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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

THANK YOU for your promotion of the various appeals that took place this past November. I appreciate your support for these important collections.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is Sunday, December 8 but will be observed on Monday, December 9th. The Chancery will be closed to observe this Holy Day of Obligation.

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION is December 7 & 8th.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all! The Chancery will be closed Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26 in observance of the holidays.

RUNNIN' REVS SALINA is scheduled for Friday, December 27 at Sacred Heart High School in Salina at 6 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to come out for some fun entertainment and to show support for our seminarians!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD is on Wednesday, January 1. The Chancery will be closed.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING inserts for the bulletin are below:

DECEMBER – Give a gift and join us to help strengthen initiatives which seek to educate publics about human trafficking and to identify and support victims of trafficking. **Alliance to End Human Trafficking**-Founded and Supported by **US Catholic Sisters 7575 Grand River Ave.1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.**

DICIEMBRE – Haz una donación y únete a nosotros para ayudar a fortalecer iniciativas que buscan educar al público sobre la trata de personas e identificar y apoyar a las víctimas de la trata. 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**

THÁNG MƯỜI HAI – Xin biếu chúng tôi một quà tặng và tham gia vào với chúng tôi để giúp tăng cường động lực tìm cách giáo dục đại chúng về nạn buôn người và nhận biết và nâng đỡ các nạn nhân của nạn buôn người. **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 CHANCELLOR

PARISH INFORMATION DATA FORM - As of November 20, 2024, 37 Parishes have submitted the annual Parish Information Data for use by the various diocesan offices. A special thank you to those parishes who have submitted the information. This is your FINAL notice. If your parish is listed below, you have not submitted information. Please complete the online form ASAP. <https://salinadiocese.typeform.com/to/O4AMPVzl>

Angelus - St. Paul Parish
Aurora - St. Peter Parish
Beardsley - St. John Nepomucene Parish
Belleville - St. Edward Parish
Beloit - St. John the Baptist Parish
Bird City - St. Joseph Parish
Brookville - St. Joseph Parish
Catharine - St. Catherine Parish
Clay Center - SS. Peter and Paul Parish
Clifton - St. Mary of the Assumption Parish
Clyde - St. John the Baptist Parish
Concordia - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
Cuba - St. Isidore Parish
Damar - St. Joseph Parish
Downs - St. Mary Parish
Ellsworth - St. Bernard Parish
Esbon - Sacred Heart Parish
Glasco - St. Mary Parish
Gorham - St. Mary Help of Christians Parish
Greenleaf - Sacred Heart Parish
Gypsum - St. Patrick Parish
Hanover - St. John the Baptist Parish
Hays - St. Joseph Parish
Holyrood - St. Mary Parish
Kanopolis - St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
Leoville - Immaculate Conception Parish
Logan - St. John the Evangelist Parish
Manhattan - Seven Dolours of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
Manhattan - St. Isidore Catholic Student Center Parish
Mankato - St. Theresa Parish
Miltonvale - St. Anthony Parish
Minneapolis - Immaculate Conception Parish
Munden - St. George Parish
Oakley - St. Joseph Parish
Oberlin - Sacred Heart Parish
Osborne - St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish
Park - Sacred Heart Parish
Phillipsburg - SS. Philip and James Parish
Plainville - Sacred Heart Parish
Russell - St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR (cont.)

Salina - Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish
 Salina - St. Mary Queen of the Universe Parish
 Selden - Sacred Heart Parish
 Solomon - Immaculate Conception Parish
 St. Francis - St. Francis of Assisi Parish
 Stockton - St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
 Tipton - St. Boniface Parish
 Vincent - St. Boniface Parish
 Walker - St. Anne Parish

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

FALL 2024 SEMINARY VISITS:

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

VOCATION OFFICE contact information:

Fr. Andy Hammeke 785-656-3747

Fr. Brian McCaffrey 785-236-0462

OFFICE OF THE TRIBUNAL

Mindful of the OCIA catechumens and candidates, you may be facilitating the paperwork needed to seek a declaration of nullity. Formal cases normally take 5 – 9 months to be completed. If you need assistance or any information regarding what type of case, i.e., formal, defect of form, previous bond, etc.; which forms to use; or how to proceed, please contact Fr. Peter, Karen, or Corey at the chancery.

The website <https://salinadiocese.org/office/tribunal/nullity-cases/> is a good resource for FAQ's, checklists and forms.

