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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK was January 25-31st. Thank you to all who serve our schools! It was wonderful to be able to visit many of you and observe all of the great work you are doing.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES will have their annual Baby Bottle Campaign the entire month of February. Please see the office of Catholic Charities for more information.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE is Monday, February 2. It is a day of prayer set aside for all men and women in consecrated life. Please consider using one of the following petitions at your weekday Mass.

For those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits. We pray to the Lord...

For those who have responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to be a consecrated person, that they may experience the support of the Church as they continue their growth in holiness. We pray to the Lord.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL will be kicking off the weekend of February 7-8. Thank you to our Catholic Foundation for all their hard work in promoting this event. If you have any questions, please contact the Catholic Foundation at 785-827-8746 or visit bit.ly/parishbaa

WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY is on February 8 and is a part of National Marriage Week (Feb. 8 - 14). It is a day of prayer, support and promotion of marriages and families. Please consider offering a special blessing to married couples at your weekend Masses.

CLERGY CONTINUING FORMATION DAYS are February 9 - 12 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 18TH.

OFFICE OF FINANCE

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS: The list of Diocesan collections through 2028 is attached. Contact Jennifer Hood with any questions.

OFFICE OF LITURGY

PRIESTS: PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE PERSON SENDING THE RITE OF ELECTION LIST.

THE RITES OF ELECTION ARE:

Salina, Sacred Heart Cathedral, February 22, 3:00 p.m.

Hays, St. Nicholas of Myra, March 1, 3:00 p.m.

Please send in the names and addresses and specify if they are Candidates or Catechumens (please use only these Titles). Please be sure the spellings are correct. Submit the information to coady@stmmanhattan.com.

Please respond no later than Friday, February 13, for Salina and Friday, February 20, for Hays. This will afford time for the invitation letters to be generated and signed by Bishop Vincke and mailed. Also indicate which location they will attend the Rite of Election. Those names sent after the deadline may not receive a letter of invitation from the bishop, but they will still be welcome to participate in the Rite of Election.

If a person is already Catholic and is completing Confirmation only, they do not go through the Rite of Election. Remember that the Rite of Election is for those joining the Church, not those already Catholic.

If a youth is younger than age 7, the youth does not go through the Rite of Election.

Please note on your list if any people are related and what that relationship is. The bishop will send a personal letter of invitation to each Candidate and Catechumen. The letter is available in English and Spanish. Please indicate if you want the letter sent in Spanish (or Spanish and English) to any individuals.

Thank you for sending the above information which will help the Liturgy Office plan these celebrations.

At the Rite of Election, OCIA Directors will present the catechumens and candidates to the bishop. Announce them in the following manner. I present for baptism (names). I present for full communion (names). You will then give your Book of Elect to the bishop for his signature.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

SEMINARY VISITS - Fr. Andy will be visiting all the seminarians and plans to take discerners to St. John Vianney. Contact him if you have any men interested in going to St. John Vianney.

Sacred Heart Seminary Wisconsin visit February 6-7

St. Joseph House of Formation Wichita visit February 12

Kenrick School of Theology St. Louis visit February 19-21

St. John Vianney Denver visit February 26-28

DEACON ORDINATION - Kyle Pfeifer's Deacon Ordination will be April 11, 2026.

PRIEST ORDINATION - Deacon Luke Friess Priest Ordination will be June 6, 2026.

PROPAGATION OF FAITH OFFICE

MISSION COOP ENVELOPES - Attached is a spreadsheet with the counts for the number of Mission Co-op envelopes ordered by each parish for last year's Mission Co-op appeals. Please contact Brenda at brenda.streit@salinadiocese.org or call her at the Chancery by **February 17th** to place your order for this year's appeal. If we do not hear from you, the order will go in as listed on the spreadsheet. Please also verify the address listed for your parish as all orders are sent out via Fed Ex so a physical address is needed. These envelopes are provided to you free of charge by the Diocesan Propagation of the Faith Office. We ask that you DO NOT have an envelope for Mission Coop included in your parish packets. We also ask that you DO NOT use envelopes provided by the mission group or design your own envelopes. These envelopes are not dated so please keep any remaining envelopes to use the following year. All checks should be made out to the parish, then the parish sends one check to the diocesan office.

