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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

THANK YOU for your promotion of the various appeals that took place this past November. I appreciate your support of these important collections.

THANK YOU to all who attended the Priests' Council in person or via zoom. I realize it is not an ideal way for us to meet, however I appreciated the discussion.

IGIVECATHOLIC GIVING TUESDAY is December 1, 2020. Thank you for taking advantage of this opportunity to show your support of our Diocese, Catholic Schools and Parishes.

RETIREMENT RELIGIOUS COLLECTION is December 12-13, 2020. Please refer to my letter in the November SDNB for promotion of the collection.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. The Chancery will be closed.

SEMINARIAN MASS AND LUNCHEON is currently scheduled for Saturday, December 19. However due to a rise in COVID-19 cases this event may be cancelled. If it does occur, it will be limited to seminarians only. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and their families during this Advent and Christmas Season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all! The Chancery will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 in observance of the holidays.

NEW YEAR'S EVE is on Thursday, December 31. The Chancery will be closed.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD is on Friday, January 1. The Chancery will be closed for the Holy Day.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERTS for parish bulletins are listed below:

DECEMBER – A gift to U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT) can make a difference in our efforts to confront the Human Trafficking pandemic. U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking is a 501 © (3) organization (sistersagainstrafficking.org), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

PLEASE REMEMBER TO collect an I-9 form for any new hires, including subs or winter sport coaches. Questions about I-9s? Call Kim at 785-342-0819

THE REGISTER

NECROLOGY UPDATES: The annual updates for the Necrology will be prepared in December and mailed from The Register. Please look for the envelope and take a few moments to add/update the appropriate pages. Thank you.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL: Thank you for assisting with the 2020 Annual Appeal – *Together, We Can!* We are truly blessed to have your support and appreciate your assistance. Please 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. We will report the results from each parish in the near future. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact our office at 785-825-0208 or mrobl@ccnks.org. We truly appreciate the efforts all of you have made to help make this appeal successful. Mail Donations to: Catholic Charities PO Box 1366 Salina, KS 67402.

HOLIDAY HOURS: Catholic Charities Offices and Thrift Store will be closed from December 24th to January 4th.

YEAR END DONATIONS: All 2020 donations need to be completed online at www.ccnks.org before midnight 12/31/20. Checks must be dated on or before 12/31/20.

MOBILE OUTREACH: Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach Program will continue weekly distributions of food, hygiene items (toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, soap, razors, etc.), diapers, laundry detergent and other basic necessities to struggling families in rural areas of the Salina Diocese. In December, the vans will travel to Plainville, Oakley, Norton, WaKeeney, Russell, Ellsworth, Beverly, Wilson, Lincoln, Beloit, Osborne, Washington, Mankato, Concordia, Clay Center, Minneapolis, Abilene, Chapman, Junction City and Herington. The complete schedule with dates, times and locations is attached.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to those who attended the parish and school audits through Zoom last month. I enjoyed our virtual visit and I am grateful for all the great work being done in the field to ensure we are providing safe environments to our children in our facilities and programs. We appreciate your hard work and dedication. A special thank you to the following:

Sacred Heart Parish - Atwood/Assumption of Mary - Herndon

Loretta Studer

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish - Goodland/Holy Ghost Parish - Sharon Springs

Nikki Popp

Father David Michael

Seven Dolors Parish - Manhattan

Deb Price

Father Kerry Ninemire

Manhattan Catholic School - Manhattan

Michelle Coonrod

Mike Hubka

Father Kerry Ninemire

St. Thomas More Parish - Manhattan

Alysia Bauman

Father Frank Coady

Sacred Heart Parish/School - Colby

Laura Schwarz

Father Richard Daise

Amanda Meagher

St. Francis Cabrini Parish- Hoxie

Bridget Koster

St. Francis Xavier Parish/School - Junction City

Sandy Leistner

Amber Davis

Father Gnanasekar

Shawn Augustine



St. Agnes Parish - Grainfield

Diane Wetter

Father James Thomas

Immaculate Conception Parish - Grinnell

Leona Dickman

Sacred Heart Parish - Park

Teresa Selensky

St. Francis Parish - St. Francis

Joan Gienger

Father Joseph Asirvatham

St. John Nepomucene Parish - Beardsley

Jennifer Sabatka

Father Joseph Asirvatham

St. Joseph Parish - Bird City

Heidi Ketzner

Father Joseph Asirvatham

St. Joseph Parish/School - Oakley

Vicky Joseph

Michelle Selzer

Father Luke Thielen

St. Paul Parish - Angelus

Amanda Ostmeyer

Father Luke Thielen

ONSITE AUDITS- For those who participated in the November Zoom audits and need follow - up meetings, I have scheduled them for December 7th, I look forward to those calls. If you did not participate in the November audits and you are in the Western Deanery, I will be contacting you to schedule an appointment in January. Thank you for your cooperation. Please call the Safe Environment Office if you have any questions at 785-857-8746 #24.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT (cont.)

