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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

CONFIRMATION dates for 2024-2025 are now being set. We will use the same online Confirmation Request form for the 2024-2025 Confirmation season as last year, available [HERE](#). Please have all date requests submitted by May 31st. Every parish, even if you are not preparing a Confirmation class, should complete the form. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda at the chancery.

HAPPY EASTER! The Chancery will be closed Monday, April 1st.

JOIN OUR SEMINARIANS for a pot-luck meal on Friday, April 5th at 6:30 P.M. at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Hall of Bishops. Families are welcome and there is no charge. Please bring a dish to share. Table service, beverages and dessert will be provided. Following the potluck there will be an hour of Adoration in the Cathedral to pray for our three seminarians who will be ordained as transitional deacons.

TRANSITIONAL DEACON ORDINATION MASS for Kade Megaffin, Jesse Ochs and Adam Urban, will be held at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, April 6th at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. Please join us in supporting these young men as they further their journey to becoming Priests.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING inserts for your bulletin can be found below:

APRIL –There is no more pernicious abuse of power than human trafficking. This modern-day slavery is a crime that takes all of us, working together, to eradicate. Alliance to End Human Trafficking-Founded and Supported by US Catholic Sisters 7575 Grand River Ave.1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114

ABRIL –No hay abuso de poder más pernicioso que la trata de personas. En nuestros días, la esclavitud es un delito que requiere de todos para erradicarlo. Alianza para acabar con lo humano Trata de personas: fundada y apoyada por las hermanas católicas de EE. UU. 7575 Grand River Ave.1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114

THÁNG TƯ – Không có sự lạm dụng nào độc hại hơn nạn buôn người. Nạn nô lệ hiện đại ngày nay là một tội ác buộc tất cả chúng ta, cùng nhau chung sức, để hủy diệt. Liên Kết để Chấm Dứt Nạn Buôn Người – Do các Nữ Tu Công Giáo Hoa Kỳ thành lập và nâng đỡ. 7575 Grand River Ave. 1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP (cont.)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

K. OF C. STATE CONVENTION, May 2-5, Topeka. Clergy Appreciation Mass and dinner will be Thursday, May 2, at 5:00 P.M. at St. Matthew's, 2700 SE Virginia Ave. Topeka. If you plan to attend, please fill out the RSVP form that was emailed to you along with the invitation and daily schedule and return by April 10th to the address on the invitation. Thank you!

MEMORIAL MASS FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD will be held in two locations again this year to better accommodate those wishing to attend. On Tuesday, May 7th at 2:00 P.M., Mass will be held at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan and on Wednesday, May 8th at 2:00 P.M., Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Parish in Plainville. A reception will follow both Masses.

WOMEN'S RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION MASS will be Thursday, May 23, at 11:00 A.M. at the Motherhouse in Concordia. Lunch will follow. Priests are invited to concelebrate Mass. Please email brenda.streit@salinadiocese.org if you plan on attending.

SENIOR PRIEST LUNCHEONS:

Wednesday, May 29th, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina

Thursday, May 30th, Spiritual Life Center, Victoria

Invitations will be forthcoming.

EUCCHARISTIC CONFERENCE: Please put August 9th and 10th on your calendar and plan on joining us for our Eucharistic Conference in Hays on the FHSU Campus. Much more information will come out shortly, but we would love to have all of you join us.

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

BAPTISMAL RECORDS: If you have not already done so, please check to see when your parish/es baptismal records were last sent to the Chancery. Ideally this should be done on an annual basis. If you would like an Excel File of the form for electronic submission, please contact Corey Lyon, corey.lyon@salinadiocese.org.

DAY OF PRAYER IN ATONEMENT FOR THOSE HARMED BY SEXUAL ABUSE:

Together with the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, and the Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph, we will recognize April 26, 2024, as a Day of Prayer in Day of Prayer in Atonement of and for the Healing of All Those Harmed by Sexual Abuse. It is recommended that all daily Masses offered that day employ the Mass formula “For Reconciliation” (Number 16 of Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions). Readings may be those for the day (Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter) or from those listed “For Reconciliation” (found in Volume IV of the Lectionary for Mass). It is especially fitting that one of the Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation be used during the Mass. The petitions of the Universal Prayer should 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.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

VISIT TO THE SEMINARIANS by Fr. Andy:

Sacred Heart Seminary in Hales Corners, WI - April 25-27

TRANSITIONAL DEACON ORDINATION for Kade Megaffin, Jesse Ochs and Adam Urban is scheduled for April 6, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. in Salina at the Cathedral.

THE VOCATIONS BBQ is scheduled for August 4th beginning at 3:00 P.M. at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Hays. Priests are encouraged to think of individuals from their parishes that would be beneficial to attend this event. Seminarians will also be in attendance for discerners to visit with.

