, 2019-----Sacred Heart Church, Colby 7:00 -8:30 P.M.

October 3, 2019-----Chancery Office, Salina 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

103 N. 9th Street

October 7, 2019-----Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Clay Center 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

NCYC PAYMENT: If you have not sent in your last payment please do so as soon as possible. If you have any changes in your group please contact Karen Taylor at 785-827-8746.

DIOCESAN CYO CONVENTION: The weekend of March 28-29 will be our annual CYO Convention. Please mark your calendars.

PRAYER AND ACTION: If any of the parishes would like to host Prayer and Action this summer please let me know as soon as possible. We will have 4 weeks in June and 3 weeks in July. We hear a lot of favorable comments from the people in those parishes that host the program. It is wonderful to see college and high school age students reaching out to help our communities. Thank you for your support in making this program a reality in our diocese. We have had around 12 different dioceses start this program after attending one of our P & A weeks.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TOTUS TUUS: If you would like to have a team of 2 seminarians and 2 college age women come to your parish to teach our young people and high school students please contact me in the office as soon as possible. We have a number of parishes that have signed up already. Thank you so much for your support in providing this program in our parishes.

OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

BISHOPS FUND – As of **October 1st**, the Bishop’s Fund with The Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Salina (CCF) will **begin taking grant applications**. The **deadline for applying will be December 1, 2019**. You can find the application and eligibility guidelines at <https://salinadiocese.org/development/catholic-community-foundation/bishop-s-fund-grant-2019> . **The parish pastor, school principal or organization leader must approve any project or program applying for this grant.** Be sure to review the eligibility guidelines before you apply. If you have any questions, contact Beth at beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org or 785-827-8746.

Note that this grant has been funded in the past by a rebate the diocese received from Greater Salina Community Foundation. That rebate is being phased out by GSCF, so this will be the last year for this program. In addition, we will have about half the amount of funds to award this year.

PARISHIONER LIST – Once again, it is time to update your parish lists. Beginning **Oct. 1**, we will be emailing each parish a parishioner list from our database. Review these and return to Lois Yost at lois.yost@salinadiocese.org by **Nov. 1, 2019**.

Please compare our spreadsheet with your information and make any changes directly on the spreadsheet. Note the changes in the appropriate column and highlight the names that need to be changed or should be deleted. Please do not delete anyone, but let us know why they are off your list. (I.e. moved out of state, changed parish registration, etc.)

Again, this year note the two additional columns, one for phone numbers, and one for email addresses. If you have this information available, please share it with us. As you know, **Bishop Gerald Vincke sends a monthly e-news for all the parishioners across the diocese**. If our database has the email addresses for your parishioners, they will receive his e-news. It emails the **First Friday of every month**. Again, thank you to those who routinely send updates.

SEMINARIAN COLLECTION – Mark your calendars for the Seminarian Collection on November 9 and 10. More details about the collection will be in next month’s SDNB. In the meantime, the seminarian posters were distributed by the communications office. If you need additional copies, contact Colleen Augustine at colleen.augustine@salinadiocese.org. or 785-827-8746.

OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

#iGiveCatholic – A COUPLE REMINDERS AND TIPS and a request for HELP

Like last year, the Salina Diocese is producing a video to promote our and your participation in #iGiveCatholic. It will open with the Bishop asking all to “give Catholic.” Then flash to video clips and photos from parishes, schools, and organizations across the diocese. This is your chance to shine. Share your videos and we will include them in the video. See the information from Communications Office for more details. **The deadline for submission has been extended to Friday, October 4.**

An email was sent from Beth to all parishes, schools, and organizations the last week in September. It included tips, training opportunities and resources available to help you complete your profile and begin promoting your participation in #iGiveCatholic. If you did not receive that email, it’s likely we have the wrong email address for you. Contact Beth at beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org.

Here are a couple key points from that email.

