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## **OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

**THANK YOU** to all who attended the priests' Clergy Retreat in Wichita. It was a joy to be together and see many of you there.

**RESPECT LIFE MONTH** is October.

**VIETNAMESE MASS:** There will be a Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, October 6, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary Queen of the Universe Church in Salina.

The Most Reverend Thanh Thai Nguyen, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Orange, CA and Bishop Gerald Vincke will be celebrating the Mass. All are welcome to attend.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** is October 20. On this day, the entire Church comes together to support various mission works. This year's theme is "Go and Invite Everyone to the banquet". Donations for World Mission Sunday are collected at Masses across the world and given in support of hospitals, schools and vocations. Please encourage your parishioners to participate in this important initiative.

**WHITE MASS** will be held Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Salina. This Mass is held each year for the Health Care Professionals in our diocese. The event is hosted by the Catholic Diocese of Salina along with Ascension Via Christi and Salina Regional Health Center.

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES** will be held again this year at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays at 3:00 p.m. on October 27 and at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Salina at 2:00 p.m. on November 3. See the diocesan website and the Family Life Office section for more information on how to register.

## **HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERTS**

**OCTOBER** - As children go trick and treating, remember that traffickers trick potential victims by initially being kind to them, giving them things as a way of establishing a relationship. Alliance to End Human Trafficking-Founded and Supported by US Catholic Sisters 7575 Grand River Ave.1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114

**OCTUBRE** - Mientras los niños van a pedir dulces, recuerde que los traficantes engañan a las víctimas potenciales siendo inicialmente amable con ellos; dándoles cosas como una forma de establecer una relación. La alianza para poner fin a la trata de personas: fundada y apoyada por hermanas católicas de los EE. UU. 7575 Grand River Ave.1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114

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

**THÁNG MƯỜI** – Như trẻ em chơi “trick and treat” (trò chơi khi đi xin kẹo ngày Halloween, cho kẹo hay là bị chọc phá), xin ghi nhớ rằng các tên buôn người đánh lừa các nạn nhân tiềm ẩn bằng cách khởi đầu đối xử tốt với nạn nhân; cho nạn nhân thứ này thứ khác như là một phương cách để tạo liên hệ. 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.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED PRIESTS** is scheduled for Thursday, November 7 at Noon at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. All are welcome to attend. Priests should arrive by 11:40 a.m. if they wish to concelebrate.

**ANNUAL ADOPTION MASS** is scheduled for Friday, November 8 at 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. This event is hosted by Catholic Charities in honor of those who have been touched through adoption in their own lives. A reception will follow.

## **OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR**

**HAVE YOU REVIEWED THE BYLAWS OF YOUR PARISH PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCIL LATELY?** Parish pastoral and finance councils play an important role in the life of a healthy and thriving parish. These councils are essential for providing a framework for collaboration and shared responsibility between the clergy and the laity. They are not intended to be merely bureaucratic, but they are called to be models of communion and active participation in the life of the parish that encourages all the members to embrace the Church’s evangelical mission.

If you would like assistance in reviewing and updating your parishes documents, please contact the Chancellor – Corey Lyon, at 785-827-8746 or [corey.lyon@salinadiocese.org](mailto:corey.lyon@salinadiocese.org)

**SACRAMENTAL RECORD KEEPING:** Canon 535 §4 is one of many canons that addresses the duties of the Pastor regarding the keeping of sacramental records. In addition, this canon refers to the bishop’s duty to inspect the sacramental records upon visiting the parishes, or to assign this task to a delegate. While the task of sacramental record keeping is regularly delegated to another staff person at the parish level, it is ultimately the responsibility of the Pastor to ensure that the records are being kept accurately. To better assist Pastors and parish staff, we are working on the final stages of a sacramental records handbook to help both priests and laypersons in understanding how these records should be managed. If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Chancellor.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND OFFERINGS/STIPENDS:** Is your parish properly handling the extra Mass intention requests and Mass offerings received? According to canon 951 a priest can only accept the offering for one Mass per day, even when he celebrates multiple Masses on the same day. According to the diocesan policy, the offerings received for the additional Masses are to regularly be sent (monthly is a good practice) to the Finance Office to be deposited in the Clergy Health and Retirement Fund.

