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THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

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Parish Office

and Catholic Faith Education 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

Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, Holy Communion to Homebound Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events.

ST. FIDELIS GIFT SHOP Located in the Parish Office at 601 10th Street, Victoria

ST. FIDELIS THRIFT SHOP - 503 Main Street, Victoria

Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00-2:00; Wednesday 10:00-3:30; Thursday 10:00-4:00

BULLETIN ITEMS

Deadline is Wednesday at 10:00 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

October 22, 2023 — 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses:

St. Fidel is, Victoria

Saturday — 5:00 pm

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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 Bishop Vincke asks each parish to Include prayers for vocations to religious life.

Confessions:

St. Fidelis: Mondays 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays 4:00 p.m.

St. Ann: After Mass

St. Boniface: Sundays 7:45-8:15 a.m. (Nov.-Apr.) After Mass (May-Oct.) or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

Tri-Parish Prayer Line

To request prayers for family or friends, call Teresa Shepherd (785-735-9576) to add the request to the Prayer Line

Dates To Remember

Oct. 29 — Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat 1:00-4:00

Oct. 31 — Halloween

Nov. 1 — All Saint's Day (holy day of obligation) — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Nov. 2 — All Souls Day

Nov. 5 — Daylight Savings Time Ends

Put clocks back 1 hour

Nov. 7 — Election Day

Nov. 11 — Veterans Day

Nov. 22 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon for Thanksgiving

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Matthew 22:15-21



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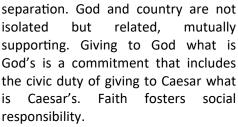
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This Sunday we hear a timely gospel as we approach the political elections: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar's, and to God what belongs to God.." This verse has been misused by some to justify a total isolation of faith from public life. The meaning of this passage is quite the opposite. The gospel envisions the church and the state as separate, but mutually enriching. Your faith informs your conscience and your conscience

cannot be separated from your political convictions and responsibilities.

"Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God." The conjunction "and" is significant; it conveys continuity and unity, not opposition or



Some who object to faith animating political activity have been inconsistent. When churches were involved in the civil rights movement, the war on poverty, and opposing military aggression they were applauded. But when churches speak out on life issues, marriage, or immigration their voices are not welcome. One suspects that the agenda, not the principle, is the issue.

People of faith believe that all authority comes ultimately from God. Others may not share that conviction and insist that civil authority is derived solely from the governed. Even so,

they must concede that people of faith are equal members of our nation and in a democracy their voices must also be heard.

The faith commitment of believers does not lessen their civic commitment. It enriches it. Faith instills virtues of justice and truth and mercy, which animate noble political convictions. An authentic democracy will hear not only what Thomas

Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and Abraham Lincoln can teach us, but also what Jesus of Nazareth, Francis of Assisi, and Theresa of Calcutta can contribute to the public debate.

Our founding fathers recognized this mutual relationship

between faith and public life. They rightly objected to an established church, but acknowledged that our Creator is the source of our unalienable rights. Even the inscription on our currency testifies to this tradition, *In God we trust*.

A nation that does not recognize the faith heritage of its people deprives itself of a great resource. If one fails to see the mutually enriching connection between the two parts of this gospel verse — God and Country — one misses its core message. "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God."

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I don't like political jokes; too many of them get elected.

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Contributions October 14-15, 2023

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 2550.00 Loose 1203.70 Repair Fund 25.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 716.00 Loose 189.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 215.00 Loose 60.00 Candles 14.80

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

October 23 — Verda Werner, Bertha Brungardt

October 30 — Jerry Schmidtberger, Andrea Ottley Sunday Rosary Schedul e

1st - Christian Mothers

2nd - Knights of Columbus

3rd - Daughters of Isabella

4th - Family Life

MINISTER SCHEDULE

The Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Homebound, and Cantor schedules can be found on the Mass Schedule page of the church website at StFidelisChurch.com.

Please contact Diane Gross (785-735-4804) with any questions about the schedule for the Eucharistic or Lector ministries or if you are willing to volunteer for those ministries.

