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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

CONGRATULATIONS to all the students from across our great diocese who will graduate in May.

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.

K. of C. STATE CONVENTION, May 2nd - 4th in Wichita. You should have received an invitation from the Knights. The Religious Appreciation Mass, dinner & program will be Thursday evening, at 5:00 p.m., May 1st at Church of the Resurrection, 4910 N. Woodlawn, Wichita. Please let us know if you need additional information.

ANNUAL WOMEN RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION MASS will be on May 8th at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. Lunch will follow. Priests are invited to concelebrate the Mass. Please RSVP to Brenda (brenda.streit@salinadiocese.org or 785-827-8746 x134) by May 1st if you plan to attend.

SENIOR PRIESTS MASS AND LUNCHEON are scheduled for: Wednesday, May 14, 11:00 a.m. – Spiritual Life Center, Victoria and Wednesday, May 21, 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hall of Bishops. All priests 65 and older are invited to attend. Please RSVP to corey.lyon@salinadiocese.org or 785-827-8746.

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. If you would like an Excel File of the form for electronic submission, please contact Corey Lyon, corey.lyon@salinadiocese.org.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

2025 MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL – If you have scheduled your parish visits with your assigned mission group, please forward that information to Brenda at brenda.streit@salinadiocese.org as soon as possible. It is important that we know who and when mission groups are coming into the diocese. If you have any questions, please call 785-827-8746 x134.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

SUMMER ACTIVITIES - With summer activities (VBS, Totus Tuus, Prayer and Action, etc.) quickly approaching, please ensure all those ministering with minors have completed the Safe Environment Curriculum with integrated background checks through CMGConnect. If you have any questions related to Safe Environment Training and background checks, or any other safety concerns, please call Wendy – Safe Environment Program Coordinator Diocese of Salina 785-827-8746. #124

COMPLIANCE – Please be sure your parish or school has submitted all required documentation to the diocese and verify that your CMGConnect data base is current. The audit period ends June 30th, 2025. Thank you for your continued commitment to protecting children.

CARES FOR KIDS' MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - Attached please find the newsletter “*How to Effectively Communicate with a Child*” 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

MEMORIAL MASS FOR PARENTS OF DECEASED CHILDREN - The Memorial Masses for the Parents of Deceased Children has been moved to October in observance of Respect Life month. Plans are being made and will be communicated as details are confirmed.

USCCB DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD - Right now, Congress has a unique opportunity to cut off Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses from taxpayer dollars. Please consider writing a message to your US Senators and Representatives to send the message that we no longer want our tax dollars to fund abortions. Follow the link for more information: <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/125124/Respond>

ROSARY CONGRESS - Plans are underway for the 2025 Rosary Congress. The Respect Life Office will be seeking (at least) 7 parishes to hold Eucharistic Adoration for the intention of the Unborn in October. Please prayerfully consider signing up your parish for a day of Adoration.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

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

Sept 12-14, 2025

Feb. 6-8, 2026

Apr 24-26, 2026

June 5-7, 2026

SACREDTABLE - This year, our diocese is blessed to be one of only twenty across the country selected to host SacredTable, a new initiative from the USCCB and the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM). SacredTable is about strengthening the connection between our parish communities and the domestic Church—the family. It's built around real moments of encounter, meaningful conversations, and working side-by-side to pass on the faith.

We're hosting a SacredTable Deep Dive training on **July 19, 2025, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Parish Hall of St. Mary Queen of the Universe Church**. If you minister to families in any way—whether you're a priest, deacon, staff member, volunteer, youth minister, DRE, or help with adult formation, OCIA, marriage prep, or baptism prep—this is for you.

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And the best part is that thanks to a grant, it's all free. The training, the two years of help, and the complete set of resources to help you start immediately in your parish are all covered for those who attend the deep dive training.

We hope to have a team from every parish in our diocese attend.

Click here for more information. <https://oursacredtable.org/>

Click here for a 1-minute explanation video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqlltr0Kyl8>

Click here to register <https://nfcym.leadlms.com/register/group/487>

2025 EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE - This year's conference hosted by the FHSU Comeau Campus Center will also highlight the Jubilee Year of Hope theme for 2025: "Hope Does Not Disappoint." Reflecting on this message, we will be reminded that true hope, rooted in Christ, never falters or fades. Together, we will explore how the Eucharist strengthens us in our journey of hope and trust in God's promises. Please join us on August 9th and 10th.

<https://salinadiocese.org/office/eucharistic-conference-2025/>

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR DIOCESE OF SALINA

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2025 - The 2025 appeal kicked off February 8th and 9th. The second appeal letter arrived in homes the week of April 1st. If you have any questions, need additional materials, etc. please contact the development team – development@salinadiocese.org.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR DIOCESE OF SALINA (cont.)

Received an Appeal Check in Your Offertory? If you receive a Bishop's Annual Appeal check in your offertory, please forward these as soon as possible to the foundation at PO Box 1696, Salina KS 67402. Timely forwarding helps us ensure donors are thanked quickly for their generosity. Thank you for your assistance!