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

According to canon 953 a priest should not accept more Mass requests than he can satisfy within a year. If your parish is accepting more Mass requests than are offered during the year, those “extra” Mass requests and their offerings are to be submitted to the Propagation of the Faith Office at the Diocese, to be redistributed to help support our retired clergy who receive the offering and pray the Masses for the desired intention.

**PARISH INFORMATION DATA FORM:** It is once again time to submit your annual Parish Information Data for use by the various diocesan offices. Please complete the on-line form below by October 15<sup>th</sup>. <https://salinadiocese.typeform.com/to/O4AMPVzl>

## **OFFICE OF LITURGY**

The new translation of the OCA ritual and study additions will be on sale November 1. You can pre-order from several of the publishing houses. The text may be used as of the first Sunday of Advent. It must be used by March 1. Questions or clarifications can be sent to Fr. Coady at [coady@stmmanhattan.com](mailto:coady@stmmanhattan.com).

## **OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

### **FALL 2024 SEMINARY VISITS:**

- October 16-18 - Sacred Heart Seminary, Wisconsin
- October 31-Nov 2 - Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis
- November 8 - Conception Seminary, NW Missouri
- November 22 - St. Joseph House of Formation, Wichita
- December 5-7 - St. John Vianney Seminary, Denver

**RUNNIN’ REVS** basketball game will be held in Salina on December 27th at 6:00 p.m.

**QUO VADIS** (open to men High School Juniors through 30 years of age) is December 29-31 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita, KS.

**DEACON ORDINATION DATE** for Luke Friess is April 26, 2025.

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION** for Deacons Jesse Ochs, Kade Megaffin and Adam Urban will be May 31, 2025.

Vocations Office contact information:

- Fr. Andy Hammeke 785-656-3747
- Fr. Brian McCaffrey 785-236-0462

## **OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION**

**BOXES OF JOY, A BEACON OF HOPE AND FAITH:** Once again, as a Diocese, we are participating in the Cross Catholic Outreach Program, “Boxes of Joy”. This program is 100% voluntary and is not meant to replace any programs you currently have in your parishes. It is open to anyone of any age who would like to participate in bringing joy to a child that might not receive a gift without our help on Christmas morning,

Parishes - to get involved, please let us know how many boxes your parish would like to receive to fill. Everyone in the parish is welcome to participate in this meaningful outreach. Ensure that all completed boxes are returned to the Salina Diocese Chancery by November 7th at 103 N. 9th St., Salina, KS 67401. Additionally, a donation of \$9 per box is greatly appreciated to cover shipping costs. Please see the attached flyer for additional information.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Goodman, Jamie Kuhlman or Lori Leiszler at the Chancery at 785-827-8746. We are here to help!

## **PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH**

**REMINDER - MISSION APPEAL COLLECTIONS:** If you have not sent in your 2024 Mission Appeal collections from this summer, please do so as soon as possible. The World Mission Sunday collection will take place the weekend of October 19/20 and we do not want any confusion in these collections.

It is also important to send in your evaluation forms. This information will help when we choose the mission groups for next year.

## **OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### **COMMUNICATIONS DEADLINES:**

October: Oct. 4 (in home Oct. 25)

November: Oct. 25 (in home Nov. 22)

December: Dec. 6 (in home Dec. 27)

You can contact the editor, Lori Leiszler, at 785.827.8746 x114 or by email: [lori.leiszler@salinadiocese.org](mailto:lori.leiszler@salinadiocese.org) or [theregister@salinadiocese.org](mailto:theregister@salinadiocese.org)

**PARISH TRIVIA:** We need your help! When space allows, we are hoping to do a "parish fun facts" section in upcoming issues of The Register. We thought it would be fun to do a featured parish segment in The Register to share awesome things from around the diocese that people might not know about their fellow parishes. Please send [theregister@salinadiocese.org](mailto:theregister@salinadiocese.org) 3-5 quick fun facts about your parish! This could be something interesting about the town itself, standout members of the parish and their accomplishments, parish events or parish history. (And pictures are always welcome, too!) Please see the August and September back pages of The Register for examples.