CANTORS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:00 PM — Pam Scheck

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:00 AM — Adult Choir

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00 PM —-Brinley Lichter

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:00 PM — Carol Pfeifer, Keith Billinger, Diane Gross **Becky Scheck**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun, Teresa Shepherd, Connie Windholz, Janine Kisner, Bertha R. Brungardt

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:45 AM — Yvonne Braun, Jane Wagner, Leroy Schmidtberger

7:00 PM — Connie Windholz, Keith Billinger, Anne Dinkel, Andrea Schmidtberger

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:00 PM — Allan Amrein

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:00 AM — Karen Nowak

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:45 AM — Kathy Kuhn

7:00 PM — Diane Gross

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 — Carol Pfeifer

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:00 AM — Kathy Amrein

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:00 PM — Easton W., Dax L.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:00 AM — Gracyn and Claire S., Mya M.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00 PM — Mason M., Dax L., Brody N.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council

4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Opportunity to View "The Chosen"

Family Life Committee is once again sponsoring an opportunity to view and discuss the series entitled "The Chosen". Season 3 will continue to be shown **Tuesday** mornings starting at 7:30 a.m. in the north sacristy of the church and will continue at that time on Tuesdays into December.

If not attending Mass, please enter by the northeast door. If interested in watching Seasons 1 and 2, please contact Stephanie Broyles (785-735-4747) or Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).

World Mission Sunday

The Church celebrates World Mission Sunday worldwide THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22.

Pope Pius XI instituted World Mission Sunday in 1926, and the first worldwide collection occurred the following year. World Mission Sunday is an effort of the entire Church to help over 1,100 dioceses that cannot sustain themselves because they are too poor, young, or actively persecuted.

Until 1908, the Church in the United States was a mission territory. We relied on this fund to build our churches and seminaries and support our clergy and religious. Today many foreign missions rely on our generosity to sustain the Church, which is an instrument of God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights

The Knights of Columbus 3rd and 4th Degrees will have a Memorial Mass at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 12, at the VFW Hall followed by a meal and program. All 3rd and 4th Degree members and families and widows are invited. The cost is \$10 per person. Please RSVP by calling 785-623-0680 or 785-639-3570 by Monday, November 6.

ST. FIDELIS ADULT CHOIR

Choir Practice

The Adult Choir will practice on Wednesday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m.

They will sing Sunday, October 29, for the 10:00 o'clock Mass.

All Saints Day — Wednesday, November 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation Masses will be at 6:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The Parish Office will be closed.

HELP NEEDED at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop

Do you like to meet new people?



Are you looking for some activity to keep you busy for a few hours a week?

Does volunteering give you a feel-good feeling?

How about volunteering for a shift at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop?

If interested, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.

St. Fidel is Food Bank

The St. Fidelis Food Bank is available during Parish Office hours to those in need of food. Please call the office at 785-735-2777 in advance so you won't have to wait while we prepare a box of food for you. Boxes can be picked up at the northwest door of the Parish Office. Donations of food or money are always welcome to help supply the Food Bank.

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 the Parish Office.

Fr. Jim will also come to your home and offer the anointing of the sick or confessions.

All Souls Day Cemetery Blessings

A brief prayer service will be held immediately after each of the Tri-Parish Masses NEXT WEEKEND—Saturday and Sunday, November 4-5. Parishioners are encouraged to visit the cemeteries at times that are convenient for them.

New Parishioners

If you would like to join one of the Tri-Parishes—
St. Fidelis, St. Ann, or St. Boniface—
Parishioner Forms are available at the
Parish Office, 601 10th Street, or on the Home Page
of our website: www.StFidelisChurch.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Trick or Treat

SO OTHERS CAN EAT!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 | beginning at 2:00 PM

Youth groups will go door to door in Victoria to collect nonperishable items such as food, toiletries, household cleaners, baby items, etc. for the Ellis County Community Assistance Center in Hays.

You can place your items on your porch.

Please indicate that they are for
"Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat".



We apologize if your items are missed. You can drop them off at the Parish Office during business hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-noon and 1:00-4:00 and Friday 8:30-noon.



St. Fidelis Parish Breakfast

Sunday, October 29 8:30 AM – 12 PM Victoria Elementary School Sausage and gravy, biscuits, eggs & donuts Free will donations accepted

PROCEEDS GO TO ST FIDELIS' CYO & NCYC
PILGRIMAGE

Not all of us are expected to die a martyr's death, but we are all called to the pursuit of Christian virtue.