REQUIRED FORMS- Safety Coordinators of Parishes and Schools, if you have not returned your Certification Status sheet(s) or information sheet for the Safe Environment Office, please do so as soon as possible so these can be verified and filed.

TESTIMONY OF COMPLIANCE FORM - Safe Environment training for STUDENTS (Child Lures, etc.) must be returned to the diocese before January 1, 2021. As a reminder you will enter the information in the CMGConnect data base, generate a report, print the report, get signatures, [Administrator (Principal- School or DRE- Parish), Pastor (your parish priest), Coordinator(Safety Coordinator of your parish/school)] then send to the Safe Environment Office for filing. *Please scan and email to wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org or mail to Wendy Backes 103 N. 9th Street, (Section IV 44-45).

ALL PARISHES AND SCHOOLS are reminded to place the Safe Environment announcement quarterly in their parish bulletins and school newsletters AND email or mail a copy to the Safe Environment Office for filing. The Safe Environment program has policies and procedures and requirements that need to be followed. Please be mindful of those as our safe environment programs are in place to assist parents and children—and those who work with children in securing a safe environment for our young people where they can grow to full and human Christian maturity. As a reminder, the bulletin announcement was updated when the policy/program was updated in July. Please be sure you are using the announcement that is dated 7/2020. (see below). Thank you for your cooperation, as we continue our mission, promise to protect, pledge to heal.

 <p>Any allegation of the abuse of a minor, may be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center 800.922.5330 KBI Crime Hotline 800.572.7463 or ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov</p> <p>The Diocese of Salina fully participates in all criminal investigations related to abuse perpetrated by a member of the clergy or other church official.</p>	<p>For the safety of children and healing of those who have suffered abuse, the Diocese of Salina provides Hotline: 866.752.8855 #1067 Website: www.reportandprotect.com Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator</p> <p><i>"Rescue me, Lord, from my foes, for I seek refuge in you." - Psalm 143:9</i></p>  <p>Safe Environment Office Diocese of Salina</p>	<p>To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Bishop or Religious Superior currently or in the past, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Services provides Hotline: 800.276.1562 Website: reportbishopabuse.org</p> <p>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.</p> <p>7-2020</p>
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A NOTE FROM HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICE AS IT RELATES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE: I-9s, for the purposes of payroll, are required for all who are hired and are considered an employee. If considered an employee, the individual is required to follow the Safe Environment guidelines (complete CMGConnect training and background check). An incidental expense, paid of Accounts Payable, for summer mowing, rectory cleaning, or occasional snow removal, with zero contact with minors can bypass the Safe Environment guidelines (CMGconnect training and background check), the individual is NOT considered an employee. Please contact Kim Hoelting (HR) if you have further questions- kim.hoelting@salinadiocese.org/ 785-827-8746 #28.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENTS (cont.)

ONLINE SAFETY FOR CHILDREN DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS - As we continue to endure the pandemic, some parishes and schools are finding themselves turning to on-line learning. Whatever the circumstance may be, children and teenagers need guidance on appropriate use of technology, platforms and privacy settings. For information from the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children regarding *On-line Safety for Children during the Covid-19 Crisis*, click [HERE](#). We must continue to protect our children whether they are learning at school or at home.

PROMISE TO PROTECT, PLEDGE TO HEAL- If anyone in the diocese has questions regarding how to report abuse, when to report abuse, or if you should report abuse, please contact Maria Cheney, our Victim Assistance Coordinator and advocate for the diocese. Maria Cheney will guide you through the reporting process and answer any questions you may have. Please use this resource (see attachment) which includes the hotline number to contact Maria Cheney. Protecting God's Children, It's Everyone's Job.

****Note**, this "bookmark" does not replace the Safe Environment Bulletin Announcement, this is just an additional resource for your parish/school. If you would like the template of this bookmark, please contact the Safe Environment Office.