## **OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

**SAFETY COORDINATORS:** Ministry Inventory Forms, Safety Coordinator Checklist, along with a CMGConnect database printout and verification page are to be emailed to the Safe Environment Office ([wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org](mailto:wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org)) before October 1st. I do understand that many of you may still be trying to secure catechists and/or other staff members, and that date may not be possible for you to meet. If that is the situation for you, please let me know, so I can make note in your file that those forms will be forthcoming.

**VISITS:** On-site visits are in full swing. Thank you to those who have participated and thank you to those who are preparing. If you have any questions as you make final preparations, please let me know. These visits are a time for us to collaborate as we work together to provide safe environments for our children to learn, pray and grow.

**REMINDER:** Safety Coordinators, please verify your site CMGConnect database. Please ensure that all expired users have recertified or are archived. Thank you for your continued support in our mission and to the young people of our diocese.

**SHOUT – OUTS:** During the month of September, we recognized two safety coordinators. Rhonda Machin from Manhattan Catholic School and Bryce Woodall from Sacred Heart Junior Senior High. They both have worked diligently to improve their compliance processes. Thank you both to your commitment to the diocese and to your schools.

**CARES FOR KIDS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:** Attached please find the newsletter “*Staying Safe with On-line Learning*” provided by Catholic Mutual. Please use this newsletter as an additional resource as you continue to provide safe environments in your parish and school communities. If you would like these newsletters in Spanish, please contact the Safe Environment Office at 785-827-8746 #124.

**THE SHEPHERD:** Attached please find the October edition of our newsletter, The Shepherd.

## **OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE**

**EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS** - The Salina Diocese is pleased to host the annual Eucharistic Congress again this October 5-11. Please consider offering an hour to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament for the intention of the unborn.

<https://rosarycongressusa.org/>



### [Home - Eucharistic Rosary Congresses](https://rosarycongressusa.org/)

The 2024 Eucharistic Rosary Congresses Seven days of Eucharistic Adoration and Hourly Rosary in response to Our Lady of Fatima’s call to conversion, consecration, and prayer! The Eucharistic Rosary Congress promotes the mission of the current National ... Read More [rosarycongressusa.org](https://rosarycongressusa.org)

## **OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE (cont.)**

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE** - Registration is open for the 2025 pilgrimage to Washington DC for the National March for Life. Please prayerfully consider being a voice for the voiceless. Please go to <https://salinadiocese.org/office/respect-life/march-for-life/> for more information.

**RESPECT LIFE MONTH** - October is National Respect Life month. Please pray for a respect for the dignity of life from conception to natural death.

**LIFE CHAIN** - Life Chain Sunday is coming up on October 6th. Check to see if your parish is hosting a life chain event in your town. Please consider offering an hour to stand on the sidewalk and pray for the unborn.

**RESPECT LIFE RETREAT** - Juniors and Seniors at our Catholic Schools in the Salina Diocese will be traveling to Salina on October 9<sup>th</sup> for the annual Respect Life Retreat. We are thrilled to have speaker Noelle Garcia with us to talk about Social Justice and respecting life at all stages. Thank you to all who will make this retreat possible.

## **OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE**

**ENGAGED ENCOUNTER:** The Engaged Encounter Team has put together their 2024-2025 dates. We are so grateful to this incredible team and all they do for our diocese's engaged couples!

February 7-9, 2025

April 4-6, 2025

June 6-9, 2025

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES:** We will be recognizing couples that are celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary or any anniversary ending with a 5 or 0, with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Vincke on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in Hays at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish and on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in Salina at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Registration and event details will be available on our website or by clicking the links below.

Hays -- <https://salinadiocese.org/events/anniversary-mass-hays/>

Salina -- <https://salinadiocese.org/events/anniversary-mass-salina/>

## **OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

**RESPECT LIFE RETREAT:** On October 9, juniors and seniors from the Catholic high schools in our diocese will come together in Salina to learn more about the dignity of every individual. This year's speaker is Noelle Garcia. Noelle is a Catholic recording artist and speaker. She travels the country sharing the faith through witness, Scripture, catechesis, and music. For over ten years Noelle has shared her ministry at events such as Steubenville Youth Conferences, the National Catholic Youth Conference, LA Congress, and many others. Her main topics include sharing her witness of struggling with depression and self-harm and having faith during suffering. Tynan Dowell, from Beloit, will also share about leaving a legacy and about her daughter Clara. FOCUS missionaries from K-State and FHSU will be in attendance to help lead breakout sessions. After a morning of speakers and group discussions, we will come together at Sacred Heart Cathedral for Mass, lunch and to pray a Rosary.