This demands strength of character though it may not match that of this innocent girl. Still, a constant, persistent, and relentless effort is asked of us right up to the moment of our death.

~Pope Pius XII on St. Maria Goretti (age 12)

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

Final Answer?

My wife and I were watching *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire* while we were in bed. I turned to her and said, "Do you want to make out?"

"No," she answered.

I then said, "Is that your final answer?"

She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, "Yes."

So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend."

And that's when the fight started...

St. Boniface German Meal

Sunday, October 15, 2023



With a line out the door, the St. Boniface parish hall was bursting at the seams inside with hungry, happy patrons!

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY RANDY HUSER

The second annual German meal fundraiser at the St. Boniface parish hall last Sunday turned out to be everything parishioners and patrons could want! Everyone strives to be happy in life and desires to go to places that make them happy! Perhaps that's why the St. Boniface German meal was a huge success!

Many hours of prep work went into the fundraiser before Sunday. Whether it was getting together for meetings, or gathering at the hall to make dumplings and cut up potatoes, parishioners always created a happy environment filled with laughter and enjoyment of one another's company.

The German meal last Sunday was no different. As meal goers started arriving at 10:30, the hall began to be a place God was smiling down upon — parishioners giving of their hearts to create so many more happy hearts! The hall was filled with cheerful

greetings and joyful conversation as patrons were content eating a five-compartment plate of food! Parishioners were quick on their feet keeping the roasters of galuskies, cream dumplings and potatoes, noodles and beans, and kraut and brats full on the serving line. Meanwhile, the CYO and Confirmation kids gave their time carrying trays for patrons and serving drinks. The food was sold out just as the last came to eat.

A big thank you goes out to all who made the day the most it could be: to the parishioners for their time, talent and treasure, and to the kids for serving and helping in any way they could. Also, a huge thank you to the patrons who drove to Vincent to share in the special day supporting St. Boniface church.

The amazing effect of food! Food gives us what God wants so much from us — a happy face!

Creates Happy Faces!





People enjoying the German meal at the St. Boniface parish hall.

Levi Wellbrock carries a tray through the line for Bill and Paula Robben of Walker while being served up by Jenna Braun, Janice Braun, Karen Leiker, Gina Tholen, Terri VonFeldt, and Edie Tholen.



A Very Special Thank You

To all those who came out to enjoy the German Meal and to all those who helped prepare and serve the meal.



Happy Faces at St. Boniface



After two hours of serving, Levi Wellbrock and Cody Schmidtberger (left, front to back) and Kyle Huser, Derrius Mason, and Aiden Dinkel (right, front to back) finally get time to enjoy their meal.

A Very Special Thank You

to our confirmation candidates and youth for their wonderful assistance with serving the German meal; namely,
Aiden Dinkel,
Levi Wellbrock,
Adrianna Garner,
Evan Garner,
Sam Windholz,
Derrius Mason,
Cody Schmidtberger,
and Kyle Huser.





Dani Windholz and Ashley Tholen take a purchase at the country store from patrons from Otis.

Stewardship for Children Week 3

"For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected when received with thanksgiving," 1 Tim 4:5

How do I say "thank you, God" for letting me be your steward?

By taking care of the Gifts He has given me!

A Christian Steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, who feels good and shows it by an act.

Takes care of these gifts responsibly; example: we take care of ourselves, our bodies, our minds, etc.

Shares them lovingly in justice with others; example: our minds—we learn so that we can teach others.

Returns them with increase to the Lord; example: by teaching others so that more people know about Jesus!

At home activity:

Parents: Ask your children to do the following exercise and then review it with them:

Your hands are always with you so you can pray always! Trace your hand on a piece of paper. Write your own prayer request on each finger.

Other ways I can learn to show how grateful I am to be God's Steward

Prayer is always number one. This will be my way of talking to God. My prayer includes:

Telling God "thank you" for my life and all the gifts He has given me. Asking God to help me with my needs. Promising God I will always respond to Him. Ending with "*Amen" tells God I believe Him.*

Bible — ask my parents to help me read and learn about Jesus. Look for a "Catholic Children's Bible"

Church — remember going to Mass on Sunday for Catholics is following Jesus' commandment "keep holy the Sabbath Day"



Tri-Parish Pictorial Directory

The final day of picture taking will be MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

Pictures will be taken at the Parish Office.

