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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY is Monday, January 20. The Chancery will be closed.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE is Friday, January 24 in Washington D.C.

THE RED MASS will be held in Topeka at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28. Services will again be held at St. Joseph's Church, 227 SW Van Buren St. in Topeka.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK is January 26 – February 1. The theme is "*Catholic Schools: United in Faith & Community*". Thank you to all the pastors, teachers, parents, and students who support our Catholic schools.

IGNITE RALLY AND MASS Annual Pro-Life Event is Wednesday, January 29 in Topeka. The National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and the Kansas Mass, March & Rally for Life. Please see the Office of Respect Life section for more information.

NOTE: THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING inserts for the bulletin are currently unavailable. We are looking for a new source for the monthly announcements.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

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.

Vocations Office contact information:

Fr. Andy Hammeke 785-656-3747

Fr. Brian McCaffrey 785-236-0462

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

THE DEADLINE to submit content for the January paper is Jan. 3. (in homes Jan. 24). February's content deadline is Feb. 7 (in homes Feb 28). March's content deadline is March 7 (in homes March 28).

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

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION: Thank you to all parishes that have sent in their World Mission Sunday collections from October 20th. It is much appreciated. If you haven't already done so, please send your collection to the chancery office, attn. Brenda, as soon as you can.

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. The Salina Diocese has two groups attending the March for Life: one group will take a bus to Washington D.C. while the other will fly. All pilgrims will be Marching on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. Please pray for the protection of the unborn!

IGNITE RALLY - TOPEKA MARCH FOR LIFE: Join us as we gather in Topeka for our state-wide March for Life on January 29th, 2025, in Topeka 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.

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 was December 21st, but if you are still interested in bringing a group, please contact us, and we will make it happen.** <https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-youth-ministry/ncyc/>

CHRISTMAS BREAK - We wish all our amazing DREs, catechists, youth ministers, parents, and young people a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

GOOD NEWS – We recently received a letter from the auditors at StoneBridge Business Partners. “Based on the results of our recently performed on-site audit of the Diocese of Salina, the diocese has been found compliant with all audited articles within the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* for the audit period of July 1, 2021, through September 30, 2024. The conclusions reached as to the compliance of the diocese were based upon inquiry, observation, and the review of specifically requested documentation furnished to StoneBridge Partners during the course of the audit.”

Just a note of thanks to **ALL** the Safety Coordinators in the diocese. Your support and cooperation in the success of this endeavor was greatly appreciated.

NEWSLETTER - Attached please find the January edition of the Safe Environment Newsletter, The Shepherd.

FRIENDLY REMINDER – The Safe Environment Office will be contacting parish and school Safety Coordinators along with their respective priests and principals who have not yet submitted required forms/bulletins to the Safe Environment Office, your cooperation is essential. We will not have another on-site audit until 2027, but we will have to submit data for the data collection process to StoneBridge Business Partners in 2025. Please continue to be vigilant and attentive to the efforts of protecting children and maintaining safe environments so our children can learn, pray and grow. Please direct any questions to wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org

SHOUT – OUTS: During the month of December, we recognized the Safety Coordinator Team of Mary Harmon and Lucinda Roths. Mary is new this year to her role as DRE and Safety Coordinator. Assisting Mary is Lucinda Roths, who, along with supporting Mary, maintains the CMGConnect platform database. Both have been an integral part in providing Safe Environments to the students and adults at St. Elizabeth’s Parish in Salina. Thank you both for your commitment to the diocese and for all you do.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK (Feb 7th-14th): The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 9) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year’s theme is “Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love!”

[Parish Printable Poster English](#)

[Parish Printable Poster Spanish](#)

We invite all married couples to join in with couples from all over the United States in a National Marriage Week Home Retreat. The theme of this year’s at-home retreat is--New Again: Pursuing A Lasting Love.