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

**BOXES OF JOY:** For the second consecutive year, schools and parishes are participating in Cross Catholic Outreach's service project, Boxes of Joy. Parishioners and students from the Salina Diocese will be sending over 1,000 boxes of Christmas presents to children in need.

**TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP:** Support Catholic Education in the Salina Diocese and receive a 75% State Tax Credit! The Scholarship Granting Fund for the Catholic Diocese of Salina is accepting donations and is able to offer a 75% tax credit. Please email Heather Hartman, Director of Development for Catholic Foundation [heather.hartman@salinadiocese.org](mailto:heather.hartman@salinadiocese.org). For the 24-25 school year, over \$137,000 will be awarded to [schools for 102](#) students in the Salina Diocese. These funds go directly to help with the cost of education for the qualifying student.

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

**CATACHETICAL WORKSHOP FOR DREs AND CATECHISTS--Christian Anthropology: Responding to Modern Challenges, Diocese of Salina, Fall 2024**

Join us for this workshop on October 26th from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in Salina. Thanks to a grant, attendance is free, but we are limited to 85 spots. If you join us, they will even provide you with breakfast, lunch, and snacks that day.

Sophia's Institute is who is putting on this workshop gear to give you some tools and strategies to teach some of the tough topics that are coming up in your classes.

Click this link for much more information and to register.

<https://sophiateachers.org/event/christian-anthropology-responding-to-modern-challenges-diocese-of-salina-fall-2024/>

**CYO CONVENTION - November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (Salina)**

Click this link to register and for all the information on the CYO Convention.  
<https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-youth-ministry/cyo-convention/>

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

**WHAT IS A CATHOLIC LEGACY?** – A Catholic legacy is the spiritual (our values and our Catholic Faith) and material (valuables we leave behind) impact we leave on the world.

Why should we talk about it?

There is a spiritual need to give. It is important to reflect on the many ways God has blessed us. When we reflect, we grow in gratitude and generosity, which is critical to our Faith.

Our parishes, schools, ministries, and diocese **need** it. Parishes are often overlooked when preparing wills.

90% of planned giving (gifts made at a future date) is done by bequests – gifts in a will.

Parishes receive only 9% of bequests.

Over 60% of Americans do not have an executable will.

## **CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR DIOCESE OF SALINA (cont.)**

What can YOU do in your parishes?

Host a **FREE** Estate Planning Seminar – Creating Your Catholic Legacy. The foundation provides these **FREE** educational seminars to encourage your parishioners 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.

Encourage your parishioners to complete a **FREE** Catholic Will. To write your will **FREE** of charge, please visit [mycatholicwill.com/givecfds](http://mycatholicwill.com/givecfds) and take the first step toward preserving your legacy!

Contact the Catholic Foundation for resources, tools, and more to help encourage and educate your parishioners. This can be done through bulletin announcements, brochures, social media posts, etc. – we are here to help provide this ministry!

If your parish would like more information on hosting a free seminar or have any questions, please contact Corrina Hudsonpillar at 785-639-2100 or [corrina.hudsonpillar@salinadiocese.org](mailto:corrina.hudsonpillar@salinadiocese.org)

**iGIVECATHOLIC 2025 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN** – We are excited to announce that registration for this year's #iGiveCatholic is now open! This annual day of giving is a wonderful opportunity to rally our communities in support of the vital work being done throughout our diocese.

### **Important Dates:**

**Registration Now Open** - until November 1 (but don't procrastinate!)

**Advanced Giving:** November 18 - December 2, 2024

**#iGiveCatholic Giving Day:** December 3, 2024

We understand that preparing for a fundraising event can feel overwhelming, but we are here to support you every step of the way. Our team will provide you with a range of resources to make the process as smooth and successful as possible. This includes a "how-to" manual, bulletin inserts, flyers, and social media announcements.

**To get started, simply visit [salina.igivecatholic.org](http://salina.igivecatholic.org) and complete your registration.** If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to Torrie Gregg – [torrie.gregg@salinadiocese.org](mailto:torrie.gregg@salinadiocese.org).