ANNUAL REPORT - Next week, the Propagation of the Faith Office will complete the annual report for the National Office. If you have any outstanding donations for Mission Sunday, Mission Cooperative Appeal or Missionary Childhood Association, please forward them to Brenda as soon as possible. Thank you!

OFFICE OF EDUCATION

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (CSW) January 25 – 30 is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States that was started in 1974. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, assemblies, and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members to celebrate. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community. Bishop Vincke will be celebrating Mass with all the students throughout the week in our communities.

Wed. Jan. 28 - 2:00 p.m. Junction City - St. Xavier

Thurs. Jan. 29 - 12:00 p.m. Oakley - St. Joseph's/Sacred Heart-Colby

Fri. Jan. 30 - 10:00 a.m. IHM Hays - HFE/TMP-M/Sacred Heart-Plainville/St. Mary's-Ellis

Fri. Feb. 6 - 1:30 p.m. Manhattan Seven Dolors - Manhattan Catholic Schools

KAIRS EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR FOR THE SALINA DIOCESE: Jennie Helget – J.H. Math Teachers, Thomas More Prep - Marian, was named the recipient of the KAIRS Educator of the Year for the Salina Diocese. She will be recognized at the annual KAIRS Banquet in February in Topeka.

KAIRS ANNUAL ADMINISTRATORS CONFERENCE - Superintendent Geoff Andrews will serve as the keynote speaker at the 2026 Kansas Association of Independent and Religious Schools (KAIRS) Annual Administrators Conference, held February 9–10 in Topeka. Geoff will lead conference participants through *The 7 Commitments of a Great Team*, offering practical leadership insights rooted in strong culture, teamwork, and mission-driven schools.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARTNERSHIP – February 16 - March 6, 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.

75% TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP – Kansas Tax Credit Scholarship - The Scholarship Granting Fund for the Catholic Diocese of Salina offers donors an opportunity to support Catholic education while receiving a 75% Kansas State income tax credit through the *Kansas Tax Credit for Low Income Students Scholarship Program*.

- Important statewide update: For the first time since this program began, the State of Kansas has reached the annual \$10 million cap on available tax credits. This cap applies to all participating Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) serving private, accredited schools across Kansas. Once the cap is reached, no additional tax-credit-eligible contributions can be accepted for that calendar year.
- What this means for donors: Tax credits are issued on a first-come, first-served basis and reset each year on January 1. Because the statewide cap was reached this year, donors who wish to take advantage of the tax credit in the future are encouraged not to wait until October, November, or December, but instead to plan their gift early in the calendar year.
- Impact locally: For the 2025–2026 school year, approximately \$90,000 was awarded through the Scholarship Granting Fund to Catholic schools in the Salina Diocese, assisting 120 qualifying students. These scholarship funds go directly to families to help offset the cost of a Catholic education.
- Eligible donors may include individual income taxpayers, corporate income taxpayers, privilege taxpayers, and insurance premium taxpayers, subject to state guidelines. Donors are encouraged to consult their tax advisor to determine whether this opportunity is appropriate for their tax situation.

To learn more or to plan an early gift for 2026, please contact:

Heather Hartman, Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Foundation,
heather.hartman@salinadiocese.org

Your generosity helps ensure Catholic education remains accessible to families across our parishes and communities.

How the Kansas SGO Tax Credit Works – Example:

Bob has an upcoming 2025 Kansas State income tax obligation of \$7,500.

To fulfill this obligation, Bob can either:

Write a check to the Kansas Department of Revenue in the amount of \$7,500, or

Write a check to the Scholarship Granting Fund for the Catholic Diocese of Salina in the amount of \$10,000 and receive a Kansas Tax Credit Certificate for 75% of the donation (\$7,500), which fulfills 100% of Bob's Kansas State income tax obligation.

