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## **OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

**CONFIRMATION** dates for 2025-2026 are now being set. We will use the same online Confirmation Request form for the 2025-2026 Confirmation season as last year, available [HERE](#). Please have all date requests submitted by May 31st. Every parish, even if you are not preparing a Confirmation class, should complete the form. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda at the chancery.

**GOOD FRIDAY**, April 18th, the Chancery will be closed.

**HAPPY EASTER!** The Chancery will be closed on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**TRANSITIONAL DEACON ORDINATION MASS** for Luke Friess will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. Please join us in supporting Luke as he further his journey to becoming a Priest.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**K. OF C. STATE CONVENTION**, May 2-4, Wichita. Clergy Appreciation Mass and dinner will be Thursday, May 1, at 5:00 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection, 4910 N. Woodlawn, Wichita.

**WOMEN'S RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION MASS** will be Thursday, May 8, at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. Lunch will follow. Priests are invited to concelebrate Mass. Please email [brenda.streit@salinadiocese.org](mailto:brenda.streit@salinadiocese.org) if you plan on attending.

## **SENIOR PRIEST LUNCHEONS:**

Tuesday, May 20th, Spiritual Life Center, Victoria

Wednesday, May 21st, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina

Invitations will be forthcoming.

**SEMINARIAN DINNERS** will be on Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> in Manhattan and Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> in Hays. More information to come out soon.

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

## **OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR**

**BAPTISMAL RECORDS:** If you have not already done so, please check to see when your parish/es baptismal records were last sent to the Chancery. Ideally this should be done on an annual basis. You may electronically submit records to Karen Jurgensmeier at [karen.jurgensmeier@salinadiocese.org](mailto:karen.jurgensmeier@salinadiocese.org). If you would like an Excel File of the form for electronic submission, please contact Corey Lyon, [corey.lyon@salinadiocese.org](mailto:corey.lyon@salinadiocese.org).

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

Together with the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, and the Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph, we will recognize Monday, April 28, 2025, as a Day of Prayer in Day of Prayer in Atonement of and for the Healing of All Those Harmed by Sexual Abuse. It is recommended that all daily Masses offered that day employ the Mass formula “For Reconciliation” (Number 16 of Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions). Readings may be those for the day (Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter) or from those listed “For Reconciliation” (found in Volume IV of the Lectionary for Mass). It is especially fitting that one of the Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation be used during the Mass. The petitions of the Universal Prayer should include prayers for atonement for any grave harm caused by members of the Church as well as for the healing of those who have suffered and continue to suffer because of past sexual abuse.

## **OFFICE OF LITURGY**

Only the catechumens sign the Book of the Elect (OCIA, #539). The candidates do not. It is the Book of the Elect (which is what the catechumens are called after the Rite of Election). There is no need to change anything that has been done in the past but, going forward, we should be careful about this. This is one of several distinctions the OCIA carefully makes in order not to treat those already baptized as if they did not already know Christ.

## **OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

**TRANSITIONAL DEACON ORDINATION** Date for Luke Friess is April 26 at 10:00 a.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina.

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION** Date for Deacons Jesse Ochs, Kade Megaffin and Adam Urban will be May 31 at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina

**VOCATIONS BBQ** - August 3 at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Hays at 3:00 p.m.

**RUNNIN’ REVS’** - December 29 at 6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart High School in Salina.

**VOCATIONS OFFICE** contact information:

Fr. Andy Hammeke 785-656-3747

Fr. Brian McCaffrey 785-236-0462

## **OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

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

**A KIND REMINDER** - If you have not turned in Ministry Inventory Forms, Children's Data reports or parish bulletins with Safe Environment announcements, please do so as soon as possible. The end of our audit period (and the school year) is quickly approaching, and it is imperative that we have all the data we need from the parishes and schools for the Diocese of Salina before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2025** - This date has been set aside to devote to prayer in atonement for those harmed by sexual abuse in the Catholic Church.

**THE SHEPHERD** - Please continue to use this quarterly newsletter to stay current with information from the Safe Environment Office and the Diocese of Salina as you continue to provide safe environments for the children and youth in your care.

