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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 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 (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

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

December 20, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 (735-9576) to add their requests to the Prayer Line

Dates To Remember
December 24 — Christmas Eve — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
December 25 — Christmas Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
December 31 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon for New Years
January 1 — Mary, Mother of God (NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year) — New Year’s Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED





The Real Christmas

Christmas is the celebration of the Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, assuming our human nature in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. The theological term is the Incarnation, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." (Jn 1:14) That happened not at the birth of Christ but when he was conceived by Mary.

So the gospel for this final Sunday of Advent, the story of the Annunciation, is the first Christmas. The gospel we read on Christmas day is the story of the birth of Christ who was first incarnate nine months earlier. This may be a theological fine point but it assures a correct understanding of Christmas.

The angel told Mary that she would be with child by the power of the Holy Spirit. The virginal conception of Christ by Mary was not some exceptional form of human reproduction. It was not a variation of a natural process but a unique creative act of God.

Only three times does the Bible speak of the creative power of God as *the overshadowing of the Spirit*: at the creation of the world in Genesis; at the virginal conception of Christ by Mary; and at the resurrection of Christ.

Christ is the new Adam, the Word made Flesh, and the Risen Lord, each by the power of the

Spirit of God.

Christ is Son of God and the Son of Mary. He is the Word made flesh, divinity in humanity. Both the humanity and the divinity of Christ are essential to our salvation. As divine, Christ is able to redeem us; as human, it is we humans who are redeemed.

Christians must be clear as to what we believe about the identity of the One born at Christmas. He is not just the Prince of Peace, a title even pagans concede. Today's gospel reminds us that He is the promised Messiah, the Divine Son of God, Emmanuel, God with us and

within us. Anything less is not the gospel, and celebrating Christmas as anything less, is not the Christian faith.

All the warm and wonderful celebrations of this holiday season are good and should be enjoyed fully. But they have lasting meaning only because the One conceived by Mary was the divine Son of God who transformed the meaning of our human life by sharing in it. As the poet Richard Cashaw wrote:

Welcome, all wonders in one sight!
Eternity shut in a span;
Summer in winter; day in night;
Heaven in earth, and God in man.
Great little one, whose
all-embracing birth
Lifts earth to heaven, stoops heaven
to earth.



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Contributions December 12-13, 2019

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 2087.00 Loose 1332.26
Repair Fund 2.00
Immaculate Conception 10.00
Retired Religious 135.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 25.00 Loose 116.00
Retired Religious 50.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 560.00 Loose 370.00
Candles 65.00
Immaculate Conception 30.00
Retired Religious 150.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Dec. 21 — Brenda Dreiling, Val Schumacher

Dec. 28 — Mary Brungardt, Det Younger

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Robert L. "Bob" Braun** of Hays, who passed away on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Funeral services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Saturday, December 12, 2020, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

2021 Calendars

The 2021 Calendars are at the entrances of each church. Please only take one per family.

Tithing Envelopes

The 2021 tithing envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. Please take your envelopes and if you do not have a box in church, contact Jan at the Parish office. You will need to begin using the new envelopes on January 1, 2021. Some of your numbers have changed since last year. That is the only way I can record your tithing. Thank you, Jan.

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

From the Parish Office Staff

*May your holidays be joyful.
They will certainly be memorable this year!*



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

**Thursday, December 24,
and Friday, December 25.**

The Parish Office will also be closed
Thursday, December 31, and Friday, January 1.

Mass Schedules and other events through the Christmas and New Year holidays can be found on the Basilica of St. Fidelis website at www.StFidelisChurch.com on the Mass Schedule page.

2020 Holiday Schedule

SPECIAL CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 23
7:00-8:00 p.m.

ALSO

at regularly scheduled times
(See front page of bulletin for times)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

at St. Fidelis, Victoria

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Thursdays

(No Adoration on Thursdays, December 24 and December 31)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

(Christmas is NOT a Holy Day of obligation THIS YEAR)

Thursday, December 24 — Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria (Children's Mass)

7:30 p.m. • St. Ann, Walker

10:00 p.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

(The Choir will not sing for the 10:00 p.m. Mass this year)

Friday, December 25 — Christmas

8:30 a.m. • St. Boniface, Vincent

10:00 a.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

(No 6:45 a.m. Masses on December 24 and 25)

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Mary, Mother of God

(NOT a Holy Day of obligation THIS YEAR)

Thursday, December 31 — New Year's Eve

5:30 p.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

Friday, January 1 — New Year's Day

9:00 a.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

(No 6:45 a.m. Masses on December 31 and January 1)

Stop by the St. Fidelis Gift Shop in the Parish Activity Center to do some last minute Christmas shopping. Lots of unique items to choose from.

DIOCESE

DECEMBER HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

A gift to U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT) can make a difference in our efforts to confront the Human Trafficking pandemic.