As a result, Bob directs his state tax dollars to support Catholic school students and families rather than sending those dollars entirely to the state.

*****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.

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@ccnks.org or 785-833-9380.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN - The annual Baby Bottle Campaign runs January 31 – March 1 for all participating parishes in the Salina and Manhattan areas.

How it works: Pick up a baby bottle at your parish starting January 31, fill it with change, cash, or checks, and return it to the parish in the designated bin by

March 1. This campaign supports Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support & Adoption Programs. Interested in participating? Contact Carolina Butts at cbutts@ccnks.org or **785-833-9379**.

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN - From February 16 – March 6, Salina Diocese Catholic Schools will participate in the 2nd annual Baby Bottle Campaign to support Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support & Adoption Programs.

How it works: Each classroom in every Catholic school within the diocese will receive a large baby bottle. During the three-week campaign, everyone is encouraged to bring in spare change, cash, or checks to help fill the bottles. Additional details will be shared with schools soon by Superintendent Geoff Andrews.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE - During the Lenten season, February 18 – April 6, Catholic parishes are called to embrace the pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. All Catholic parishes throughout the Diocese of Salina are invited to participate! The goal is to bring the Catholic community of the Salina Diocese together in a collective effort to stock the Catholic Charities food pantry shelves with specific food items for the spring. Food can be taken to the closest Catholic Charities office near you (Hays, Salina, or Manhattan). For more information contact Megan Augustine at maugustine@ccnks.org or 785-833-9380. To sign up to participate, go to <https://ccnks.org/parishes> and fill out the form at the bottom of the page.

PARISH PRESENTATIONS - The new year is here, and our Catholic Charities team is excited to begin scheduling Parish Presentations for 2026! If your parish or parish group would be interested in welcoming Catholic Charities staff to share about our programs and services, we would be honored to visit with you. If interested, contact Megan Augustine at maugustine@ccnks.org or 785-833-9380 or go to <https://ccnks.org/community-engagement> and fill out the interest form.

BULLETIN & GENERAL 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES (cont.)

FEBRUARY 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, Colby, Concordia, Ellsworth, Enterprise, Herington, Hill City, Hoxie, Junction City, Lincoln, Mankato, Minneapolis, Norton, Oakley, Oberlin, Osborne, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Russell, Smith Center, Solomon, WaKeeney, and Washington. The February Outreach Services schedule is attached. You can also view the full, up-to-date Outreach Services schedule anytime at www.ccnks.org/outreach.

MATCH MADNESS – SALINA - The Greater Salina Community Foundation's Match Madness Day of Giving takes place on Thursday, March 12 at the Salina Fieldhouse! Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas is proud to be participating in this special day. Donations made to participating nonprofit endowed funds through the Greater Salina Community Foundation on this day will be matched up to 50%. Whether you support Catholic Charities online or in person on March 12, you help ensure our mission reaches neighbors in need across northern Kansas. To learn more and donate, visit www.matchmadnessgscf.org.

2025 IGNITING HOPE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN - On behalf of the entire Catholic Charities team, thank you to everyone who has and is still contributing to the 2025 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. There's still time to give! To donate to the 2025 Annual Campaign, visit <https://ccnks.org/ignitinghope>

2025 ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - Thank you to everyone who donated to and participated in the 2025 Adopt-a-Family Christmas Program. Because of you, families across northern Kansas got to wake up Christmas morning with the excitement, joy, and blessings everyone deserves. Thank you for making this a reality for so many who are struggling. God Bless!

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 items needed. Every donation is valued and appreciated. Learn more at www.ccnks.org/inkind. Thank you for your support!

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS DEADLINES - The deadline to submit content for the March paper is March 6th, in homes March 27th. The April content deadline is April 3rd, in homes April 24th.

You can contact the editor, Lori Garcia (formerly Leiszler), at 785-262-9136 or by email: lori.garcia@salinadiocese.org or theregister@salinadiocese.org

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

FEBRUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH, a time to recognize and respond to a serious injustice that violates the dignity of the human person. Human trafficking exploits millions of people worldwide through force, fraud, or coercion, often targeting the most vulnerable.

