

Beacon of Faith,
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Cathedral of the Plains,
THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

Pearl of the Prairie,
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Office:	601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 • 785-735-2777 • Fax: 785-735-2779 Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00	Catholic Faith Education Office: 785-735-9244
Gift Shop Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30–noon and 1:00–4:30 Friday: 8:30–noon	Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, In-Home Mass, Holy Communion to Homebound: Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events.	Morning Coffee: Thursdays 9:30 a.m. at the Parish Office with the Pastor & friends
St. Fidelis Thrift Shop: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00–2:00; Wednesday 10:00–3:30; Thursday 10:00–4:00 If these hours do not work to drop off donations, contact Jan at the Parish Office.		St. Fidelis Food Pantry: For residents of the tri-parishes. Call the Parish Office. Donations accepted.
BULLETIN ITEMS: Deadline is Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Connie at the Parish Office (sftch@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777)		

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

April 28, 2019 – Divine Mercy Sunday

Masses:

St. Fidelis, Victoria

Saturday — 5:00 pm
 Sunday — 10:00 am
 Monday — 7:00 pm
 Tuesday through Friday — 6:45 am

St. Ann, Walker

Saturday — 6:30 pm — November - April
 Sunday — 7:30 am — May - October

St. Boniface, Vincent

Sunday — 8:45 am

Eucharistic Adoration:

THURSDAYS • 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.
 in St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar

Confessions:

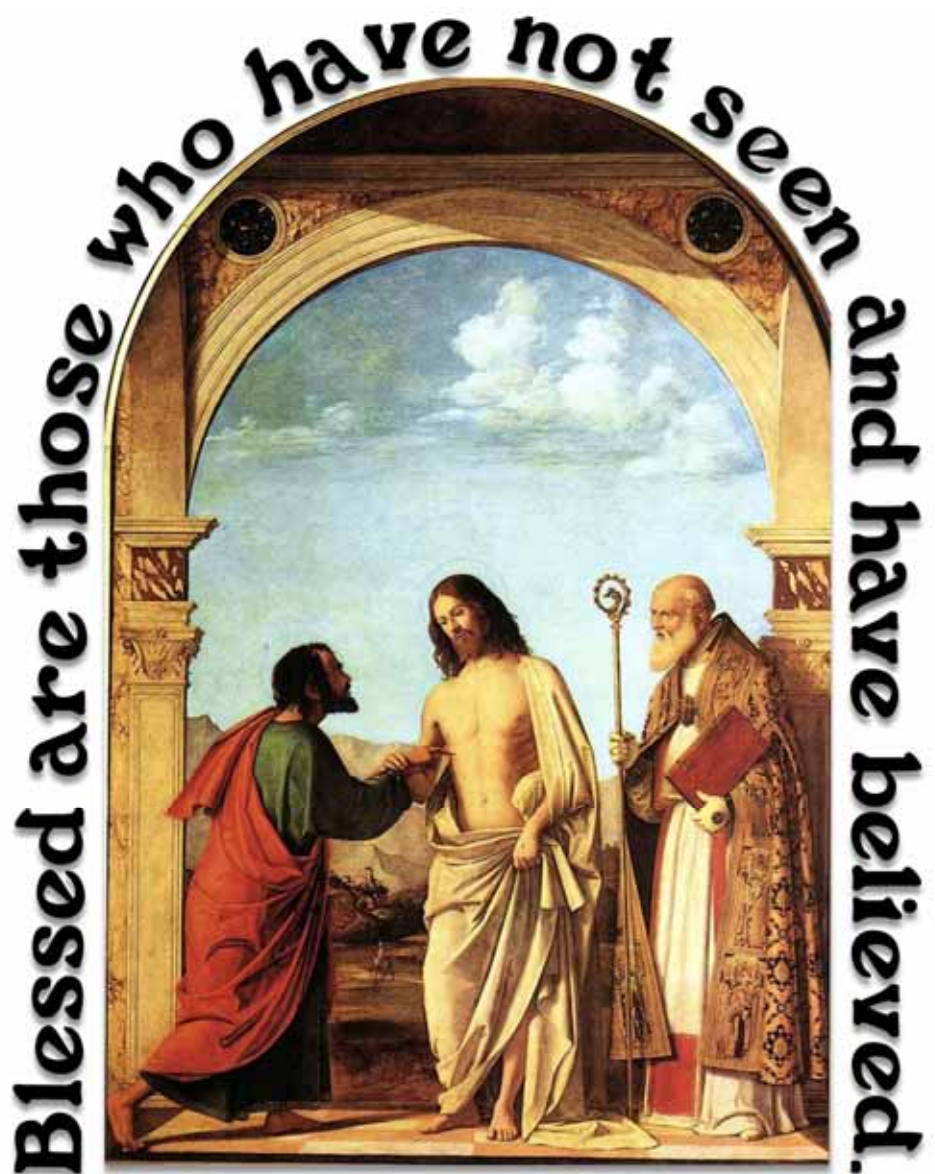
at St. Fidelis — Mondays — 7:30 pm
 or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

