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		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 (sftech@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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January 31, 2021 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 — 8:30 am — November - April
Saturday — 6:30 pm — May - October

Eucharistic Adoration:

THURSDAYS • 9:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.
in St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar

Confessions:

St. Fidelis: Mondays 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
St. Ann: Saturdays after Mass (Nov.-Apr.)
St. Boniface: Sundays 7:45-8:15 a.m. (Nov.-Apr.)
or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

Tri-Parish Prayer Line

Anyone wishing to request prayers for family or friends may call Teresa Shepherd (785-735-9576) to add their requests to the Prayer Line

Dates To Remember

- Feb. 2** — Candlemas—Blessing of Candles
- Feb. 2** — Groundhog Day
- Feb. 3** — Feast of St. Blaise
- Feb. 6-7** — Throats Blessed after Mass
- Feb. 7** — Confirmation @ St. Ann’s
- Feb. 7** — Boy Scout Sunday
- Feb. 14** — Valentine’s Day
- Feb. 15** — President’s Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Feb. 17** — Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 19** — Stations of the Cross 5:30pm

“He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.”

Mark: 1:21-28





The Devil and His Demons

This Sunday we read the story of the first miracle in the Gospel of Mark where Jesus cast out the demon of a possessed man. In the gospels Jesus frequently confronts demons and frees those possessed. There are seven such exorcisms, more than any other type of miracle. Christ gave sight to the blind three times, cured the paralyzed three times, and twice multiplied the loaves and fish. We seldom hear of demons today, so we wonder why there were many in the gospels.



There is a subtle clue in today's gospel story: the demon knew who Christ was. "I know who you are, the Holy One of God." (Mk1:24) The forces of evil seldom allow goodness to go unchallenged. In the gospel of Luke it is clear that the primary struggle in the life of Jesus is with the devil, beginning with the three temptations in the desert to the tragic events of Holy Week where Luke mentions Satan three times.

Another consideration is the culture of the time when those

accounts were written. In that age it was common to refer to any serious problem as the work of evil spirits. Demons were thought to be the force behind blindness, paralysis, even death. Today we have precise scientific terms for every illness: carcinoma, influenza, epilepsy. Yet simply giving a name to an aberration of nature does not explain why it has occurred. The ancients might well respond to our scientific perspective, "Yes, carcinoma. But *why* is there cancer? *Why* is there COVID-19? *Why* does nature malfunction?" Science knows the *what*, but not the *why*.

It is not uncommon today for even sophisticated people to refer to overwhelming personal or medical problems analogously as evil spirits. We speak of the demons of addiction, obsessive compulsions, even gossip. And we all struggle with our own inner demons. Sudden irrational impulses to unruly behavior we often humorously attribute to demons, "The devil made me do it."

Pope Francis, to the bewilderment of his progressive admirers, frequently refers to the threats of the devil. "Many have been led to believe that the devil is a myth, but the devil exists." "The devil uses envy to try to thwart the proclamation of the Gospel." "The great gossiper is the devil." "Never dialogue with the devil."

Evil is a reality in our world, although it is often masked as a good, which can deceive us into being part of it. In a spiritual sense, we need Christ to come again and cast out the demons that tempt us to compromise our faith.

... and mirth

Gossip is the devil's radio.

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Contributions January 23-24, 2021

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 1618.00 Loose 513.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 465.00 Loose 303.00
Coffee & Rolls 55.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 130.00 Loose 172.00
Candles 11.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Feb. 1 — Anita Braun, Ivan Werner

Feb. 8 — Mary Brungardt, Janie Dinges

SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY MASS OBLIGATION

The dispensation given for all Catholics from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will remain in effect until it is safe to lift it. The dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation continues because the Church does not want to place a moral burden on those who should not attend Sunday Mass because of age or health conditions.

However, Catholics are still obliged to keep the Commandments, including the Commandment to keep holy the Lord's Day. Families who choose not to attend Mass should conduct a Liturgy of the Word in the home. Individuals and families should spend additional time in prayer, pious devotions, and spiritual reading on Sunday. Younger adults who are least at risk from the virus should take advantage of the opportunity to participate in person at Mass and to receive Holy Communion if they are properly disposed. If those in good health are attending other large social gatherings, they should also be participating at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays.

For those attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, we expect to continue social distancing and the wearing of masks in church.

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

Membership Dues Are Due

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society dues of \$5.00 are due and payable by using the envelope in your tithing box or an envelope marked Christian Mothers and dropping it in the collection basket.