As Catholics, we are called to defend the sanctity of all human life and to stand with those who suffer. By praying, learning the signs of trafficking, and supporting efforts that protect and restore survivors, we help witness to Christ's love and justice in the world.

PRAYER FOR AN END TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Loving God,

We pray for all victims of human trafficking,
that they may find freedom, healing, and hope.

Open our eyes to see injustice,
strengthen our hearts to respond with compassion,
and guide our actions to protect the dignity of every person.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, February 8 - On February 8, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, a woman of great faith and resilience who survived slavery and later became a Canossian Sister. Having endured years of captivity and abuse, St. Bakhita found freedom in Christ and dedicated her life to serving others with humility and love. Because of her Sudanese origins, St. Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of the Catholic Church in Sudan. *(PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER)*

St. Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery. Her life is a powerful witness to hope, forgiveness, and the dignity of every human person.

CHILDREN'S TRAINING DATA REPORTS were due Jan 1st. Thank you to all Safety Coordinators who have submitted their Children's Training Data Reports. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

For those who have not yet submitted a report, please do so as soon as possible, as timely submission is essential to maintaining compliance.

CODE OF CONDUCT ANNUAL REVIEW - Please click link(s) below to review our Safe Environment Code of Conduct. This serves as an important yearly reminder for everyone who serves, helping us uphold a safe and nurturing environment for our children.

[employee and volunteer code of conduct](#)

[clergy code of conduct](#)

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS (SAVE THE DATE)

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Join us at the first annual Together in Holiness marriage enrichment conference in the Diocese of Salina on Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 9:45 am - 5:00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays, KS!

Whether you are newly married or celebrating a milestone anniversary this year, Together in Holiness is the perfect pause from the busyness of everyday life so you can rediscover the beauty of the sacrament of marriage.

For more information and all the details on this conference, click this link <https://forlifeandfamily.org/events/th26-slks/>

LENT SERIES - Advent 2024, Bishop Vincke invited every parish in the diocese to enter more deeply into the Acts XXIX framework (Created – Captured – Rescued – Response). We were then fortunate to welcome Fr. John Riccardo and the Acts XXIX Team to our diocesan conference in August, where they helped us deepen our understanding of the heart of The Rescue Project.

As we move into Lent, we are encouraging every parish to take the next step by hosting or forming small groups to experience The Rescue Project together.

Small groups are one of the most effective ways to help parishioners encounter Jesus personally, build authentic community, and deepen their understanding of the Gospel. Even two or three people gathering in a home, classroom, or parish hall can make a real difference.

Parishes can use existing groups—men’s groups, women’s groups, Bible studies, RCIA teams—or create new Lenten small groups explicitly built around this experience. Families can also participate together at home.

Here is the suggested weekly outline: All videos, guides, and easy-to-use materials will be available on our diocesan website by January 15.

Lent Week 1: Chapter 1 – Why stories are important

Lent Week 2: Chapter 2 – Why is there something rather than nothing?

Lent Week 3: Chapter 3 – The Enemy is the enemy

Lent Week 4: Chapter 4 – It gets worse

Lent Week 5: Chapter 5 – What, if anything, has God done about it?

Lent Week 6: Chapter 6 – What difference does it make?

Lent Week 7: Chapter 7 – Words are not enough

Easter Week 1: Chapter 8 – What does God want from me?

Easter Week 2: Chapter 9 – Getting clarity on the mission

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR DIOCESE OF SALINA

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL 2025: As we closed the 2025 Bishop’s Annual Appeal at the end of January, a total of \$2,312,379.16 was raised in support of the ministries of the Diocese of Salina. We want to take a moment to sincerely thank you for the leadership you provided in your parish throughout the appeal.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR DIOCESE OF SALINA (cont.)