THE SEMINARIAN dinners are scheduled as follows:

July 31 - Salina

August 1 - Colby

August 2 – Hays

OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

MICROSOFT has announced they will be ending support for Microsoft Publisher in October 2026. While that is more than two years away, it is not too early to start looking at how this will affect your parishes and offices. I know that many parishes use the Publisher program to produce their weekly bulletins or may use a printing service that requires the bulletin to be in Publisher format.

If you use a printing service, I recommend that you reach out to them to see what format they might start using. If you print your own bulletins, you might start thinking about using Microsoft Word or Google Docs. Both of those programs will allow you to save your bulletin in PDF format. The way you create items in those programs will be a little different but should be easy to learn with some practice. If you are apprehensive about using a new program, there are many great tutorial videos on YouTube that are very thorough in explaining how to do things.

Feel free to contact me at jeff.easter@salinadiocese.org, if you have any questions.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

MISSION APPEALS: If you have not received your mission appeal information for 2024 in your parish by now, please let Brenda at the Chancery know. Once you have set your dates with your assigned mission group, please send the schedule to brenda.streit@salinadiocese.org. Thank you!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH: Throughout the year, especially during this month of April, all are asked to increase awareness, to educate ourselves and the community, and to seek healing for those who have been so tragically impacted by child abuse. During April, please continue to familiarize yourselves with the signs of abuse, reporting laws and diocesan guidelines, as it's up to all of us to ensure our youngest citizens have what they need to be safe, and their families have what they need to thrive.

A KIND REMINDER: If you have not turned in certification status sheets, children's data reports or parish bulletins with Safe Environment announcements, please do so as soon as possible. The end of our audit period is quickly approaching, and it is imperative that we have all the data we need from the parishes and schools in the Diocese of Salina. A special thank you to those who have already met these requirements.

SHOUT – OUTS: During the month of March, we recognized Shelly Wahlmeier. 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.

Previous shout-outs:

February 2024 – Amy Hudson, Safe Environment Coordinator at TMP in Hays, KS

January 2024 – Amanda Martin, Safe Environment Coordinator at OLPH in Goodland, KS

APRIL 26TH, 2024: This date has been set aside to devote to prayer in atonement for those harmed by sexual abuse in the Catholic Church. Please use the attached newsletter, the Shepherd, to learn more about the day and how you can participate.

OFFICE OF FERTILITY CARE AND NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

NEW CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE PRACTITIONERS: The Diocese of Salina just launched its first ever Independent Education Program with five new FertilityCare Practitioner Interns ready to see clients. Congratulations to these new Practitioners: Mika Bolton and Julia Taylor in Manhattan, Samantha Hicks in Beloit, Laura Meyer in Salina, and Amber Davis in Junction City. Please see the attached flyer with a listing of all 14 FertilityCare Practitioners in the Salina Diocese.

WONDER OF EVE™ TEEN PRESENTATION: The *Wonder of Eve™* is a powerful presentation showcasing the wonderful and truly marvelous design and function of the female body. It helps young women understand how naturally amazing their bodies are and the impact their choices can have on their future health and fertility. Diocesan FertilityCare Practitioners are available to present this program to high school girls (and their mothers) through the school or parish setting. See the enclosed flyer for more information. Contact Lindy Meyer at 785.614.0831 or lindy.meyer@salinadiocese.org to schedule a presentation with one of our practitioners and help the young women of your community understand the power and strength created within the female body!

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

MEAGHER'S APRIL FORMED.ORG FAMILY LIFE RECOMMENDATION:

Be Not Afraid Family Hour—<https://watch.formed.org/be-not-afraid-family-hour>

Learn the Catholic faith, pray together, and grow as a family with this 8-part video series. Each episode includes educational content from top Catholic speakers, inspirational stories from real Catholic families, a meditative Rosary, and practical challenges to help you apply the faith at home.

Episode 1: The Parent's Mission: Passing on the Faith

Episode 2: Jesus Exceeds Expectation

Episode 3: Consecration: Our Priestly Role

Episode 4: Four Steps to be a Great Catholic Leader

Episode 5: Prayer

Episode 6: Living Fully Alive

Episode 7: Fitness and Faith Jared Zimmerer

Episode 8: Your Purpose is Love

FAMILY PRAYERS: Check out our website for some prayers for marriages, mothers, fathers and families. <https://salinadiocese.org/wp-admin/post.php?post=479&action=edit>

OFFICE OF EDUCATION

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP: The Scholarship Granting Fund for the Catholic Diocese of Salina is accepting donations and is able to offer a 75% tax credit. Please email Katie Platten, CEO for Catholic Foundation katie.platten@salinadiocese.org. This school year, over \$119,000 was awarded to schools for 96 students in the Salina Diocese.