To reach Fr. Peter with questions regarding the Tribunal, canon law or the archives, please email frpeterquest@yahoo.com or call 785-263-7094.

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DECEMBER DEADLINES - The deadline to submit content for the December paper is Dec. 6 (in homes Dec. 27). January's content deadline is Jan. 3. (in homes Jan. 24). February's content deadline is Feb. 7 (in homes Feb 28).

You can contact the editor, Lori Leiszler, at 785.827.8746 x114 or by email:

lori.leiszler@salinadiocese.org or theregister@salinadiocese.org

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

CHILDREN'S TRAINING DATA REPORT FORM - This form (dated 7-2024) filled out in its entirety should be emailed to wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org before January 1, 2025. If you have any questions or if your parish/school will not have their children's training completed before this date, please let me know so I make a note in your file. Thank you to all those who have already returned this form. If you need a copy of this form,, please email wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org.

OTHER REQUIRED FORMS - Safety coordinators of parishes and schools, thank you to those who have already returned your Commitment Checklist, Ministry Inventory Form, CMG Verification Form, and CMG excel printout to the Safe Environment Office. If you have not yet met this requirement, please do so as soon as possible, as they are past due and further need to be verified and filed for compliance purposes. Thank you for being faithful to this request, and for all you do to protect the children in the Diocese of Salina.

SHOUT – OUTS: During the month of November, we recognized Megan Nobert. Megan has been a long-standing member of the Safety Coordinator Team and DRE in the diocese. Her creativity, her attention to detail, excellent communication skills, and reliability are what stand out the most in both areas of ministry. We appreciate all she does at St. John the Baptist in Clyde.

CARES FOR KIDS' MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - Attached please find the newsletter "*Rules for Safe Environments*" 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.

OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE - Please pray for our pilgrims who will be attending the 2025 National March for Life in Washington D.C. We have 2 buses departing Salina on January 22nd to march for the protection of life beginning at conception. The buses will return on January 26th.

IGNITE FOR LIFE - TOPEKA MARCH FOR LIFE - Join us as we gather in Topeka for our state-wide March for Life on **January 29th, 2025**, in recognition of the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Please go to <https://archkck.org/prolife/activities/ignite/> for more information.

YEAR-END GIFTS - It is never too early to put something in your bulletins promoting year-end giving. Nearly one third of charitable giving happens in the last quarter of the year. Let your parishioners know that they can support your parish, school, Bishop's Annual Appeal, or other Catholic ministry through these year-end gifts. If you need any assistance, please contact Heather Hartman at 785-738-7336 or heather.hartman@salinadiocese.org Here is an example:

As the year ends, there are so many ways to make a meaningful impact through a year-end gift. Consider supporting your parish, your local Catholic school, the Bishop's Annual Appeal, or our seminarians who are preparing for a life of service in the Church. Your generosity strengthens the mission of the Church and helps ensure these ministries thrive for generations to come. To make a gift or learn more, visit <https://givecfds.org/> Thank you for being a vital part of our Catholic family and for sharing your blessings!

PARISHIONER LIST - Be on the lookout for an email with the parishioner list for your parish from our database. Please review and return the updated list to torrie.gregg@salinadiocese.org as soon as possible. If you need an extension, please let us know!

Please compare our spreadsheet with your records and make any necessary changes directly on the provided spreadsheet. Note any changes in the appropriate column and highlight names that need to be changed or removed from your list of registered parishioners. Please do not delete anyone. If a parishioner should be removed, make a note of the reason (e.g., moved out of state, changed parish registration, deceased, etc.).

As always, please continue to add parishioner emails and updates as you receive them. We are especially focused on including email addresses in parishioner records so that they receive the monthly e-news from Bishop Vincke.

Thank you for your help in keeping our parish and parishioner records accurate! We truly appreciate your assistance. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS - Great news for students in the Diocese of Salina! There are three scholarship opportunities available for the 2025-2026 school year. The application process is online and opens on Nov. 1, 2024. Students are encouraged to apply by **March 1st, 2025**, at givecfds.org/scholarships.

- **Monsignor Clement A. Kruse Scholarship** - Applicant must be an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. These scholarships are approximately \$500.
- **Marymount Memorial Educational Trust Scholarship** - Applicant must be attending an accredited Catholic College as a full-time student and an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. These scholarships vary but ranged from \$1,000-\$3,000.
- **Susie Deges Scholarship** - This scholarship is specifically for high school seniors in the diocese who are active in their local CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). This scholarship is \$1,000.