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL plays a vital role in sustaining the shared work of our Diocese, supporting our clergy, caring for seminarians, and strengthening ministries that serve parishes and parishioners across western Kansas. While participation and results vary from parish to parish, every conversation, announcement, prayer, and invitation you offered helped communicate the importance of this appeal and its impact.

Your leadership matters. Whether through preaching, personal encouragement, or simply keeping the appeal visible in your parish, you helped connect parishioners to the broader mission of the Church beyond their local community. We are deeply grateful for the time, energy, and care you bring to this work, and for your continued partnership in supporting the life and mission of the Diocese. And just in time, we now turn to the 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2026 : The 2026 appeal is set to kick off **February 7th and 8th**. Materials are being delivered to parishes. If you have any questions, need additional materials, etc. please contact the development team – development@salinadiocese.org.

Kick-off weekend Feb. 7-8

- Play the homily audio from Bishop Vincke
- Add a personal note about how the appeal supports clergy and ministries around the diocese
- Include a bulletin announcement or Prayer of the faithful – see prewritten ones by visiting bit.ly/parishbaa
- Make sure the poster is displayed.

Participation weekend Feb. 21-22

- Put envelopes in pews or gathering space (Mention the envelopes are there if anyone did not receive one in the mail)
- Print and post In Pew QR Code for people who want to make an online gift – printable on bit.ly/parishbaa
- Include a bulletin announcement or Prayer of the faithful – see prewritten ones by visiting bit.ly/parishbaa

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. Throughout the year.

Parish Resources – bit.ly/parishbaa

QR Code and Link for Bulletins, etc.- appeal.givecfds.org



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 2026-2027 school year. The application process is online and opened on Nov. 1, 2025. Students are encouraged to apply by **March 1st, 2026**, 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.

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LENT SERIES FOR YOUTH GROUPS (Junior High or High School) - Advent 2024, Bishop Vincke invited our entire diocese to enter more deeply into the Acts XXIX framework (Created – Captured – Rescued – Response). We were blessed to welcome Fr. John Riccardo and the Acts XXIX Team to our diocesan conference in August, where we heard the powerful message behind The Rescue Project. This message speaks directly to the hearts of young people today.

As we move into Lent, we want to especially encourage middle school and high school youth groups to experience The Rescue Project in small groups.

Youth are hungry for real conversation, authentic friendships, and a deeper sense of purpose. Small groups provide the perfect environment, safe, relational, and engaging—for teens to wrestle with the big questions of life and faith.

CYO groups can use their normal meeting times or form temporary Lenten small groups that meet in classrooms, youth rooms, or even homes. The format is simple: watch a video, talk about it, pray together, and build community.

All videos, guides, and easy-to-use materials will be available on our diocesan website by January 15.

Suggested Weekly Outline

Lent Week 1: Why stories are important

Lent Week 2: Why is there something rather than nothing?

Lent Week 3: The Enemy is the enemy

Lent Week 4: It gets worse

Lent Week 5: What, if anything, has God done about it?

Lent Week 6: What difference does it make?

Lent Week 7: Words are not enough\

Easter Week 1: What does God want from me?

Easter Week 2: Getting clarity on the mission

This Lent, let's give our young people a chance to encounter the Gospel in a new way—a way that helps them discover who they are, why they matter, and the mission God made them for.

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (cont.)

YOUTH MINISTRY RETREAT - We warmly invite all diocesan youth ministers to a one-day retreat. We will have a retreat director guide our time together as we renew, reconnect, and rest in the Lord through Adoration and Mass, with Confession available. Lunch and dinner are provided. No work, no business - just an opportunity for you who serve our young people all year long to have a retreat and rest in the Lord. Save the date--Saturday, March 21, 2026, in Salina.

SOPHIA'S INSTITUTE - Putting on the Armor of God: Confirmation, Diocese of Salina, Spring 2026 - Explore the effects and fruits of the Sacrament of Confirmation how you can lead your students to proclaim the Gospel like the Apostles. You'll also learn how to help your students see the true meaning of this Sacrament.