## **OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE**

**RESPECT LIFE** - Please consider praying for the protection of the unborn in a special way on the anniversary of Hodes & Nauser, MDs v. Schmidt. On April 26th, 2019, the Kansas Supreme Court held in Hodes & Nauser MDs v. Schmidt that the Kansas Constitution protects the "natural" right to abortion. Pray for the conversion of hearts and for our lawmakers.

## **OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

**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](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.

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

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

**FIELD TRIPS** – The spring is full of field trips for many of our students. Visiting places across the state with classmates is a great learning experience. Whether it is a trip to a local zoo or a pilgrimage to Pilsen, KS, students remember these days very well! We even have one group that visits the Chancery and Sacred Heart Cathedral for a tour in May.

**ACADEMICS** – a large handful of students from Catholic high schools in the diocese received Hansen Foundation Scholarships. You can find the full list on our website. We also had three students receive \$100,000 scholarships from the Rudd Foundation. This is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and partnership between the families and the school. We are very proud of our students.

**ACTIVITIES** – The Catholic high schools of the Salina Diocese fared well at the State Scholar’s Bowl. Sacred Heart placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and TMP-M placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class 2A, while Beloit-St. John’s placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and St. Xavier’s qualified for State in Class 1A Div. 2. The TMP-M girls basketball team had a strong showing in the postseason and qualified for State at Bramlage Coliseum. They lost a hard-fought battle with the eventual champion, Moundridge, in the first round.

**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 filled baby bottle banks with quarters to raise money for Catholic Charities. Over \$4,000 was raised!

**NEWMAN MINISTRY** – The Salina Diocese has partnered with Newman Ministry to help our high school seniors, Catholic, Public, or Home-School, get connected with the parish in the community they move to. Information has been sent to parish CYO Directors and Catholic high school principals.

## **OFFICE OF NEW EVANGELIZATION**

**STORIES OF HOPE ESSAY CONTEST!** High school and college students in the diocese are invited to share their answers to “What does hope mean to you?” Winning entries in high school and college categories will be shared by the diocesan communications team—visit [salinadiocese.typeform.com/to/jCv3kFqj](http://salinadiocese.typeform.com/to/jCv3kFqj) for details and to submit your story!

Not interested in writing or entering the contest? Feel like it’s not for you? Anyone in the diocese can still share a brief thought about what gives them hope (in a paragraph or less) at [bit.ly/myhoperesponse](http://bit.ly/myhoperesponse). Your response might be featured in an upcoming issue of faith magazine!

## **OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**COMMUNICATIONS DEADLINES:** The deadline to submit content for the April paper is April 4th (in homes April 25). May's content deadline is May 2nd (in homes May 23).

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)

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

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2025:** The 2025 appeal kicked off February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The next appeal letter will arrive in homes the week of April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, need additional materials, etc. please contact the development team – [development@salinadiocese.org](mailto:development@salinadiocese.org).

Ongoing Efforts for Successful Appeal

Update the parishioners on your progress towards the goal

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

Parish Resources – [bit.ly/ParishBAA](https://bit.ly/ParishBAA)

QR Code and Link for Bulletins, etc.- [appeal.givecfds.org](https://appeal.givecfds.org)



**SEMINARIAN DINNERS – Save the Dates!** Mark your calendars for the 2025 Seminarian Fundraising Dinners. Be looking for formal invitations and RSVP information in the upcoming months.

Wednesday July 30<sup>th</sup> - Manhattan

Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup> – Hays

**LET YOUR FAITH BE YOUR LEGACY!** Did you know that the Catholic Foundation offers resources to help your parishioners keep their faith in mind when planning their estate?

Check out the “Estate Planning” section on the Parish Resources page - [bit.ly/ParishBAA](https://bit.ly/ParishBAA)

Host a free estate planning seminar - contact Corrina Hudsonpillar at 785-639-2100 or [corrina.hudsonpillar@salinadiocese.org](mailto:corrina.hudsonpillar@salinadiocese.org) – with questions or obtain information on the content of these seminars.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** The application period for the Monsignor Clement A. Kruse Scholarship, Marymount Memorial Educational Trust Scholarship, and Susie Deges Scholarship closed on March 1. Stay tuned for the announcement of recipients in an upcoming issue of *The Register*. Thank you for helping to spread the word about these scholarship opportunities!

