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## **OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

**SCHOOLS** - Thank you to all the parishes and schools I was able to visit during Catholic Schools Week in February. It was a blessing to be with you all. Thank you to all the administrators, teachers and staff of our schools. Your care of and ministry to our young people is inspiring.

**THANK YOU** for supporting the *Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share* within your parishes. I am excited and hopeful that we will reach our goal!

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is March 2.

**FRIDAY'S DURING LENT** Bishop Vincke will offer the 12:05 P.M. Mass at the Cathedral, followed by a light lunch and short presentation in the Hall of Bishops.

## **rites of Election**

Salina, Sacred Heart Cathedral  
Hays, St. Nicholas of Myra

March 6, 3:00 P.M.  
March 13, 3:00 P.M.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION** is on Friday March 25. When a solemnity falls on a Friday, even during Lent, it is not a day of abstinence (can. 1251). Please take the opportunity to celebrate this special solemnity of Mary's Fiat!

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION** will take place on March 27th. This collection offers funding for Catholic Relief Services to help with response to any international relief efforts. You can learn more by visiting <http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-relief-services-collection/collection/index.cfm>.

**CHRISM MASS** is on Thursday, April 7 beginning at 11:30 A.M. Following Mass there will be a luncheon at the Hall of Bishop. Please make every attempt to attend. Thank you.

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION** will take place on Good Friday, April 15th. Thank you for promoting this important collection in your parishes.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING** inserts for your bulletin can be found below:

**March** – Learn about *Labeling for Lent*, a national initiative of the Coalition of Catholic Organizations against Human Trafficking; include human trafficking issues in your prayers in church and with other groups; contribute to help abolish this crime. . U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 ([sistersagainsttrafficking.org](http://sistersagainsttrafficking.org))

## **OFFICE OF THE BISHOP (cont.)**

**Marzo** - Aprenda sobre el etiquetado para la Cuaresma, una iniciativa nacional de la Coalición de Organizaciones Católicas contra la Trata de Personas; que incluye temas de trata de personas en sus oraciones en la iglesia y con otros grupos; contribuir a ayudar a abolir este delito. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking es una organización 501 c (3), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

## **OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR**

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS** can sometimes be overlooked at the parish level. Recently, a series of strange letters from the same person were left at or delivered to parishes in the western part of the diocese. The incidents were reported to local, state and national authorities due to the nature of the letters and the individual's unusual behavior with parish staff. While there does not appear to be any immediate danger, the current political, economic and social environment on top of recent weather-related emergency events give good reason to review your parish and/or school emergency preparedness plans.

**PARISH PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS** are an important part of a successful and thriving parish. Each Parish Council and Finance Council should have its own constitution and bylaws appropriate for the community they serve. The Diocesan Policy Handbook may be used as a guide in creating or updating your constitutions and bylaws but cannot serve in their place. The Parish Pastoral Council is under the leadership of the Pastor who should preside over it. Its purpose is to assist in the pastoral activities of the parish. The Parish Finance Council is a requirement of Canon Law and assists the pastor in the administration of the goods of the parish with the understanding that the pastor represents the parish. In many of our small communities, the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council consist of the same individuals. If this is the case, it should be specifically stated in the constitutions and bylaws created that jointly serve both the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council. If you have not recently reviewed or updated the constitutions and bylaws of these councils in your parish, please consider doing so.

## **OFFICE OF RURAL LIFE**

**ST. ISIDORE'S DAY**, May 15, will be in the East Deanery. St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover will host the 2022 St. Isidore's Day observance for the Diocese of Salina. Since May 15th is a Sunday, the observance will be on Monday, May 16th. St. Isidore's Day is observed with visits to rural agriculture business, farms or institutions. In addition, we have blessings of the flocks and fields. Mass is offered, usually with the bishop officiating, followed by a dinner for participants. More information will be available as we get closer to the date.

**RURAL LIFE DAY** will be in August at one of the parishes in the West Central Deanery. If you have parishioners interested in the Msgr. John George Weber Century Farm Award, have them check the diocesan website under Rural Life for more information. Deadline for applications is August 1st. For further information, contact Fr. Rich Daise, (785) 625-7357 or [frrich@sacredheartcolby.com](mailto:frrich@sacredheartcolby.com)

## **PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH**

**MISSION COOPERATIVE 2022** - The diocese has confirmed agreements with the 2022 Mission Cooperative groups. In the next couple of weeks, parishes will be receiving contact information for their mission cooperative presenters. If you have not received your 2022 Mission Cooperative contact information by March 21, please contact Brenda Streit at the Chancery.