This Workshop blends scholar presentations with interactive pedagogical sessions, giving you a chance to explore content with a respected scholar, as well as explore and simulate practical teaching strategies with ready-to-use classroom materials. Share best practices and enjoy catered breakfast and lunch with your fellow teachers and catechists from the Diocese of Salina.

March 28, 2026, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm.

Click this link to see more--<https://sophiateachers.org/event/putting-on-the-armor-of-god-confirmation-diocese-of-salina-spring-2026/>

MISCELLANEOUS

CHURCH RE-DEDICATION – St. John the Baptist in Hanover is celebrating a Church Re-Dedication Mass on Sunday, February 8th, at 3:00 p.m. All priests are invited and welcome to attend. Vesting will take place in the Convent Building. Anyone wishing to attend is also welcome.

MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rite of Election, St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays, 3pm	2	3	4	5 Lay Review Board Mtg., 4pm	6	7 Confirmation, Oberlin & Selden at Oberlin, 6pm
8 Confirmation, Colby, 10am Confirmation, Oakley/Angelus at Oakley, 2pm	9	10 Clergy Health & Retirement Board mtg. 2pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins	21 Youth Minister Retreat, Salina St. John's, Beloit, School Auction, Mass at 4:30pm St. John's, Hanover, School Auction, 5pm
22	23	24 Finance Council mtg. 4pm	25	26 Chrism Mass, S.H. Cathedral, 11:30am Priest Council mtg., 2:30pm	27	28 Confirmation, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Salina, 10am St. Mary's, Ellis, Parish/School Auction, Mass at 4pm
29 Palm Sunday	30	31				

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS FOR THE SALINA DIOCESE

	2026	2027	2028
Catholic Relief Services - (formerly ACOAF) (fourth Sunday of Lent)	3/15/2026	3/7/2027	3/26/2028
Rice Bowl	Lent	Lent	Lent
Holy Land - (Good Friday)	4/3/2026	3/26/2027	4/14/2028
Catholic Home Mission Appeal (last Sunday of April)	4/26/2026	4/25/2027	4/30/2028
Peter's Pence (first Sunday of July or Nearest Sunday to the Feast of Sts Peter & Paul)	6/28/2026	6/27/2027	7/2/2028
Seminarian Collection (Second Sunday in August)	8/9/2026	8/8/2027	8/13/2028
Mission Sunday (next to last Sunday in October)	10/18/2026	10/24/2027	10/22/2028
Archdiocese for the Military Services (Sunday before Veterans Day, every 3 years)	N/A	N/A	11/5/2028
Retired Religious (Second Sunday in December)	12/13/2026	12/12/2027	12/10/2028

