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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL GREEN TIE FUNDRAISER Thank you to all who organized and participated in this wonderful event that assists many people in our diocese. The event was a great success.

VOLGA GERMAN CELEBRATIONS are happening in Ellis County, celebrating 150 years of settlements in the area. It has been great to participate in the remembrance of the heritage that built the beautiful churches and to enjoy the food and dance.

MARIAN DAYS (Ngày Thánh Mẫu) is an annual national festival and religious pilgrimage for Vietnamese-American Roman Catholics. It is held on campus of the Congregation of the Mother Co-Redemptrix (CRM) in Carthage, Missouri. The event draws tens of thousands of visitors with more than 80,000 in attendance. The pilgrimage is August 6th -10th , I will be celebrating the opening Mass on August 6.

ANNUAL SEMINARIAN FUNDRAISING DINNERS were held July 29 in Salina at the Hilton Garden Inn and July 30 at City Limits Convention Center in Colby. Thank you to those who made this happen and for your support as both events were a huge success.

EUCCHARISTIC CONFERENCE will be held Friday, July 31st through Saturday, August 1st. The event is hosted by the Comeau Catholic Student Center on the campus of FHSU in Hays. Please visit salinadiocese.org to get more information on tickets, speakers, schedule of event and much more. We hope to see you there!

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS DEADLINES - The deadline to submit content for the September paper is Sept. 4th (in homes September 25th. The content deadline for October is October 2nd (in homes Oct. 23rd). You can contact the editor, Lori Garcia, at 785-262-9136 or by email: lori.garcia@salinadiocese.org or theregister@salinadiocese.org

OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Preparing for a New School Year

Across the Diocese of Salina, the excitement is building as we prepare to welcome students back for the 2026-2027 school year. While many of our students, families, and educators are enjoying the final days of summer through county fairs, family vacations, summer jobs, athletic camps, and time with loved ones, our schools are putting the finishing touches on another year of faith-filled learning.

Our theme for this school year is GO! Inspired by Christ's call to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19), the theme also aligns with our diocesan mission, Together, Let Us Be Disciples of Jesus on Mission. Whether in our classrooms, parishes, homes, or communities, we are called to go forth with courage, share the Gospel, and accompany others to Christ. We look forward to another year of forming missionary disciples who are prepared to serve God and neighbor wherever He leads them.

School Leaders Gather to Begin the Journey

On Tuesday, July 28, principals and school leaders from across the Diocese of Salina gathered at the Hall of Bishops for our annual Principals' Meeting. The day began with Mass and prayer, reminding us that Christ remains at the center of every decision we make.

Throughout the day, school leaders collaborated on school improvement initiatives, discussed diocesan policies and priorities, and strengthened the relationships that make our Catholic school system so unique. We were also blessed to welcome several new leaders to our school community:

Will Allen, Principal – St. Joseph School, Oakley
 Sheri Dahl, Ast. Principal – St. Andrew School, Abilene
 Alicia Knight, Ast. Principal – St. Mary's Grade School, Salina
 Kegan Knight, Ast. Principal/Athletic Director – Sacred Heart Jr./Sr. High School, Salina
 Jarrod Taylor, Principal – Manhattan Catholic Schools
 Jodi Testa, Principal – St. Francis Xavier School, Junction City

Please join us in praying for these leaders, along with all of our principals, teachers, pastors, and school staff, as they begin another year of guiding students in faith, knowledge, and service.

WELCOMING NEW LEADERS AND EDUCATORS - While summer provides time for rest and renewal, it is also a season of preparation. Across the Diocese of Salina, principals, teachers, pastors, and school staff are planning for the 2026-2027 school year through professional development, curriculum work, facility improvements, enrollment efforts, and strategic planning.

We are grateful for the many individuals who have answered God's call to serve in our Catholic schools. New teachers, staff members, and leaders are joining our communities across northern Kansas, bringing with them talents, enthusiasm, and a commitment to our mission. Please keep all of our educators in your prayers as they prepare to welcome students back to our classrooms this August.

OFFICE OF EDUCATION (cont.)

INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION - We are excited to announce a new partnership with ACE Scholarships that will provide additional opportunities for families seeking a Catholic education while creating a meaningful way for donors to support their local Catholic school.

Through this partnership, donors may designate which Catholic school within the Diocese of Salina they would like their gift to support while receiving a 75% Kansas State Income Tax Credit. This is a remarkable opportunity for individuals and businesses to invest directly in Catholic education while receiving a significant tax benefit.