Tri-Parish Prayer Line

Anyone wishing to request prayers for family or friends may call Helen Windholz (735-2508) or Teresa Shepherd (735-9576) to add their requests to the Prayer Line

Dates To Remember

- May 5** — First Holy Communion @ St. Fidelis
- May 9** — Last Day of School for Seniors
- May 12** — High School Graduation
- May 16** — Last Day of School
- May 18** — Armed Forces Day
- May 27** — Memorial Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- June 5** — Feast of St. Boniface
- June 9** — Pentecost
- June 14** — Flag Day
- June 16** — Father's Day
- June 21** — First Day of Summer
- July 4** — Independence Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- July 26** — Feast of Sts. Joachim and



John 20:19-31



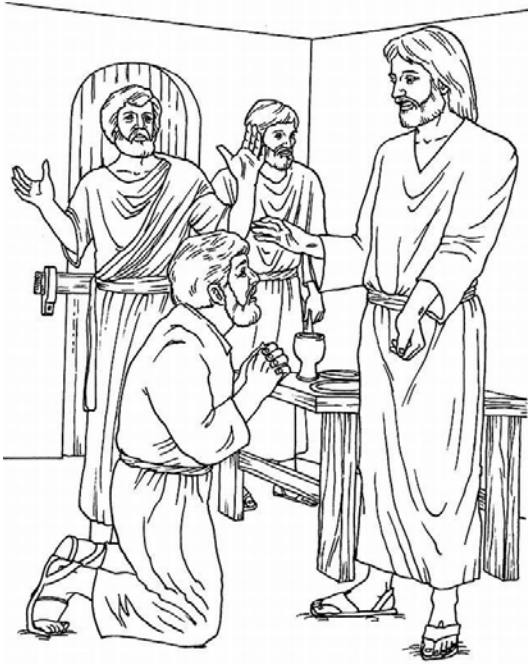
The Faith of the Doubting Thomas

Today's gospel of the doubting Thomas raises some challenging questions. Why was Thomas not with the others when the Lord first appeared to them? Had he given up? If so, he did return and he made the boldest profession of faith of all the apostles, "My Lord and my God." He may represent disenchanting Catholics who stop attending church, but then return after resolving their doubt. Often they have a deeper conviction than routine Catholics.

Why did the Lord wait a week to reappear with Thomas present? Perhaps

Christ was allowing Thomas time to work through his struggle of faith. We are not all ready at any moment to make a profession of faith. The circumstances of life and opportunities for faith development affect one's ability to make a serious commitment. Not all the workers in the vineyard began at the first hour, yet all received the same reward.

Was the boast of the others, "We have seen the Lord," a taunt implying they were better apostles than Thomas? The manner in which we profess our faith affects others. We can edify or shame. It takes prudence to challenge others without offending. Good example must be given in a good manner.



Why is the doubting Thomas honored as a saint? Is doubt now a virtue? Doubt may not be a virtue in and of itself, but doubt is an essential part of an authentic faith. St. Philip Neri wrote, "Our faith owes more to the doubts of Thomas than to the belief of all the other Apostles." How so?