#iGiveCatholic 2024 – We are excited to participate in this year's #iGiveCatholic on Tuesday December 3rd! Visit salina.igvecatholic.org to support your parish, Catholic school or ministry. This annual day of giving is a wonderful opportunity to rally our communities in support of the vital work being done throughout our diocese. Be watching for final totals for 2024 #iGiveCatholic in the upcoming weeks.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2025 - We're already gearing up for the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal, and as a thank-you for reading this far, we've got a little treat for you! Want a sneak peek at the brand-new Bishop's Annual Appeal poster? Simply email me at heather.hartman@salinadiocese.org and I'll send it your way. Be on the lookout for more details coming soon, and be sure to mark these important dates on your calendar:

- Kick-off weekend - February 8-9
- Participation weekend- February 22-23

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.

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/givecfd and take the first step toward preserving your legacy!
- Include a message in your bulletins-
 - *Want to create a lasting legacy for your parish, Catholic school, ministry or the diocese? It's simple! You can do this in your will, a life insurance policy or other beneficiary designations. Gifts of any size make a big difference and helps pass on your Catholic values for future generations. Contact the Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina for more information – development@salinadiocese.org.*
- 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

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CYO ADVENT RETREATS - December 15th (Salina & Hays). We will be hosting an Advent retreat in December for our high school students. The locations for the retreats will be Hays and Salina. Please check out our website for more information.

<https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-youth-ministry/apply/>

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (cont.)

NCYC 2025 – We have now begun the process of signing up for NCYC. Please see our website for all the information you need to start that process in your parish. Registration Deadline is December 21st <https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-youth-ministry/ncyc/>

OFFICE OF EDUCATION

TEACHERS’ INSTITUTE – On November 8, 200+ teachers gathered for our annual meeting. This year, we welcomed Deacon Omar Gutierrez from the Evangelium Institute in the Archdiocese of Omaha. He gave presentations on Catholic Social Teaching and the Discovery of the Bones of St. Peter.

BOXES OF JOY – Thank you to everyone participating in this year’s Box of Joy program. The Catholic Diocese of Salina shipped 950 boxes to Cross Catholic Outreach to be distributed to children worldwide that would otherwise not receive a gift for Christmas. Your generosity and love are inspiring. Again...thank you and bless you.

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARTNERSHIP – Students and staff of our Catholic schools donated diapers to Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas. Schools brought their collected diapers to the annual Teachers’ Institute on Friday, November 8, where they were greeted by students from St. Mary’s Grade School and Sacred Heart Jr/Sr High School, as well as staff from Catholic Charities. The individuals worked together to deliver the diapers to Catholic Charities. This is the third year our schools have participated in this service project.

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 the Catholic Foundation 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.

Example - Bob has an upcoming 2024 KS State Income tax obligation of \$750. To fulfill this obligation, he can EITHER:

Write a check to the KS Dept of Revenue in the amount of \$750 or

Write a check to the Scholarship Granting Fund for the Diocese of Salina for \$1,000, receive a “KS Tax Credit Certificate” to fulfill 100% of Bob’s 2024 KS Income Tax obligation.

****ANY individual income taxpayer, corporate income taxpayer, privilege taxpayer or insurance premium taxpayers are eligible for the tax credit****

Please consult your tax advisor to see if this is right for you.

OFFICE OF EDUCATION (cont.)

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OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

3rd ANNUAL ADVENT FAMILY CHALLENGE - We will have our third annual Advent Family Challenge. Please make sure you are keeping an eye on our website and social media for more information. We appreciate all your help promoting this to your parish's families!

<https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life/advent-family-challenge/>

Pick one night a week during Advent for a family night. Clear your schedule, put the phones in the other room, turn off the TV, make and share a meal together, and then play a game as a family or watch something together on formed.org.

Pray the Novena for Marriage and Families with us. Each day (December 20th – December 28th), we will send out the daily prayer through social media and on our website so your family can join families all over our diocese praying together for marriages and families.

Go to Mass together as a family on the Feast of the Holy Family (December 29th)

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

PARISH INFORMATION - The details below are intended to assist your parish and staff. For any questions or additional support, please reach out to Megan Augustine at maugustine@cnks.org or 785-833-9380.

