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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.

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION is December 11-12.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is Wednesday, December 8. The Chancery will be closed.

RUNNIN' REVS SALINA is scheduled for December 18 at Sacred Heart High School in Salina at 6 P.M. All are welcome and encouraged to come out for some fun entertainment and to show support for our seminarians!

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

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD is on Saturday, January 1.

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.

DICIEMBRE – Una donación a las Hermanas Católicas de los Estados Unidos contra la Trata de Personas (USCSAHT) puede marcar una diferencia en nuestros esfuerzos para enfrentar la pandemia de la trata de personas. Las Hermanas Católicas de los Estados Unidos contra la Trata de Personas es una organización 501 © (3) (sistersagainstrafficking.org), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP (cont.)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

PRIEST RENEWAL DAYS are January 10-13th in Wichita at the Spiritual Life Center.

DIOCESAN MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE is January 19-24th in Washington, D.C.
The Topeka March for Life Rally will be Friday, January 21.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK begins Sunday, January 30th and runs through February 5th.
“Faith. Excellence. Service.” Is this year’s theme.

OFFICE OF LITURGY

LITURGY:

1. The evening Mass on Saturday, December 25, satisfies the obligation for the Sunday (Holy Family). However, the readings and prayers are for Christmas. Remember, there are four Christmas Masses: Vigil, Mass During the Night, Dawn, and Day. So, the Saturday evening Mass should be the Mass of Christmas Day.

There is no need to announce this; it will only confuse people. Undoubtedly, some will ask, after the Saturday evening Mass, if it fulfills their Sunday obligation even though it was a Christmas Mass. It does. The obligation is fulfilled according to the time it was celebrated, not according to the readings and prayers.

2. The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, January 1, falls on a Saturday and, therefore, is not obligatory. The evening Mass that day is the Vigil Mass of Epiphany.

OFFICE OF EDUCATION

TEACHER’S INSTITUTE: Teachers across the diocese gathered in Salina on Friday, November 12 for the annual Teachers’ Institute. Much of the day was spent learning more about [the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching](#) and how to incorporate the themes into our classrooms. Teachers also had an opportunity to collaborate with one another. Recognition for years of service was awarded for teachers who completed milestone years.

TESTING: Students in our Catholic Schools completed ITBS Testing during the month of November. The Iowa Test of Basic Skills is one of the standardized tests the diocese uses for accreditation purposes.

ACCREDITATION: Schools continue to work diligently towards accreditation on our final year of a five-year cycle. Each school will be visited in the spring to assess progress. This is the first time that the schools have worked together towards accreditation as a diocese.

Be sure to check your parish bulletins and school websites for upcoming events at schools.

PRIEST COUNCIL

PRIEST COUNCIL DUES: A reminder that we are still collecting dues for the July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, fiscal year. Dues are \$25.00 again this year. Please make checks payable to Priests' Council or you can send payments through: PayPal - @frjoek or Venmo - @Joseph-Kieffer-10

Mail checks to: Fr. Joseph Kieffer P.O. Box 395, Hanover, KS 66945-0395

OFFICE OF PUBLICATIONS

CATHOLIC CONVERSATIONS DRIVE: (formerly called the Publications Drive). Thank you for your continued support of our publications. Please share this video on your parish website and social media pages: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSuHTOvsoiY>

Additionally, please include the below announcement in your parish bulletins. (It is different from last month's announcement.)

Our diocesan publications, faith magazine and The Register, are one way our diocese evangelizes the faithful. All publications are delivered at no-cost to nearly 16,000 Catholic households in our diocese. Please consider a donation of \$35 to offset the cost to produce, print and mail our publications. Make your gift online at salinadiocese.org or mail a check to P.O. Box 980, Salina, KS 67420-0980.

ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS: Please share stories and photos from your parish or Catholic school to Katie at theregister@salinadiocese.org

December paper Content due: December 3

January paper Content due: November 7

February paper Content due: January 30 (note the early due date – I'll be taking vacation within the second and third week of February. The early deadline will help keep me sane!)