<u>OSV</u> <u>Consignee</u> <u>Code</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Order</u> <u>for</u> <u>2026</u> <u>Appeal</u>	<u>Church Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City, State, Zip</u>
SAKS10038	150	St. Andrew's	311 S. Buckeye Ave.	Abilene KS 67410
SAKS10000	50	Our Lady, Help of Christians	900 Cathedral	Victoria. KS 67671
SAKS10039	200	Sacred Heart	508 N. Railroad	Atwood KS 67730
SAKS10001	50	St. Peter's	112 Kansas Ave	Aurora KS 67417
SAKS10018	0	St. Edward's	1827 Q Street	Belleville KS 66935
SAKS10051	450	St. John the Baptist	622 E. Main	Beloit KS 67420
SAKS10002	25	St. Catherine's	1316 E. 22nd	Hays, KS 67601
SAKS10007	0	St. Michael's	210 E 6th ST.	Chapman KS 67431
SAKS10022	0	SS. Peter and Paul	730 Court St.	Clay Center KS 67432
SAKS10023	50	St. John the Baptist	204 N. High	Clyde KS 66938
SAKS10041	150	Sacred Heart	585 N. French	Colby KS 67701
SAKS10046	250	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	307 E 5th St.	Concordia KS 66901
SAKS10004	100	St. Mary's	611 Division	Downs KS 67437
SAKS10040	0	St. Mary's	703 Monroe St.	Ellis KS 67637
SAKS10024	200	St. Bernard's	911 N. Kansas	Ellsworth KS 67439
SAKS10025	0	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	307 W 13th	Goodland KS 67735
SAKS10008	100	St. Mary's, Help of Christians	135 3rd St.	Gorham KS 67640
SAKS10032	60	St. Agnes	353 Elm St.	Grainfield KS 67737
SAKS10009	25	Immaculate Conception	308 S. Monroe	Grinnell KS 67738
SAKS10047	200	St. John the Baptist	114 S. Church St.	Hanover KS 66945
SAKS10042	0	St. Nicholas of Myra	2901 E 13th St.	Hays KS 67601
SAKS10054	300	St. Joseph's	215 W 13th St.	Hays KS 67601
SAKS10055	500	Immaculate Heart of Mary	1805 Vine St.	Hays KS 67601
SAKS10059	0	Comeau Catholic Campus Center	506 W 6th	Hays KS 67601
SAKS10019	40	St. John's	712 N. Broadway	Herington KS 67449
SAKS10026	250	Immaculate Heart of Mary	110 N. 10th Ave.	Hill City KS 67642
SAKS10027	160	St. Frances Cabrini	924 N 17th St.	Hoxie KS 67740
SAKS10049	150	St. Francis Xavier	218 N. Washington	Junction City KS 66441
SAKS10020	60	St. Patrick's	206 N 5th	Lincoln KS 67455
SAKS10010	100	St. John's	203 E Main	Logan KS 67646
SAKS10050	100	St. Thomas More	2900 Kimball	Manhattan KS 66502
SAKS10056	150	Seven Dolors	731 Pierre	Manhattan KS 66502
SAKS10011	50	St. Isidore's	711 Denison Ave.	Manhattan KS 66502
SAKS10021	0	St. Theresa's	422 N. Commercial	Mankato KS 66956
SAKS10012	80	Immaculate Conception	216 Cherry	Minneapolis KS 67467
SAKS10013	0	St. Francis of Assisi	883 Moscow St.	Munjoy KS 67601
SAKS10029	50	St. Joseph's	28035 St. John St.	New Almelo KS 67645
SAKS10028	200	St. Francis of Assisi	108 S. Wabash	Norton KS 67654
SAKS10030	300	St. Joseph's	625 Freeman Ave	Oakley KS 67748
SAKS10003	0	St. Paul's	C/O 625 Freeman Ave	Oakley KS 67748
SAKS10035	0	Sacred Heart	210 E Washington	Oberlin KS 67749
SAKS10014	0	St. Aloysius	203 N Elm	Osborne KS 67473

SAKS10031	0	Sacred Heart	202 S. Cottonwood	Park KS 67751
SAKS10015	100	SS. Philip and James	690 S. 7th St.	Phillipsburg KS 67661
SAKS10043	0	Sacred Heart	206 N Washington	Plainville KS 67663
SAKS10045	100	St. Mary's	415 S Windsor	Russell KS 67665
SAKS10037	100	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	1000 Burr Oak Lane	Salina KS 67401
SAKS10052	200	Sacred Heart Cathedral	118 N. 9th St.	Salina KS 67401
SAKS10057	300	St. Mary, Queen of the Universe	230 E Cloud	Salina KS 67401
SAKS10006	50	St. Anthony's	900 Cathedral	Victoria, KS 67671
SAKS10036	0	Sacred Heart	205 S. Mission	Selden KS 67757
SAKS10016	0	Holy Ghost	403 N. Main St.	Sharon Springs KS 67758
SAKS10017	0	Immaculate Conception	3599 Field Rd	Solomon KS 67480
SAKS10005	75	St. Francis of Assisi	625 S. River St.	St. Francis KS 67756
SAKS10044	80	St. Thomas	722 Main St.	Stockton KS 67669
SAKS10033	100	St. Boniface	308 Gambrinus	Tipton KS 67485
SAKS10053	0	St. Fidelis	601 10th St.	Victoria KS 67671
SAKS10058	0	Christ the King	412 N. 9th St.	Wakeeney KS 67672
SAKS10048	100	St. Augustine's	410 B Street	Washington KS 66968
SAKS10034	180	St. Wenceslaus	2811 Ave. D	Wilson KS 67490
	200	Diocese of Salina-Prop. Faith	103 N. 9th St.	Salina KS 67401
	6135	Total		

