

„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 (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

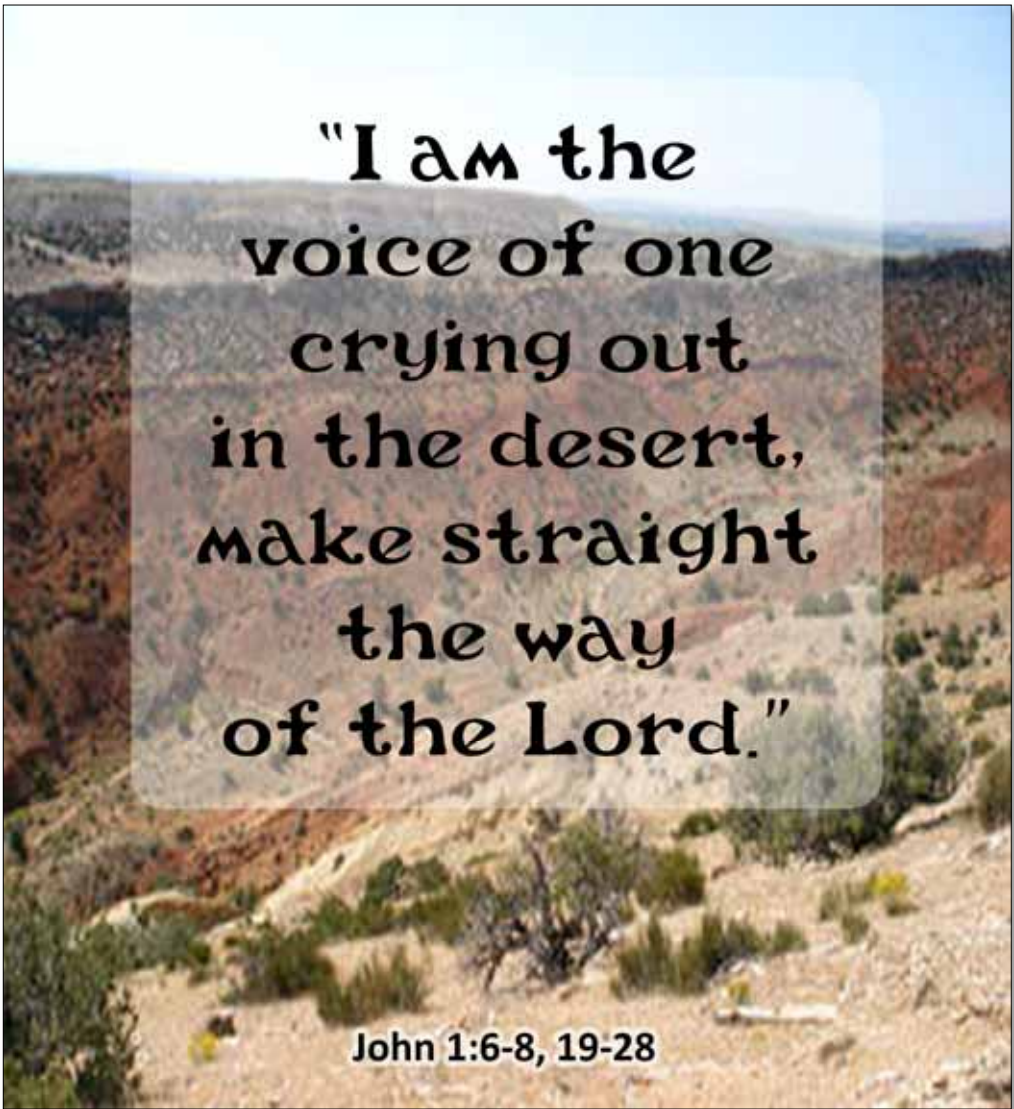
www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

December 13, 2020 – Third 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 (Holy Day of Obligation) — New Year’s Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED





The Expectant Mother

"Only an expectant mother can fully appreciate the season of Advent." Those words from the late archbishop Fulton Sheen might surprise many, especially men. Yet they deserve our reflection. It does not mean that others have a defective concept of this season, but that we can all gain a richer appreciation of Advent from the experiences of pregnant women.