LINKS- Please check your parish/school website's link to the Safe Environment Office. Please note, the web address is salinadiocese.org/office/safe-environment/

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE: Our new diocesan website is live! Please visit salinadiocese.org to check it out. A big thank you to everyone who assisted with this endeavor.

-Please review your parish and/or school page and make sure the content is correct. If you have any changes to your page, please fill out the Directory Update form in the quick links on the bottom of the website. You can also refer to the [Website Update Flyer](#) and follow the steps to submit your Directory changes.

-Clergy members, if you would like a copy of your headshot please email matea.gregg@salinadiocese.org and she will email you a copy of the photo.

NEW DIOCESAN PODCAST "FROM THE HEART": We are so excited about our new Catholic podcast, "From the Heart"! We have several episodes for you to listen to about conversions to the Catholic faith, vocations stories, and more. Click the links below to start listening or subscribe. • Anchor -<https://anchor.fm/fromtheheartcatholic>

• Spotify - <https://open.spotify.com/show/3JZVJbr9ocp9C7LJma7Mxj>

• Google Podcasts -

<https://www.google.com/podcasts?feed=aHR0cHM6Ly9hbmNob3IuZm0vcy8zNWNhZjIxYy9wb2RjYXN0L3Jzcw=>

• Apple Podcasts - <https://podcasts.apple.com/.../from-the.../id1531522453>

OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

Wishing each one of you a **blessed Advent season and a Merry Christmas**, from all of us in Stewardship and Development.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Thank you to all for your continued promotion of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We have \$1,784,438.00 pledged to the appeal! Gifts will still be processed through Dec. 31, 2020. Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can do so much for the Diocese of Salina.

The 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share is in the heavy planning stages. This year, we will be making some modifications to the messaging. We are really excited about these! Additionally, please be sure to mark your calendars.

February 6-7, 2021

Kick-off weekend

March 20-21, 2021

In-pew participation (*could change depending on COVID)

Katie G. will be sending out frequent communications to pastors and/or a designated contact person for your parish(es). Thank you for your attention to these communications. And if you want to designate a contact for your diocese, just send the name and email to Katie G.

Additionally, thank you to those who met with Katie G. in person or responded to the survey. The results from these showed a consensus that the diocese can continue to improve its messaging to be clear and transparent about how gifts from the annual appeal are used. To address this, a special issue of Faith magazine is being produced and will be mailed out during the kick-off weekend. We hope you enjoy this issue of the magazine and share it with your parishioners.

#iGIVECATHOLIC: #iGiveCatholic is on Dec. 1. Advanced giving has been open since Nov. 16. This year we have 42 organizations participating in #iGC. Check out our [site](#)! Thank you for your promotion of this event. A diocesan promo video was made and can be found on our social media pages or by clicking [here](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Katie G.

YEAR-END GIFTS: Christmas is the season for giving and the end of a tax year for individuals. Because of this, many of your parishioners are reviewing and considering gifts to their favorite charities. Be sure you are on the list by promoting year-end giving in your bulletins. Remind your parishioners they can support your parish, school, Call to Share, or other Catholic ministry through these year-end gifts. If you need assistance, please contact Beth Shearer at 785-827-8746 or beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org.

OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

Also, important to remember this year, are the benefits of charitable giving provided by the CARES Act. Encourage your donors and parishioners to check with their personal financial advisor or tax attorney. There are advantages in two areas:

Taxpayers who not currently itemize deductions can still claim a charitable deduction for cash donations up to \$300 through 12/31/2020.

Taxpayers who itemize are eligible to take charitable deductions for donations up to 100% of their AGI for the 2020 tax year. The AGI cap for corporations has been increased from 10% to 25% for corporate tax years ending in 2020.

Tip: Put this information on the charitable gift benefits provided by the CARES Act in your bulletins.

Contact us:	785-827-8746
Katie Platten	katie.platten@salinadiocese.org
Beth Shearer	beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org
Katie Greenwood	katherine.greenwood@salinadiocese.org
Melanie Melander	melanie.melander@salinadiocese.org

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

DIOCESAN CYO CONVENTION: March 20-21, 2021 will be our weekend for our Diocesan CYO Convention. With COVID-19 we have decided to have the Convention for the West and West Central Deanery on March 20 at Thomas More Prep/Marian Jr./Sr. High School in Hays. On March 21 we will be at Sacred Heart Jr./Sr. High School in Salina for the East and East Central Deanery. When you send in your registration please DO NOT send in any money with your forms in case, we have to cancel this event because of COVID-19. We will keep you informed regarding all of the youth activities for this coming year. Hope that in the future we will be able to go back to our regular programs that we have scheduled for our youth in the diocese.