Set up your profile – Your profile needs to be completed by **October 31, 2019**. After that, the page will “go live.” Everyone should have received an email from GiveGab on **August 16 with sign up information**. Go to that email and get signed up. If you have any problems, just use the blue chat button in the lower right hand corner at <https://salina.igivecatholic.org>

Matching funds and prizes will be available – Thanks to a grant from Catholic Extension, the diocese is awarding prizes this year to add to the fun! Plus, we are still working on confirming details for matching funds. Watch your emails for details.

Training and resources are available on the #iGiveCatholic website <https://salina.igivecatholic.org/> Check under the menu button for either section, Resources or Training.

Speaking of training, we are hosting our own training session, via Zoom – **#iGiveCatholic 101 – Salina Diocese**. Watch for more details, but save the date October 15, 2:00 P.M.

Direct any questions on #iGiveCatholic to:

Beth Shearer at beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org

Colleen Augustine at colleen.augustine@salinadiocese.org

Matea Gregg at matea.gregg@salinadiocese.org

OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH - Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life - Each parish and school should have received a packet directly from the USCCB with materials on how to coordinate events in your parish or school. Be sure to promote and share the events your parish is doing for Respect Life Month on the Diocesan Facebook and other social media accounts.

OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE (cont.)

RESPECT LIFE MASS - Wednesday October 2nd - Bishop Vincke will celebrate Mass at St. Edward Church in Belleville at 6:30 P.M. on October 2, 2019 to kick off Respect Life Month. Following Mass there will be a Keynote Address from Chuck Weber, Executive Director of the Kansas Catholic Conference. A light reception will follow. This is a free event open to all. Please see the attached Flyer for posting on your Parish Bulletin Boards.

KANSAS CATHOLICS RESPONDING TO HORRIFIC ABORTION RULING - The State Supreme Court's recent abortion ruling (*Hodes & Nauser, MDs v. Schmidt*) has the practical effect of placing Kansas next to New York and other states as the most radical and pro-abortion governmental jurisdictions in the world. How can this be? Is there anything we can do? Yes! Passing a state constitutional amendment will once again allow Kansas to enforce our pro-Life laws. **Together, we can save lives and protect mothers in crisis.** The first step is signing the REVERSE THE RULING petition so your elected officials know you are serious about protecting the unborn. Rallies and other events are being planned to help educate and motivate the faithful. This action is not only perfectly legal; it is our obligation and civic duty as faithful Catholic citizens. For more information, go to the Kansas Catholic Conference web site at www.KansasCatholic.org.

Please include the sample blurb below in your bulletin and have the petition pew cards available in your Churches during the month of October. At the end of the month mail the cards you have collected directly to the Kansas Catholic Conference at: Kansas Catholic Conference, 204 SW 8th Ave., Topeka, KS 66603.

PLEASE SIGN "REVERSE THE RULING" POSTCARD PETITION FOR LIFE

During Respect Life month the Bishops of Kansas are asking for as many Kansas Catholics as possible to fill out Petition Postcards to show support for a State Constitutional Amendment. **The amendment language will be clear and concise: there is NOT a right to abortion in the Kansas Constitution.** It is our response to the horrific decision handed down earlier this year in the case *Hodes & Nauser, MDs v. Schmidt* which allows live dismemberment abortion to continue in Kansas and opens the door for the virtual elimination of ALL pro-Life legislation in Kansas. This is the first step in letting our elected officials know how we feel. The petition is available in the form of a postcard in your pew, a paper petition in the back of church, and an online version with additional information can be found at www.KansasCatholic.org. Please use the method that is most convenient for you. If you choose to use the postcard, please return it in the collection plate sometime during the month of October.

2020 MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Registration Deadline for the 2020 March for Life was September 30th, however if you are still interested in attending there may still be seats available. Contact the Respect Life Office at respectlife@salinadiocese.org, or call 785-827-8746.

OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE (cont.)