Our doubts must be faced and engaged if our faith is to grow. An unexamined faith is not an authentic faith. A thousand doubts do not make a single denial. The doubting Thomas is offered as a model for all who raise honest questions from the perspective of a sincere faith. It is significant that Thomas doubted. It is more important that ultimately he believed.

The words of Christ, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" can be taken as a rebuke of Thomas. Or they may be a subtle blessing of Thomas who had not seen the first appearance with the other apostles yet had come to believe. Perhaps Christ is blessing not so much those who have never doubted, but more so those whose struggle with faith has led them to the deeper faith of Thomas, "My Lord and my God."

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Wrinkles are something other people have, similar to my character lines.

Parish Staff

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Lou Ann Hammersmith

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~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Apr. 29 — Connie Dreiling, Janie Dinges

May 6 — Kenny and Bertha Brungardt

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Julius J. Suppes** of Otis, Kansas, who passed away on Monday, April 15, 2019. Services were held at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Pfeifer, on Thursday, April 18, with burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Pfeifer.

Mass at St. Ann Church, Walker, will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays starting Sunday, May 5.

This schedule will be continue until November.

ST. ANN

St. Ann Parish is hosting their Annual Tri-Parish POTLUCK BARBEQUE

Saturday, April 27, 2019

immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Mass



Burgers, brats, and drinks will be provided, but St. Ann parishioners are asked to bring one side dish to share.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

You will never know
what someone is dealing
with behind closed doors.

No matter
how happy someone looks,
how loud their laugh is,
how big their smile is,
there can still be a level of
hurt that is indescribable.

So be kind.
Even when others are not,
choose to be kind.

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

Meeting after Mass

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society will meet on **Monday, May 6**, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Please join us in the front pews and then meet in the north sacristy.

Dues (\$5.00) for 2019 should be paid, but if you have overlooked that, please pay them at the meeting or put them in a marked envelope and drop them in the collection basket. If you've allowed your dues to lapse, simply pay this year's dues to continue your membership.

If you are interested in joining, attend the Mass and meeting or call Jane Wagner at 735-2587. All women of the parish are invited to join. Our main purpose is praying and sharing the faith with our children and serving the needs of the parish. In doing this, we join our prayers for our youth with mothers throughout the world—what a powerful thought! Please consider being part of this group. We will initiate new members in September.

Contributions Holy Thursday ASSISTANCE FUND April 18, 2019

ST. FIDELIS:
Adult 707.00 Loose 410.00

ST. ANN:
Adult 10.00

ST. BONIFACE:
Adult 10.00

Contributions Good Friday HOLY LAND April 19, 2019

ST. FIDELIS:
Adult 933.00 Loose 676.00

ST. ANN:
Adult 10.00

ST. BONIFACE:
Adult 30.00

Contributions Easter April 20-21, 2019

ST. FIDELIS:
Adult 4140.00 Loose 1908.25

ST. ANN:
Adult 1147.00 Loose 412.00

ST. BONIFACE:
Adult 380.00 Loose 528.00
Hall Rent 50.00
Candles 99.00

APRIL HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

Do you know your state laws to combat human trafficking? Are local law enforcement personnel knowledgeable about human trafficking so that they can be effective resources? **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersagainstrafficking.org).

**Report Abuse –
Message from Bishop Vincke**

The recent crisis within the Church has caused pain and heartache for all people. To anyone who has ever been a victim of abuse, I offer my deepest apologies. I pray that you and your family may experience healing and peace.

If you, or someone you know, has ever been abused by a member of the clergy, *please* report the abuse.

I strongly encourage you to reach out to law enforcement and the Diocese of Salina to report any incident of abuse.

Kansas Protection Report Center: 1-800-922-5330

KBI: 1-800-KSCRIME or ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov

Diocese of Salina: 785-825-0865 or

reportabuse@salinadiocese.org or

www.salinadiocese.org/safety-security

Mass for Mothers Who Have Lost a Child

The Office of Family Life will host a Memorial Mass for mothers who have lost a child—at any age, either before or after birth—on **Thursday, May 9**, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Russell.

If you would like to submit 1 or 2 photos of your child, please scan and email them directly to wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org (please include their name, birthday, and year of death).