The initial discovery of a woman that she will have a child occasions various reactions. Perhaps a bit of a shock, "I am not ready for this!" Advent can also come as a surprise. "It's Advent already! How will I handle all the necessary preparations for the big day?" There can also be apprehension, even fear. "I don't really need this; it will upset my regular life."

The coming of Christmas can also bring anxiety over all the demands and expectations.

After the reality sinks in there is the challenge of waiting, which has many dimensions. Waiting can be dominated by impatience, like waiting for the pot to boil. It can also be a time that is relished, like waiting for a favorite dish to be served. The anxiety of uncertainty is another aspect, as waiting for the results of a medical test. All of these dimensions of impatience, anxiety and anticipation can be found in our Advent waiting for Christmas day.

The sudden realization that the birth is imminent might resemble the

frantic last hours of preparation before Christmas Day. The process of birth is aptly called labor. Advent preparations, both the physical and spiritual, require work, perhaps stressful work.

But of all the dimensions of pregnancy and birth the overwhelming emotion is joy. As the gospel reminds us, "When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a child into the world." (Jn 16:13) The joy of Christmas is worth all the efforts of Advent.

An expectant mother implies an expectant father, who is not without his own cares and concerns, fears and joys. The role of St. Joseph in the first Christmas also offers

serious reflections during this Advent season.

But the dominant model for Advent is Mary the mother of Jesus. Her response to the announcement that she would be the mother of the promised Messiah is our guide as we prepare again to celebrate the birth of Christ.

"Let it be done to me according to your word."

... and mirth

The above reflection was written by a bachelor, which will surely bring a smile to many mothers.



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Contributions December 5-6, 2019

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 4213.00 Loose 584.00
Thanksgiving 3.00 Repair Fund 670.00
Endowment 6003.00
Retired Religious 10.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 162.00 Loose 1050.00
Thanksgiving 130.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 119.00 Loose 180.00
Candles 38.00
Immaculate Conception 20.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Dec. 14—Doris Weigel, Shirley Weigel

Dec. 21 — Brenda Dreiling, Val Schumacher

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Floris Dome** of Pfeifer, who passed away on Monday, November 30, 2020. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Holy Cross Catholic Shrine, Pfeifer, on Monday, December 7, 2020, with burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Pfeifer.

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Anita Stang**, formerly of Victoria, who passed away on Monday, November 30, 2020. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **George F. Dinkel**, who passed away on Thursday, December 3, 2020. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Wednesday, December 9, 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.

Christmas Basket Drive

The Tri-Parish Christmas Basket Drive will be a little different due to the Covid-19 situation.

If you wish to donate to the Christmas Basket Drive this year, we are asking for cash donations only. That will prevent us from handling the food so many times.

There is a team of volunteers that will purchase and pack what is necessary for the baskets.

Those receiving the baskets will be asked to pick them up here at the parish office on Monday, December 21. We will schedule times in 15 minutes increments so as to accommodate social distancing and confidentiality.

You may drop your monetary donation in the collection baskets and mark them for Christmas boxes or bring it to the parish office.

If you or anyone you know is in need of a food basket for Christmas, please let Jan at the Parish Office know. Thank You!!!

A Prayer for Those Who Have Died

You can shed tears because they are gone, or you can smile because they lived.

You can close your eyes and pray they will come back, or you can open your eyes and see all that they left for you.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see them, or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember only that they are gone, or you can cherish their memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind and feel empty, or you can do what they would want.

Smile, Open your heart, Love...and go on.

~Elizabeth Ammons

Maintenance Person Needed

St. Fidelis Parish is looking for a part-time maintenance person for the PAC and the church. Anyone interested in applying for the position, please contact Fr. Jim or Jan at the parish office. We will send you a job description and an application.