Catholic Charities Outreach Services

February 2026 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

2/3

Osborne - St. Aloysius Catholic Church

10:30am - 11:30am

Wednesday

2/4

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 - 3:00pm

Wednesday

2/11

Washington - St. Augustine Parish

9:30am - 10:30am

Colby - Knights of Columbus

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

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Lincoln - Lincoln County Health Department

1:30pm - 2:30pm

WaKeeney - Christ the King Church

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Beverly - City Office of Beverly

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Wednesday

2/18

Abilene - St. Andrew Parish

9:00am - 10:00am

Beloit - St. John the Baptist Church

10:00am - 11:00am

Atwood - Sacred Heart Catholic Church

10:30am - 11:30am

Solomon - Immaculate Conception Church

10:30am - 11:30am

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

Minneapolis - 200 Block of N. Sheridan St.

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday

2/25

Chapman - St. Michael Catholic Church

9:00am - 10:00am

Russell - St. Mary Queen of Angels Church

9:00am - 10:00am

Enterprise - City Hall

10:30am - 11:00am

Belleville - St. Edward Parish

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Plainville - Sacred Heart Catholic Church

1:00pm - 2:00pm



SHOPPING LIST



PANTRY ITEMS

- | | |
|--|--|
| <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

- | | |
|---|---|
| <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: 1011 Centennial Blvd.



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 MEGAN AUGUSTINE AT:**



785-825-0208



maugustine@ccnks.org

Feeling anxious or sad?

Hope can help!



Hope is a **FREE** chat service providing encouragement and strategies on how to manage everyday stress and anxiety using Chatbot technology.

- Hope is anonymous, private, and available 24/7/365
- Proven, faith-based, emotional, and mental support service
- Hope offers proven technology to offer custom mental health help when and where you need it. She is used by over 13 million users worldwide.

If you are experiencing suicidal thoughts, please call, text, or chat the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988, to speak to a real person.

TO CONNECT WITH HOPE:

Text "Hi" to Hope at 1-785-645-3355 or visit facebook.com/HopeCCUSA
Use Start Code: KANSAS



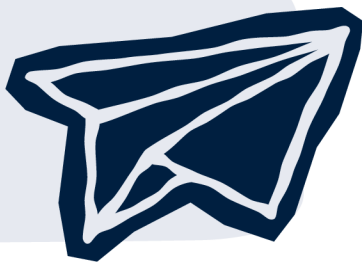
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ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Birthday: 1869
Country: Darfur, Sudan
Feast Day: February 8th
Patronage: Sudan, Human Trafficking



ST. JOSEPHINE WENT THROUGH MANY BAD THINGS WHEN SHE WAS A SLAVE, SHE COULDN'T EVEN REMEMBER HER BIRTH NAME

THE PEOPLE WHO BOUGHT AND SOLD HER NAMED HER "BAKHITA", WHICH MEANT "FORTUNATE ONE"

WHEN SHE BECAME CATHOLIC, SHE PICKED THE NAME "JOSEPHINE" WHICH MEANS "GOD WILL ADD"

St. Josephine was born in Sudan, but she was sold away as a slave. She ended up in Italy, and stayed with an order of Conossian Sisters. St. Josephine didn't want to leave! After legal proceedings, she was allowed to stay and became a nun!

St. Josephine saw God's goodness in everything, including the bad! She was gifted with the grace to see God's plan for her written throughout her life. One time, she said she would thank the people who abducted her, because without them, she would not have become Christian and a nun!

We can all be like St. Josephine.

May God give us the grace to see Him in all things, even the bad, and may we rejoice in our neighbors who help lead us to Heaven!