Bishop Gerald Vincke will be the celebrant. A light reception will be held in the parish hall following the Mass.

If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact the Office of Family Life at 785-827-8746 ext. 24.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats

Women and men of abortion, weep no more. Jesus is calling you to follow Him. Give yourself the gift of a retreat weekend.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats

Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time

Next retreat: Friday-Sunday, May 17-19

1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383)

rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org

Confidential

2109 Bishop’s Annual Appeal



PLEGDED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGDED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	13,200.00	10,625.00	7,875.00	53
Vincent	1,000.00	265.00	265.00	4
Walker	5,600.00	7,120.00	5,036.66	9

As of April 23, 2019,

\$1,391,407.87 has been pledged or received toward the \$1.4 million goal of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

**Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas
8th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign**

Bottles can be picked up at church the weekend of May 4-5 and returned the weekend of June 22-23.



Your contribution supports:

Pregnancy Services that include

Emergency Assistance,

Counseling Support, Adoption Guidance

All money stays local and helps people who need our services the most.

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas—serving those of ALL faiths for 60 years!

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION CALENDAR

MAY CALENDER

Wednesday, May 1

5:15 – 6:16 P.M. — Jubilee Choir practice

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – 2nd grade: First Communion practice at St. Fidelis Church

Sunday, May 5

10:00 A.M. Mass – Second grade receives First Communion at St. Fidelis

Sunday, May 12

10:00 A.M. Mass – Baccalaureate Mass at St. Fidelis Church



Revised Jubilee Choir schedule***

Practice date added for Wednesday, May 1, from 5:15 - 6:15 P.M. in preparation for singing on Sunday, May 5, during First Communion.

Second graders in Jubilee Choir will not sing on Sunday, May 5, but their siblings are encouraged and welcome to join for the practice on May 1 and singing during Mass on May 5.

May 5 is the last Sunday that Jubilee Choir will sing. Thank you all for sharing your beautiful voices and spirit throughout the year!

COMMUNITY



Own Your Piece of Victoria History

Victoria Jr. Sr. High School will be replacing the gym floor this summer. Sections of the floor will be available in two different sizes: 2'x2' for \$25 and 4'x4' for \$40.

Two sections of the floor with Knight graphic and text will be sold separately. Each section is approximately 4 1/2' x 13'. Bids will be accepted until May 23, 2019.

For additional information, please email Dylan Dronberger at ddronberger@ruraltel.net or call the school at 785-735-9211.

NOW FOR SALE

St. Boniface Parish

Cookbooks

COST: \$20.00



The 153-page cookbook has recipes along with many helpful hints and numerous inspirational quotes of faith throughout the book. Cookbooks can be purchased at Mass on Sundays, or by calling Carol at 785-735-9282.



First Care Clinic

Hours are:

Monday & Wednesday

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM – Noon

Phone: 785-735-3710



City-wide Garage Sale

Saturday,
April 27, 2019

City-wide Clean Up

Friday - Saturday - Sunday
May 3, 4, and 5



Dumpsters will be available at the compost site during the following times:

May 3 — 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

May 4 — 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

May 5 — 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

No tires, appliances with Freon, and no household hazardous waste will be accepted.

**THIS IS THE ONLY SCHEDULED CLEAN UP FOR 2019.
THERE WILL NOT BE A FALL CLEAN UP WEEKEND.**

HERZOGFEST

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, April 27

Starts at 10:00 a.m.

4-person teams can register by calling
Russell Golf Course @ 785-483-2852

Italy Pilgrimage Informational Meeting

There will be an informational meeting in regard to a Pilgrimage to Italy in the summer of 2020. The meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m.** in the conference room at St Joseph Parish office, 215 W. 13th Street, Hays, as Fr Pete Meis will be the spiritual leader for the pilgrimage.

Some of the places that will be visited will be San Giovanni Rotondo to visit the shrine of St Padre Pio; the sanctuary of St Michael; Rome, including St Peter's Basilica as well as other major basilicas, a Papal Audience, the Colosseum, Assisi and St. Francis, and Florence and the Accademia Gallery to see Michelangelo's David.