2024 IGNITING HOPE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN - The Development Team would also like to extend their gratitude to all the parishes that played a vital role in promoting our campaign. As we look ahead, we want to ensure that next year's campaign is even more impactful and seamless for everyone involved. To help us achieve that, we kindly ask for your feedback on the campaign kickoff and parish packs. Would you please take a few minutes to complete a quick and easy survey at <https://cnks.org/igniting-hope-feedback?> We thank you for your continued support and look forward to hearing your thoughts.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES (cont.)

PARISH EMAIL NEWSLETTER - We are excited to share we have started an Email Newsletter called “Catholic Charities Connect” that will go out to all parishes and pastors each month. In this newsletter, you’ll find valuable information to share in your parish bulletins and on social media. If you have any questions or want to make sure you are on the list to receive the Parish Email Newsletter, please contact Megan Augustine, Development and Parish Relations Manager, at 785-833-9380 or maugustine@ccnks.org

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WEBSITE - We are excited to introduce a dedicated website designed to strengthen and expand our connections with parishes, schools, organizations, businesses, and families across the Salina Diocese. This platform serves as a hub for fostering collaboration and supporting initiatives that benefit our community. To learn more, go to <https://ccnks.org/community-engagement>

UPCOMING OFFICE AND THRIFT STORE CLOSURE DATES - As the holiday season approaches, we want to keep you informed of our upcoming closures for offices in Manhattan, Salina, Hays, and Thrift Store:

- **November 28 & 29:** Thanksgiving Break
- **December 24 – January 1:** Christmas Break

Additionally, please note that our social media pages and website will be updated with any closures due to inclement weather.

BULLETIN INFORMATION - Feel free to use the information below in your weekly bulletin. We appreciate your help in letting parishioners know about the resources Catholic Charities offers. For any questions about this information, please contact Jeree Hughbanks, Communications Manager, at jhughbanks@ccnks.org or 785-833-9378.

SAVE THE DATE: NEW HAYS OFFICE GRAND OPENING - Mark your calendars for the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of our new Hays office and Thrift Store on February 14, 2025 at 9 a.m.. Stay tuned for more details!

DECEMBER 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 Abilene, Atwood, Belleville, Beloit, Beverly, Chapman, Clay Center, Concordia, Ellsworth, Herington, Hill City, Hoxie, Junction City, Lincoln, Mankato, Minneapolis, Norton, Oakley, Oberlin, Osborne, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Russell, Smith Center, WaKeeney, and Washington. The December Outreach Services schedule is attached. You can also view the full, up-to-date Outreach Services schedule anytime at www.ccnks.org/outreach.

2024 IGNITING HOPE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN - On behalf of the entire Catholic Charities team, thank you to everyone who has and is still contributing to the 2024 Igniting Hope Annual Campaign. Through your faithful generosity, you are meeting the needs of those across northern Kansas facing food insecurity, financial hardships, lack of support, and mental health challenges. All donations made will be matched up to \$150,000, doubling your impact! It is not too late to make your mark. To donate to the 2024 Annual Campaign, visit <https://ccnks.org/ignitinghope>

CATHOLIC CHARITIES (cont.)

HAPPY BOTTOMS DIAPER DRIVE - Thank you to all the students, parents, faculty, and staff from the Salina Diocese Catholic Schools who donated diapers to struggling parents across northern Kansas. You donated \$12,812 worth of diapers that will help keep local babies healthy and dry.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - Catholic Charities offers a variety of volunteer opportunities where you can make a meaningful impact! Whether you're helping build food and hygiene boxes, assisting at our outreach locations, or supporting our thrift stores in Salina and Hays (*coming soon*), your contributions are invaluable. If you're interested in volunteering, please fill out the volunteer form on our website: <https://cenks.org/volunteer>.

DILLON'S PICKUP BAGS - 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 communities. Every bag counts! Please consider dropping off your Dillon's Pickup bags at any of our three office locations 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 ships 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.

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!



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CATHOLIC CHARITIES (cont.)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN MANHATTAN:

Emergency Assistance Coordinator - Be a welcoming face to those in need! This role involves greeting clients, managing emergency financial assistance applications, and coordinating with community partners to provide essential services. You'll play a crucial part in creating a supportive and caring environment for our clients while contributing to the mission of Catholic Charities.

Outreach Services Coordinator - Make an impact in rural communities! This position involves delivering emergency aid—such as food, hygiene supplies, and financial support—to those in need across rural areas. You'll also manage outreach supplies, oversee volunteer engagement, and support disaster relief efforts to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Join us in serving others with dignity and compassion. To learn more or apply, visit www.ccnks.org/careers or contact Megan Robl at mrobl@ccnks.org.

JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. CHANCERY CLOSED	2 SEEK25 Conference, Salt Lake City, Jan 2-4	3 Region IX Archbishops & Bishops Annual Retreat, San Diego, CA Jan 3-10	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Deacon Candidate Formation Weekend, Victoria, 17-19th	18
19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day CHANCERY CLOSED	21 Priest Personnel Board mtg. 1 pm	22 MFL Blessing of the busses, 10am, Chancery parking lot	23 Diocesan March for Life Pilgrimage, Washington, D.C. Jan. 22-26	24	25
26 Holy Family Chili Feed & Bazaar, Hays, 4pm	27 Catholic Schools week Jan. 26 - Feb. 1	28 Red Mass noon, St. Joseph's, Topeka, Foundation Board Mtg 4pm	29 MFL Ignite Rally & Mass, Topeka, 9am	30	31	

Catholic Mutual...CARES for Kids

Rules for Safe Environments

It is easy to fall into the hurried rush of everyday life and forget the importance of safety procedures. Between drop off/pick up, carpools, practices, and playdates keeping on schedule can turn your days into a blur. Not to mention when there is a change in that schedule, you must then remember to coordinate with the appropriate parties. Although the situations may not appear to be unsafe, they pose a potential danger to those involved. These types of occurrences are all too familiar for those who work directly with youth.

Teachers, youth ministers, and volunteers understand that in order to create the safest possible environment for children, routines and procedures must be in place. It can be difficult to convey to parents or guardians the importance of these practices when they are amid day-to-day life, and have grown comfortable with the school or parish environment they are in.

To help parents realize the need to maintain a safe environment for children, it's vital to educate, empower, explain, and most important, enforce those procedures.

Educate: Parent meetings on topics such as bullying, internet safety, recognizing signs of abuse, and other important issues are all good ways to start the conversation. Occasionally provide additional resources, articles, and handouts to remind parents of the importance of being diligent in following the procedures that have been put into place by your school or parish.

Empower: First and foremost, it is the parents' job to keep their children safe. Give them the tools necessary so they are able to ask good questions and can recognize the signs of an environment or situation that may be unsafe for their child. Assure parents that their efforts will make a difference in the lives of not only their child, but in the lives of other children as well.

Explain: Thought and planning went into the rules and procedures, so without proper explanation, you can't expect parents and guardians to know how to follow them. Clearly explain, both verbally and in writing, expectations for everyone to follow. Keep safety procedures and rules visible and easy to access. Continue to provide reminders at different points throughout the year so that parents remain aware of their surroundings.

Enforce: No exemptions should be made. A safe environment for children must come before convenience. Giving into one parents request “just once” opens the door for all other parents and guardians to do the same. As severe as it may seem, all the children have to be taken into consideration. If certain parents complain about what you have implemented or they refuse to comply with the safety guidelines, it may be necessary to meet with them individually to discuss in more detail why these policies are essential to all programs involving children.

Many mistakenly think “that won’t happen here” but, unfortunately, statistics show that no school or parish community is immune to safety concerns. Having regular meetings with parents or guardians to educate them on the safe environment practices and why they are done in that way is an important step in keeping children and everyone else safe on a daily basis.

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Catholic Charities Outreach Services

December 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

12/3

Osborne - St. Aloysius Catholic Church 10:30am - 11:30am

Wednesday

12/4

Junction City - JC Naz Church 9:00am - 10:00am
Phillipsburg - St. Philip & James 10:00am - 11:00am
Smith Center - St Mary's Catholic Church 10:30am - 11:30am
Norton - St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Herington - St John Catholic Church 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Hill City - Immaculate Heart of Mary 2:00pm - 3:00 pm

Wednesday

12/11

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

12/18

Abilene - St. Andrew Parish 9:30am - 10:30am
Beloit - St. John the Baptist Church 10:00am - 11:00am
Atwood - Sacred Heart Catholic Church 10:30am - 11:30 am
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
Hoxie - St. Frances Catholic Church 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Thursday

12/19

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. 9:30am - 10:15am
Beverly - City Office of Beverly 10:45am - 11:15am
Belleville - St. Edward Parish 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Plainville - Sacred Heart Catholic Church 1:00pm - 2:00pm



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!





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.



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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!