**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@ccnks.org](mailto:maugustine@ccnks.org) or 785-833-9380.

**Hays-Area Baby Bottle Campaign** - We invite you to participate in our Baby Bottle Campaign, taking place in Hays-area parishes from Mother's Day to Father's Day. *How it works:* Pick up a baby bottle at your parish starting May 10, fill it with change, cash, or checks, and return it to the parish in the designated bin by June 15. You can also donate online at [www.ccnks.org/babybottle](http://www.ccnks.org/babybottle) This campaign supports local mothers and babies in need.

**Host a Baby Bottle Campaign and Make a Difference!** - The Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign is a simple yet powerful way for parish communities to support local mothers and babies in need. Every donation helps provide essential items such as:

- ✓ Diapers & wipes
- ✓ Pacifiers & bottles
- ✓ Car seats
- ✓ Blankets & clothing

Want to get involved? You choose the timeframe that works best for your parish! Many parishes run their campaigns from Mother's Day through Father's Day, while others hold theirs in February or October during Respect Life Month to celebrate the gift of life—it's your preference! To host a Baby Bottle Campaign at your parish, contact Megan Augustine at [maugustine@ccnks.org](mailto:maugustine@ccnks.org) or 785-833-9380. You can also sign up online at [www.ccnks.org/parishes](http://www.ccnks.org/parishes), and Megan will follow up with you. We are excited to have you join us!

**Parish & Community Engagement** - If your parish or group is interested in inviting Catholic Charities staff to give a presentation to share about our programs and services, we would love to meet you and share our story! If interested, contact Megan Augustine at [maugustine@ccnks.org](mailto:maugustine@ccnks.org) or 785-833-9380. You can also fill out the online form at [www.ccnks.org/parishes](http://www.ccnks.org/parishes), and Megan will follow up with you.

**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](mailto:jhughbanks@ccnks.org) or 785-833-9378.

**Fill the Freezers** - Thanks to generous supporters, Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas now has freezers in all three of our offices—but they're empty! We're asking for your help to Fill the Freezers and feed hungry families in our communities. Many of the families we serve through our food boxes struggle to afford meat, making it difficult to prepare balanced meals. By donating processed beef, pork, poultry, or venison, you can help provide nutritious protein to those in need across northern Kansas. Meat donations must be USDA or state-inspected, properly packaged, and labeled. Please call ahead to ensure we have freezer space. Donations can be dropped off at our offices in Salina, Manhattan, or Hays. For questions or to schedule a drop-off, contact Jessica Allen or Megan Augustine at 785-825-0208. Thank you for helping us feed our neighbors in need!

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

**Green Tie Celebration** - Catholic Charities' Annual Fundraiser, the Green Tie Celebration, takes place Saturday, July 12, at the Salina Country Club. The Green Tie Celebration is our annual fundraiser that sustains our mission to provide compassionate service to those in need throughout the 31 counties of northern Kansas we serve. To learn how you can support this year's Green Tie Celebration, contact Jessica Allen at 785-833-9379. We hope you plan to attend!

**April Outreach Services Schedule** - Catholic Charities Outreach Services vans will be bringing boxes of food and hygiene items, as well as diapers, laundry detergent and other necessities to individuals and families in 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 April Outreach Services schedule is attached. You can also view the full, up-to-date Outreach Services schedule anytime at [www.ccnks.org/outreach](http://www.ccnks.org/outreach).

**Grow Green – Manhattan** - Tuesday, April 22, will be a great day for the Manhattan, Kansas, community when the Annual Grow Green Match Day takes place! On this day, donations made through the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation to participating nonprofit endowed funds will receive a matching contribution. Be sure to support Catholic Charities on April 22 to provide compassionate care to all those in need across northern Kansas! Donate online at [www.growgreenmanhattan.com](http://www.growgreenmanhattan.com).

**Give to Grow – Beloit** - We are excited to be participating in the Give to Grow Match Day in Beloit on Wednesday, April 30. On this day, donations made through the Solomon Valley Community Foundation to participating nonprofit endowed funds will receive up to a 100% match from the Community Foundation's \$50,000 match pool. Be sure to support Catholic Charities on April 30 to provide compassionate care to all those in need across northern Kansas! To learn more and donate online, visit [www.givetogrowmc.com](http://www.givetogrowmc.com).

**Match Madness – Salina** - A heartfelt thank you to all who generously donated to Catholic Charities during Greater Salina Community Foundation's Match Madness! Your contributions exceeded \$34,000 which will directly support families in need, and with a 50% match, you are making a significant impact. Your kindness and support truly make a difference. Thank you!