## **OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

**COMPLIANCE** - Safety Coordinators, along with checking the CMGConnect database, please review your files and make sure you have sent ALL required documentation to the Safe Environment Office. This includes certification status forms, children's data report form and bulletin announcements. It is imperative that this information be on file and up-to-date to maintain compliance in your parishes and schools in the diocese. Please review the Safe Environment Program Handbook or contact the Safe Environment Office if you have questions.

**APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** - a time to act collectively to raise awareness and empower people across our diocese to play a role in making great childhoods happen. Last year, on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, to raise awareness here at the Chancery, the staff all wore blue, as wearing blue connects you with millions of others who support child abuse prevention efforts. Along with wearing blue, the Chancery staff was also able to select promotional items and prayer cards from the "expo table" which was set up in the breakroom. Our chancery staff praying, promoting and being a voice for our children. Protecting children, it is everyone's job.

What can you do in your own parish/school to raise awareness? To find ideas in educating your own community about child abuse prevention and begin to coordinate events during the month of April, [click here](#)

During Child Abuse Prevention Month, we are reminded of the call to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, which includes the protection of children. As Jesus entrusts to Peter the care of the flock, we too must remember this responsibility belongs to everyone.

## **OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**REVIEW WEBSITE PAGES** - As we begin the new year, please take a moment to review your parish or school page on our diocesan website. If you see any information that needs changed or updated, please submit a directory change by clicking "Directory Update" in the Quick links at the bottom of the website [salinadiocese.org](https://salinadiocese.org) or clicking this link: <https://salinadiocese.typeform.com/to/kTH1yRoS>. We want to make sure we have accurate and updated information on our website, and we thank you for taking the time to review your pages.

**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](https://salinadiocese.org)) or clicking this link: <https://salinadiocese.typeform.com/to/Og6aB42a>

## **OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS (cont.)**

**AUDIO FAITH MAGAZINE:** Have you listened to *faith* magazine - “Discovering the beauty of the Mass” audio version? We’re excited about this new series on From the Heart podcast. Every article is being recorded and will be made available. The next *faith* magazine - “Discovering the beauty of the Eucharist” will be available later this month. Please be sure to tell your parishioners to tune in! Visit <https://open.spotify.com/show/3JZVJbr9ocp9C7LJma7Mxj> or [salinadiocese.org](http://salinadiocese.org)

## **OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**CYO CONVENTION** - Please mark your calendars for the 2022 CYO Convention. The Convention will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Sacred Heart Jr/Sr High School in Salina. We sent out registration forms for the convention on January 15<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is *Come, Holy Spirit!*

Please check out our website for more information. You will also find all the registration forms there as well. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-youth-ministry/cyo-convention/>

**PRAYER AND ACTION** - We have begun making reservations for Prayer and Action 2022. The forms and information are on our website. Reservations will be held for your parish once we have the registration forms and money at the Salina Diocese. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-youth-ministry/prayer-and-action/>

**TOTUS TUUS** - because of all the great candidates that applied for the summer youth leadership positions, we could open another team for Totus Tuus which helped us get some parishes off the waiting list. We need to fill that team up now and still have the following spots open. Totus Tuus is a great program, and you are going to want to bring one of our Totus Tuus teams to your parish. They are amazing young people who will bring great things to the young people of your parish.

1 Spot-July 11th-15<sup>th</sup>

**JUNIOR CYO CAMP** - We will be meeting with Rock Springs to finalize everything on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration will open on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. All the information you will need can be found on our website. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-youth-ministry/junior-cyo-camp/>

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER** - Please sign up if you are not already getting our weekly newsletter. This newsletter is the best way for a Parish Leader, DRE or Jr. CYO/ CYO leader to keep up with what is happening in our Salina Diocese Youth Ministry and Religious Education programs. You can sign up by using the link or scanning the QR Code

<http://eepurl.com/hMHHnj>



## **OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

**PANDEMIC** - Our schools have been monitoring the pandemic, and we have seen a steep decline in positive cases in our schools over the last three weeks. Our school leaders, teachers, and families have done an excellent job navigating the pandemic and keeping our schools safe.

