

THE SHEPHERD



BE OUR LIGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF THE RISEN CHRIST,
BE WITH US TODAY AND ALWAYS.
BE OUR LIGHT, OUR GUIDE, AND OUR COMFORTER.
BE OUR STRENGTH, OUR COURAGE, AND OUR SANCTIFIER.
MAY THIS NEW YEAR BE A TIME OF DEEP
SPIRITUAL GROWTH FOR US,
A TIME OF WELCOMING YOUR GRACES AND GIFTS,
A TIME FOR FORGIVING FREELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY,
A TIME FOR GROWING IN VIRTUE AND GOODNESS.
COME, HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US TODAY AND ALWAYS.

-AUTHOR UNKNOWN

I just want to give a shout-out to all of the parish and school Safety Coordinators in the Diocese of Salina.

I want to thank you for your commitment as you continue to keep our children safe.

Your dedication to our diocese is greatly appreciated.

Many blessings to you and your families in the new year!

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Your continued support and patience is greatly appreciated.

Please contact the Safe Environment Office if you have questions or need assistance.



"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



Our school children and our parishioners are our greatest gifts and our greatest resources. Ensuring the safety of children is an ongoing process that involves collaboration and cooperation on many fronts.

There are hard working people throughout the diocese at the parish and school level who are committed to helping the diocese create safe environments for our students to learn, pray and grow, and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Diocese of Salina's Safe Environment program continues to, and is dedicated to raising awareness and reduce risk throughout the diocese. If you would like to commit to helping with this endeavor please contact the Safe Environment Office 785-827-8746 or your local school or parish.



2023 SAFETY COORDINATOR SHOUT – OUTS

DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER WE RECOGNIZED NANCY SHERFFIUS. NANCY IS THE SAFETY COORDINATOR OF ST. MARY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE IN SALINA, KS. NANCY HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF ST. MARY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE PARISH SINCE 1989 WHEN SHE MOVED TO SALINA AFTER TEACHING BUSINESS CLASSES FOR 14 YEARS AT CONCORDIA (KANSAS) HIGH SCHOOL. SHE BECAME THE FULL-TIME DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION AND PASTORAL ASSISTANT IN 2000; THE PARISH SAFETY COORDINATOR BECAME PART OF HER RESPONSIBILITIES. SHE HAS BEEN FORTUNATE THAT ST. MARY PARISHIONERS HAVE BEEN VERY UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATIVE IN WORKING TOWARD VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION. NANCY SHARES THIS RECOGNITION WITH ALL THE SAFETY COORDINATORS WHO WORK TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE WHEN WORKING WITH ADULT MINISTERS. NANCY HAS BEEN A GREAT ADDITION TO THE SAFETY COORDINATOR TEAM IN THE DIOCESE AS HER ATTENTION TO DETAIL, SELF-AWARENESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY ARE WHAT STAND OUT THE MOST! WE GREATLY APPRECIATE ALL OF NANCY'S WORK AND ALL SHE DOES AT ST. MARY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE PARISH IN SALINA, ESPECIALLY AS SHE CONTINUES TO CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE STUDENTS AT THE PARISH.

PREVIOUS SHOUT - OUTS

- NOVEMBER 2023 - DONNA BENOIT - ST. JOSEPH PARISH - DAMAR
- OCTOBER 2023 - STACEY HALBGEWACHS - ST. BERNARDS - ELLSWORTH
- SEPTEMBER 2023 - CODY MARINTZER - ST. NICHOLAS - HAYS
- 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

A BIG thank you to all who received recognition in 2023!

PROMISE To Protect  **Pledge** To HEAL

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Believe in
the possibility of
help and healing.
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