The Kansas Tax Credit Scholarship Program is capped statewide at \$10 million annually. Once that cap is reached, no additional tax credits can be awarded until the following year. We encourage donors to make their gifts before the end of the calendar year to ensure they can take advantage of this opportunity.

Every dollar donated helps provide scholarships for families, strengthens our Catholic schools, and allows more students to experience an education rooted in faith, academic excellence, and service.

Thank You for Supporting Catholic Education. The success of our schools is made possible through the prayers, volunteerism, generosity, and commitment of countless parishioners, parents, alumni, clergy, religious, and benefactors throughout the Diocese of Salina.

As we look ahead to another school year, we remain grateful for your partnership in the mission of Catholic education. Together, we continue to prepare young people to become faithful disciples, servant leaders, and saints for the Church and the world.

May God bless you and your family with a safe, joyful, and faith-filled summer.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

SAFETY COORDINATORS—You may access the Safety Coordinator Resources page on our website for any forms, documents, and resources you may need throughout the year. I hope everyone has a wonderful and blessed 2026–2027 school year. Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to protecting our children and our most vulnerable. Your faithful service plays a vital role in creating safe and welcoming environments throughout our parishes and schools.

The link is: <https://salinadiocese.org/office/safe-environment/resources-for-safe-environment-coordinators>

BULLETIN INSERT: All parishes and schools are kindly asked to include the updated 2026 Safe Environment Bulletin Insert (see sample in the back pages) in parish bulletins and school newsletters on a quarterly basis (July, October, January, and April). After publication, please email a copy to liz.aguayo@salinadiocese.org. These copies will be maintained in the diocesan files for review during the annual audit. Thank you for your continued commitment to this important effort and for faithfully supporting our mission: Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

FAMILY CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS - This past month, the bishops of the United States consecrated our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Families are still encouraged to unite their own consecration with this national act of prayer by entrusting their homes and families to the love of the Sacred Heart and the guidance of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

A family consecration is a beautiful act of devotion in which a family intentionally places their home and daily life under the lordship of Christ. Through this act, families invite Jesus to reign in their hearts and homes and ask Mary's intercession as they grow closer to her Son.

To learn more about home consecration and find prayers and step-by-step guidance, visit—Diocese of Salina website: salinadiocese.org/office/family-consecration-to-the-sacred-heart-of-jesus/

Take this opportunity to make your home a place where Christ is honored, Mary is welcomed, and faith is lived each day.

2026-2027 ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS:

October 2-4, 2026

March 12-14, 2027

June 4-6, 2027

2026 MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS - Bring Christ into your marriage and learn what the Father has in store for you by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on:

Aug. 7-9, Wichita, KS; Sept. 18-20, Grand Island, NE; Nov. 6-8, Grand Junction, CO—
Call or text 402-370-5839 for more information.

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, and additional dates and locations, please visit wwme.org

In His Presence – High School Campaign One of the greatest gifts parents can give their children is the witness of their own faith. This fall, In His Presence will provide a wonderful opportunity for families to grow together by making Eucharistic Adoration a regular part of their lives. As parents and teens spend time together before the Blessed Sacrament, they not only deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ but also strengthen the bonds of the domestic church. Inspired by the witness of St. Carlo Acutis, this diocesan-wide initiative will invite high school students to develop the life-changing habit of spending regular time with Jesus through parish-based catechesis, student witness, personal invitations, and the opportunity to commit to a weekly Holy Hour.

Our hope is that every parish with high school students will prayerfully consider participating. The campaign has been designed to be flexible so that parishes of every size can adapt it to their local circumstances while creating opportunities for families to encounter Christ together in the Eucharist.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE (cont.)

On August 3, every parish will receive a complete campaign packet containing the campaign timeline, homily talking points, bulletin inserts, social media resources, prayer materials, graphics, promotional items, training information, and everything needed to implement the campaign. The packet will be sent both digitally and through physical mail. We encourage pastors, DREs, youth ministers, parents, and parish leaders to watch for this mailing and begin discussing how your parish can help families make time in the presence of Jesus a regular part of their lives.

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY-RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

JR. CYO CAMP 2026 - Camp will be held Saturday, September 5th- Monday, September 7th, and registration begins May 1st.