RELIGION ASSESSMENT: This year, schools and parishes are participating in the ARK (Assessment of Religious Knowledge). The ARK will be given to students in grades 2-12 in late April and early May. We are excited to see the results and celebrate the areas we are performing well in and target areas for growth in the future.

FIELD TRIPS: The spring is full of field trips for many of our students. Visiting places across the state with classmates is a great learning experience. Whether it is a trip to a local zoo or to the salt mines, students remember these days very well! We even have one group that visits the Chancery for a tour!

ACTIVITIES: The Catholic High Schools of the Salina Diocese capped off the Winter Activities season and faired quite well. Multiple schools competed at the State Scholar's Bowl and State Basketball Tournament, and we had individuals compete at State Wrestling and State Bowling.

ITALY PILGRIMAGE 2025: Superintendent Geoff Andrews is planning a pilgrimage to Italy in June 2025 in coordination with the Jubilee Year. Students from the five Catholic high schools in the diocese in the graduating classes of 2026 and 2027 along with their families are eligible to sign up. For more info visit the website.

OFFICE OF EDUCATION (cont.)

KANSAS STATE ASSESSMENTS: Students will be taking the State Assessments in the spring. Students are scored on a scale from 1-4, with 4 being the highest score. Our goal is to increase the number of students scoring in level 3 and 4. Below is a breakdown of the Salina Diocese compared to the rest of the State of Kansas. We are doing well when compared to the rest, however, we know there is always room for improvement for achievement. This year, we introduced the Bishop's Star Award for students who received a score of 3 or 4 on the State Assessments.

<u>Percentage of Students Scoring Level 3-4</u>		
	<u>Salina Diocese</u>	<u>State of Kansas</u>
<u>Math</u>	<u>51.19</u>	<u>31.29%</u>
<u>English Language Arts</u>	<u>52.26%</u>	<u>33.17%</u>
<u>Science</u>	<u>46.45%</u>	<u>31.13%</u>

THREE BALD GUYS: Tune into the latest episode of Three Bald Guys podcast to listen to Fr. Jarett Konrade, Geoff Andrews, Superintendent of Schools, and Bill Meagher, Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

FRANSICAN CERTIFICATIONS: It's great to see so many of our Teachers and Youth Ministers getting started on their Franciscan Classes. Don't hesitate to ask our office any questions as you get started. –Video of how to get started <https://youtu.be/p-dmWvbFbBw>

NEWSLETTER: If you are not signed up for our weekly newsletter, please do so—It comes out every Monday at 6 am <http://eepurl.com/hMHHnj>

ARK TESTING: This spring we will be taking ARK testing. Please see attached PDF at the end of newsletter for more information.

APRIL HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT: We will be hosting a retreat for High School Students in Salina on April 28th. See the flyer at the end of the SDNB for more information. To register check out our website-- <https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-youth-ministry/apply/>

TOTUS TUUS: We are excited to have so many parishes hosting one of our Totus Tuus teams this summer. We are up to 23 parishes. We need a few more teachers for this summer. If you know someone in your parish who would be good, please send them our way. We accept graduating seniors through high school-age young people. We appreciate your help.

PRAYER AND ACTION: We have announced our 2024 team and locations. For more information and to register please visit our website--<https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-youth-ministry/prayer-and-action/>

Jr. CYO CAMP: Registration will open on May 1st for Jr. CYO Camp. For more information, please visit our website. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-youth-ministry/junior-cyo-camp/>

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR DIOCESE OF SALINA

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2024: The 2024 appeal has kicked off and as of 3/22/24, \$1,155,786 has been raised. It truly takes all of us to make the Bishop's Annual Appeal a success and ensure these ministries and programs are supported. Thank you for all you do!

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Hartman at 785-738-7336 or heather.hartman@salinadiocese.org

SURVEY: Your input is invaluable in shaping the future of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We kindly ask for a few moments of your time to fill out a survey. Your feedback will provide crucial insights that will aid us in enhancing the appeal process for years to come. Together, we can ensure that the appeal is more effective and supportive of our parish's needs. Your participation is greatly appreciated and will contribute to the betterment of our community. To fill out the survey, please visit: bit.ly/BAA2024Survey

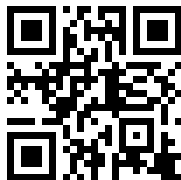
ONGOING EFFORTS FOR SUCCESSFUL APPEAL:

Update the parishioners on your progress towards the goal.

Include in the Prayers of the Faithful, bulletins, social media, emails, etc.

Parish Resources – bit.ly/BAAresources

QR Code and Link for Bulletins, etc.- appeal.salinadiocese.org



FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINARS – CREATING YOUR CATHOLIC LEGACY: The Foundation staff is currently scheduling free estate planning seminars! These are an opportunity for members of our diocese to learn more about the importance of getting your affairs in order as well as provide information on the variety of ways to create a legacy of faith.