NCYC: I have received some of the hotel reservation forms from our towns for NCYC, November 18-20, 2021. Please send the form in so I have some idea of how many rooms we need at the hotels and how many buses that I have to reserve. As of now the National Office is planning on having NCYC in Indianapolis. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 785-827-8746 x49.

PRAYER AND ACTION: In June, Oakley will host Prayer and Action for the college week and 3 high school weeks. Beloit will be hosting the 3 high school weeks in July. We have some parishes that have signed up for their week so if you want to make sure that you have a spot for one of these weeks please register as soon as possible.

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY (cont.)

If you have any college age men or women who would like to be on the core team for Prayer & Action, please have them go to the following site to apply:

To find the summer application for Prayer and Action:

1) Go to salinadiocese.org

2) Click Offices

3) Select Office of Youth Ministry and then Prayer and Action link:

<https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-youth-ministry/prayer-and-action/>

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TOTUS TUUS: If you would like a team of 2 seminarians and 2 college age women to come to your parish this summer to teach your young people and high school students, please contact the Office as soon as possible.

June 6-11, 2021-----FULL

June 13-18, 2021-----FULL

June 2-25, 2021-----FULL

June 27-July 2, 2021-----1 opening

July 11-16, 221-----FULL

July 18-23, 2021-----2 openings

July 25-30, 2021-----3 openings

If you have any college age men or women who would like to teach TOTUS TUUS for the summer, please have them go to this website to fill out an application.

To find the summer application for Totus Tuus:

1) Go to salinadiocese.org

2) Click Offices

3) Select Office of Religious Education and then Totus Tuus link:

<https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-religious-education/totus-tuus/>

DE SALES PROGRAM: The Purpose of the DE SALES Program is to provide an opportunity for adult Catholics to grow into a more mature knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith. Through DE SALES, participants are also invited to develop their own spiritual lives and, through faith-sharing, develop a stronger commitment to the Christian Community. If any parish would like to have this program please call the Office and you can have the program books for free.

January 2021

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day CHANCERY CLOSED	2
3		4	5	6	7	8 Quo Vadis Retreat, SLC, Wichita	9 Quo Vadis Retreat, SLC, Wichita
10 Quo Vadis Retreat, SLC, Wichita		11 Clergy Renewal Days, SLC, Wichita	12 Clergy Renewal Days, SLC, Wichita	13 Clergy Renewal Days, SLC, Wichita	14 Clergy Renewal Days, SLC, Wichita	15	16 Deacon Aspirant Training
17		18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19	20 Red Mass/KCC	21 March for Life, Topeka	22	23
24	31	25	26 Development Advisory Board, 4 pm	27 March For Life, Washington, D.C	28 March For Life, Washington, D.C.	29 March for Life, Washington, D.C.	30 March for Life, Washington, D.C.

***** All scheduled events are tentative at the time of publication. Please check for updates with your parish/chancery

Food & Hygiene Distribution

Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach

Wednesday, December 2

Junction City - JNaz Church	9:00am - 10:00am
Ellsworth - St Bernard Church	10:00am - 11:30am
Norton - St Francis Church	1:00pm - 2:00pm
Herington - St John Church	1:00pm - 2:00pm
Lincoln - Health Dept. (on street)	1:30pm - 2:30pm

Wednesday, December 9

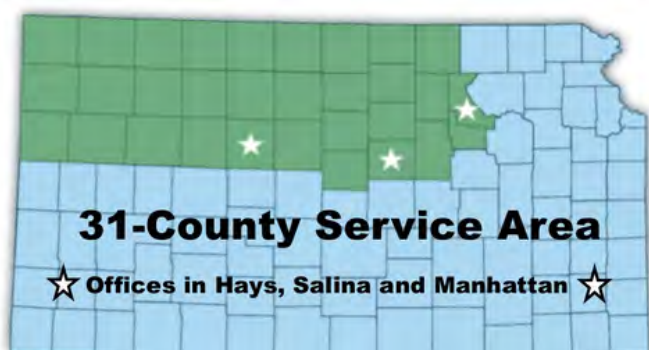
Washington - St Augustine Church	9:30am - 10:30am
WaKeeney - Christ the King Church	10:00am - 11:00am
Wilson - St Wenceslaus Church	10:00am - 11:15am
Mankato - St Theresa Church	12:00pm - 1:00pm
Oakley - St Joseph Church	12:30pm - 1:30pm
Beverly - City Office (on street)	1:00pm - 2:00pm

