

„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 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Office with the Pastor & friends	St. Fidelis Food Pantry: For residents of the tri-parishes. Call the Parish Office. Donations accepted.
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.		BULLETIN ITEMS: Deadline is Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Connie at the Parish Office (sfttech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777)	

PLENARY INDULGENCE—The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence—a remission before God of the temporal punishment for a previously forgiven sin—by visiting a minor basilica. To obtain a plenary indulgence during a pilgrimage to a basilica, one must participate in any sacred rite or recite the Lord’s Prayer or the profession of faith while there, then go to Confession and Communion, and pray for the intention of the pope. ~ taken from *The Register*, Salina Diocese newspaper

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March 22, 2020— Fourth Sunday of Lent

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 • 9:30 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

- Apr. 1** — April Fool’s Day
- Apr. 5** — Passion (Palm) Sunday
- Apr. 9** — Holy Thursday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon
- Apr. 10** — Good Friday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Apr. 11** — Holy Saturday
- Apr. 12** — Easter Sunday
- Apr. 13** — Easter Monday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Apr. 13-17** — Capuchin Assembly
- Apr. 24** — Feast of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- Apr. 25** — Prom and Project Prom
- May 3** — St. Ann Mass time changes

He put clay on my eyes,
and I washed,
and now I can see.





The Blind See

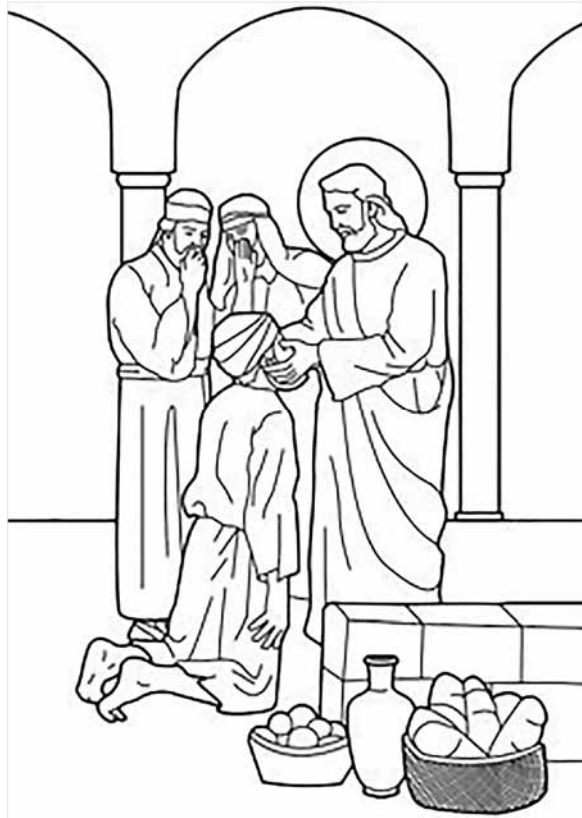
Christianity loves a Paradox and there is one in today's gospel. At times the blind can see when the sighted are blind. The man born blind illustrates that paradox. He is the only one in this gospel story who sees with the eyes of faith. The disciples are blind, the Pharisees are blind, and the parents of the beggar are blind. All blind to the message of Christ. Only the blind man sees the truth.

When Christ gives sight to the blind in the gospels it is a double miracle: the gift of physical sight, and also the vision of faith. Today's gospel demonstrates that by contrasting the lack of faith in those who are sighted with the faith of the man born blind. He is the only one who clearly sees God in his life.

The disciples were blind. The problem of human suffering blinded them to the goodness of God. The Pharisees' legalistic observance of the Sabbath blinded them to the greater law of charity. The parents of the beggar were blind, not only to the loyalty due their son, but also to the message of Christ. The blind man alone stands firmly for truth and for faith in Christ. He alone sees and is able to say, "I do believe."

We are challenged to see ourselves in the characters of gospel stories. Perhaps we share the blindness of the disciples, or the Pharisees, or the parents of the beggar. Like the disciples, the tragedies of life can blind us to the goodness of God. Christian faith sees unavoidable human suffering not as empty misery but as a share in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ. That vision of faith can bring the light of hope to human suffering.