Estate planning is for **ALL AGES** regardless of the size of their “estate” – once someone starts retirement accounts, has life insurance, a family, purchases a home – they need a plan! If your parish would like more information on hosting a free seminar, please contact Corrina Hudsonpillar at 785-639-2100 or corrina.hudsonpillar@salinadiocese.org

We recently held a seminar at St. Nicholas of Myra in Hays. One of the parishioners who attended came up to us afterwards and mentioned how the presentation was not what she expected...but in a good way! She said it was very informative – not an “ask” – and she was pleasantly surprised about what she had learned in that hour she spent with us. Let's continue having these conversations and helping members of our diocese understand the importance of having a plan in place – and that their faith can be part of that plan!

SEMINARIAN DINNERS – SAVE THE DATES! Mark your calendars for the 2024 Seminarian Fundraising Dinners. Be watching for formal invitations and RSVP information in the upcoming months.

Wednesday July 31st – Salina

Thursday August 1st – Colby

Friday August 2nd – Hays

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR DIOCESE OF SALINA (cont.)

WELCOME TO MARISA MARTINEZ! Marisa has joined the Catholic Foundation as an Accountant. She will be handling accounts payable/receivable, working with funds held at the foundation, parish support, among other financial responsibilities and support within the foundation. A native of Puerto Rico, Marisa has been a resident of Salina for the past 10 years. Marisa and her family are members of St. Elizabeth in Salina, and she has two children – Ema and Alan– who attend Sacred Heart Jr./Sr. High School. Wish her a warm welcome at marisa.martinez@salinadiocese.org

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

APRIL OUTREACH SERVICES SCHEDULE: 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 Belleville, Beloit, Beverly, Chapman, Clay Center, Concordia, Ellsworth, Herington, Hoxie, Junction City, Lincoln, Mankato, Minneapolis, Norton, Oakley, Oberlin, Osborn, Plainville, Russell, Smith Center, WaKeeney, Washington, and Wilson. The April Outreach Services schedule is attached. You can also view the full, up-to-date Outreach Services schedule anytime at www.ccnks.org/outreach.

OUTREACH SERVICES EXPANSION – HILL CITY AND ATWOOD: Exciting News! Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas is expanding our outreach services to include Hill City and Atwood! Our mission is to support families in need, and we're thrilled to extend our help to these communities. Mark your calendars! On May 29th, we'll be conducting a trial run, delivering food and hygiene items directly to residents of Hill City and Atwood. Here are the details:

Hill City Stop:

Location: Immaculate Heart of Mary, 110 North 10th Ave.

Time: 11:00 A.M - 12:00 P.M.

Atwood Stop:

Location: Sacred Heart, 508 N Railroad Ave

Time: 2:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

To receive assistance, attendees must have incomes at or below 130% of the federal poverty guidelines. Proof of income and photo IDs will be required. Guests are kindly asked to remain in their vehicles for their convenience and safety. Our staff will come directly to you to streamline the process.

For inquiries or to learn about volunteer opportunities, visit www.ccnks.org/outreach or contact Bailey Sanders, our Hays Community Engagement and Outreach Coordinator, at 785-625-2644.

GIVING DAYS:

Grow Green Day – MANHATTAN: Monday, April 22, will be a great day for the Manhattan, Kansas, community when the 12th Annual Grow Green Match Day takes place! On this day, donations made through the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation to participating nonprofit endowed funds will receive a 50% match. Be sure to support Catholic Charities on April 22 to provide compassionate care to all those in need across northern Kansas! Donate online at www.growgreenmanhattan.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES (cont.)

Give to Grow Day – BELOIT: We are excited to be participating in the very first Give to Grow Match Day in Beloit on Wednesday, April 24. On this day, donations made through the Solomon Valley Community Foundation to participating nonprofit endowed funds will receive up to a 50% match. Be sure to support Catholic Charities on April 24 online or in-person to support our neighbors in need across northern Kansas! To learn more and donate online, visit www.givetogrowmc.com.

Match Madness – Salina - A heartfelt thank you to all who generously donated to Catholic Charities during Greater Salina Community Foundation's Match Madness! Your contributions exceeded \$25,000 which will directly support families in need, and with a 50% match, you are making a significant impact. Your kindness and support truly make a difference. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Hays-Area Baby Bottle Campaign: We invite you to participate in our Baby Bottle Campaign, taking place in Hays-area parishes from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Simply fill a bottle with coins, cash, or a check to make a big impact for mothers and babies across our diocese. Pick up a bottle at your local parish on Mother's Day or donate online at www.ccnks.org/babybottle. If you give via Venmo, be sure to include “2024 Baby Bottle Campaign” in the description of your transaction. Your generosity helps provide essential support and care. Thank you for making a difference!

