

THE SHEPHERD

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your never-ending love and blessing. As this school year begins, bless our children with success in their studies and activities. Grant them courage and motivation to do their best at all times.

Amen



"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 the announcement below (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.

Another summer has come and gone, our schools and parishes are once again filled with children!

As we continue to elevate our Safe Environment Program for the Diocese of Salina, please ensure you are including in your programs information we discussed during our TEAMS meetings this summer. I look forward to another great year with you all and thank you for the work you do as we continue our mission;

PROMISE TO PROTECT PLEDGE TO HEAL.

Please contact me with any questions you may have!

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CMGConnect

When emailing your Certification Status Sheets and Safety Coordinator Checklist to the Safe Environment Office

(wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org) before October 1, please include a print-out from the a **CMGConnect DATABASE**.


I understand that many of you may still be trying to secure catechists or possibly other staff members/employees, and that date may not be possible. If that may the situation for you, please let me know, so I can make note in your file that those forms will be forthcoming.

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





BOUNDARIES

Unless someone crosses the line, most people don't think about personal boundaries. But, learning about boundaries is the first step to personal safety. Boundaries may be physical, emotional, mental, behavioral or spiritual. They can also involve language. Teaching boundary safety is not an easy task, it may be uncomfortable at first. One lesson may not be enough. It is important for us to watch for signs in ourselves and others that indicate that boundaries may be violated. Respecting physical boundaries is one way of showing the dignity and respect that God wants for each of us as God's creation. The more we know about boundary safety the more we can do to protect our children and give to them a lifetime of healthy relationships. Pray for wisdom and guidance to live within your own boundaries. Boundaries are not meant to push others away, boundaries are meant to help hold us together.

2023 SAFETY COORDINATOR SHOUT – OUTS

DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WE RECOGNIZED AND HONORED CODY MARINTZER. CODY IS THE SAFETY COORDINATOR OF ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA IN HAYS, KS. CODY AND HIS WIFE KAREN HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 18 AMAZING YEARS AND ARE BLESSED WITH 7 WONDERFUL CHILDREN. CODY STARTED WORK WITH ST. NICHOLAS PARISH SEVERAL YEARS AGO BY TAKING COUPLES THROUGH MARRIAGE PREPARATION, AND ALSO DOING BAPTISM PREPARATION. HE RECENTLY ACCEPTED A FULL TIME POSITION WITH ST. NICHOLAS TO CONTINUE WITH THOSE MINISTRIES AND TO ALSO PUT ON THE HAT OF PARISH FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR AND SAFETY COORDINATOR. CODY HAS BEEN A GREAT ADDITION TO THE SAFETY COORDINATOR TEAM IN THE DIOCESE AS HIS ATTENTION TO DETAIL, EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION SKILLS, DEDICATION AND HARD WORK ARE WHAT STAND OUT THE MOST! WE GREATLY APPRECIATE ALL OF CODY'S WORK AND ALL HE DOES AT ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA.

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love." ~ St. Therese of Lisieux.

PREVIOUS SHOUT - OUTS | MAY 2023 MICHELLE COONROD - MANHATTAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL - MANHATTAN
 APRIL 2023 TRACY PERRET - HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY - HAYS MARCH 2023 CHRISTINA WHITEHAIR - ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL - ABILENE;
 FEBRUARY 2023 SUSAN KISNER - IHM PARISH - HAYS JANUARY 2023 MICHELE GOSCHA-LAUMANN - ST. MARY'S PARISH - SMITH CENTER

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To Protect  **Pledge**
To HEAL

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Believe in
 the possibility of
 help and healing.
 There is hope
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