[At-Home Retreat English](#)

[At-Home Retreat Spanish](#)

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE (cont.)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Mission of Family Video Series - Men and women, young and old, strengthen and grow in your faith for your families with five short videos produced by the Knights of Columbus called the “Mission of The Family”.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>

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 FOUNDATION FOR DIOCESE OF SALINA

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL 2024: As we approach the final stretch of the 2024 Bishop’s Annual Appeal, we kindly ask for your continued support in spreading the word. Your parish plays a crucial role. Through announcements during Mass, parish newsletters or social media, your efforts make a significant difference. Thank you once again for your unwavering dedication to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. We will continue to count any gifts received until **Jan. 31, 2025**, towards the current appeal.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL 2025: The 2025 appeal assets are near completion. In January, materials will be sent to all parishes.

Additionally, a Zoom meeting for parish office staff is scheduled for the week of January 20th. This will be a great opportunity to ask questions, learn how we can assist with the appeal and maybe even win a prize! More details to come.

Kick-off weekend Feb. 8-9

Participation weekend Feb. 22-23

#iGIVECATHOLIC 2024: 33 organizations in our diocese had a hugely successful #iGiveCatholic Giving Day on Tuesday December 3rd. Participating organizations in our diocese were able to raise \$605,964! Thank you to everyone for their dedication, hard work, and efforts – which were clearly rewarded through another successful #iGiveCatholic campaign.

Some quick stats regarding the 2024 campaign-

- The Diocese of Salina ranked 7th overall out of 37 participating dioceses.
- We had 939 donors this year.
- Two organizations ranked in the top 50 in the nation – Comeau Catholic Campus Center (27th), St. Andrew Grade School, Abilene (41st)
- Four more organizations finished in the top 100 in the nation – St. John’s Catholic Schools, Beloit; Manhattan Catholic Schools; St. Andrew Church, Abilene; St. Francis Xavier Parish, Junction City.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR DIOCESE OF SALINA (cont.)

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 opened 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.

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/givecfds 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

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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.

NEW HAYS LOCATON: As of Monday, December 16, Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas has officially relocated to its new space at 1011 Centennial Blvd. in Hays. Please note that the thrift store is not yet open or accepting donations at this time. We appreciate everyone's patience during this transition and will announce the thrift store's opening date and donation schedule, anticipated sometime in January. Thank you for your continued support as we settle into our new home in Hays!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: The annual Baby Bottle Campaign runs February 1–28 for all participating parishes in the Salina and Manhattan areas.

How it works: Pick up a baby bottle at your parish starting February 1, fill it with change, cash, or checks, and return it to the parish in the designated bin by February 28. This campaign supports Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support & Adoption Programs.

Interested in participating? Contact Megan Augustine at maugustine@cnks.org or 785-833-9380.

Note: The Hays-area campaign will take place as usual from Mother's Day to Father's Day.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: New this year! From February 17–28, Salina Diocese Catholic Schools will participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign to support Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support & Adoption Programs.

How it works: Students, faculty, and staff can bring in change, cash, or checks and place them in the large baby bottles located in each classroom.

More details will be shared with schools soon, stay tuned for updates!

PARISH EMAIL NEWSLETTER: Our email newsletter called "Catholic Charities Connect" goes 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@cnks.org

CATHOLIC CHARITIES (cont.)

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:

- *December 23 – January 1: Christmas Break*

- *January 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

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! Join us for the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of our new Hays office and Thrift Store on February 14, 2025, at 9 AM. Come tour the new space and learn more about our services and how this expansion will positively impact the communities we serve in the Hays service area. We're thrilled to share this milestone with you—stay tuned for more details!

JANUARY 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 January 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 \$165,000, instead of \$150,000, meaning your gift will go even further to help families in need! It is not too late to make your mark. To donate to the 2024 Annual Campaign, visit <https://ccnks.org/ignitinghope>

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://ccnks.org/volunteer>.

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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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.

OFFICE OF EDUCATION

KAIRS EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR FOR THE SALINA DIOCESE: Amanda Cook, Principal, St. John's in Hanover, was named the recipient of the KAIRS Educator of the Year for the Salina Diocese. She will be recognized at the annual KAIRS Banquet on Monday, February 10 in Topeka.

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: In February, students at our schools will be filling baby bottle banks with quarters to raise money for Catholic Charities. This is a great way to not only raise money, but to also raise awareness about the needs in our communities.