Green Tie Celebration – July 13, 2024: Catholic Charities' Annual Fundraiser, the Green Tie Celebration takes place Saturday, July 13, at the Salina Country Club. The Green Tie Celebration is our annual fundraiser that sustains our mission to provide compassionate service to those in need throughout the 31 counties of northern Kansas. To learn how you can support this year's Green Tie Celebration, contact Jessica Allen at 785-825-0208

Ways to help: Help Catholic Charities Help Others with Dillon's Pickup Bags! Did you know that the bags used for online grocery orders at Dillon's can make a big difference? Catholic Charities recycles them to create hygiene kits for those in need in our community. Every bag counts! Please consider dropping off your Dillon's Pickup bags at any of our three offices located in Salina, Manhattan, and Hays. Your contribution will directly impact those facing hardship in Northern Kansas. Let's work together with Catholic Charities to make a positive change!

In-Kind Donations Welcome! Did you know that Catholic Charities gladly accepts in-kind donations? Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of those we serve. Please see the attached list of needed items. Every donation is valued and appreciated. Learn more at www.ccnks.org/inkind. Thank you for your support!

WALMART REGISTRY FOR GOOD: Are you looking for an easy way to help our neighbors in need? The Walmart Registry for Good offers a simple way to purchase essential food, hygiene, and baby items and ship them directly to our warehouse in Salina. Visit www.ccnks.org/inkind, where you'll find a link to our Walmart registry. Explore the food, hygiene, and baby lists by clicking the link. Once you've selected your items, proceed to checkout. These items will then be shipped directly to the Salina warehouse and distributed among our three locations in Salina, Hays, and Manhattan, benefiting our neighbors in need across northern Kansas.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES (cont.)

VENMO GIVING: Supporting Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas is easier than ever with our Venmo account! With the click of a button, you can provide compassionate care to those facing financial and emotional hardship throughout our communities. To donate and change a life, simply scan the QR code below or visit our Venmo account @catholiccharitiesofnk. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!



JOB OPENINGS:

Development Coordinator - Salina

The Development Coordinator will support the creation and execution of comprehensive fundraising initiatives, including events, donor solicitation and stewardship, recurring giving program(s) and sponsor recruitment, all of which will help support Catholic Charities during its next chapter of growth. This role will be cross trained to manage the donor database and assist with various correspondence related to development. This position requires a highly organized, creative, detail-oriented, and self-motivated person to assist multi-channel revenue generation, donor stewardship and sponsorship. To apply, visit www.ccnks.org/careers

Licensed Therapist - Hays – Part Time

Catholic Charities is hiring a Licensed Therapist at our Hays location. We are looking for a compassionate, driven, and organized individual to provide affordable mental health care to those in need across northern Kansas. To learn more and apply, visit www.ccnks.org/careers

OFFICE OF PUBLICATIONS

SUBMISSIONS - Please share stories and photos from your parish or Catholic school to theregister@salinadiocese.org

Register Content Due Dates:

April Issue: April 5 (in home 4-26)

May Issue: May 3 (in home 5-24)

June Issue: June 7 (in home 6-28)

NEW: Watch for *Works of Mercy* features coming this summer/fall.

Send us any pictures/stories you might have related to parishioners/students doing extra-ordinary works of mercy, caring for others behind the scenes.


OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE

PRAYER FOR LIFE KANSAS: Please join us for the Second Annual Kansas Prayer for Life. This will include Mass at noon and a Rosary Procession around Capitol Square in Topeka on Friday, April 26th, 2024 at 1:30 P.M. On April 26th, 2019, the Kansas Supreme Court held in Hodes & Nauser MDs v. Schmidt that the Kansas Constitution protects the "natural" right to abortion. We are excited to join with other dioceses across Kansas in prayer for the end to the legalization of Abortion in our state. An RSVP is required for admission to the gathering as space is limited. Please register here: <https://form.jotform.com/pflkansas/pfl-gathering>

MEMORIAL MASS REGISTRATION: Registration for the Memorial Mass for parents who have lost a child is now open! Masses will be held on May 7th at 2pm at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan and on May 8th at 2pm in Plainville. Please register for this event here on the diocese's website. <https://salinadiocese.org/events/>