**Donate Day – Dickinson County** - A heartfelt thank you to all who generously donated to Catholic Charities during the Community Foundation of Dickinson County's Donate Day! Your contributions will directly support families in need, and with a dollar-for-dollar match, you are doubling the impact. Your kindness and support truly make a difference. Thank you!

**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, your contributions are invaluable. If you're interested in volunteering, please fill out the volunteer form on our website: <https://ccnks.org/volunteer>.



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

**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!

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

**NCYC 2025** - 2<sup>nd</sup> payment (\$250) is due April 1<sup>st</sup>. Check out the website for more information. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-youth-ministry/ncyc/>

**HOLY FIRE** - We are progressing with this program. This will be a program for our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students in October. We will get you the date and location as soon as we have figured it out.

**SacredTable** - Through the SacredTable Initiative, the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) intends to fulfill our commitment to building the domestic church. We hope to unify the parish church's ministry with the domestic church's ministry through moments of encounter, intentional dialogue, and mutual support and collaboration.

Seeing the changing cultural landscape that families are facing today, the SacredTable Initiative aims to support the domestic church using a 3-pronged approach: training for parish leaders in synodal listening and strategic planning for ministries with families, direct marketing to parents to inspire them to engage their parish leaders in supporting parents in their domestic church and seeking dialogue with and the support of US Catholic bishops through a Champion Bishop and Bishop Advisory Council.

The SacredTable Initiative has two overarching goals:

1. Inspiring, equipping, and empowering parents to form their children's faith in partnership with church leaders and ministers.
2. Inspiring, equipping, and empowering church leaders and ministers to partner with parents and caregivers in forming the faith of children.

More information to come, but please pencil in this date—July 19<sup>th</sup>  
(See the attached flyers for more information)

## **OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE**

**ENGAGED ENCOUNTER** - These are the upcoming EE weekends. Note the team has canceled the June 2025 date.

April 4-6, 2025  
Sept 12-14, 2025  
Feb. 6-8, 2026  
Apr 24-26, 2026  
June 5-7, 2026



**OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE (cont.)**

**NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK AT-HOME MARRIAGE RETREAT** - National Marriage Week is over but this can still be a great At-Home Retreat Option for married couples in your parish.

[At-Home Retreat English](#)

[At-Home Retreat Spanish](#)

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE** – Sponsored by St. Thomas More and Seven Dolores Women's group at St. Thomas More Parish Center on April 5, 2025. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

**FR. DARYL'S 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** is June 8 at St. Boniface Parish in Tipton.

4:00 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Dinner in the Tipton Community Center

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Music and Dancing

I hope you can all make it.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

May God bless you,

Fr. Daryl

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT** - Hurt by abortion? Find emotional and spiritual healing at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in Victoria, June 13-15th. The weekend retreat combines group discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a beautiful memorial service, and Mass. The retreat is confidential and available to women and men of all faiths. Cost to attend the weekend retreat is \$100 which includes 2 nights lodging, meals, and all materials. Scholarships are available. To register or for more information, contact , Tina Schrick at 1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383) or at [rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org](mailto:rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org)

# MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> K of C Religious Appreciation Mass and Dinner, Church of the Resurrection, Wichita, 5 pm	<b>2</b> Comeau Catholic Center, Hays Adoration Under the Stars, 8pm	<b>3</b> K of C State Convention, Wichita, 2 <sup>nd</sup> -4th
<b>4</b> Confirmation, Immaculate Conception, Solomon, 10am Confirmation, St. John's, Beloit, 4pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Confirmation, St. Nicholas, Hays, 6pm	<b>8</b> Women's Religious Appreciation Mass, 11am, S.H. Cathedral, Salina	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Mother's Day Graduation, St. John's, Beloit, 10am Graduation, Tipton, 10am Graduation, Sacred Heart, Salina 3pm at the Cathedral	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Confirmation, St. Joseph, Hays, 7pm	<b>15</b> Rural Life Day	<b>16</b> Deacon Candidate Formation Weekend 16-18th	<b>17</b> Graduation, St. Xavier, Junction City, 2pm
<b>18</b> Confirmation, St. Catharine, Catherine, 9am Baccalaureate Mass, TMP/M, Hays, 1pm Graduation, TMP/M, 3pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Senior Priests Luncheon, Victoria, 11am	<b>21</b> Senior Priests Luncheon, Salina 11am College of Consultors, 2:30pm, Salina	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Memorial Day Chancery Closed	<b>27</b> Foundation Board Meeting, 4pm	<b>28</b> Confirmation, Clifton/Clyde in Clyde, 7pm	<b>29</b> Priests Council Mtg., 2:30pm, Catholic Charities Board mtg., 4pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Priestly Ordination, S.H. Cathedral, 10:00am