ADVERTISEMENTS: If you know of local business interested in advertising in our publications, please direct them to theregister@salinadiocese.org or 785.827.8746

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

THANK YOU to all of the great people in our diocese who helped our young people experience NCYC. Over 600 of our diocesan high school students were able to experience NCYC live in Indianapolis, as well as countless others who attended virtually.

These trips don't happen without the support and sacrifice of our parish's families.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the CYO Convention. The Convention will be on April 2nd and 3rd. We will be sending out registration information to your parish soon.

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY (cont.)

WE ARE TAKING APPLICATIONS for leaders for our summer youth programs. We need dynamic college and young adults who are willing to help lead our programs this summer. If you know anyone that would be a good fit for these programs, please have them fill out the application or send their contact information to me, and I will reach out to them. **We will be looking to have interviews for these positions over Christmas break and all positions hired by the first part of January**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFWi9TTegsernfnKmBokZNgxE4kwa0VdodVsMqhcw2RYSRw/viewform?usp=sf_link

PRAYER AND ACTION: We are starting preparation for our summer programs and need a host community on the western side of the diocese. If your community would be willing to host, please let us know.

TOTUS TUUS: Check in the January SDNB for information on reserving a week for this summer's Totus Tuus program.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

MOBILE OUTREACH: Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach vans will be bringing boxes of food and hygiene items, as well as diapers, laundry detergent and other necessities to families in Plainville, Oakley, Norton, WaKeeney, Russell, Ellsworth, Beverly, Wilson, Lincoln, Beloit, Osborne, Washington, Mankato, Concordia, Clay Center, Minneapolis, Abilene, Chapman, Junction City and Herington. The Mobile Outreach Vans travel on Wednesdays each month. The December Mobile Outreach schedule is attached.

ANNUAL APPEAL: The “Together, We Can!” 2021 Annual Appeal has kicked off! During this beautiful time, our diocese has joined together in support of Catholic Charities mission to provide compassionate services to all people in need throughout Northern Kansas. Your patronage provides vital needs and services to those struggling in our communities. To make your donation to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal visit ccnks.org/annualappeal

A SPECIAL THANK YOU: This sweet message comes from Sandra Gonzalez, a woman who received Immigration Support from Catholic Charities. Thanks to the generosity of donors like YOU, Sandra is legally reunited with her children in the United States and can adequately provide for her family. “If it were not for Catholic Charities, I would not have my kids with me. If I were not able to get my kids, I would not be here,” Sandra said. “Catholic Charities cared about me as a person, and it is because of them that I have my family back.” Read Sandra’s story in the most recent Hands of Hope Newsletter at ccnks.org/bulletins



OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to those participating in parish and school visits during the month of November. I enjoyed our visits, 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 our programs. We appreciate your hard work and dedication.

REQUIRED FORMS - Safety coordinators of parishes and schools, thank you to those who have already returned your Certification Status sheet(s) and Commitment form to the Safe Environment Office. If you have not yet met this requirement, please do so as soon as possible so these can be verified and filed. If you need a copy of either of these forms, please email wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org

CHILDREN'S TRAINING DATA REPORT FORM 2021-2022 – This form is to be returned to the Safe Environment Office before January 1, 2022. It can be returned through email or regular mail. If you have any questions or if your parish/school will not have their training completed before this date, please let me know so I make a note in your file. Thank you to all those who have already returned this form.

ALL PARISHES AND SCHOOLS are reminded to insert the Safe Environment announcement, quarterly, in their parish bulletins, school newsletters and websites, AND email or mail a hard copy to the Safe Environment Office for filing. Please be sure this announcement is legible. If you need a new word version or pdf of the announcement, please contact the Safe Environment Office. 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 2020. Please be sure you are using the announcement that is dated 7/2020. (See below), when inserting in bulletins and newsletters. 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>
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OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DEAR CLERGY AND PARISH STAFF,

If you haven't already heard, I have decided to resign from my position as the communications director and fulfill my dream of being a stay-at-home mom as I am expecting another son this coming spring.

