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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

<https://kcsjatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/> for Public Mass directives and ongoing liturgical guidelines

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL – CHANCELLOR

1) DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2020-2021 EDITION

Time has come again to submit your changes for the Diocesan Directory. When submitting changes please be very specific and include the following:

Any personnel additions/deletions, and changes to titles, emails, phone numbers and extensions, if applicable.

Submissions may be submitted via the following channels:

Email: blando@diocesekcsj.org (preferred method) (can be either scanned copies of your current page with changes or your changes outlined in text of an email)

Mail a copy of your current page with any indicated changes to: Barbara Blando, Catholic Chancery, PO Box 419037, Kansas City, MO 64141-6037.

NO FAXES PLEASE. **Deadline for changes is August 14, 2020.**

2) GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS, NOW SEPTEMBER 27

The annual June celebration of 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass with Bishop Johnston at the Cathedral has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 27, due to the coronavirus and a concern for everyone's ongoing safety and health.

3) *The Catholic Key* has suspended publication for the time being and information and articles will be available on social media and the diocesan website at kcsjatholic.org. A number of factors contributed to this decision, such as parishioners being unable to receive issues at their parish churches where there is no public Mass, the increased circulation costs occasioned by the COVID-19 virus, and the desire to minimize the number of individuals at the chancery offices.

FROM THE OFFICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP – <https://kcsjatholic.org/sacredworship/>

1) PARISH CHURCH TITULAR SOLEMNITIES

This month the following parishes celebrate titular solemnities: St. Benedict, Burlington Junction (July 11); St. James, Liberty (July 25); St. Ann, Excelsior Springs (July 26, replacing the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time this year); St. Ann, Independence (July 26, replacing the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time this year); and St. Ann, Plattsburg (July 26, replacing the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time this year).

2) PARISH CHURCH DEDICATION ANNIVERSARIES

This month the following parishes celebrate the solemnity of the anniversary of the dedication of their churches: St. Francis Xavier, Kansas City (July 4); Sacred Heart, Kansas City (July 12, replacing the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time this year); St. Sabina, Belton (July 12, replacing the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time this year); and St. Bartholomew, Windsor

replacing the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time this year), and on September 19, 2020 (July 19, replacing the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time this year).

3) PASCHAL CANDLE RECYCLING

The Marklin Candle Company will accept used beeswax candles from those who wish to recycle the ones that have been replaced. This may be a good option for those wishing to recycle old paschal candles. <https://www.marklincandle.com/pages/wax-credit>.

4) LITURGY AND MUSIC JOB POSTINGS

The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions offers job postings related to liturgy and music positions <https://www.fdlc.org/content/job-posting>. These are free to member dioceses such as ours. If you are hiring, you may send a succinct Word document to rita@fdlc.org. The posting will remain on the FDLC website for sixty days or until the position is filled.

5) PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION FROM THE PANDEMIC

The Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has issued a Mass In Time of Pandemic. Files may be found here: https://fdlc.org/sites/default/files/files/ENG_156-20-%20Adnexus%20Missae%20in%20tempore%20universalis%20contagii.pdf and here: <https://fdlc.org/sites/default/files/files/Mass%20in%20Time%20of%20Pandemic%20-%20ENG%20readings.pdf>. Other appropriate mass texts for deliverance from the pandemic may be found in the Roman Missal's Masses for Various Needs #48, which has three options for a mass "In Any Need."

6) DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE BLESSING OF FARM ANIMALS, AUGUST 3

Our diocese observes an annual day of prayer for blessing farm animals this summer. Abbot Benedict Neenan of Conception Abbey will preside for the diocesan celebration at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Savannah at 7:00 p.m. Owners of animals are invited to bring them for an outdoor blessing on the parish property. Other parishes and all households are encouraged to remember the animal farming community on this day. Although the blessing of these animals does not take place during Mass, a ritual may be found in the Book of Blessings, Chapter 25. Resources for homes and parishes will be available soon.

7) WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION, SEPTEMBER 1

In conjunction with Eastern Orthodox Churches, the Roman Catholic Church observes September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Parishes are encouraged to include prayers and songs for creation in the liturgy, and use the presidential prayers from the missal's Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor from the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions (no. 26; see especially the second Collect of formulary A), as well as readings from Volume IV of the lectionary from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911. The Office of Divine Worship especially recommends Genesis 2:4b-9, 15 and Psalm 90:2, 3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 16 (see nos. 907-2 and 909-1, respectively).

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

1) TRAINING CHANGES CONTINUE DUE TO COVID-19

- ▶ All live *Protecting God's Children for Adults* (PGC) workshops are suspended.
- ▶ Employees and volunteers required to complete PGC are instead required to complete 2 online modules in VIRTUS®:
 - *Protecting God's Children® Online Awareness Session 3.0*
 - *Mandated Reporters: Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse*
- ▶ VIRTUS® has automated the assignment of these modules for all brand new VIRTUS® users.
- ▶ Contact Sherry Huffman at huffman@diocesekcsj.org if you have new employees or volunteers that already have VIRTUS® accounts but have not yet met the training requirement. The modules can be manually assigned by our office so training requirements can be fulfilled.

2) PRIEST AND DEACON ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Priests and Deacons – If you received an assignment change, please log into your VIRTUS® accounts and update your information (location, role, email).

3) DEADLINE HAS PASSED FOR USCCB AUDIT FORMS – CHILDREN'S SAFETY TRAINING

SECs and School Principals: Return completed **children's safety training audit forms** for your school and/or parish to the OCYP at ocyp@diocesekcsj.org as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already completed and returned their audit reports. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Huffman at huffman@diocesekcsj.org.