Dues can also be mailed to the treasurer Teresa Shepherd, PO Box 324, Victoria, KS 67671.

Anyone interested in joining the Society can contact Jane Wagner, 785-735-2587. All women of the parish are invited to be part of this organization. Praying for our children and sharing our faith is our primary purpose along with supporting the parish in whatever is needed.

Asking for Prayers for Protection from COVID-19

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society is asking everyone to say some extra prayers on **Monday, February 1**, for protection from the COVID-19 virus for our students, teachers, and school personnel. Our teachers and students are coping with an unusual year, and our prayers can be helpful.

The organization asks that you do this on the first of every month. There will be a reminder in the bulletin.

Throats Blessed

In honor of the feast of St. Blaise (February 3), throats will be blessed after all Masses **next weekend, February 6-7.**

The blessing will be given in a different manner this year due to the pandemic. The priest will give the blessing to all present by extending his hands over the people, without the crossed candles, while saying the prayer of blessing.

Candlemas — Candles Blessed

Fr. Jim Moster will bless candles at the Basilica of St. Fidelis on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, **Tuesday, February 2.** If you would like your personal candles blessed for your home use, you may place them on the Communion rail for Fr. Jim to bless.

Homebound Services

St. Fidelis offers homebound Eucharistic ministry to all three parishes every Wednesday morning and every Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. If you would like to receive communion in your home, contact Jan at the Parish Office. Fr. Jim will also come to your home and offer the anointing of the sick or confessions. Contact Jan at the Parish Office.



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after each Mass**



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Committee Meeting Dates

Family Life Monday, February 8 @ 5:30 pm	Liturgy Committee 2 nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm
Finance Council 4 th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEGDED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGDED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	14,700.00	16,525.00	16,075.00	84
Vincent	400.00	2,180.00	2,096.63	10
Walker	7,200.00	9,385.00	8,551.68	13

As of January 26, 2021, \$1,830,315.44 has been pledged and \$1,795,902.97 has been received toward the \$1.6 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

JANUARY HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

Lent begins next month with fish fries across the country. The U.S. imports 80-90% of its seafood. Tens of thousands of people are exploited at every level in seafood harvesting and production. Learn more about the *Labeling Campaign of Catholic Coalition Organizations Against Human Trafficking*.

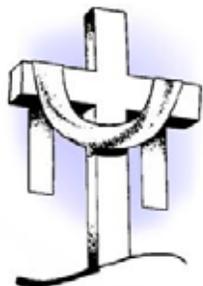
U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (www.sistersagainsttrafficking.org) is a 501(c)3 organization. 2039 N. Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

At left is the last update for the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The kick off weekend for the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal—Call to Share will be next weekend, February 6-7.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LENTEN YARD CROSSES

The Knights of Columbus will be providing wooden crosses in the yards of people that would like to have one during the Lenten season.



At a cost of \$20, the Knights will install and remove the cross.

Crosses will be installed on **Saturday morning, February 13**, prior to Ash Wednesday. If you choose, you may decorate the cross with a ribbon or cloth, but nothing that would permanently mark or damage the cross.

Crosses will be removed on the Saturday after

Easter, the morning of April 10.

The Knights will install crosses in the county as well as the City of Victoria.

If you are interested, please contact John Braun (785-735-2622), Harland Rupp (785-623-1368), Randy Leiker (785-259-1392), or Leroy Schmidtberger (785-639-3570) or pick up a sign-up slip and a flag in the west vestibule of the Basilica of St. Fidelis. You are asked to place the flag in your yard where you want the cross installed.

The sign-up slips and payment can be given to one of the Knights listed above or brought into the Parish Office.

K. of C. Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of **January 1**) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2021 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

The local competition will be held **Sunday, January 31**, at the Victoria High School Gymnasium. The gym will open approximately at noon, and the contest will start at 1:00 p.m.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age (copy of birth certificate) and written parental consent. Entry forms will be distributed by the school. For additional forms or information, contact Troy Schippers at 785-735-4625.

All Knights of Columbus are invited/encouraged to attend the competition.



Knights of Columbus

Council #1867 Victoria



Drive-Thru Lenten Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Lenten Fish Fry on **Friday, February 19**, at the VFW Hall from 5:00 until 7:00 pm.



Due to COVID-19 precautions, the Fish Fry will be pick-up/drive-thru only. There will be no in-door dining.

Orders must be placed in advance by Wednesday, February 10.