It has been a true blessing working for the diocese and getting to know each of you. You have treated me like family, which has made this decision rather hard. I hope that I am able to return one day, but for now, I am just a phone call away if you ever need anything. My last day will be December 30th. Please keep in touch. My personal details are below.

God bless you all!

Colleen Augustine

Email: Creardon23@gmail.com

Cell phone: (913) 748-9050

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS PHOTOS: If your parish is decorated for Advent and/or Christmas, please send us photos to share on our social media to communications.office@salinadiocese.org

PARISH EVENTS: If you have any parish events you would like to have added to our diocese website calendar, please submit it by clicking "Submit Event" in the Quick links at the bottom of the website (salinadiocese.org) or clicking this link:

<https://salinadiocese.typeform.com/to/Og6aB42a>

MASS TIMES: If you have any Mass or confession times that have recently changed, please submit a directory change by clicking "Directory Update" in the Quick links at the bottom of the website salinadiocese.org or clicking this link: <https://salinadiocese.typeform.com/to/kTH1yRoS>

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Twitter: [@SalinaDiocese](https://twitter.com/SalinaDiocese) YouTube:

[Salina_Diocese](https://www.youtube.com/salinadioceseks) or www.youtube.com/salinadioceseks

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR DIOCESE OF SALINA



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Thank you for your continued support and promotion of the appeal. As of November 16, we have \$1,942,368.97 pledged from 4,003 donors. And gifts are still coming in and will continue to be counted until Dec. 31, 2021.

Melanie/Laurie will continue to send goal reports on Tuesday afternoons. Thank you for sharing your parish progress towards goal with your parishioners. They are responding generously!

Nearly all assets have been designed for the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share. In January, you will be receiving a parish resource manual, poster and audio homily. Be sure to mark your calendars for important appeal dates:

February 19-20, 2022	Kick-off weekend
April 2-3, 2022	Participation weekend

In late January/early February, Katie G. will be sending out social media promotional materials for you to share on your parish social media platforms and website. Additionally, a special issue of faith will be released in early February. Please share these resources.

Last year we started a new “parish champion” project. It was well-received, and we’d like to try again. **If there are individuals/families in your parish who are active Catholics and support the appeal, please send their names and contact information to Katie G.** (Katherine.greenwood@salinadiocese.org).

Here are links to the videos we made last year. We were happily surprised by the level of interaction they received.

- Concordia - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_n_Km8Ai5gw
- Manhattan - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KuDIBK7W0gg>
- Atwood - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3Oxl7IJZRw>
- Salina - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AC_rXVfl_Vg&t=1s

Sharing our thanks: Please continue to share the 2021 appeal thank you video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPUj4iuli-g&t=2s> and social media posts on your parish platforms and websites.

#iGiveCatholic: There are 35 organizations participating in #iGiveCatholic this year. Advanced giving has been open since November 15 and giving day will take place November 30, 2021. If you have questions, contact Melanie Melander (melanie.melander@salinadiocese.org).

Parishioner list: Thank you for your help in keeping our parish and parishioner records up to date. We really appreciate it! If you haven't yet, please send your list with any updates to Laurie or Melanie. (laurie.trautwein@salinadiocese.org or melanie.melander@salinadiocese.org) This is the mailing list for the Register and faith magazine. Please let us know if you have questions.

Year-end gifts: It is never too early to put something in your bulletins promoting year-end giving. Large amounts of gifts are given to charities during the last quarter of the year. And especially in 2021, there are many tax incentives individuals can benefit from by supporting their parish, school, Call to Share, or other Catholic ministry. Click [here](#) to view an article explaining these benefits.

You are welcome to include any pieces of this article in your bulletins. Use whatever you can, but always include a disclaimer similar to ... “This information is provided for educational purposes only. It is not intended as tax, legal or financial advice. Consult your personal financial advisor or tax attorney for information specific to your situation.”