Registration Information - <https://salinadiocese.org/office/youth-ministry/junior-cyo-camp/>

HOLY FIRE 2026 – Save the Date! Holy Fire will be on November 7th in Hays. This is an event for our 6th-8th grade students. There will be more details coming soon, but I wanted to get the date out to you. This was a very powerful event for our Junior High Students last year. We would love to see each parish bring a group.

2026 CYO CONVENTION–Save the Date! The CYO Convention will be November 14th/15th, in Salina. There will be more details coming soon, but I wanted to get the date out to you.

In His Presence – High School Campaign-This fall, we will launch In His Presence, a new diocesan-wide initiative inviting our high school students to develop the life-changing habit of spending regular time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Inspired by the witness of St. Carlo Acutis, the campaign is designed to help young people encounter Christ in the Eucharist through parish-based catechesis, student witness, personal invitations, and the opportunity to commit to a weekly Holy Hour.

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CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR DIOCESE OF SALINA

SEMINARIAN COLLECTION will take place August 8-9. Sample bulletin announcement below and QR code for online giving.

Support the Seminarians- We invite you to participate in the annual seminarian collection August 8-9. This vital collection is held in every parish across the diocese and supports the tuition, summer ministry, books, room and boarding expenses of our current seminarians, as well as recruitment of future seminarians. The average annual cost to educate one seminarian is over \$60,000; regardless of size, every contribution makes a significant impact! To make an online gift, please visit: bit.ly/semsofsalina. Or feel free to make a gift via your parish envelopes.



Please process the donations as you normally would and submit the usual parish check to the Chancery. Please keep a record of who gave a gift and the amount given so we can send them a thank you. We ask that you send an excel spreadsheet with the following information to Torrie (torrie.gregg@salinadiocese.org)

- First Name
- Last Name
- Parish
- Dollar Amount

We will be doing a seminarian appeal mailing to the households in our diocese the week of August 24th. This gives everyone the opportunity to learn more about the efforts of our vocations office, the journey of a seminarian and the chance to financially and prayerfully support these men. This is the second time we have done this appeal. If you have any questions regarding this mailing, please contact the foundation office- development@salinadiocese.org

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2026 -Every Gift Makes a Difference!

Congratulations to the 15 parishes that have reached their goal for this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal so far. Many parishes are very close to attaining their goal, and we appreciate everyone's efforts in promoting the appeal.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR DIOCESE OF SALINA (cont.)

As a reminder, the Appeal runs throughout the entire year, which means parishioners have the flexibility to give when the time is right for them. A few ways you can keep the Appeal front-of-mind in your community:

- Use the ready-to-go bulletin announcements and prayers of the faithful available on our Parish Resource Page - bit.ly/ParishBAA
- Update your poster in the gathering space with the latest progress
- Encourage giving through personal stories or mentions at parish meetings
- Let parishioners know that every gift, large or small, makes a difference in supporting our clergy, respect life, faith formation and more

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



iGiveCatholic 2026 – This year, GivingTuesday is December 1, 2026 with Advanced Giving beginning on November 16. Registration will be open between August 17 - November 1. If you have any questions about the sign up process, please contact Torrie Gregg at torrie.gregg@salinadiocese.org.

Be watching for additional information and training opportunities in the upcoming weeks. Looking forward to another successful campaign!

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 Carolina Butts at cbutts@ccnks.org 785-833-9379.

Igniting Hope: Annual Campaign for Our Neighbors in Need - We are gearing up for our Igniting Hope: Annual Campaign for Our Neighbors in Need kickoff weekend scheduled for October 24 & 25, 2026. More information will be sent to each parish in the diocese in the coming months. Stay tuned and thanks in advance for your help!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES (cont.)

Baby Bottle Campaign - Thank you to every parish and Catholic school that has supported moms and babies through this year's Baby Bottle Campaigns! Because of you, families receive essential items like diapers, wipes, car seats, blankets, and baby clothes. But more than that, they receive love, dignity, and a reminder that they're not alone.

Interested in Hosting a Campaign? If your parish hasn't hosted a campaign before, now's a great time to start planning one for the fall. You can choose a timeframe that fits your community—October during Respect Life Month is a perfect option to celebrate the gift of life. To get started, reach out to Carolina Butts at cbutts@ccnks.org or 785-833-9379.

Parish Presentations - Our Catholic Charities team is excited to schedule Parish Presentations! 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 Robl at mrobl@ccnks.org or 785-825-0208 or go to <https://ccnks.org/community-engagement>, and fill out the interest form.