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Confirmation, St. Mary's, Ellis, 7pm	2 K of C State Convention, Topeka, May 2-5 Religious Appreciation Mass & dinner, 5:00pm	3 Comeau Catholic Center, Hays Adoration Under the Stars, 8pm	4 Confirmation, Clay Center, 4pm
5 Confirmation, St. John's, Beloit, 10am	6	7 Memorial Mass for Deceased Children, St. Thomas More, Manhattan, 2pm	8 Memorial Mass for Deceased Children, S. H., Plainville, 2pm Confirmation, St. Joseph, Hays, 7pm	9 Lay Review Board Mtg. 4pm	10	11
12 Mother's Day Graduation, Beloit, 10am Graduation, Tipton, 10am S.H. Graduation, Cathedral, 3pm	13 Graduation, St. John's Hanover,	14	15 Rural Life Day, lunch, blessing of the fields & Flocks, Russell, 11:00am	16	17	18 Graduation, St. Francis Xavier, Junction City, 4pm
19 TMP-M Baccalaureate, Hays, 1pm TMP-M Graduation, Hays, 3pm	20	21	22 Confirmation, IHM, Hays, 7pm	23 Women's Religious Appreciation. Mass, Concordia, 11am Catholic Charities Board mtg. 6pm (in person)	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day Chancery Closed	28 Priests' Council mtg. 2:30pm Foundation Board Mtg. 4pm	29 Senior Priest Luncheon, Salina, 11am	30 Senior Priest Luncheon, Victoria, 11am	31	



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALINA

EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

AUGUST 9 -10, 2024 • HAYS, KANSAS

OPENING SESSION AUGUST 9 @ 5:00PM

CLOSING MASS AUGUST 10 @ 5:00PM

FULL SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS WILL BE COMING SOON



FR. JARETT KONRADE



BISHOP JOSEPH ESPALLAT



BISHOP JERRY VINCKE



FR. GALE HAMMERSCHMIDT

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
JANUARY 2024

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

PROMISE
To Protect



Pledge
To HEAL

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Believe in
the possibility of
help and healing.
There is hope
reportabuse@salinadiocese.org
866.752.8855 ext. 1067
reportandprotect.com
Reports will be responded to
promptly by the
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Appreciating the *gift* of fertility



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The Wonder of Eve

understand the power and strength created within the female body

The Wonder of Eve is a fresh and engaging presentation, helping young women understand how naturally amazing their bodies are and the impact their choices can have on their future health and fertility.

"Why didn't I know this years ago?"

We often hear this from our Natural Family Planning clients. **Even as a young woman, they wish they had known this about their bodies!**

The Wonder of Eve covers:

- the marvelous design and function of the female body and reproductive system/menstrual cycles
- a brief introduction to tracking cycles—a unique approach to women's healthcare, no matter the stage in life
- ways to take good care of yourself now, to benefit you in the future.

Presentation specifics:

- geared towards high school girls
- aligned with Catholic teaching and values
- 60-minute presentation including Q&A

Diocese of Salina FertilityCare Practitioners are available for school and parish presentations.

Presentations for younger girls are also available.



Wonder of Eve Trailer Videos! bit.ly/WonderofEveTrailer

**Book Now
for Your
School!**

Contact Lindy Meyer, CFCP, CFCE
fertilitycare@salinadiocese.org



Diocese of Salina
Natural Family Planning Office



HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

How to Live Out Your Catholic Faith

Join us on a transformative journey of
spiritual growth and community
connection, exploring practical ways to
embody and deepen your Catholic Faith in
your daily life.

APRIL 28TH
9AM-5PM
SALINA KS

\$5 a person

What to Expect

**COMMUNITY BUILDING,
GREAT TALKS,
FUN ACTIVITIES,
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS,
SUNDAY MORNING MASS,
& OF COUSE, LUNCH!**

Registration is from 8:40am-9:00am.

Retreat is from 9:00am-5:00pm.

Mass will be at 11:00am at St. Mary's.

-Please come dressed in your Mass attire, but feel free to bring casual clothes to change into after Mass!

-Lunch will be provided, feel free to bring your own snacks for the day.

FOR QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

BILL MEAGHER

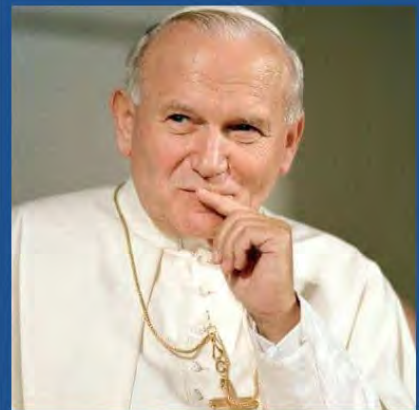
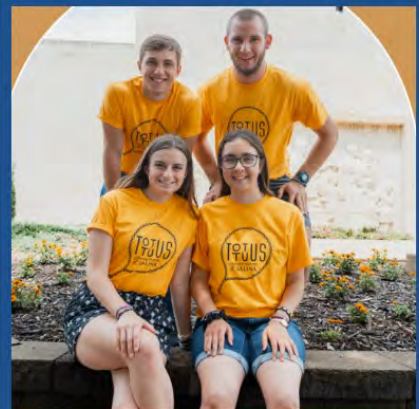
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Our Young People Need You!



There is no better way to spend a summer than by bringing Christ's love and mercy to young people!