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2024:** Thank you for all your help with the Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of 9/24/24 we are at \$1,935,611 from 3,139 donors. As we continue the Bishop's Annual Appeal, I encourage each parish to help increase participation. Currently, we're at about 20%, but it's hard to call this a truly diocesan-wide campaign for ministries that serve everyone when such a small portion of our faithful are involved. Let's work together to ensure more of our community feels a sense of ownership in supporting these vital ministries. Bonus – if you made it this far in reading, send me a quick email with the subject line "Surprise" - I'll send a little prize your way! If you have any questions, please contact Heather Hartman at 785-738-7336 or [heather.hartman@salinadiocese.org](mailto:heather.hartman@salinadiocese.org)



**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR DIOCESE OF SALINA (cont.)**

**SEMINARIAN COLLECTION** - The annual seminarian collection took place August 10-11. Please process the donations as you normally would and submit the usual parish check to the Chancery. Please keep a record of who gave a gift and the amount given so we can send them a thank you. We ask that you send an excel spreadsheet with the following information to Torrie ([torrie.gregg@salinadiocese.org](mailto:torrie.gregg@salinadiocese.org))

- First Name
- Last Name
- Parish
- Dollar Amount

**NEW FOUNDATION WEBSITE!** If you haven't had a chance yet to visit the new website for the foundation, please do so! This revamped site is designed to provide easier access to information about our mission, initiatives, and how you can support the work we do for our faith community.

We invite you to visit our new website at [givecfds.org](http://givecfds.org) (and bookmark it!). You can also find it via [salinadiocese.org](http://salinadiocese.org) – under “offices”. We look forward to your feedback and hope you find the new website enriching and informative.

# NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> All Saints Day CHANCERY CLOSED	<b>2</b> All Souls Day
<b>3</b> Anniversary Mass, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Salina, 2 pm  Daylight Saving Time Ends	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Memorial Mass for Deceased Priests, Cathedral, Salina, 12pm Priest's Council mtg. 2:30pm	<b>8</b> Schools Teacher Inservice, SH Jr/Sr High, Salina, 8-3:30 Catholic Charities - Adoption Mass, Cathedral, 5pm	<b>9</b> CYO Convention, St. Mary's, Salina, Nov. 9-10
<b>10</b> USCCB General Mtg., Baltimore, MD, Nov. 10-14	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Deacon Candidate Formation Week, Victoria, Nov. 15-17	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> #igivecatholic Advanced Giving begins, Nov. 18-Dec. 2	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Catholic Charities Board mtg., 6pm Zoom	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> IHM Day of Blessing, Hays	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving CHANCERY CLOSED	<b>29</b> CHANCERY CLOSED	<b>30</b>



# Send a **Box of Joy** to a Child Who Wishes for **Just One Gift**

Every year, impoverished children experience a Christmas with no gifts. Burdened by poverty, their parents struggle to provide them with the most basic necessities. These are children who may have never held a picture book, worn a new shirt or owned a toy.

The gifts you pack in a Box of Joy show God's unconditional love, and they will spark the joy every child should experience at Christmas. More important, they are symbolic of God's greatest gift: his son, Jesus Christ.

The Box of Joy outreach provides a unique opportunity for the priests, nuns and lay missionaries working with the children to share the Gospel.

Your Box of Joy also supports lifesaving local ministries, enabling a greater impact on the lives of these precious children.

For those fighting poverty "in the trenches," a Box of Joy is literally a godsend!





## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. Use the provided gift box or any shoebox-sized container (approximately 12" long x 6" wide x 4" tall).
2. If possible, remove items from original packaging to limit waste in the receiving countries.
3. **Please do not put monetary donations in the gift boxes.** Go online to [boxofjoy.org](http://boxofjoy.org) to make your \$9 donation for each gift box **or scan the QR code to pay.**
4. If needed, secure the lid to your gift box with a single rubber band (please do not tape the gift box).



# GIFT IDEAS

## PERSONAL NOTES & PHOTOS

Children who receive Box of Joy gifts love it when you enclose a personal note or a handmade Christmas card and share a photo of yourself or your family. (It is advisable for parents or teachers to review notes written by children.)

### TOYS

#### Ball (deflated) with pump\*

Balloons  
Binoculars  
Cars or trucks  
Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.)