# THE SHEPHERD



April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Every April, many organizations, including Catholic dioceses, schools and parishes participate in National Child Abuse Prevention month to highlight the importance of protecting minors from abuse. These efforts are part of the ongoing work of the church in the United States to carry out the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

Recent statistics tell us one out of every four girls, and one out of every six boys are sexually abused before they turn 18. If those statistics are correct, on every Sunday in our churches, there are children who have been abused and may continue to experience the pain of that abuse.

*During this month of April join others in this effort to raise awareness about child abuse prevention. For further information and ideas [click here](#).*

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.

## Child Abuse Prevention Month Prayers of the Faithful

We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide Church leaders as they promote justice and healing for victims and survivors of abuse.

We pray for our Holy Father, that he may fulfill his role as good shepherd, and protect the most vulnerable in his flock.

May all civic leaders act in ways that show their commitment to the protection of all, especially children and young people.

May all who work with children and young people be vigilant in protecting them from harm.

We pray that all families strive to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people.

May those who have been abused experience Christ's profound love for them and God's healing grace.

May God the Merciful Father bring comfort and healing to victims and survivors of sexual abuse within the Church.

We pray that all who provide help for the abused may act with wisdom and compassion in their healing ministries.

We pray that God may grant those affected by abuse in anyway the courage to tell their story and seek healing.

May all priests and religious, through their teaching and witness, lead children and young people to holiness.

We pray that the bishops continue to carry out their promise to protect, and pledge to heal, the most vulnerable in their dioceses.

We pray that all parish communities affected by abuse find healing and reconciliation through the Blessed Virgin Mary.



### 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



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## HOW CHILDREN CAN SAFELY VOLUNTEER IN MINISTRY – PART 2

### *“Keeping a Safe Environment for Child Volunteers”*

- Always ensure that children are supervised by a responsible adult. This can be a parent, guardian, or an approved volunteer who has undergone Diocesan safe environment training requirements.
- Provide children with training and guidelines for their volunteer tasks. This should include information on how to safely perform their duties, as well as what to do in case of an emergency.
- Keep the lines of communication open between parents, children, and church leaders. Parents should be informed of their child's volunteer activities and should feel comfortable discussing any concerns they may have.
- Teach children to interact respectfully with others, including adults and fellow volunteers. Emphasize the importance of treating others as they would like to be treated.
- Have an emergency plan in place in case of accidents or other unforeseen events. Ensure that all volunteers and children are aware of the plan and know what to do in an emergency.
- Solicit feedback from children and parents about their volunteer experience. Use this feedback to improve safety protocols and make volunteering a more enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Volunteering is not only good for the community, but also for the soul. It helps to reduce anxiety and depression. In children, it can help further their development and is associated with higher self-esteem. When a child understands why they are volunteering, it helps them build empathy, compassion, and allows them to engage better with people. It is also important to celebrate the contributions of child volunteers and recognize their efforts. This can help to motivate them to continue volunteering and become more involved in the church community. Even with all these rewards, it is important to prioritize the child's safety while they are volunteering. By following these guidelines, parents and church leaders can create a safe and enriching environment where children can learn, grow, and contribute to their community.



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# Fill the FREEZERS

We have freezers in all three Catholic Charities offices—but they're empty!

**We need your help to fill them!**

By *donating meat*, you can provide nutritious protein to families in need across northern Kansas.



## HOW TO DONATE MEAT:

1

### CALL AHEAD

Call ahead to ensure we have freezer space.

2

### WHAT WE ACCEPT

We accept **beef, pork, poultry, or venison** (must be *USDA or state-inspected*).

3

### PROPER PACKAGING

Meat must be **properly packaged and labeled** for food safety.