If you have not yet signed up, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 785-735-2777 to see if slots are available.

Any parishioner who has their picture taken will receive a free 8 x 10 photo and a parish pictorial directory.

Thank you to all those who took the time to come in and take a picture for this pictorial directory. Watch the bulletin for information on when the pictorial directories will be available for pick up by all of you who took the time to pose for a picture.

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If you would like to have a group picture of your church organization in the Pictorial Directory, please contact the Parish Office at 785-735-2777 to make arrangements.

COMMUNITY

Childcare Survey

If you are currently using childcare of any kind or will need childcare in the next couple of years, a survey has been put together by the high school Community Connections class. They can be found at area businesses in Victoria. By completing a survey, data can be collected to determine the need in Victoria to build a new childcare facility, so your input is greatly appreciated. Each grade school family should have received one. Those completed forms can be returned to the grade school office.

FCCLA Looking for Shoes

Do you have shoes that you can't wear, but are in good shape? If so, you can donated them to the Victoria FCCLA chapter shoe drive for needy individuals of all ages. Gently worn or new shoes can be dropped off at the high school any time or at home games. This drive will run until Thanksgiving. Thank

you for supporting this community service project.

Blood Drive Hosted by FCCLA

The Victoria FCCLA chapter is hosting their bi-annual Blood Drive on Monday, November 6, in the high school gym from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please checkout redcrossblood.org to sign up. Each donation can save three lives.

DIOCESE

October Human Trafficking Alert

The sales in the trafficking business today dwarfs the numbers involved in the slave trade of the past. Billions of dollars are generated today using people as products to be bought and sold in a global market. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

'Ask a Priest': Divine Mercy Radio

If you have a question about the Catholic Faith, or if you've been asked a question about a Catholic Church teaching and you're stumped on how to respond, now you have a way to get your question answered anonymously from Fr. Fred Gatschet, Vicar General for the Diocese of Salina. Just go to dymercy.com and click

on the "Ask-a-Priest" banner. There, you can submit your question which will be answered on an upcoming episode of the Double-Edged Sword Program on Divine Mercy Radio. Check back often for upcoming showtimes.



You can scan the QR Code to go directly to the "Ask-a-Priest" page on their website.

Meet Your School Board Candidates

Everyone is invited to come and meet the candidates running for the Victoria School Board on **Sunday, October 22, at 11:00 a.m.** in the elementary school cafeteria. Coffee and rolls will be available. The event is sponsored by the Victoria Community Coalition.

St. Catherine's Christian Mothers Katharinenstadt's Essenfest German-Style Cook-Off

Sunday, October 22 | 11:00 - 1:00

Kennedy Middle School Cafeteria, 1309 Fort St.

ENTRY COST: Enter a GERMAN FOOD for a chance to win a Cash Prize! There is no entry fee.

Cash Prize for the top 3 People's Choice Award.

Deadline to register is October 18.

TASTER COST: \$5 per person. You can purchase at the door. Taste all entries!

Call/text Sarah Shubert for registration Cell: 785-656-2399

There will also be a Bake Sale, Polka Music, and a 50/50 Raffle!!

Proceeds will be donated to local charities.

MASS TIMES CHANGE FOR ST. BONIFACE AND ST. ANN

Starting the weekend of November 4-5

ST. ANN— Saturdays 6:30 p.m. ST. BONIFACE — Sundays 8:30 a.m.

Please patronize those who advertise in our bulletin.

Single Ad = \$20. $^{\infty}$, Quarterly Ads = \$60. $^{\infty}$ Monthly Ads = \$100. $^{\infty}$, Weekly Ads = \$300. $^{\infty}$ To place an ad, contact Connie @ 785-735-2777

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MONDAY	OCTOBER 2
7:00 pm Gerard "Jerry" and Henrietta Dinkel	
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 2
6:45 am For the parishes	
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 2
6:45 am Damian John Schulte	
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 2
6:45 am Art Wagner family living and deceased	
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 2
6:45 am Tom Schippers	
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 2
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Ruth Marcotte and family	
6:30 pm St. Boniface LaVern and Jacy Braun	
SUNDAY30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	OCTOBER 2
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10:00 am St. Fidelis George V. Dinkel	

Thank you for advertising in our bulletin!