#### Doll\*

Finger puppets  
Handheld toys  
Harmonica, kazoo or other small instrument

Jump rope

Lego building blocks

Mini board games

Mini puzzle

Small balls (tennis, etc.)

#### Small plush animals\*

Slinky  
Unopened fast-food toys  
Yo-yo

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

#### Coloring book\*

#### Crayons\*

Erasers  
Flash cards  
Glue stick (no liquid)  
Notepads  
Pencil case  
Pencil sharpener  
Pencils, colored pencils  
Pens, markers  
Safety scissors  
Small board books  
Solar calculator  
Stickers

### CANDY & GUM

Unexpired candy that will not melt, sealed in a zip closure style bag

### APPAREL

Bandanas

#### Dresses\*

Flip-flops  
Hats  
Plastic poncho  
Socks  
Shorts  
T-shirts\*  
Underwear

### NECESSITIES/HOME

Bandages  
Comb or brush  
Cup or bottle with lid\*  
Hand wipes  
Lip balm  
Manicure kit  
Nail clippers or emery board  
Toothbrush\*

### ACCESSORIES

Barrettes  
Bracelets  
Earrings  
Hair bands or headbands\*  
Hair ribbons\*  
Necklace\*  
Purse or wallet\*  
Scarf  
Sunglasses\*  
Watch

### USEFUL ITEMS

Cross or rosary  
Compass  
Drawstring bag\*  
Sewing kit  
Utensils

\*Highly desired items.

## PLEASE DO NOT PACK

Liquids/gels (shampoo, body wash, lotion, nail polish, hand sanitizer, bubbles, paint, glue, etc.)  
Food or beverages • Chocolate or JOLLY RANCHER® • Medicine or vitamins • Anything with a battery  
Knives, tools or toy weapons • Glass or breakable objects • Cash, checks or gift cards

Box of Joy is a ministry of



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OUTREACH**

Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor

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## BOX RETURN INFO

All boxes must be returned to the Salina  
Diocese Chancery by November 7th!

103 N. 9th St. Salina, KS 67401

When filling your Box of Joy, please consider donating \$9 to help cover the costs for international delivery. Please do not place the money inside of the box!! Instead you can either place it in one of the self addressed postage-paid Boxes of Joy envelopes that is attached to the pamphlets and put it in the mail, or you can donate online at [boxofjoy@crosscatholic.org](mailto:boxofjoy@crosscatholic.org).

If you have any questions or any concerns about not being able to get your boxes turned in on time, please contact us and we can work to help get those turned in! Please contact Susan Goodman, Jamie Kuhlman or Lori Leiszler at 785-827-8746.



# **Catholic Mutual...CARES for Kids**

## **Staying Safe with Online Learning**

Before there was online learning, parents worried about how much time their children spent playing video games and what they were watching on TV. Now parents have the additional worries of them being online hours for class and class projects. Are they using appropriate sites to communicate with classmates and teachers? Are they getting the same level of education they would have if they were in a traditional classroom setting?

### **Computer Safety 101**

With everyone being on the internet for class and work, it is even more important to reduce your risk while online. Getting a virus that could destroy your computer is as easy as clicking or downloading something to your network. Make sure you have anti-virus/anti-malware software installed and up-to-date. The term "Malware" refers to malicious software. It's designed to run on a computer or a device to allow an attacker to gain access to or damage the computer without the owner's knowledge. Another important area to check is your wireless internet router. You should have a secure password and network name that you change when setting it up. It is best to use a network name that is not easily traced back to your family. For example, if your last name is 'Smith,' do not name your network 'Smith's Computer'.

Even if students are remote learning, there should still be adult supervision in place. Parents can also look into putting a parental filter or security setting in place to help monitor what sites their children can access. Schools should have firewalls in place to help with cybersecurity. A firewall helps best while at the school, however, it should still protect employee's emails while not in the building. It is best to check with your IT department to find out how their system works.

### **Online Safety in Schools**

Remote learning can include several methods of learning such as webinars, E-learning, live-streaming or downloading resources and materials. Each school and grade level will employ their own way of remote learning that is appropriate for the age of the students. Students may like the ease of simply logging on to complete assignments for class when they want. However, for students that have issues with

forgetfulness or procrastination, the online learning structure can leave them lacking. Each school district has their own policy when it comes to what can or cannot be shared between students and teachers. Teachers and students should not use the student's personal email to communicate. A lot of school districts require a parent's signature for pictures to be shared, where you can check with a school administrator to verify if your child is opted in or out.