**STATE CHAMPS!** – Congratulations to Tipton Catholic - 1A Div. II - and Sacred Heart – 2A, who brought home the State Title for Scholars Bowl!

**ACCREDITATION** – The visit to our schools from the accreditation team is set for March 22-24 and will be virtual. The team will interview principals, teachers, parents and students about progress towards our three goals. Our schools are looking to be the first diocese in the state to be accredited as a group of schools instead of individually.

Promoting Viable Catholic Schools  
Integration of Technology  
College and Career Readiness

**FIND US ONLINE** – to learn more about our schools, visit  
<https://salinadiocese.org/office/catholic-schools/> or find us on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/salinadiocesecatholicschools>

## **OFFICE OF PUBLICATIONS**

**ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS** - Please share stories and photos from your parish or Catholic school to Katie at [theregister@salinadiocese.org](mailto:theregister@salinadiocese.org)

March paper	Content due: March 4
April paper	Content due: April 1

Thank you for your help with providing content for our publications. I really rely on your assistance to make our publications enjoyable for our readers.

**ADVERTISEMENTS** - If you know of local business interested in advertising in our publications, please direct them to [theregister@salinadiocese.org](mailto:theregister@salinadiocese.org) or 785.827.8746

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

**OUTREACH SERVICES** - Catholic Charities Outreach Services vans will be bringing boxes of food and hygiene items, as well as diapers, laundry detergent and other necessities to individuals and families in Plainville, Oakley, Norton, WaKeeney, Russell, Ellsworth, Beverly, Wilson, Lincoln, Beloit, Osborne, Washington, Mankato, Concordia, Clay Center, Minneapolis, Abilene, Chapman, Oberlin, Hoxie, Belleville, Junction City and Herington. The Mobile Outreach Vans travel on Wednesdays each month. The March Outreach Services schedule is attached. You can also view the full Outreach Services schedule at [ccnks.org/outreach](http://ccnks.org/outreach).

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES (cont.)**

**MATCH MADNESS** - Catholic Charities is participating in Greater Salina Community Foundation's Match Madness Giving Day on March 24, 2022! During this life-changing event, all donations made to Catholic Charities endowment fund will be matched up to 50%, multiplying your impact! When you support Catholic Charities during Match Madness, you are directly supporting our mission to provide compassionate care to all people in need throughout northern Kansas. To learn more about Match Madness or make a gift on March 24, visit [www.matchmadnessgscf.org](http://www.matchmadnessgscf.org).

**IMMIGRATION** - Sometimes, Catholic Charities is mentioned in national news in connection with immigration issues, which can spark many questions about our services. Here is our response: At Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas, which serves the 31 counties of the Salina Diocese, our immigration department's mission is to assist immigrants in obtaining and maintaining their legal status in the United States. Our team works with an immigration attorney to provide affordable services to these folks so that cost is not a barrier to them in obtaining legal status, as many private immigration attorneys are very expensive.

All dollars donated to Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas remain in our diocese to support the mission of our local organization. We take direction from a local board of directors, including Bishop Vincke. What you may see happening nationally or on the news is not directly connected to our specific agency.

At the end of the day, as Catholics, our mission is to serve all humans who are made in the image and likeness of God. We strive every day, as Jesus taught, to help others improve their lives by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless and welcoming our neighbor. We are always happy to help answer questions about immigration and our other services!

## **OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE**

**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER** has marriage prep weekends scheduled for April 1-3 and June 8-10 at the Spiritual Life Center in Victoria. Registration available online at the diocesan website under Offices/Family Life/marriage prep. Please encourage engaged couples to participate and register early to allow for planning time. Registration fee has increased to \$300 per couple for the weekend due to increase cost of the Spiritual Life Center.

**MEMORIAL MASSES:** There will be two Masses for Parents of a deceased child, one in the western deaneries and one in the eastern deaneries, making it more accessible for all grieving parents to attend. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Vincke at both locations with the first Mass to be held on Wednesday, May 11th, at 2:00 P.M., in Colby and the second Mass to be held on Thursday, May 12th, at 2:00 P.M. in Abilene. There will be a luncheon immediately following Mass at both locations. This replaces the Mother's Mass that has been held the past several years because of many requests to include the fathers. Registration is now available online at the diocesan website. There is no fee to attend. Registration is not required but is greatly appreciated, as it helps us to plan this event. Walk-ups are welcomed on the day of the event.

