

From the Diocese



2025 Eucharistic Conference

I'm truly grateful that Fr. John Riccardo will be joining us for our upcoming Eucharistic Conference. I've known Fr. Riccardo for many years and have always been moved by his deep love for Christ and his gift for communicating the Gospel. He has a remarkable way of helping people understand their God-given dignity and worth—a message our world desperately needs to hear, again and again.

At the heart of his message is a simple but life-changing truth: you matter to God. You are loved. Christ gave His life on the Cross for you, and He desires to be with you forever in heaven. That truth has the power to heal hearts, renew hope, and transform how we see ourselves and others.

If we want peace in our world, it begins by seeing one another as God sees us—as beloved sons and daughters. As Fr. Riccardo often says, you matter. I hope you'll join us in Hays on August 9th and 10th to be renewed by this message and encounter the love of Christ in a deeper way.

+ Gerald L. Vincke

Gerald L. Vincke, Bishop of the Salina Diocese

To Register

or for more
information



online registration open until 8/6



—Upcoming Events—

— 8/2

Tipton Church Picnic
Mass, 4p.m.

— 8/3

Vocations BBQ
St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays, 3p.m.

— 8/8

Runnin' Revs
FHSU, Hays, 6p.m.

— 8/15

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, Body and Soul, into Heaven

— 8/23

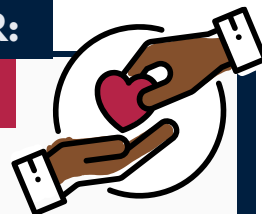
St. John's Harvest Festival
Beloit, 5p.m.

— 8/30-9/1

Jr. CYO Camp Weekend
Rock Springs

NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

Seminarian Collection



Our diocese is blessed to have 16 seminarians for the upcoming school year! We are excited to journey this path with them wherever the Spirit leads. Be a part of their discernment through prayer, through service, and through financial means. If you feel called to give financially, it's as easy as dropping an envelope into your parish collection labeled "seminarian collection."

To Give:

Anytime during August, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "Seminarian Collection"

Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!

THE EUCHARIST

The Eucharist we know today is the same Eucharist that has been around since Simon Peter! In Jesus' time, Greek was a common language, and that is where the word "Eucharist" comes from- it means **Thanksgiving!**

Every time we go to Church and celebrate the **Sacrifice of the Mass** (the Eucharist), we are giving thanks to God.

When we receive communion, Jesus dwells within us in a special way, giving us strength to practice virtues!

ADORATION

As Catholics, we have many different ways we can pray. Adoration is a type of prayer where we spend time in front of the **Blessed Sacrament** (that's another name for the host after it is blessed by the priest at Mass)



Monstrances are used to hold the Blessed Sacrament. The word "Monstrance" means "to show" - like the word 'mostrar' in Spanish!



POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II

In 1920, Karol Wojtyła was born in Poland. Growing up, he loved doing things with his brother. Some of their favorite activities were skiing, hiking, theater, and soccer. When he was eight years old, his mom died. His brother died soon after. Even though he was sad, he knew God loved him, and he trusted in God's plans. In 1978, he became the Pope! He took the name John Paul II, honoring the Pope before him. He showed the world God's love and peace- he was not afraid! In 2014, less than 10 years after he died, he was canonized a saint!



"SOURCE AND SUMMIT"

Pope St. John Paul II (some people call him JP II) loved being outdoors. Inspired by mountains, he said the Eucharist is the **Source and Summit** of the Christian life. Our lives begin and end in Jesus Christ!



TRANSUBSTANTIATION

Do you know what this 18-letter-long word means?

When there is a big question about what the Church believes, bishops from all over the world gather to talk about it. This is called an **ecumenical council**. During one of these, hundreds of years ago (in 1215!), people were questioning what happens to the bread and wine during Mass. The Catholic Church defined it as "**transubstantiation**" - a really long word that means the substance (what it is) changes into Jesus' body and blood, while the accidents (what it looks and feels like) stay the same.