### **Teaching Internet Safety**

A survey including clinicians, teachers, parents, and adolescents all came to the conclusion that parents have the primary responsibility when it comes to teaching internet and online safety. For youth, the best time to introduce internet safety is around the age of seven. It is always good to have an open line of communication with your children about internet safety, no matter their age. Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule (COPPA) is a federal law that prohibits websites from collecting personal information from children under the age of 13 without parental consent. Children do not always understand that personal information may be used in a negative way or for targeted advertising. Be sure to read the fine print on educational websites to see if they are collecting any personal data from your computer.

One of the best ways to protect children while online is talking to them about cybersecurity. It is important they understand the risk and are cautious about pop-up-ads, not clicking on unknown emails, and knowing who they are corresponding with while doing online learning.

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# THE SHEPHERD

Another summer has come and gone, our schools and parishes are once again filled with children! As we continue to elevate and improve all aspects of the Safe Environment Program, please ensure you are including the most recent materials while administering your programs in your parishes and schools. I look forward to another great year with you all and thank you for the work you do as we continue our mission;

**PROMISE TO PROTECT PLEDGE TO HEAL.**

Wendy

Please contact me with any questions you may have!  
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Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these” (Matthew 19:14).

All parishes and schools are reminded to place this announcement 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.

**BACK TO SCHOOL INTERNET SAFETY TIPS:**



1. Be involved in your students assignments
2. Keep computer in open area
3. Set rules and warn about dangers
4. Monitor computer activity
5. Consider implementing parental controls

**Computers and mobile devices can be helpful tools for children and teens to learn and grow in faith and fellowship. Unfortunately, the digital world is also full of unsafe and explicit content. You wouldn't hand a teen the car keys without first teaching them how to drive. The same should be true for using technology— teach them how to keep themselves and others safe while using it.**

## CMGConnect

Safety Coordinators, please log in weekly to your CMGConnect platform to ensure that all clergy, educators, employees, and volunteers (who minister with minors), have completed all safe environment requirements. Please make any necessary updates, including archiving those users who no longer minister in our diocese.



**SAFE ENVIRONMENT GUIDELINES**

**Education & Screening**

All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, employees, educators, as well as volunteers who minister with minors are required to complete a background check and safe environment training. For more information about safe environment compliance requirements, please contact your parish/school safety coordinator or visit [www.salinadiocese.org](http://www.salinadiocese.org)

**Reporting & Victim Assistance**

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, use one of the confidential diocesan reporting resources below:

Phone: 866.752.8855  
Website: [reportandprotect.com](http://reportandprotect.com)  
Email: [reportabuse@salinadiocese.org](mailto: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 Service provides a confidential Hotline: 800.276.1562  
Website: [reportbishopabuse.org](http://reportbishopabuse.org)

The Diocese of Salina complies with Kansas laws regarding reporting suspected abuse to civil authorities and cooperates with civil authorities as they investigate reports of suspected abuse by all persons, including, but not limited to church personnel.

Any questions in regards to education, reporting, or victim assistance can be directed to the Safe Environment Office/ Diocese of Salina  
785.827. 8746





## FROM THE USCCB - 2023 Annual Report

The 2023 Annual Report on the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People has been released. It describes the progress of Catholic dioceses/eparchies in implementing victim assistance and child protection policies and programs in the United States, particularly those found within the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The Annual Report is based on an annual audit process, carried out between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, by Stonebridge Business Partners. To read the full results of the report [click here](#).



## September 2024 Shout - outs

During the month of September we recognized Bryce Woodall AND Rhonda Machin. Bryce currently serves as Safety Coordinator for Sacred Heart Junior/Senior High School in Salina and Rhonda at Manhattan Catholic School in Manhattan. Both safety coordinators have been diligently working to improve the processes with regards to compliance at each of their schools and their continued dedication and hard work is what stand out the most. We greatly appreciate all of Bryce and Rhonda's hard work and ALL they do especially as they continue to create a safe environment for all at their schools.



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