Upcoming Office and Thrift Store Closure Dates

All of our offices, as well as the Salina and Hays Thrift Stores, will be closed on Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

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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.

August 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 August Outreach Services schedule is attached. You can also view the full, up-to-date Outreach Services schedule anytime at www.ccnks.org/outreach.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES (cont.)

Green Tie Celebration

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the 2026 Green Tie Celebration through your generosity, encouragement and prayers. Because of YOU, neighbors across northern Kansas are reminded they are not alone and are given hope, stability and a path forward during difficult times.

Visit www.ccnks.org/greentie to watch the newest impact video and see photos from the evening. These stories of healing, courage and transformation are made possible because of YOUR support! Thank you!

Save the Date – 2026 Adoption Mass

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas invites you to the 2026 Adoption Mass on November 6th at 5:15 PM, celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral. This special event is open to all who have been touched by adoption in their lives. November is National Adoption Month, and we gather to honor and celebrate the beautiful journey of building families through adoption. Mark your calendars and join us for this meaningful occasion!

EXCITING NEWS: Catholic Charities Opening a Location in Concordia

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas is honored to continue the legacy of service established by the Sisters of St. Joseph through Neighbor to Neighbor in Concordia. Neighbor to Neighbor has concluded operations. Following a transition period, the building will reopen as Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas, expanding services and strengthening support for individuals and families in Cloud County and surrounding communities. Additional information, including the reopening date, will be shared at a later time.

Did you know-Catholic Charities' website is an easy place to start when you or someone you know needs help? Visit www.ccnks.org/gethelp to find program applications, staff contact information and details about financial and housing assistance, personal care and basic needs, pregnancy support and adoption, counseling, thrift stores, disaster relief, outreach services, and more. No matter where you live in the Diocese of Salina, our team will help connect you with the right person or resource. We're here to help!

OFFICE OF RURAL LIFE

SALINA DIOCESE TO HONOR RURAL FARMS AND BUSINESSES AT RURAL LIFE DAY - August 16, 2026, at 3:00 at St. John the Baptist Catholic church in Beloit.

A central highlight of the event will be the presentation of the Msgr. John George Weber Century Farm Award, and the Half-Century Business Award. These distinctive honors recognize families and business owners within the diocese whose Catholic faith has been the cornerstone of their longevity, guiding them through decades of changing times and economic seasons.

OFFICE OF RURAL LIFE (cont.)

The event will commence with a prayer service in the church, moving to the school cafeteria for the official award presentations. A social hour with light refreshments will follow. The public is warmly invited to attend and support these pillars of our regional rural communities.

Any Diocese Family operating or owning a 100-year farm or 50-year business can complete the official award application on the Salina Diocese Rural Life office website page, <https://salinadiocese.org/office/rural-life/rural-life-day-century-farm-award/>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4 Conference for Consecrated Virginity (Virtual)	5 Junior CYO Camp 2026 St. Ignatius of Loyola Annual Fiesta Conference for Consecrated Virginity (Virtual)
6 Conference for Consecrated Virginity (Virtual) Junior CYO Camp 2026	7 Junior CYO Camp 2026	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Journey: New Life In Christ Weekend (Women's Retreat)
20 Journey: New Life In Christ Weekend (Women's Retreat)	21	22	23	24	25	26 Journey: New Life In Christ Weekend (Men's Retreat) Called and Gifted Workshop
27 Journey: New Life In Christ Weekend (Men's Retreat)	28	29	30	1	2 Marriage Preparation Retreat St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center – Manhattan Catholic Engaged Encounter Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life – Victoria Joyful Women's Retreat Night of Healing Faith	3 Marriage Preparation Retreat St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center – Manhattan Catholic Engaged Encounter Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life – Victoria Joyful Women's Retreat



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

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

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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

Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org

Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator

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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

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.

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Any questions in regards to education, reporting, or victim assistance can be directed to the
Safe Environment Office
Diocese of Salina
785.827. 8746



**CATHOLIC DIOCESE
of SALINA**

Catholic Mutual CARES for Kids

Who's Got Your Back? How to Find a Trusted Adult

Growing up is full of new experiences, challenges, and changes. Some days feel exciting, while other days can feel confusing or overwhelming. Everyone—kids, teens, and even adults—needs help sometimes. That's why it's important to have a trusted adult in your life. A trusted adult is someone you can talk to when something is bothering you, when you need advice, or when you don't feel safe. They are someone who listens, cares about your safety, and helps you make good choices. Learning how to find and talk to a trusted adult is an important life skill.