**THE 2022 DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE** will be Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Former Swiss Guard and renowned Catholic Speaker, Mario Enzler, will be the keynote speaker.

## **CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR DIOCESE OF SALINA**



**GOODBYE AND WELCOME** - Beth Shearer will retire from the Foundation effective March 15. She will be greatly missed! Please keep her in your prayers as she begins a new season of life.

Also on March 15, we will be welcoming Corrina Hudsonpillar to our Foundation team. She comes to us from Hays and will be working with donors on behalf of the diocese and our parishes, Catholic schools and other ministries.

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL** - Our 2022 appeal officially kicked off the weekend of Feb. 19-20. THANK YOU to all who shared bishop's homily and encouraged parishioners to read *faith* magazine.

A concise location that includes appeal resources for parishioners to easily view can be found [here](#). Thank you for promoting as you are able. As a reminder, please be sure to continue promoting the appeal by updating your poster, including an intention in the prayers of the faithful and consistent bulletin announcements. Our appeal is only successful with your generous assistance.

Beginning Feb. 23 and each following Wednesday, a parish champion video promoting the appeal will be shared on diocesan social media. Please share these videos on your parish platforms. It's a great way to showcase local families who support the appeal.

Participation weekend is **April 2-3**. Please see your parish resource manual for notes about duties and responsibilities pertaining to that weekend. In mid-March, you will be receiving a packet from us that includes envelopes and buck slips to be placed in the pews.

Katie (Greenwood) Hamel will continue to communicate important information via email. Beginning in March, you will begin to receive your weekly updates from Laurie/Melanie. For the time being, the reports will be sent as a pdf via email on Tuesdays. The report will look different. It will have the key information that you need based on the responses we received from you a few weeks ago. Thank you for responding to our email. And thank you for sharing this key information with your parishioners.

Also, check out the cool promotional video made by Katie H. and Matea Gregg! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDKeqV8N0Gs&t=2s>



## **OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE**

**VALUE THEM BOTH:** It is time to be informing and educating the Catholic community of the Salina Diocese about the “VALUE THEM BOTH” legislation. The Kansas Primary Election slated for August 2nd, 2022, may be the most important election of our times. A YES vote for “Value Them Both” is critical and we need every registered voter of our Catholic Community to get out and vote “YES” next August. If you would like to schedule a speaker to visit your parish to inform and encourage your parishioners to vote yes, contact [chuck@kansascatholic.org](mailto:chuck@kansascatholic.org) at the Kansas Catholic Conference, or the Respect Life Office of the diocese (785-827-8747

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**14th ANNUAL WOMEN’S SPIRITUALITY RETREAT** sponsored by the Seven Dolors and St. Thomas More women will be held on April 2. Registration is online only or call St. Thomas More Parish. Registrations will be limited to 80 people. Questions? Call Rosie Rundell at 785-565-5000.



# APRIL - 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Women's Spirituality Conference, St. Thomas More, Manhattan  CYO Convention
3 Confirmation, Immac. Conception, Solomon 10am  Confirmation, S.H. Cathedral, Salina, 3pm  CYO Convention	4	5	6  Confirmation, St. Fidelis, Victoria, 6:30pm	7  Chrism Mass, S.H. Cathedral, 11:30	8	9
10  Palm Sunday	11	12	13	14  Holy Thursday	15  Good Friday CHANCERY CLOSED	16  Holy Saturday
17  EASTER SUNDAY	18  EASTER Monday  CHANCERY CLOSED	19	20	21	22	23
24  DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	25	26	27  Jesu Caritas-KCK	28  Jesu Caritas-KCK  Catholic Charities Board Meeting, 6pm	29	30 Confirmation, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 10am  ACE Auction, TMP- Marian, Hays, 4pm

# Catholic Charities Outreach Services

## March 2022 Schedule

*Families who qualify can receive a large box of food, hygiene items, diapers and wipes, and other supplies and services as needed. All are welcome!*