Like the Pharisees, we can be blind to the teachings of our own faith. Catholicism is not a spiritual salad bar where you pick and choose your favorite principles. The gospels are not multiple choice. Our faith is an integral unit and a total commitment. Lent is a time to check for blind spots in our faith.



Perhaps we are, like the parents of the beggar, blind to those in need. Our Lenten denial should be an experience of need and so animate us to share generously with those who lack the necessities of life.

Often we see, yet we do not see. We have an eagle eye for the faults of others yet blind to our own failings. Christ said to the Pharisees, "You say, 'We see,' but your sin remains."

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A clear conscience can be the result of a bad memory.

Parish Staff

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Lou Ann Hammersmith

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Council Members

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Contributions March 14-15, 2020

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2511.00 Loose 1203.75
Endowment 48.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 145.00 Loose 302.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 265.00 Loose 205.00
Candles 38.50

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Mar. 23 — Mary Brungardt, Det
Younger
Mar. 30 — Connie Dreiling, Janie
Dinges

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Mabel J. (Dechant) Riedel**, who passed away on Friday, March 13, 2020. Services were held at St. Ann Catholic Church, Walker, on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, with burial in St. Ann's Cemetery, Walker.



Lenten Scripture Study *The Gospel of Matthew*

The final Scripture Study with Fr. Earl Meyer scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, has been **CANCELLED**.

ST. FIDELIS ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir Practice

Has been suspended until further notice

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA



Lenten Bake Sales
scheduled for Friday, April 3, has been **CANCELLED**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus

Council #1867 Victoria



LENTEN FISH FRY

CANCELLED FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

Check the bulletin and stfidelischurch.com for any future plans.

COMMUNITY

Victoria High School

Make a Difference Day

scheduled for Thursday, April 16, has been **CANCELLED**.

COMMUNITY

City Hall Message:

In light of the coronavirus pandemic, Victoria residents are encouraged to use the drop box or mail their utility payment instead of coming into City Hall.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Commodities to Be Distributed

Government surplus commodities will be distributed on **Tuesday, March 24**, at 1:30 p.m. at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street. Please use the north entrance.



Special V.F.W. Meeting Called

The meeting scheduled **Thursday, March 26**, has been **CANCELLED**.

Foreign Exchange Student Hosts

Has your family ever been interested in learning about a new culture? By hosting a foreign exchange student, you would have the opportunity to expand your family's horizons while making a dream come true for a student. With students available from almost every country, your family would be able to select a student that best fits its unique personality. Students are looking for 1 semester or 2 semester stays. Please visit with Kori Braun for more information: 785-735-4161.

Catholic Answers Live

Have a question about the Catholic faith? Catholic Answers Live is a LIVE call-in program designed to offer Catholics and non-Catholics alike an opportunity to talk to some of the leading apologists and theologians in the Church today. It airs on Divine Mercy Radio from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The call-in number is: 1-888-318-7884 (1-888-31-TRUTH)



As per Bishop Jerry Vincke's letter published Tuesday, March 17, 2020,

**There will be NO MASSES at St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface
until further notice.**

Also,

No Stations of the Cross at St. Fidelis on Fridays of Lent.

No Eucharistic Adoration at St. Fidelis on Thursdays.

No Communal Penance Service at St. Fidelis tomorrow (March 23).

No Religious Education classes or activities until further notice.

Monday night Confessions at St. Fidelis are cancelled.

**If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you may
call Fr. John Schmeidler on his cell phone at 785-766-5344
to make an appointment.**

The St. Fidelis Gift Shop in the Parish Office
and the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop on Main Street
will be closed until further notice due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Please visit our website at www.StFidelisChurch.com for the latest updates.

As of now, the bulletin will be published on-line and, since the church doors at St. Fidelis will be open (until informed to do otherwise), there will also be printed copies located in the church. If you can't find any in St. Fidelis Church, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777 and we will get more printed.

Check the bulletin/website for any changes to organization, school, or city items that might be posted.

***Let us all pray for a quick reversal of the current hardships
the people of our country and people around the world
are having to endure because of the coronavirus pandemic.***