

From the Diocese



October: Month of the Rosary

October is the month of the Rosary, and I can't think of a better time to turn to our Blessed Mother. The world feels so heavy with conflict—globally, nationally, even in our own homes. We need peace. Mary, the Queen of Peace, is always pointing us to her Son.

On October 7th, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary—a feast born from a moment in history when the Church turned to Mary in desperate need, and through the Rosary, experienced a powerful victory. That same intercession is available to us today.

NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

World Mission Month

World Mission Month, which has its peak on World Mission Sunday, is a global celebration during which Catholics everywhere join efforts in support 1,124 mission territories, where the Gospel is being proclaimed for the first time, courageously upheld despite persecution, or brought to communities still discovering Christ's love.

To Give:

Anytime during the month of October, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "World Mission Sunday"



If your heart is burdened by worry, division, war, or family struggles—I encourage you to pick up the Rosary. Let Mary wrap you in her mantle and gently draw you to her Son, the source of true peace. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

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Gerald L. Vincke, Bishop of the Salina Diocese



—Upcoming Events—

— 10/3

Sacred Heart Homecoming
Salina, 6:30p.m.

— 10/4-5

Men's Journey Retreat
St. Mary's, Salina

— 10/4-10

Diocesan Rosary Congress

— 10/12

Anniversary Mass
St. Mary's, Salina, 3p.m.

St. Edward's Fall Festival

Belleville, 4:30p.m.-7p.m.

— 10/15

Respect Life Retreat for Jrs/Srs
Salina

— 10/19

Memorial Mass for Parents of Deceased Children

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina, 2:30p.m.

— 10/24

Manhattan Catholic Schools Auction
S.T.M., Utopia Room, Manhattan, 6p.m.

— 10/26

Anniversary Mass
St. Nicholas, Hays, 3p.m.

Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!

CATHOLIC ROOTS OF HALLOWEEN

Many traditions and celebrations in our world today are tangled up with the Catholic faith- Halloween is no different!

HALLOWEEN = "ALL HALLOWS EVE"

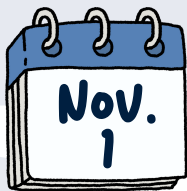
"HALLOW" MEANS "HOLY"

"EVE" MEANS "THE EVENING BEFORE"



HALLOWEEN

"Halloween" comes from "All Hallows Eve." This is another name for the day before All Saints Day, which is the feast we celebrate on Nov. 1st.



ALL SAINTS DAY

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In the year 840, Pope Gregory IV declared All Saints Day a worldwide feast. It is a day we celebrate all of the people who have died and gone to Heaven!



LUNAR CYCLE

Some feast days in the church are determined by the Lunar Calendar - Easter is one of them!

ALL SOULS DAY

In the year 988, another worldwide feast was added! All Souls Day, celebrated on November 2nd, is a day we remember all those who have died and might still be in purgatory. They are on their way to Heaven, but are still being "made perfect", and your prayers can help!

CELEBRATE!

The Catholic Church's liturgical calendar helps us walk through seasons of anticipation, joy, celebration, and remembrance. We get to dive into the mystery of Christ's life, death, and resurrection altogether with one another!

Halloween isn't a church feast day, but we can celebrate it along with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, helping us remember and celebrate Christ's victory over death!

"SPOOKY" SAINTS TO EXPLORE:

St. Padre Pio, Christina the Astonishing,
St. Denis, St. Barbara, St. Scholastica, St. Benedict