Wednesday, December 16

Junction City - JCNaz Church	9:00am - 10:00am
Minneapolis - 200 block of N Sheridan	10:00am - 11:15am
Clay Center - St. Peter & Paul Church	1:00pm - 2:00pm
Concordia - OLPH Catholic Church	1:30pm - 3:00pm

Wednesday, December 23

Russell - St. Mary Church	9:00am - 10:00am
Chapman - St. Michael Church	9:30am - 10:30am
Osborne - St. Aloysius Church	10:30am - 11:30am
Abilene - St Andrew Church	11:00am - 12:00pm
Plainville - Sacred Heart Church	1:00pm - 2:00pm
Beloit - St. John Church	1:30pm - 3:00pm



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To Protect



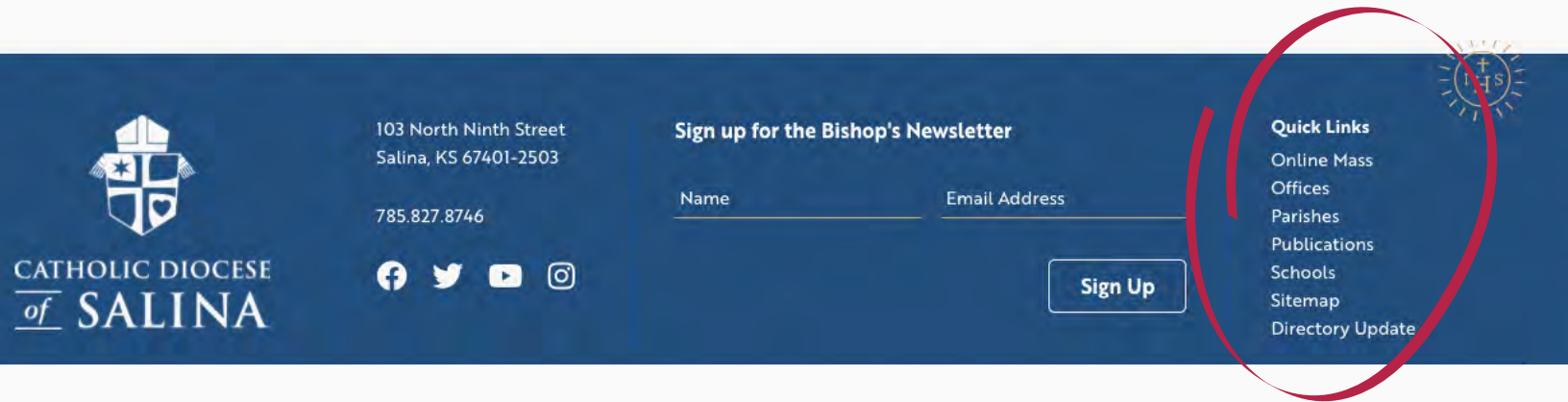
Pledge
To **HEAL**

Call 866-752-8855 #1067

Protecting God's Children, It's Everyone's Job

HOW TO UPDATE MY PARISH INFORMATION

1. Go to salinadiocese.org
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page
3. Click "Directory Update" under Quick Links



HOW TO FILL OUT THE DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM

1. Type your Name
2. Enter your parish name and city
3. Enter your email
4. Let us know what needs to be updated
5. Submit your change

WHO RECEIVES YOUR UPDATE?

Your update is automatically sent to the following offices:

- Communications - Matea Gregg
- Executive Assistant - Abby Sola
- Chancery Receptionist - Brenda Streit
- Development - Melanie Melander

**WHEN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION CHANGES FOR YOUR
PARISH, PLEASE FILL OUT THE
DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM**

- Email
- Phone Number
- Website
- Mass/Confession Times
- Donation Link (if applicable)
- Pastor email
- Pastor Phone Number

**FOR ANY OTHER WEBSITE
QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS,
PLEASE CONTACT:**

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