This will be a very inspiring pilgrimage. There are still a few spaces available.

Contact Jeanne Riedel at 785-639-5043 or email jeanne@travelooza.com with any questions.



2-Day Polka Event

Hosted by Sunflower Polka Club
St. Michael's Parish Hall, 918 Lincoln St. LaCrosse, Kansas

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

1:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Featuring the famous Julie Lee & her White Rose Band and including the Wes Windholz Band

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

(Polka Mass at 11:30 a.m. with Fr. Earl)

1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Julie Lee & her White Rose Band

Admission: Saturday \$15, Sunday \$15, Both days \$25

Doors open at noon on Saturday; at 10:45 on Sunday

BYOB — Food will be available both days

EVERYONE WELCOME!!



Tune in to Divine Mercy Radio April 30 - May 3 for the KVDM Spring Care-a-Thon

**Chance to win prizes, play Catholic Trivia,
and hear from local guests**

Guests of interest particularly for St. Fidelis Parish.
(For a complete schedule go to dvmercy.com.)

Wednesday, May 1

5:00 p.m. - Curt & Jeanna Wellbrock

Thursday, May 2

10:00 a.m. - Bishop Jerry Vincke

4:00 p.m. - Harland Rupp

Friday, May 3

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Straight Talk with Fr. Fred Gatschet
(Call in with questions 785-621-5061)

You can listen via: Radio @ 88.1FM, Online at dvmercy.com, Phone app, Amazon Echo, YouTube
(search Divine Mercy Radio)



Squires Run This Town 5K is a charity walk/run for St. Fidelis Emergency Fund which will be held Saturday, May 4, at 8:00 a.m. sponsored by the 8th Grade Leadership Team. Please, bring an item for the food pantry on the day of the race.

Cost for registration and a free t-shirt before Monday, April 22, is \$25. Registration after April 22 is \$30. Student registration is \$15.00 The registration form is available at usd432.org or you may contact Christie Sander, 785-735-9211 or christies@ruraltel.net. Registration forms can be mailed or brought in to Victoria Jr/Sr High office, 1107 10th St.

St. Jude Math-a-Thon

USD 432 will host their 7th Annual St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Math-a-Thon, Thursday, May 2. The junior-senior high students are paired with a grade school student to help them complete the Math-a-Thon Funbook.

No family ever receives a bill from St. Jude's for treatment, travel, housing, or food. To date, USD 432 students have raised over \$7,500 for St. Jude's.

If you are interested in donating to St. Jude via the Math-a-Thon, please contact any USD 432 student, Christie Sander at christies@ruraltel.net, or you may mail or bring in a donation to either school office (Victoria Jr/Sr High office 1107 10th St; Victoria Grade School office 602 10th St). Thanks in advance.

Victoria High School FCCLA

Homemade Cinnamon Rolls for sale!

\$15.00 a dozen

Money goes for members advancing to National Competitions in June.



Email cmbraun@ruraltel.net with your orders or contact an FCCLA member.

See the Victoria High School FCCLA facebook page for students attending.

Ellis St. Mary CYO Community Fried Chicken Dinner TODAY—Sunday, April 28

Knights of Columbus Hall, 1013 Washington St., Ellis, KS
10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or until sold out
Pan-fried Chicken dinner includes Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, and Dessert
Ages 5-9: \$5.00; Ages 10 & over: \$10.00

Victoria Schools Calendar



Monday — April 29

7:30 am 5th Grade to Abilene
Lunch Menu: General Chicken, fried rice, peas, pears, salad, milk
AIM period—HS girls basketball meeting in Ms. James room.
Students will have directed study
3:30 pm JH & HS track practice
4:00 pm HS baseball practice in Russell
5:00 pm FFA banquet in JH/HS cafeteria

Tuesday — April 30

Lunch Menu: Chili Crunch, green beans, cantaloupe, cinnamon roll, salad, milk
AIM period—Students will have directed study
1:00 pm JH track meet @ Claflin. Depart 11:00 am
3:30 pm HS track practice
4:00 pm HS baseball with Russell vs. Beloit. Depart 2:35