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

QR Code and Link for Bulletins, etc.- 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 30th - Manhattan
- Thursday July 31st – Hays

This year, we are introducing a new approach to these special evenings to ensure more people across the diocese can participate. With the anticipated number of seminarians growing, we recognize the importance of making these events more accessible to all corners of the diocese. That's why, moving forward, we will rotate locations each year. **In 2026, the seminarian dinners will be hosted in Colby and Salina**, ensuring that more communities can come together and support priestly vocations.

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

- Host a free estate planning seminar - contact Corrina Hudsonpillar at 785-639-2100 or 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!

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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JUNIOR CYO CAMP: Registrations open on May 1st. The camp will be from August 30th to September 1st this year and is open to students in 6th-8th grade for the 2025-2026 school year. Please click here to register and for more information--<https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-youth-ministry/junior-cyo-camp/>

NCYC 2025: 3rd payment (\$200) is due July 1st. Check out the website for more information. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-youth-ministry/ncyc/>

HOLY FIRE: We have set a date and location for this event. It will be November 1st at FHSU. We will have flyers and registration information on the website during the first week of May.

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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. 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.

CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES – May means graduations and promotion nights in our schools! We are so proud of our students and their accomplishments. Be sure to check out the Senior Shout-Outs on our Facebook page!

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.

RELIGION ASSESSMENT – This year, students are once again participating in the ARK (Assessment of Religious Knowledge). We are excited to see the results and celebrate the areas we are performing well in and target areas for growth in the future.

NOW HIRING – Experience the JOY of teaching in a Catholic school! Browse the available positions and apply online: <https://salinadiocese.org/office/human-resources/>

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.

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 – Spring Sports are in full swing. We anticipate some state qualifiers in track, and baseball and softball.

MISCELLANEOUS

FR. DARYL OLMSTEAD'S 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION is Sunday, June 8th 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 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. The 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

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Confirmation, IHM, Hays, 7pm	5 Lay Review Board, 4pm	6 Fr. Earl Befort Golf Classic, TMP, Hays 6:30am	7 Confirmation, St. Francis of Assisi, Norton, 5:30pm
8 Pentecost Sunday Confirmation, Stockton/Plainville at Stockton, 10am Ord. Anniv Mass, Fr. Daryl Olmstead, Tipton, 4 pm	9	10	11 Deacon Candidate Canonical Retreat, June 11-15	12	13	14 Confirmation, St. Mary's, Salina, 7pm
15 Father's Day	16 USCCB Special Assembly, San Diego, June 16-20	17	18	19	20	21
22 Confirmation, OLPH, Concordia, 10:30am	23	24	25	26 Finance Council, 4pm	27	28 Permanent Deacon Ordination, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina, 11am
29 Peter's Pence Collection	30					

Catholic Mutual...CARES for Kids

How to Effectively Communicate with a Child

When communicating with children, it is best to get down to their level, both figuratively and literally. Adults often wrongly implement this advice by unconsciously talking down to children, assuming they understand how a child feels in any given conversation. To become an effective communicator, and a trusted adult a child can turn to in times of need, everyone should focus on these key things:

Listen: This may seem simple, but adults miss the mark constantly. Even when children are half in imagination-world when they are young, they express lots of authentic emotions. Help them understand those feelings and express that you have felt that way before too. Say things like, "It sounds like you're really frustrated." It's so simple, but over time they will learn that you care for them and feel comfortable telling you if someone has hurt them.

Don't Dismiss Their Feelings: Along the same lines, adults need to acknowledge the hurt feelings of children. A child may seem overly emotional to you, but brushing off their feelings suggests to them that they can't go to you for comfort in the future. Remember that you don't have to solve their problems, just acknowledge their feelings, and empathize with them.

Maintain Appropriate Boundaries: Sometimes adults might cross reasonable boundaries, both emotional or physical, in an effort to try and bond with a child. This will only confuse the child and could cause people to question your actions. Ensure all communication with a child is done through proper school/parish procedures.

Speaking Up: Whether in the home, on the field, or in the classroom, practicing speaking up when something is wrong is the best activity to do while children are calm and there is no crisis. This does not have to be a big, rehearsed conversation, it can simply be asking "what if....?" while you are driving or playing at home. Then give them sample sentences to practice speaking out when there is a problem.

Teach Them Virtues: False reports are extremely rare, but they do occasionally happen. For young children, their understanding of real vs. imaginary is sometimes intermingled. Instilling in them virtues like honesty can help them start to define the difference. Helping them know that telling the truth, even when it's hard, is honorable. Always take a child's concerns seriously and bring in the proper authorities when needed.

There is no guaranteed way to ensure that a child will come to you in their time of need. Maintaining open lines of communication and trust will allow opportunities for conversations to present themselves. Using the aforementioned methods in your everyday life may make all the difference for a child.