FROM THE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE – www.respectlifekcsj.org

THANK YOU FOR "WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED"!

Parishes and Catholic groups throughout our diocese are being called to assist and to accompany pregnant moms? To be a part of the "Walking With Moms in Need" program, or to learn about Gabriel Project, the new Kansas City Pregnancy Center and available pastoral and liturgical resources, please visit www.respectlifekcsj.org/walking-with-moms-in-need, or contact the Respect Life Office at 816.714.2367 or francis@diocesekcsj.org.

FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE – www.humanrightskcsj.org

1) VIA IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE PARISH MINISTRIES

You do not need to serve a large migrant population or to celebrate bilingual Masses in order to benefit from a parish VIA Immigration & Refugee ministry. Join others in 2020 as they plan their own programs of education and formation, prayer and worship and public policy advocacy to meet the specific needs of their faithful in the areas of immigration, migration and refugee concerns. For more information, please visit

migration and refugee concerns. For more information, please visit www.humanrightskcsj.org or contact Raiza at 816.756.1850, x521 or guevara@diocesekcsj.org.

2) PRISON PEN PALS

Due to COVID-19 isolation, MAX Prison & Jail Ministry has seen an increase in requests for pen pals from prisoners all throughout the U.S. Pen Pals change lives. If you are over 18 and can commit to writing one letter each month for a year to someone behind bars, please join us. Our program is safe and secure – providing complete direction. To find out more, contact Laurie Jo Holmes 816.714.2364 or holmes@diocesekcsj.org.

FROM THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

1) THRIVE MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines, the upcoming July course is an online class, available July 1st through August 26th at www.kcsjfamily.org/thrive. For more info, marquis@diocesekcsj.org.

2) GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines, an online course that fulfills STEP 3 of the diocesan marriage preparation requirements in lieu of our current program, God's Plan, is being offered. Couples register at www.kcsjfamily.org/Godsplan. The cost for the program is \$50. For more information, marquis@diocesekcsj.org.

3) BECOME A FERTILITY CARE PRACTITIONER

Become a FertilityCare Practitioner and help women and couples learn about their bodies, chart their fertility, and plan their families naturally.

These education phases are being offered over two extended weekends to accommodate working families, registration open:

Education Phase One: **August 21-24 & August 28-31**

Education Phase Two: **March 6-8 & March 13-15, 2021**

www.fertilitycarekc.com/fertilitycare-practitioner-training.html

4) MY HOUSE WORKSHOP FOR MEN

Virtual Workshop: July 9-11

In-Person Workshop: August 20-22

A 3-day confidential, intensive for men striving to overcome and heal from unwanted sexual behaviors. It is geared to maximize your investment of time and money, as well as enhance any work you might have started or jump start your journey towards healing.

July 9-11 is a virtual workshop experience from 7:00 a.m. Thursday to 4:00 p.m. Saturday. <https://centerforhealingkc.com/my-house/my-house-workshop>.

5) EQUIPPING COMPETENT PASTORS

Sexual Addictions Treatment Provider Certification

This missional program, offered by Mid-American Nazarene University and recommended by Catholic therapist Michael Ciaccio from the Center for Healing, gives clergy tools needed to accompany and minister to persons struggling with addiction. The course meets online and is completed in 12 months. Contact Lisa Hood at lhhood@mnu.edu, call 913.971.3868, or visit www.mnu.edu/satp for more information, including a tuition discount option.

FROM THE OFFICE OF ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS

For assistance discerning and facilitating ecumenical or interreligious events, education or outreach, contact Teresa R. Albright, Ecumenical & Interreligious Officer, at albright@diocesekcsj.org.

1) A BRIEF SURVEY FOR PRIESTS & PASTORAL ASSOCIATES

The E/I Commission is gathering data on current and prospective ministerial alliances in our diocese. Please help us by answering the 10-question, online survey and forwarding the link to your contacts in parish and institutional leadership. Thank you!

► Online Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/q9tfaYN1JX6AGtzU8>

2) VIRTUAL SERVICES TO ATTEND

The Covid-19 pandemic has opened the virtual doors to places of worship that we might not otherwise feel comfortable attending in person. To grow in mutual respect and understanding, consider "attending" the below services.

► [Shabbat Morning Service at B'nai Jehudah](#) in Overland Park, KS – Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

► [Sunday Service at Second Presbyterian](#) in KCMO – Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

► [Worship at Church of the Resurrection](#) – Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.; Sundays at 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

► [Morning Prayers at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral](#) at 10:15 a.m.

► [Sunday Service at Unity Village Chapel](#) in Lee's Summit – Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

► [24/7 Worship at International House of Prayer KC](#)

3) 2020 INTERRELIGIOUS CALENDAR

The Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations has prepared an Interreligious Calendar for 2020. [Click here to view it.](#)

► Pioneer Day in Community of Christ (formerly RLDS) is July 24, 2020.

► Tish'a B'av in Judaism is July 30, 2020.

► Eid al Adha in Islam is July 31, 2020.

► Transfiguration of the Lord in Eastern Orthodox Christianity is August 6, 2020.

► The Dormition of the Mother of God in Eastern Orthodox Christianity is August 15, 2020.

3) FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Like us at www.facebook.com/eickcsj to learn about local ecumenical and interreligious news and events.

4) the Mission of the Diocesan Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations is to:

- ▶ Affirm and promote ecumenical and interreligious efforts by individuals and institutions.
- ▶ Provide vision and leadership to the local Catholic Church in its mission to dialogue with other Christians, Jews, Muslims and all people of good will.
- ▶ Facilitate a visible unity among area religious communities that is rooted in prayer, dialogue, acts of service and friendship.

By order of the Most Reverend Bishop,

Reverend Kenneth A. Riley

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