The cost of the meal is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. To purchase meal tickets, call John Braun (785-735-2622), Harland Rupp (785-623-1368), Randy Leiker (785-259-1392), or Leroy Schmidtberger (785-639-3570).

Our Children's Prayers

The first grade children who meet with me in the "Upper Room" each week have the opportunity to share a prayer of petition for someone or something. Please join them in praying for those things or people who are special to them. God Bless. Mrs. Shirley Brungardt



Good weather,
Cody,
My Grandma who is sick,
My Mom,
My Mom and Dad,
my brother who is in the
military,

my great grandpa who died,

G. G.,

My grandpa's dog who
died,

for our religion teachers,

For Father Jim,

for Katie.



A LITTLE CHUCKLE

The professor discovered
that his theory of earthquakes
was on shaky ground.

COMMUNITY



Double-Edged Sword Show

The Double-Edged Sword show, cutting to the heart of a deceptive culture, features a local priest every week. Tune in to 105.7 FM, online at dvmercy.com, or on the free phone app at noon on Saturdays and Mondays to hear the wisdom of the priests. This locally produced show is one you don't want to miss. Other show times are 1:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, 9:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, and 10:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

COMMUNITY

Low-Income Energy Assistance Program

The program for individuals who need help paying for heat in their homes this winter has started. **Applications will be accepted from January 4 to March 31.** People who received assistance last year should have received an application in the mail this year.

Income eligibility begins at \$1,383 gross monthly income for a single person living at an address. The income varies based on the number of people in a home. For a group of four the income level is \$2,839 gross.

Call 1-800-432-0043 to request an application be mailed to you or you can apply on line at <https://cssp.kees.ks.gov/apspssp/sspNonMed.portal>.

Applications can also be picked up at the local Department of Children and Families (DCF) Office which is located southeast of the Hays Medical Center.

Last year, 34,000 households received an average benefit of \$960.

Victoria Schools Calendar



****All events/activities are subject to change.****

Monday — February 1

Lunch Menu: General chicken, fried rice, corn, fruit cocktail, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Grade check/start activity

3:30 pm—HS boys basketball practice

5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

JH CPL league tournament in Otis-Bison—Games/Times TBA

Tuesday — February 2

6:15 am JH girls basketball practice

Lunch Menu: Soft taco, refried beans, potato triangle, banana, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Finish activity

3:30 pm JH boys basketball practice at VES

4:00 pm HS basketball @ Ellinwood. Depart 2:10 pm

Wednesday — February 3 — Early Dismissal 2:20 pm

CPL league meeting in Hoisington

Lunch Menu: chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, pears, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study

2:20 pm Early dismissal

2:20 pm JH girls basketball practice @ VES

3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice

4:00 pm JH boys basketball practice @ VES

5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

Thursday — February 4

Lunch Menu: Bierocks, oven fries, steamed peas, red grapes, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study

3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice

5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

JH CPL league tournament in Otis-Bison — Games/Times TBA

Friday — February 5

Lunch Menu: Sloppy Joe, Sun Chips, California blend, mixed fruit, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study

4:00 pm HS basketball @ Macksville. Depart 1:35 pm

The St. Fidelis Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and Cantor Schedules can be found on the Mass Schedule page of StFidelisChurch.com

Mass on St. Fidelis YouTube Channel

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and click the link on the *Home Page* to view a Mass.

CURRENTLY, Sunday Mass is uploaded to YouTube along with some weekday Masses that are recorded when possible.

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, Feb. 6, 5:00 PM — Pam Scheck
Sunday, Feb. 7, 10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger and Meagan Wellbrock

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, Feb. 6, 5:00 PM — Tina Braun
Sunday, Feb. 7, 10:00 AM — Bertha A. Brungardt

LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS

Saturday, Feb. 6, 5:00 PM — Kathy Kuhn
Sunday, Feb. 7, 10:00 AM — Teresa Shepherd

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

Sunday, Feb. 7, 10:00 AM — Cora Schulte and Kathy Amrein

MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 1
7:00 pm Barb Kroner Bernie and Floris Dome, and Brenda Luff	
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 2
6:45 am Thomas Dreiling	
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 3
6:45 am Jane Ruder	
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 4
6:45 am	
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 5
6:45 am	
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 6
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Wendelin Braun family 6:30 pm St. Ann Gilbert and Gerhardt Rohr families Wilfred and Viola Robben, Jim and Jane Robben	
SUNDAY	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 7
8:30 am St. Boniface Farron Leiker 10:00 am St. Fidelis Patty Windholz Kuhn Henry and Josepha Ruder family	



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