2020 MARCH FOR LIFE IN TOPEKA - This year the Diocese will organize a day bus trip to the Rally for Life in Topeka for those who aren't able to go to D.C. for the National March for Life, this is a great way to show your support for Life right here at home! The FREE Ignite Youth Rally begins at 9 A.M. and will feature music by Wichita Adore Ministries, presentation from Catholic speaker DJ Hueneman, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There are also prolife workshops at the Capitol building for adults who are interested in making the trip. The cost to ride the bus from Salina will be \$18 per person; this covers the cost of travel only. Register online at salinadiocese.org or call 785-827-8746.

IGNITE YOUTH RALLY - *If you or your group wish to travel on your own to Topeka advance registration for the Ignite Youth Rally is requested. You may find more information and register your group for the conference only by visiting: <https://www.archkck.org/ignite>.*

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

FORMED: We are excited to share that the Diocese will be providing FORMED subscriptions to every Parish in the Diocese starting in November!

FORMED is a popular online platform that has been likened to a Catholic "Netflix," but it's so much more. FORMED provides people—wherever they are on their faith journey—with a vast array of life-changing, trustworthy Catholic films, talks, ebooks, audiobooks, and studies from over 75 providers. It has a wealth of content in both English and Spanish, and it can be used as a resource for evangelization, faith formation, and discipleship. FORMED can be utilized in a vast array of ministries: Adult Faith Formation, RCIA, Sacramental Preparation, Bible Studies, Youth Ministry, and much more.

INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR: An informational webinar and tour of FORMED content and resources will be conducted on Tuesday, October 1, at 2:00 P.M. Central Time. Simply click on the following link to register to participate in the free webinar: [FORMED Webinar Registration](#). When you register, you will be emailed a recording of the webinar after its completion, just in case you aren't able to attend "live" or want to share it with other leaders at your parish.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Colleen Augustine, Director of Communications at colleen.augustine@salinadiocese.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

Directory Corrections:

1. Pg. 22 & 70: Dcn. Walt Slingsby email change: waltslingsby@eaglecom.net

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Serra Intl, US Council Central Region Convention, Conception, MO FEAST OF ALL SAINTS CHANCERY CLOSED	2 Serra Intl, US Council Central Region Convention, Conception, MO ALL SOULS Day
3 Serra Intl, US Council Central Region Convention, Conception, MO Daylight Savings Ends	4 FORMED Spanish Training-Hays, 4 pm	5 FORMED English Training, Hays 10 am FORMED Spanish Training, Salina, 4 pm	6 FORMED English Training, Salina, 10 am	7 Priests' Council	8 Adoption Mass, noon, S.H. Cathedral, Salina	9 Seminarian Collection
10 Seminarian Collection USCCB, Baltimore, MD	11 Veterans Day USCCB, Baltimore, MD	12 USCCB, Baltimore, MD	13 10:00 am Curia, B USCCB, Baltimore, MD	14 USCCB, Baltimore, MD	15 Padre Pio Relic Tour, S.H.Cathedral, Salina, 9-5 pm Teacher's Institute	16 Encounter Weekend, Conception, MO
17 Encounter Weekend Mass of Healing, St. Joseph, New Almelo 8:30 am Mass of Healing, St. Francis, Norton, 10:30 am	18 Encounter Weekend iGiveCatholic Advance Giving	19	20	21 NCYC-Indianapolis Catholic Charities mtg., 6-8 pm	22 NCYC-Indianapolis	23 NCYC-Indianapolis Campaign for Human Development
24 Campaign for Human Development Collection	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving CHANCERY CLOSED	29 CHANCERY CLOSED	30 Mass of Healing, St. Mary, Downs, 4 pm Mass of Healing, St. Boniface, Tipton 6 pm

THE SHEPHERD

"Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding."
~Jeremiah 3:15



Diocese of Salina Safe Environment Newsletter

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As children head back to school with designer clothes, new shoes, insulated water bottles and fancy backpacks filled with new school supplies, many will be toting a smart phone. Does your child **HAVE** a smart phone? Does your child **WANT** a smart phone? Is your child **READY** for a smart phone? 21st century students access and interact with technology in a way no other generation has thus far. The arrival of the **SMART PHONE** has taken the volume of interaction with technology to another level.

