

THE SHEPHERD

April 26th, 2024

Day of Prayer in Atonement for those Harmed by Sexual Abuse

April 26th is a day to devote to prayer in atonement for those harmed by sexual abuse in the Catholic Church.

The April date was chosen because April is also Child Abuse Prevention month. Parishes in our diocese will employ the Mass that day for "Reconciliation".

Petitions at Mass will include prayers for atonement for any grave harm caused by members of the Church as well as for the healing of those who have suffered and continue to suffer because of past sexual abuse.

We continue to remain hopeful, but to never forget the pain, the sorrow and devastation sexual abuse caused for many in our Catholic communities.

If you are unable to attend this day of prayer at your own parish, there are many ways to participate in private;
light a candle



spend time in Adoration
pray for healing

participate in Stations of the Cross
recite the rosary



We pray for ongoing efforts in the healing and reconciliation of those who have suffered this betrayal of trust. We pray for continued success of the Church's prevention efforts in making safer environments for our children and educating adults to support awareness of sexual abuse.

We will never really know how many victims or survivors there are, as many people hold this personal harm in private. As these masses, prayers and petitions are offered we are hopeful that those harmed may experience God's healing love.

*For more information please contact the Safe Environment Office
785-827-8746 #124*

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep"

~John 10: 14-15

All parishes and schools are reminded to place this announcement dated 7-23 in their parish bulletins and/or school newsletters/websites quarterly, then provide the Safe Environment Office a copy for diocesan files. If you need to change the format, please contact the SE office.

Report allegations of the abuse of a minor to the Department of Children and Families

800.922.5330

KBI Crime Hotline

800.572.7463

If you suspect abuse of a minor by church or school personnel, in addition to contacting civil authorities,

the diocese provides a confidential

Hotline: 866.752.8855 ext.1067

Website: reportandprotect.com

Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org

Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator

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 a confidential

Hotline: 800.276.1562

Website: reportbishopabuse.org

The Diocese of Salina complies with Kansas laws regarding reporting suspected abuse to civil authorities and cooperates with civil authorities investigating reports of suspected abuse by all persons, including but not limited to Church

Personnel.



Questions regarding reporting should be directed to the Safe Environment Office Diocese of Salina -785.827. 8746

God is light; and in him there is no darkness. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another."

1 John 1:5-7



Thank you for all you do as we continue to provide safe environments for our children to learn, pray and grow!

Wendy

CMGConnect

Safety Coordinators, please be sure your data base is current!

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April is the month when child wellness and child welfare organizations across the U.S. elevate the importance of creating systems and programs that put children and families first. Kansas Children’s Service League offers various child abuse prevention, and strengthening families trainings. These online trainings are free and open for anyone to attend. Click [here](#) for a schedule and description of classes offered.

TOGETHER WE CAN PREVENT CHILD ABUSE



2024 SAFETY COORDINATOR SHOUT – OUTS

During the month of March we recognized

Shelly Wahlmeier

Shelly started volunteering with the parish of St Joseph’s New Almelo in 2000, when she moved to the area. She started teaching the Confirmation Classes and led the CYO group for a several years. In 2017, Shelly started as the DRE and Safety Coordinator. Still teaching faith formation, she moved from Confirmation class to First Communion class. When there are not enough students to offer a First Communion Class or a Confirmation Class, Shelly teaches wherever she is needed. In January, Shelly started with St Francis of Assisi Parish in Norton as their Safety Coordinator. She loves the kids and the St Joseph’s Parish, which is like a family. She is still good friends with the kids from her first year of teaching, those relationships she has made along the way is why she continues the work. In her spare time, she is helping plan weddings for her two children, Jazzmin and Joaquin, and helping her husband, Dan, at home.

Shelly is a great addition to the Safety Coordinator Team in the diocese. Shelly is always willing to help whenever and wherever she is needed. She is compassionate and understanding, and it is evident that she enjoys her role at both St. Joseph and St. Francis. Her cheerful countenance is what I admire most about her. We greatly appreciate all of Shelly’s hard work and commitment, and everything she does as she continues to create a safe environment for everyone in New Almelo and Norton. Her daily prayer: “Jesus, I trust in you. Thy will be done. I give you my will, please give me Yours in return.” – Luisa Piccarreta

PREVIOUS SHOUT-OUTS:

- FEBRUARY 2024 AMY HUDSON - TMP MARIAN SCHOOL - HAYS, KS
- JANUARY 2024 AMANDA MARTIN - OLPH - GOODLAND, KS



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 the possibility of
 help and healing.
 There is hope
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