4

### DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Bring donations to our **Salina, Manhattan, or Hays** offices.

HELP FEED  
HUNGRY  
FAMILIES



**Provide nutritious meals** to families receiving our food boxes who can't afford meat, making balanced meals difficult.



**Ease financial struggles** for those forced to choose between essentials like rent and protein-rich food.



**Support local families** across northern Kansas by ensuring they have access to quality meat.

**HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION?  
CONTACT JESSICA ALLEN OR MEGAN AUGUSTINE AT:**



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# Catholic Charities Outreach Services

## April 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

4/1

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

Wednesday

4/2

**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

4/9

**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** - St. Joseph Catholic Church 12:30pm - 1:30pm  
**Lincoln** - Lincoln County Health Department 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Wednesday

4/16

**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

4/23

**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!*



# 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!**





# 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

St. John Paul II

“The future of  
the *world* and  
of the *church*  
passes through  
the family.”

SacredTable **empowers** parish leaders to support and collaborate with families as the primary faith formators for their children.

The future of our Church depends on the domestic Church. Together, **let's move the Church Forward!**



Learn more at [oursacredtable.org](https://oursacredtable.org).

# Raising Disciples in the Home



## The Challenge

85% of children raised Catholic leave the faith as adults.



## The Insight

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## The Solution

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## Description of the Initiative

Through the SacredTable Initiative, the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) intends to fulfill our commitment to building the domestic church. We hope to unify the parish church's ministry with the domestic church's ministry through moments of encounter, intentional dialogue, and mutual support and collaboration.

Seeing the changing cultural landscape that families are facing today, the SacredTable Initiative aims to support the domestic church using a 3-pronged approach: training for parish leaders in synodal listening and strategic planning for ministries with families, direct marketing to parents to inspire them to engage their parish leaders in supporting parents in their domestic church, and seeking dialogue with and the support of US Catholic bishops through a Champion Bishop and Bishop Advisory Council.

The SacredTable Initiative has two overarching goals:

1. Inspiring, equipping, and empowering **parents** to form their children's faith in partnership with church leaders and ministers.
2. Inspiring, equipping, and empowering **church leaders and ministers** to partner with parents and caregivers in forming the faith of children.

## SacredTable Deep Dive Process

The SacredTable Initiative will begin at the diocesan level through the Deep Dive Process. All parish leaders who minister with parents and families are invited to attend (priests, staff, volunteers, youth ministers, DREs, leaders of adult faith formation, OCIA, marriage prep, baptism prep, etc.).

- The Deep Dive for the (Arch)Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_ is scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_
- The Deep Dive session is 3 hours long and includes reflection on experiences of ministering with families, a presentation on the context for family ministry today in church documents and current research, and the opportunity to practice generative listening skills.
- The Deep Dive will prepare ministry leaders to engage parents in their community in dialogue about partnering in children's faith development.
- After the Deep Dive, the coach will work with the diocesan staff to support parishes in dialoguing with parents and collaboratively building ministries in the parish that serve the needs of families.

Once leaders have attended the Deep Dive, they will receive resources to assist them in partnering with parents to develop their ministries further. If they are willing, SacredTable offers 2 years of coaching assistance as parishes attempt to grow in ministering to families. For those 2 years, NFCYM will provide:

- A parent session outline that can be used as a starting point for dialogue between parents and parish ministers,
- A parent resource guide,
- A website to assist in finding curated resources from partner organizations to aid parish leaders in their ministries with families,
- A parent-facing marketing campaign to inspire parents in their role as the primary formators of their children's faith,

- A coach to work with the parish leadership on how to better understand the needs of the families in the community and how to address those needs, and
- Online space for the parishes to share with each other what they are doing, what is working, and what they are learning.

### **Bishop Advisory Council**

While developing this initiative, our team conducted listening sessions with bishops, ministry leaders, and parents. It was abundantly clear from those conversations that more dialogue was desired between families and bishops. For this reason, the SacredTable Initiative desires to establish clear lines of communication between parents, ministry leaders, and bishops. As such, we developed the Bishop Advisory Council with Bishop Brendan Cahill of Victoria, Texas serving as the Champion Bishop (the full list is below). This council hopes to advocate for the importance of family ministry and discern ways to open lines of communication among families, ministry leaders, and bishops.