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

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEGDED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGDED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	16,700.00	16,395.00	15,795.00	81
Vincent	400.00	2,130.00	1,879.97	9
Walker	7,200.00	9,385.00	8,135.00	13

As of December 15, 2020, \$1,810,527.44 has been pledged and \$1,730,248.38 has been received toward the \$1.6 million goal of the Annual Appeal.



Thanks for giving! "We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's collection.

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. It is likely this dispensation will stay in place through 2020. 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, especially during the Christmas Season, we expect to continue social distancing and the wearing of masks in church.

ST. ANN

Christian Mothers to Clean Church

Saint Ann Christian Mothers will clean Saint Ann Church on **Saturday, December 19**, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please bring your own cleaning supplies.



Saint Ann Parish

Tri-Parish Card Party & Potluck

in the Parish Hall

Saturday, December 19
after the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

K. of C. Makes "I Heard God Laugh" Book Available for Advent

The Knights of Columbus have purchased numerous copies of the book "I Heard God Laugh" from Dynamic Catholic. The books will be available at the entrances to the church and are free to parishioners and others who visit the tri-parish churches this Advent.

Everyone is encouraged to pick up one of these books.

ST. BONIFACE



The "Little Town of Bethlehem" Nativity at St. Boniface Church in Vincent will be open for visitation on Sundays, December 20, and on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25.

Viewing times are 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Additions to the nativity this year include a blue-lit grotto of Mary standing in front of 5 rocks from Lourdes and Fatima, where she once appeared.

Alongside these rocks is a rock from the Sea of Galilee where Jesus once walked on water.

Also highlighted this year are rocks from countries our soldiers fought in war over the years, displayed as a tribute to those serving our nation, past and present, who could not be home for Christmas.

With rocks and artifacts from all 50 states and 105 countries, the nativity is a representation of Christmas worldwide.

BULLETIN DEADLINES



December 27 bulletin deadline
10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 22

AND

January 5, 2021, bulletin deadline
10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 29.

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 or contact Connie at 785-735-2777.

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 can be found on the Mass Schedule page of StFidelisChurch.com

*** Sunday Rosary Schedule ***

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Thursday, Dec. 24, 5:00 PM — Jubilee Choir
 Thursday, Dec. 24, 10:00 PM — Amrein-Werth family
 Friday, Dec. 25, 10:00 AM — John Braun family

Saturday, Dec. 26, 5:00 PM — Trilogly
 Sunday, Dec. 27, 10:00 AM — Pam Scheck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Thursday, Dec. 24, 5:00 PM — Diane Gross
 Thursday, Dec. 24, 10:00 PM — Cora Schulte
 Friday, Dec. 25, 10:00 AM — Tom Tholen

Saturday, Dec. 26, 5:00 PM — Karie Younger
 Sunday, Dec. 27, 10:00 AM — Connie Braun

LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS

Thursday, Dec. 24, 5:00 PM — Karen Nowak
 Thursday, Dec. 24, 10:00 PM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger
 Friday, Dec. 25, 10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

Saturday, Dec. 26, 5:00 PM — Anne Dinkel
 Sunday, Dec. 27, 10:00 AM — Becky Scheck

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

Sunday, Dec. 20, 10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel
 Sunday, Dec. 27, 10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

Mass on St. Fidelis YouTube Channel

Go to www.StFidelisChurch.com
 and click the link on the *Home Page* or
 the *Mass Schedule Page* to view a Mass.

**CURRENTLY, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
 Masses are being uploaded to YouTube.**

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY.....DECEMBER 21
 7:00 pm Joe J., Magdalen, and Bill Roth family
 Tom Younger family

TUESDAY.....DECEMBER 22
 6:45 am Agnes and Eddy Zwenger family

WEDNESDAY.....DECEMBER 23
 6:45 am Micola Hicks Siler

THURSDAY.....CHRISTMAS EVE.....DECEMBER 24
 5:00 pm St. Fidelis Bernie and Floris Dome and Brenda Dome Luff
 Dave Dreiling
 7:30 pm St. Ann Dolores Froelich
 10:00 pm St. Fidelis

FRIDAY.....CHRISTMAS DAY.....DECEMBER 25
 8:30 am St. Boniface Howard and Aquina Rajewski
 10:00 am St. Fidelis Bernie and Jean Roth family

SATURDAY.....DECEMBER 26
 5:00 pm St. Fidelis Elmer and Florence Kuhn
 6:30 pm St. Ann Paul and Dolores Flax family
 Paul and Bill Schrant

SUNDAY..HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH ...DECEMBER 27
 8:30 am St. Boniface Elsie Huser, Ben and Olivia Windholz,
 and Henry and Katie Huser
 10:00 am St. Fidelis Lucille Kuhn
 Bonivent Dinkel family