\$3200 summer stipend/room and board covered by parish.
Break from June 29th-July 6th. (We need 8 Totus Tuus Leaders)

Please prayerfully consider joining us!

Contact Bill Meagher with any questions or if you have interest
bill.meagher@salinadiocese.org - 785-639-2399

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Meet the Team

Prayer & Action 2024

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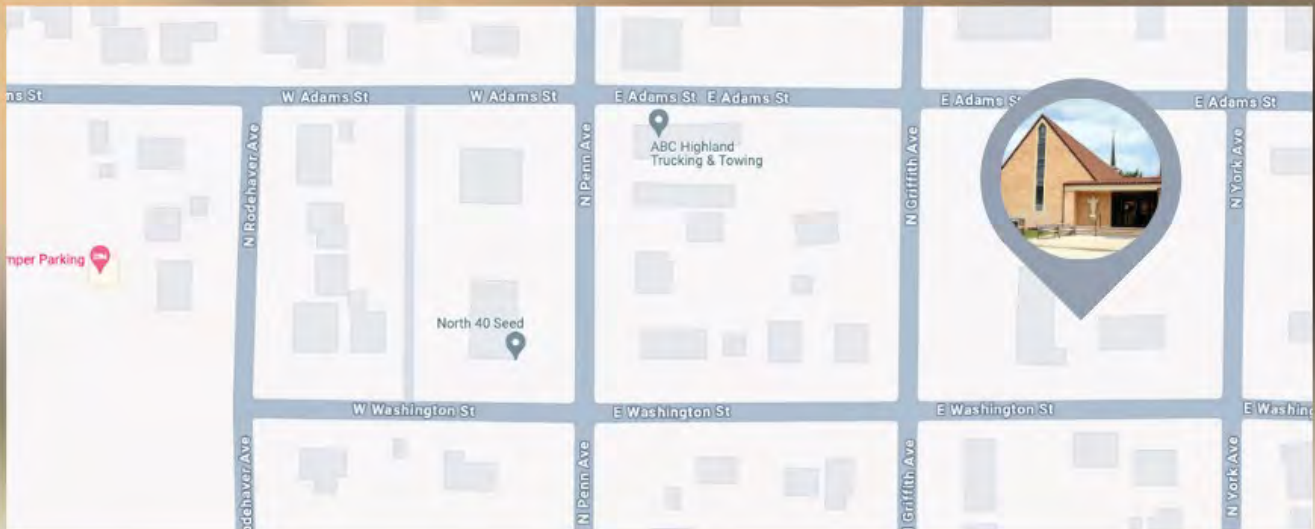
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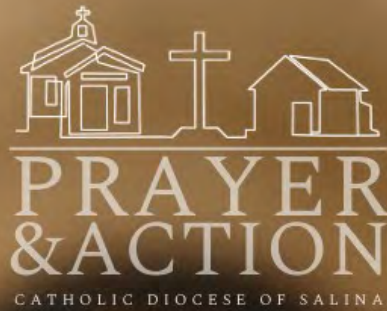