Wednesday

3/2

**Junction City** - JC Naz Church  
**Smith Center** - St Mary's Catholic Church  
**Phillipsburg** - St. Philip & James  
**Norton** - St Francis Catholic Church  
**Herington** - St John Catholic Church  
**Osborne** - St. Aloysius Catholic Church

9:00am - 10:00am  
10:30am - 11:30am  
11:00am-12:00pm  
1:00pm - 2:00pm  
1:00pm - 2:00pm  
1:00pm - 2:00pm

Wednesday

3/9

**Washington** - St. Augustine Parish  
**Wakeeney** - Christ the King Church  
**Ellsworth** - St. Bernard Catholic Church  
**Mankato** - St. Theresa Catholic Church  
**Oakley** - Gateway Fellowship  
**Lincoln** - LC County Health Department

9:30am - 10:30am  
10:00am - 11:00am  
11:30am-12:30pm  
12:00pm - 1:00pm  
12:30pm - 1:30pm  
1:30pm - 2:30pm

Wednesday

3/16

**Abilene** - St. Andrew Parish  
**Beloit** - St. John the Baptist Church  
**Hoxie** - St. Frances Catholic Church  
**Oberlin** - Gateway Civic Center  
**Clay Center** - St. Peter & Paul Parish  
**Concordia** - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

9:30am - 10:30am  
9:30am - 11:15am  
10:30am-11:30am  
12:30pm - 1:30pm  
1:00pm - 2:00pm  
1:30pm - 3:00pm

Wednesday

3/23

**Chapman** - St. Michael Catholic Church  
**Russell** - St. Mary Queen of Angels Church  
**Minneapolis** - 200 Block of North Parker St.  
**Belleville** - St. Edward Parish  
**Plainville** - Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
**Beverly** - City Office of Beverly

9:00am - 10:00am  
9:00am - 10:00am  
10:30am-11:30am  
1:00pm - 2:00pm  
1:00pm - 2:00pm  
12:30pm - 1:30pm



*Any cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced by 4 p.m. the day before the scheduled outreach.*

*Scan this QR Code with your smartphone camera to view the full outreach schedule!*



**Women's Spirituality Conference** is jointly sponsored by the Seven Dolors and St. Thomas More Women's Groups.

This event is held annually at  
St. Thomas More Parish Center  
located at 2900 Kimball Ave., Manhattan  
785-776-5151



(Parish Center behind the church)

Continental Breakfast /Gather 8:30a.m. – 9:00a.m.  
Introduction and Presentation 9:00a.m. to Noon  
Lunch Break Noon to 1:00p.m.  
Presentation resumes 1:00p.m. to 3:30p.m.

**REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 80 PEOPLE.**  
**COVID PROTOCOL: MASKS REQUIRED**

Register Online <https://bit.ly/WomSpiritConf22>  
or call St. Thomas More Office at 785-776-5151 to register.



Registration Fee:  
\$40 (adults), \$25 (students HS/College) (non-refundable)

Make checks payable to **St. Thomas More**  
Memo: Women's Conference.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **March 25, 2022**

Questions? Email  
Rosie Rundell at [formation@sevendolors.com](mailto:formation@sevendolors.com)  
Alysia Baumann at [reledsec@stmmanhattan.com](mailto:reledsec@stmmanhattan.com)  
Let us know if you need childcare and how many kids.

Sheri is a Catholic wife, mom, speaker and teacher. She uses her great sense of humor and her deep faith to help others discover the joy of being a child of God. Her roots are in Kansas, but her home is in Michigan. The mission of her ministry is to encourage others to take a good look at the simple ways we can all find God doing joyful, blessed, amazing things smack dab in the middle of the laundry, ball games, farm chores and the hundred other things we manage to cram into a day.

Sheri and her husband Dave live on a small farm in Westphalia, MI. She is the mother of three adult children. She is a member of St. Mary Parish and teaches 6th grade at St. Mary Elementary School.

Sheri has a degree in Secondary education from Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas and a Masters degree in Elementary Education from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, MI. She is a certified Religious Education Instructor for the Diocese of Lansing.

Her approach is down to earth, relatable, humorous and real. If you're looking for a presenter who can leave the audience laughing, praying, thinking and equipped with practical tools to go out and live the Gospel.



## **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Spirituality Conference**

**April 2, 2022**

**Sheri Wohlfert**



Romans 12:12