Wednesday — May 1 — School dismissed 2:20

7:40 am Staff meeting in HS library
Lunch Menu: BBQ beef, cheese hashbrown, mixed vegetables, banana bread, applesauce, salad, milk
AIM period—Students will have directed study
2:20 pm Early dismissal
2:30 pm JH track practice
4:00 pm HS track practice
4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

Thursday — May 2 — School dismissed 12:30

HS will eat first today. JH will have AIM first
Lunch Menu: Breaded pork patty, mashed potatoes, corn, French bread, tropical fruit, salad, milk
AIM period—Students will have directed study
1:00 pm Victoria Invitational Track Meet
4:00 pm HS baseball with Russell vs SE of Saline. Depart 2:30

Friday — May 3

7th-11th — Athletic physical forms due today for next year physicals
1st Grade fieldtrip @ Salina
7:15 am 5th Grade Famous Figures
9:15 am 3rd Grade to FHSU
Lunch Menu: Quesadillas, Tritators, steamed peas, orange slices, cookie, salad, milk
AIM period—Students will have directed study
3:30 pm JH/HS track practice
4:00 pm HS baseball practice in Russell

Saturday — May 4

State powerlifting @ Claflin. Depart 6:30 a.m.

24th Annual Fidelisfest Today!

MASS 10:00

SILENT AUCTION 11:00-11:30

LIVE AUCTION 11:30 until finished

RAFFLE winners announced after auction

KIDS GAMES 11:00

COUNTRY STORE 11:00 until sold out

HAMBURGERS, BEER, BRATS, & POP

throughout the day



Fidelisfest will be held on the
north side of the
Parish Activity Center.

**BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND
BE READY FOR A GOOD TIME!!**

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	APRIL 29
7:00 pm Chetty Peckham Wayne Sander (anniv) and Berens and Sander families	
TUESDAY	APRIL 30
6:45 am Galen, Bonavent, Leo, Margaret, Hubert, Donnie, David, Gilbert, Leland, and Marlene Dinkel	
WEDNESDAY	MAY 1
6:45 am Bob Dinges family Leo F. Brungardt family	
THURSDAY	MAY 2
6:45 am	
FRIDAY	MAY 3
6:45 am	
SATURDAY	MAY 4
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Doris Younger Pfeifer Joe, Albina, and Mary Rome and Don and Bob Gross	
SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 5
7:30 am St. Ann Donald Sander Frank and Catherine Brown, Gerhardt and Agnes Rohr, and Gilbert Rohr family	
8:45 am St. Boniface Delbert Engel Laverne Braun	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Herman, Regina, and Joyce Brungardt Daughters of Isabella Mother Daughter Mass Edwin and Irene Schmidt	

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

1st - Christian Mothers 2nd - Knights of Columbus
3rd - Daughters of Isabella 4th - Family Life

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, May 4, 5:00 PM — Hannah Schmidt

Sunday, May 5, 10:00 AM — Meagan Schmidtberger

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, May 4, 5:00 PM — Jarron & Jillian S.

Sunday, May 5, 10:00 AM — Ashlyn & Kaitlyn W., Avery W.

Saturday, May 11, 5:00 PM — Brinly L., Mackenzie H.

Sunday, May 12, 10:00 AM — Victoria High graduates serve

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, May 4, 5:00 PM — Phyllis and Bob Stramel, Mary
Brungardt, Tammy Dome, Jane Wagner, Colleen Kuhn,
Wilma VonLintel

Sunday, May 5, 10:00 AM — Randy Leiker, Fran Robben,
Bertha R. Brungardt, Kenny Brungardt, Det Younger, Melissa
Schmidt, Michelle Geist

LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS

Saturday, May 4, 5:00 PM — Allan Amrein, Kathy Kuhn

Sunday, May 5, 10:00 AM — Connie Dreiling, Yvonne Braun

GREETERS

Saturday, May 4, 5:00 PM — Fritz and Anita Braun, Hannah
Schmidt

Sunday, May 5, 10:00 AM — Andy and Wanda Kuhn, Louise
Robben