JUNE LOCATION

Sacred Heart Parish, Oberlin, KS

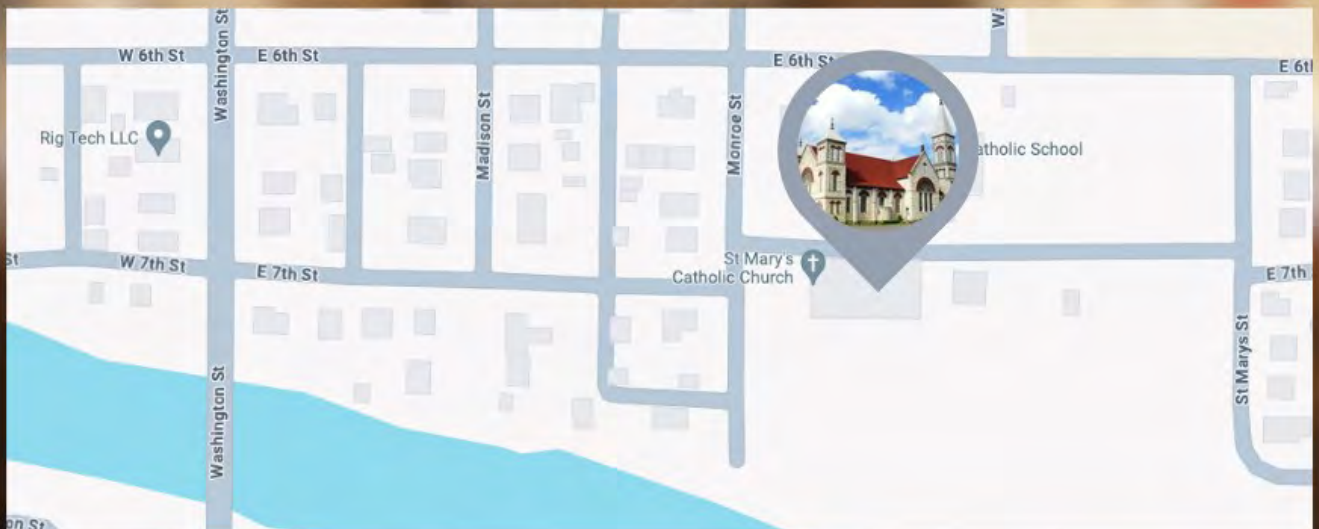


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JULY LOCATION

St. Mary's Parish, Ellis, KS



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Arrive at Camp

**10am-11am Saturday
August 31st**

Registration is at the Administration Building
(First building when you arrive to camp.)
1168 Highway K157
Junction City, KS 66441

Depart From Camp

**2pm Monday
September 2nd**

Pickup location will be at your child's cabin. We will have the details for you at registration

Jr. CYO Camp

**August 31st-
September 2nd**

Exciting Activities

Mass/Prayer
Canoes
Rifles
Trap Shooting
Wildlife CSI
Archery
Climbing Wall
Aerial Archery
Swimming
Horses

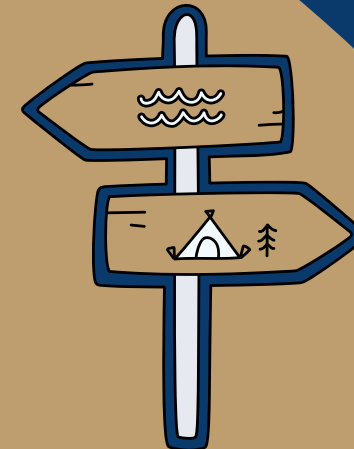
**SAVE
THE DATE**



Registration

Registration for next year's camp will open on May 1st 2024.

6th-8th graders 2024-2025 school year (Check website for details)



Catholic Charities Outreach Services

April 2024 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!

Tuesday

4/2

Osborne - St. Aloysius Catholic Church

10:30am - 11:30am

Wednesday

4/3

Junction City - JC Naz Church

9:00am - 10:00am

Smith Center - St Mary's Catholic Church

10:30am - 11:30am

Phillipsburg - St. Philip & James

11:00am-12:00pm

Norton - St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Herington - St John Catholic Church

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Wednesday

4/10

Washington - St. Augustine Parish

9:30am - 10:30am

WaKeeney - Christ the King Church

10:00am - 11:00am

Ellsworth - St. Bernard Catholic Church

11:30am-12:30pm

Mankato - St. Theresa Catholic Church

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Oakley - Gateway Fellowship

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Lincoln - Lincoln County Health Department

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Wednesday

4/17

Abilene - St. Andrew Parish

9:30am - 10:30am

Beloit - St. John the Baptist Church

10:00am - 11:00am

Hoxie - St. Frances Catholic Church

10:30am-11:30am

Oberlin - Gateway Civic Center

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Clay Center - St. Peter & Paul Parish

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Concordia - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Wednesday

4/24

Chapman - St. Michael Catholic Church

9:00am - 10:00am

Russell - St. Mary Queen of Angels Church

9:00am - 10:00am

Minneapolis - 200 Block of N. Sheridan St.

10:30am-11:30am

Beverly - City Office of Beverly

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Belleville - St. Edward Parish

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Plainville - Sacred Heart Catholic Church

1:00pm - 2:00pm





DONATE YOUR PICKUP BAGS!

Got extra Dillon's Pickup bags lying around? Catholic Charities would love to take them off your hands! We use these bags to create hygiene kits for those in need in Northern Kansas.

Drop off bags at the office nearest you!

Salina: 1500 S. 9th St.

Manhattan: 212 S. 4th St.

Hays: 122 E. 12th St.



SHOPPING LIST



PANTRY ITEMS

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal | <input type="checkbox"/> Instant Oatmeal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pancake Mix | <input type="checkbox"/> Granola Bars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peanut Butter | <input type="checkbox"/> Jelly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instant Potatoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna Helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Macaroni + Cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti Sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> Ramen Noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Soup | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Vegetables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jello Packets | <input type="checkbox"/> Pudding Packets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Tuna |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saltine Crackers | <input type="checkbox"/> Jiffy Cornbread Mix |

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full-Sized Shampoo | <input type="checkbox"/> Full-Sized Body Wash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bar Soap | <input type="checkbox"/> Twin-Blade Razors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant | <input type="checkbox"/> Full-Sized Lotion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> Tampons/Pads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Kleenex Boxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Detergent | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Purpose Wipes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid Dish Soap | <input type="checkbox"/> Diapers (Size 4-6) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Wipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Diaper Rash Cream |

Thank you for providing HOPE to our neighbors in need!