Bishop Brendan J. Cahill	Bishop Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop Gary W. Janak	Bishop Roy E. Campbell
Bishop Oscar Cantu	Bishop James R. Golka
Bishop Arturo Cepeda	Bishop John-Nhan Tran
Bishop Joseph A. Espaillat	

### **Family Ministry Coalition**

SacredTable has also established a SacredTable Coalition comprised of family-serving organizations that will advocate for the initiative, share resources, and share trends and innovative ideas in family ministry. More information on the SacredTable Coalition and the partner organizations can be found on the website.

### **Contact Us**

If you would like to attend the Deep Dive in your diocese, you can register on NFCYM Connect. If you have questions about the process, please contact Brigitte Burke, Senior Project Manager, at [brigitteb@nfcym.org](mailto:brigitteb@nfcym.org) or (771) 212-0242.



Kathy Coffey is the author of 13 award-winning books and many articles in Catholic periodicals like *America*, *U.S. Catholic*, *St. Anthony Messenger*, *Catholic Update*, *Everyday Catholic* and *National Catholic Reporter*. She has won fifteen awards from the Catholic Press Association, the Foley Poetry Award from *America* magazine, the Independent Publishers Book Award and the Associated Church Press Award for Editorial Courage. Most recently, she received First Place in the “Best Essay” category for General Interest Newsletters at the Catholic Press Association for her article “[The Spirituality of Work.](#)”

Kathy has spoken at national conventions such as the Los Angeles RE Congress, NCCL, NCEA, NPM, and many diocesan gatherings. She gives retreats and workshops nationally and internationally. She taught for fifteen years at the University of Colorado, Denver, and Regis Jesuit University. The mother of four, and grandmother of six. She lives in northern California.

#### **Books by Kathy Coffey**

Hidden Women of the Gospels  
God in the Moment  
God Knows Parenting is a Wild Ride  
Mary  
The Art of Faith  
Immersed in the Sacred  
Dancing in the Margins  
Women of Mercy  
Baptism and Beyond Leader’s Guide Catholic Baptism Program  
Children and Christian Initiation  
The Best of Being Catholic  
When the Saints Came Marching In

## **19th Annual Women’s Spirituality Conference April 5, 2025**

# *Kathy Coffey*

### **The Genius of Jesus The World of Women**

**The gospel is good news for women. Despite the cultural taboos, Jesus would never ignore nor exclude half the human race. Instead, He shaped some dominant metaphors from women’s experience, and women’s “image bank”. He lifted their relationships, challenges, joys and daily drudgery into a glimpse of God’s reign. His welcome to women galvanized many of them and continues to us today. Let’s explore His creativity with daring imagination!**

## Registration Form

Please print legibly

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Where are you from? \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I need childcare : Yes\_\_\_ Ages\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

### Registration Fee:

Adult Early Registration	by Mar 17	\$45.00
Adult Regular Registration	Mar 18-24	\$50.00
Adult Late Registration	after Mar 24	\$55.00
Student High School/College		\$20.00

Make checks payable to **Thomas More Ladies**  
memo: **Women's Conference.**

Mail registration forms to: **Women's Conference**  
**c/o St. Thomas More Church**  
**2900 Kimball Ave.,**  
**Manhattan, KS 66502**

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Spirituality Conference – April 5, 2025**  
Sponsored by St. Thomas More and Seven Dolors Women's groups  
at St. Thomas More Parish Center  
located at 2900 Kimball Ave., Manhattan, 785-776-5151



(Parish Center behind the church)

### Schedule:

**Continental Breakfast /Gather 8:30a.m. – 9:00a.m.**

**Introduction and Presentation 9:00a.m. to Noon.**

**Lunch Break Noon to 1:00p.m.**

**Presentation resumes 1:00p.m. to 3:30p.m.**

**\*\*Mass is celebrated at 4:30 p.m. for those that wish to attend.**

Early Registration by March 17 Fee - \$45 (adults),

Regular Registration Fee - \$50

Late Registration after March 24 - \$55

\$20 Students HS/College

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Or Register Online a: <https://bit.ly/WomSpConf25>

Email : Rosie Rundell at [kansas.rosie@yahoo.com](mailto:kansas.rosie@yahoo.com) or

Alysia Baumann at [redsec@stmmanhattan.com](mailto:redsec@stmmanhattan.com) with questions.

Childcare provided.

**DEADLINE: March 31**