Why Having a Trusted Adult Matters

A trusted adult helps you feel heard and supported. They care about your well-being and want to help you make safe and healthy choices. During challenging times, they can help offer guidance or support for problems that feel too big to handle alone. This could include situations at school, issues with friends, bullying, or new feelings of anxiety, sadness or anger. Having at least one trusted adult in your life means you don't have to face hard things alone.

Who Can Be a Trusted Adult?

A trusted adult can be many different people. Often, it is a parent, guardian, or caregiver, but it doesn't have to be. It could also be a grandparent, aunt, uncle, teacher, school counselor, coach, nurse, youth leader, or another adult you see regularly. What matters most is not their job or title, but how they treat you and how safe you feel around them. Below are key items to consider when deciding who could be your trusted adult.

- *Signs of a Trusted Adult:* Trusted adults usually have certain qualities. They listen when you talk and don't rush you or ignore your feelings. They take you seriously, even if your problem seems small to them. They treat you with respect and kindness, and they do not make fun of you or tell you to "just get over it." Most importantly, trusted adults care about your safety. They want to help protect you and will try to find solutions when something is wrong.
- *Safe and Unsafe Secrets:* It's important to understand the difference between safe secrets and unsafe secrets. Safe secrets are usually fun and temporary, like keeping a birthday surprise quiet for a short time. Unsafe secrets are different. If a secret makes you feel scared, uncomfortable, worried, or



upset, that is a sign you should tell a trusted adult. Any secret that could hurt you or someone else should never be kept.

- *Choosing a Trusted Adult:* Choosing a trusted adult is a personal decision. Think about who makes you feel comfortable, who listens to you, and who you would go to if you were in trouble. You can have more than one trusted adult, and that's a good thing. Having several safe adults means you have more support if one person is not available.
- *Asking a Trusted Adult for Help:* Starting a conversation with an adult can feel hard, especially if you're nervous or unsure how to explain what's going on. You don't need to have the perfect words. You can start by saying something simple like, "Can I talk to you about something important?" or "I'm having a hard time and I need help." You can also write a note or message if talking feels too difficult at first. Trusted adults understand that opening up can be scary and will give you time and space to share.

Sometimes, the first adult you talk to may not understand or may not help in the way you hoped. If that happens, it is very important to keep telling someone else. You are not doing anything wrong by asking for help again. Keep reaching out until you find an adult who listens and takes action. You deserve to feel safe and supported.

Everyone needs help sometimes—kids, teens, and adults included. Asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness. You are important, your feelings matter, and you never have to handle hard things on your own. Learning to find and talk to a trusted adult is a powerful way to take care of yourself and others.

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Catholic Charities Outreach Services

August 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

8/4

Osborne - St. Aloysius Catholic Church

10:30am - 11:30am

Wednesday

8/5

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

8/12

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

8/19

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

8/26

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

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| ☐ Cereal | ☐ Instant Oatmeal |
| ☐ Pancake Mix | ☐ Granola Bars |
| ☐ Peanut Butter | ☐ Jelly |
| ☐ Instant Potatoes | ☐ Tuna Helper |
| ☐ Macaroni + Cheese | ☐ Spaghetti noodles |
| ☐ Spaghetti Sauce | ☐ Ramen Noodles |
| ☐ Canned Soup | ☐ Canned Vegetables |
| ☐ Jello Packets | ☐ Pudding Packets |
| ☐ Canned Fruit | ☐ Canned Tuna |
| ☐ Saltine Crackers | ☐ Jiffy Cornbread Mix |

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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|---|---|
| ☐ Full-Sized Shampoo | ☐ Full-Sized Body Wash |
| ☐ Bar Soap | ☐ Twin-Blade Razors |
| ☐ Deodorant | ☐ Full-Sized Lotion |
| ☐ Toothpaste | ☐ Tampons/Pads |
| ☐ Toilet Paper | ☐ Kleenex Boxes |
| ☐ Laundry Detergent | ☐ Multi-Purpose Wipes |
| ☐ Liquid Dish Soap | ☐ Diapers (Size 4-6) |
| ☐ Baby Wipes | ☐ 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.



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



Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas is grateful for the generous support of Catholic Charities USA in bringing Hope to our communities.

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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?
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