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:

- 1. Write a check to the KS Dept of Revenue in the amount of \$750 or*
- 2. 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.

FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Confirmation, St. Thomas More, Manhattan, 5pm	3	4	5	6	7 Catholic Engaged Encounter Wknd, Victoria, 7-9	8 Bishop's Annual Appeal Kick-off weekend, 8/9
9 Confirmation, Christ the King, WaKeeney, 10:30am World Marriage Sunday	10	11	12 Confirmation, Clifton & Clyde in Clyde, 7pm	13	14 Catholic Charities, Hays, Ribbon cutting, 9am CC Board mtg. 11:30am	15
16	17 Clergy Renewal Days, 17-20 th , Wichita	18	19	20	21 Deacon Candidate Formation Wknd, 21-23	22
23 Confirmation-St. Wenceslaus, Wilson, 10:00am	24	25	26	27	28	

THE SHEPHERD

THANK YOU!

As we begin a new calendar year, we want to take this opportunity to thank all Safety Coordinators for the work you do in the Diocese of Salina, and share with you a letter Bishop Vincke received from StoneBridge Business Partners last month. This letter represents true commitment and dedication to the Charter and our mission, promise to protect, pledge to heal.

Dear Bishop Vincke:

Based on the results of our recently performed on-site audit of the Diocese of Salina, the diocese has been found compliant with all audited Articles within the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People for the audit period of July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024. The conclusions reached as to the compliance of your diocese are based upon inquiry, observation, and the review of specifically requested documentation turned in to StoneBridge Partners during the course of the audit. Thank you for your cooperation during this process.

Sincerely,

StoneBridge Business Partners

We sincerely thank you for your ministry as you continue to faithfully implement the Safe Environment Program in your parishes and schools. We will not have another on-site audit until 2027 but, are required to submit data for the data collection process to StoneBridge Business Partners in 2025. Please continue to be vigilant and attentive to the efforts of protecting children and maintaining safe environments so our children can learn, pray and grow.

CMGConnect

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

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.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
of SALINA

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

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

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 Service 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 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



7-2024



Like Mary, the Mother of God, let us place our lives and the world in the hands of God. Filled with Christ's love, let us be bearers of hope, sharing that hope with others and helping renew the hearts of our brothers and sisters. May God bless the year 2025 with his redeeming grace to bring healing, lasting joy, and peace to all the world.

Happy New Year!

HOW CHILDREN CAN SAFETY VOLUNTEER IN MINISTRY

Volunteering within the church can be a fulfilling experience for children, helping them develop a sense of community, empathy, and responsibility. However, ensuring their safety is paramount. Below are some guidelines for parents and church leaders to ensure children can volunteer safely within the church environment with tasks appropriate for their age. Potential volunteer ideas may be, younger children can help with simple tasks like greeting attendees or distributing programs and the older children can assist with activities like serving food and helping with children's games or sitting with younger ones at mass or during rosary. How are the children in your parish volunteering?



Stay tuned for part 2 of this article in the next issue of the Shepherd, "Keeping a Safe Environment for Child Volunteers"

October, November, and December 2024 Shout - Outs

During the month of October we recognized Keely Meineke. Keely currently serves as Safety Coordinator at St. Edward's Parish in Belleville. Keely is new to the Safety Coordinator Team and is doing amazing work. In November we recognized Megan Nobert safety coordinators of St. John the Baptist in Clyde. Megan has been a long time member of the team and continues to work diligently to ensure safety for all! In December we recognized Mary Harmon and Lucina Roths, the Safety Coordinator Team at St. Elizabeth's Parish, Salina. Their passion for children and to provide safe environments for ALL, is what stands out the most. We greatly appreciate all those recognized these last three months and thank you all for your dedication and support as we continue to provide safe environments in the Diocese of Salina



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Catholic Charities Outreach Services

January 2025 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

1/7

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

Wednesday

1/8

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

Thursday

1/9

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

1/15

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

Wednesday

1/22

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





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.



Catholic
Charities
OF NORTHERN KANSAS

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!