Given the easy and constant access provided by smart phones, 92 percent of teens report going on-line daily. Through the internet, smartphones offer unprecedented access to information, social networking, videos, on-line stores, apps, games and email among several other features in a **SINGLE DEVICE**.



While this presents opportunity for great development and growth, it also puts young students at risk.

Usually, smartphone usage often produces feelings of productivity and happiness, but many users also feel distracted or frustrated after mobile screen encounters.

As a Community of Faith

Smart phone problems can arise with teens, often resulting in feuds between parents from overuse. Among adolescent texters, one in three teens sends more than 100 text messages a day, or 3,000 texts a month. What could they possibly be texting about??

Smart phone use can also lead to cyber bullying, digital dating abuse, sexting, and have popularized cheating on tests.

Pope Francis encourages students to cultivate passion and curiosity, warning them against dependency on their smartphones.

As parents and a community of Faith, take some time to understand the risks of smart phones and implement a few safeguards so that you can help your child use smartphones safely.

Visit www.tigermobiles.com for more information.

We as parents and teachers need to set good examples and be good role models for our children.

How are **YOU** connected to **YOUR** smartphone?

Any allegation of the abuse of a minor, may be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center (1-800-922-5330), the KBI Crime Hotline (1-800-KSCRIME) or ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov. The Diocese of Salina fully participates in all criminal investigations related to abuse perpetrated by a member of the clergy or other church official. For the safety of children and the healing of those who have suffered abuse,

THE DIOCESE OF SALINA

provides an

Abuse Response Hotline

1-785-825-0865

an

Abuse Response Email

(reportabuse@salinadiocese.org)

and an

Abuse Response Online

Submission Form

www.salinadiocese.org/safety-security

Reports will be responded to promptly by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator. All reports are confidential with the exception of those involving the abuse of minors, which will be immediately reported by the Diocese to the proper authorities, as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy.



DIOCESE OF SALINA

PO BOX 2984

SALINA, KS 67402-2984

Someone said, what would happen if we treated the Bible like we treat our cell phone? If we always carried it with us; or at least the small pocket-sized Gospel, what would happen?

Is My Child Ready for a Smartphone? Questions to Guide Parents

Does your child need a phone to stay connected with you for emergency situations?
Does your child already respect your rules when it comes to time and usage limits for other activities?
Does your child know what type of information is safe to share online?
Do you have a filtering system to protect devices in your home?
Have you considered both the benefits and drawbacks of social media?
Have you developed list of rules with your kids that covers calling, texting, downloading apps, taking and sharing photos, posting to social media, GPS location settings and when the phone needs to be turned OFF?
Does your child get to “own” the device or simply have access to it? There is a different psychology behind owning a device and having access to one. If it is your device, they get to use it as long as they follow your rules

Parenting in the digital age means giving kids responsibility one step at a time, as they are ready and mature enough. It means mentoring your kids with eyes wide open to the issues and dangers they will face. It means that even if your efforts are not perfect, they are important for the safety of your kids!

For more information, go to www.protectyoungminds.org

VULNERABILITIES OF USING SMARTPHONES

Decreased Connections- Smartphones keep people “connected” constantly but have ironically caused a sharp decline in meaningful communication as people prefer virtual interactions over personal connections.

Loss of Focus- Mobile notifications can play havoc with our focus, even if we don’t actually pick up the phone to respond to them.

Cyber-bullying- Smartphones have become a venue for cyber-bullying, as people anonymously tease, threaten or spread rumors.

Privacy at Risk- Details of who we meet, where we go, what we like, how we spend, etc...are all tracked as we use smartphones for communication, browsing and transactions.

Remember...

*to check your
CMGConnect data
base weekly and
verify that all
ministering in your
parish or school are
certified.*



Prayer for Guidance

Father, keep your Church alert in faith to the signs of the times and eager to accept the challenge of the Gospel. Open our hearts to the needs of all humanity, so that sharing their grief and anguish, their joy and hope we may faithfully bring them the good news of salvation and advance together on the way to your kingdom. Without you, we can do nothing. By your Spirit, help us to know what is right and to be eager in doing your will. We ask this through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.
Amen

*Look for the next
edition of
The Shepherd
in
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October-Respect Life Month



family MATTERS

THE MONTH OF October

Make a birthday cake and decorate it in celebration of the life God has given your family.