If you have questions, please contact Beth Shearer at beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org or 785-8746.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE & RESPECT LIFE

ADORATION TO DEFEAT ~~ABORTION~~! Join Catholics across the country in Eucharistic adoration on December 1, when the Supreme Court hears the landmark pro-life case, Dobbs vs Jackson Women's Health. We **STRONGLY** encourage all parishes to have at least 1 hour of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration on December 1 to pray for this cause. If your parish is unable to offer exposition, please encourage the organization of Adoration in front of the tabernacle throughout the day for your parishioners. This could be the most important pro-life event in recent history! To register your parish as a place supporting and open to any type of Adoration for this cause please register [HERE](#).

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER weekends are scheduled the following dates in 2022:

February 11-13, 2022

April 1-3, 2022

June 10-12, 2022

Additional late summer and fall dates will be announced mid-summer 2022. Registration is available online at the diocesan website. The registration cost for the weekend was raised to \$300, due to an increase in accommodations cost. Please encourage your couples to participate in these weekends.

2022 MARCH FOR LIFE registration closed on December 1. If you missed the deadline, and still have a desire to go, there may still be a possibility. Contact Rick Binder at rick.binder@salinadiocese.org.

2022 IGNITE for Life is a great alternative to those unable to make the pilgrimage to DC!

What Is IGNITE for Life? IGNITE for Life is an opportunity for all of those who believe in the sanctity of life from the moment of conception to come together to pray and stand in public witness for the defense of unborn children in Kansas and throughout the United States. The IGNITE for Life event takes place every year near January 22nd which is the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. We are praying this year specifically for the passage of the Value Them Both Kansas Constitutional Amendment on August 2nd, 2022.

IGNITE will kick off with Praise & Worship music from the band All Things I Am, followed by dynamic messages from pro-life speakers including our keynote speaker, Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life. We will then celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the Bishops of Kansas along with many Kansas priests. Finally, all are invited to march to the state capitol to join the Kansans for Life Rally.

While the event is FREE, they do ask for registration. To find out more information or to register for the event, visit <https://archkck.org/prolife/activities/ignite/>.

Please use the attached flyer to promote IGNITE for Life at your parish!

January 2022

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
								1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God New Year's Day
2		3		4	5	6	7	8
9		10 Priest Renewal Days, Wichita		11 Priest Renewal Days, Wichita	12 Priest Renewal Days, Wichita	13 Priest Renewal Days, Wichita	14	15
16		17 Martin Luther King Day CHANCERY CLOSED		18	19 March for Life Pilgrimage, D.C.	20 March for Life Pilgrimage, D.C.	21 March for Life Pilgrimage, D.C. Deacon Candidate Formation, Great Bend, Jan. 21-23	22 March for Life Pilgrimage, D.C.
23 March for Life Pilgrimage, D.C.	30 Catholic Schools week begins	24	31	25 Ignite for Life Rally Rally for Life, Topeka		27	28	29

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

Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach

FOOD & HYGIENE DISTRIBUTION

Wednesday, December 1

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 8

Washington - St Augustine Church	9:30am - 10:30am
WaKeeney - Christ the King Church	10:00am - 10:30am
WaKeeney - Keeney Village	10:30am - 11am
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 15

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 22

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

IGNITE

YOUTH RALLY
AND MASS FOR
LIFE

Come Holy Spirit, set our hearts aflame to defend life!

TOPEKA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER JANUARY 25, 2022

- 8:30AM DOORS OPEN
- 9:00AM SPEAKER PROGRAM
- 10:30AM MASS WITH THE BISHOPS OF KANSAS
- 12:00 PM MARCH TO CAPITOL FOR KANSANS FOR LIFE RALLY
- 1:00 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. MATER DEI PARISH, 10TH & CLAY



KEYNOTE: KRISTAN HAWKINS
President of Students
for Life of America



**MASS WITH THE
BISHOPS OF KANSAS**



**MUSIC BY
ALL THINGS I AM**



PRO LIFE OFFICE
Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas

**FOR INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER VISIT:
[ARCHKCK.ORG/IGNITE](https://archkck.org/ignite)**

This free event is intended for youth, but all are welcome!