The month of October is filled with holidays, holy days, feast days and other special remembrances.

It is also the month of the Holy Rosary and Respect Life Month.

Catholics believe that God is present in all things and in all times. This means that everyday on the calendar presents another opportunity to encounter and celebrate the presence of God in our lives. Holidays, whether specifically religious or not, are excellent times to engage in special activities and rituals that help us not only to observe the spirit of the day but also to make a connection between the holiday and our faith.

October 1 - St. Therese; **October 2 - Guardian Angels**; October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi; October 6 - St. Bruno; **October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary**; October 15- St. Teresa of Jesus; **October 21 - Word Mission Sunday**; October 22 - St. John Paul II; October 28 - Simon and Jude; **October 31 - Halloween**

With your family, celebrate EVERYDAY during this month of October. Here are a few ideas to help you get started.

Guardian Angels (Oct. 2) Every person has a guardian angel assigned to them and October 2 the church celebrates the role of these Guardian Angels. We should show devout gratitude to God for placing these angels in our service. Having a guardian should give your family confidence during all life's difficulties. Pray with your family the Angele Dei (Angel of God) prayer in the morning and the evening.

Try to make a more concerted effort to pray the Rosary together as a family during the month of October. Read the Apostolic Letter (<http://rosaryea.org/apostolic-letter-from-pope-john-paul-ii>) to understand the beauty of this devotion more deeply. The rosary.... a prayer of peace,a "sweet chain" linking us to God.

St. Louis de Montfort said, 'When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer.'

World Mission Sunday (Oct. 21) the church celebrates World Mission Sunday to acknowledge the call for all Christians to participate in the missionary work of the church. Sharing Jesus' love with those around us. It can be as simple as caring for the spiritual and physical needs right here in our own community.

Halloween- The eve of ALL SAINTS DAY

Halloween comes from the word hallowed meaning blessed or holy. So, Halloween is the night that eagerly anticipates the celebration of our living connection with all the faithful who have lived and died before us. It is fitting, then, that on the night before All Saints Day, our families remember and celebrate in a special way our belief in the Communion (close connection) of Saints to our own lives.

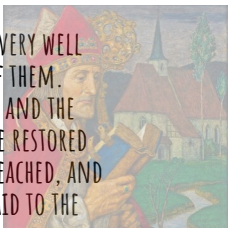
Ways to celebrate your values on Halloween:

- Your kids can research their favorite saint or the saint they're named after. They could also dress up as their favorite saint for Halloween. Tell your children that Halloween can be a festive day to kick off the celebration of All Saints Day. We ask the saints—our spiritual ancestors—to pray for us on our own journey to holiness.
- At breakfast, recite a short litany of family members who have died and whom you remember in your prayers. After each name, have everyone say, "Pray for us".
- Make a special meal for dinner. Here's a quick idea for a healthy meal to offset the abundance of candy. Give each child a paper plate. Put out bowls of olives, cucumbers, radishes, cranberries, cheese sticks, and cold cuts. Have the kids make faces on their plates with the food. Then everyone gets to eat what they created.

OCT. 31- ST. WOLFGANG

THERE ARE MANY SAINTS WHO ARE NOT VERY WELL KNOWN, ST. WOLFGANG BEING ONE OF THEM.

WOLFGANG DID A LOT FOR THE CHURCH AND THE FAITHFUL IN THE LATE 10TH CENTURY. HE RESTORED MONASTERIES, PROMOTED EDUCATION, PREACHED, AND WAS RENOWNED FOR HIS CHARITY AND AID TO THE POOR.



Relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina to visit the Diocese of Salina



Relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina – better known as Padre Pio – will resume touring several Archdioceses and Dioceses in the United States of America from May 1st to June 15th (first part), and from September 15th to November 15th, 2019 (second part). The relics will also be touring in Canada. The 2019 tour follows the last two years sensational and headline-making tours that attracted an estimated of more than 500,000 faithfuls. In addition, some of the most important secular media covered this event, including FOX NEWS, NBC, The Wall Street Journal, and The New York Times, to mention just a few.

The relics will be visiting the Sacred Heart Cathedral of the Diocese of Salina, on Friday, November 15, 2019 (from 9 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.).

The relics of Saint Pio available for public veneration will be the following (here on the picture): Saint Pio's glove; Saint Pio's crusts of the wounds; Cotton-gauze with Saint Pio's blood stains; A lock of Saint Pio's hair; Saint

Pio's mantle; Saint Pio's handkerchief soaked with his sweat hours before he died;

A mass in honor of Saint Pio will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m by The Most Reverend Gerald Vincke, Archbishop of Denver. The Saint Pio Foundation, which is sponsoring the tour, will provide books and items related to Padre Pio in the entryway of the Church.

St. Pio was born on May 25, 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy, and baptized Francesco Forgione. He first expressed his desire for priesthood at age 10. In order to pay for the preparatory education, his father, Grazio Forgione, emigrated in the United States on 1899, where he worked for several years.

The future saint entered the Capuchin order at age 15, taking the name Pio. He was ordained a priest in 1910 at the age of 23. During his lifetime, Padre Pio was known as a mystic with miraculous powers of healing and knowledge, who bore the stigmata. Stigmata is the term the Catholic Church uses to speak about the wounds an individual receives that correspond to the crucifixion wounds of Jesus Christ. They can appear on the forehead, hands, wrists, and feet.

His stigmata emerged during World War I, after Pope Benedict XV asked Christians to pray for an end to the conflict. Padre Pio had a vision in which Christ pierced his side. A few weeks later,

on September 20, 1918, Jesus again appeared to him, and he received the full stigmata. It remained with him until his death on September 23, 1968.

Pope John Paul II canonized him in 2002.

ABOUT THE RELICS

In the Catholic Church, relics are physical objects associated with a saint or candidate for sainthood – part of the person’s body or something with which he or she was in contact. Relics are not worshiped but treated with religious respect. Touching or praying in the presence of such an object helps a faithful individual focus on the saint’s life and virtues, so that through the saint’s prayer or intercession before God, the individual will be drawn closer to God.

ABOUT THE SAINT PIO FOUNDATION

The Saint Pio Foundation is a premier national charitable organization that promotes awareness of Saint Pio and his mission by working with institutions and individuals who share the same vision to serve “those in need of relief of suffering.” Funds raised by the Saint Pio Foundation are used to provide grants to American Catholic healthcare, educational, social, religious, and cultural partner organizations. More information about Saint Pio Foundation can be found at <http://www.saintpiofoundation.org>.



Photo/Video Project

The Salina Diocese will be participating in #iGiveCatholic for the second year and we will be promoting with another video! We would love your assistance!

VIDEO Instructions: Please take some videos!! I would love to have more videos that show parishioners and students telling people to "Give Catholic" or why they give Catholic "I give Catholic to support....". Any other message you would like to share that will encourage others to give are also appreciated! Have several of them hold the sign and again select your favorites and email them to: matea.gregg@salinadiocese.org.

*****Please be sure to send videos that are HORIZONTAL-If they are vertical I can't use them! Thank you!*****

PHOTO Instructions: Please utilize the enclosed #iGiveCatholic sign! Gather students in your school, parishioners after mass, or any other combinations of young and old members of your parish community. Have several of them hold the sign and snag some photos! Select your favorites and email them to: matea.gregg@salinadiocese.org.

*****Please be sure to send BIG and FULL resolution photos if possible that are taken horizontally. Thank you!*****

Please email matea.gregg@salinadiocese.org your photos/videos and any other questions you have about this project!

Deadline for photo/video submissions is October 4th @ NOON!

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