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.

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.

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

2020 Holiday Schedules

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

at St. Fidelis, Victoria

Monday, December 14 • 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)

Confession Schedule for Advent

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 a Holy Day of obligation)

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

(a Holy Day of obligation)

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)



CHECK OUT "FORMED".

FORMED is a resource for a multitude of ministries, small group studies, family movie nights, Religious Education, personal spiritual enrichment, and evangelization and is available free to all parishioners of the tri-parishes.

FORMED can be accessed at www.StFidelisChurch.com on the "Organizations-Links" tab.

Available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop for \$15⁰⁰

Mary Kay Schippers books

- A YEAR ON THE FAMILY FARM
- ANOTHER YEAR ON THE FAMILY FARM
- THE RETURN TO THE FAMILY FARM STILL LEARNING LIFE LESSONS



Profits go to the Tri-Parishes.

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.

ST. BONIFACE

Bishop Vincke Will Celebrate Mass at St. Boniface

Bishop Jerry Vincke will celebrate Mass at St. Boniface on **Sunday, December 13**, at **8:30 a.m.** A breakfast will be served by the St. Fidelis Tri-Parish CYO members in the St. Boniface Parish Hall following the Mass.



The "Little Town of Bethlehem" Nativity at St. Boniface Church in Vincent will be open for visitation on **Sundays, December 13 and 20**, and on **Christmas Day, Friday, December 25**. Viewing times are **1:00-5:00 p.m.**

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration at St. Boniface Church



from
**8:00 a.m. on Saturday,
December 12,**
until
**8:00 a.m. on Sunday,
December 13**

Sign-up sheets will be at the back of church this morning.

Parishioners will take an hour at a time.
All are welcome at any time.

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.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Monthly Meeting

The Daughters of Isabella will meet on **Monday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m.** for a brief meeting followed by Christmas activities at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

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.

HUMOR

Lone Ranger and Tonto

The Lone Ranger and Tonto went camping in the desert. After they got their tent all set up, both men fell sound asleep.

Some hours later, Tonto wakes the Lone Ranger and says, “Kemo Sabe, look towards sky, what you see?”

The Lone Ranger replies, “I see millions of stars.”

“What that tell you?” asked Tonto.

The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute then says, “Astronomically speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning. Theologically, the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What’s it tell you, Tonto?”

“You dumber than buffalo. It means someone stole the tent.”

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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	14,700.00	16,085.00	15,485.00	79
Vincent	400.00	2,130.00	1,879.97	9
Walker	7,200.00	9,385.00	8,135.00	13

As of December 1, 2020,
\$1,799,572.44 has been pledged and \$1,720,364.21 has been received toward the \$1.6 million goal of the Annual Appeal.



Make a difference. “Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses,” says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of U.S. religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps those communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

Are you aware that you can find weekly Mass schedules for the tri-parishes at www.StFidelisChurch.com on the Mass Schedule page?

Special Mass times and notices throughout the year are also listed there — such as for Christmas and New Year's.

And did you know that the weekly bulletin can be found on the website's BULLETINS page—with the upcoming weekend's bulletin posted usually by Wednesday afternoon?

And during this COVID-19 pandemic, on the home page of the website, there is a link that takes you to the YouTube recording of the most current Mass celebrated at St. Fidelis.

Go ahead and check out www.StFidelisChurch.com where you can also find a link to Religious Education information and access offerings from FORMED such as movies, books, kid's stories, Advent offerings, and much more. Access FORMED from the Organizations-Links tab.

The website is still under construction, but soon all the pages will be filled in with information.

You can look forward to the Pastor's Corner page where Fr. Jim will give his insights. The Religious Ed page will give updates on youth and adult happenings.

Keep coming back to www.StFidelisChurch.com.

Ready to Roam the Great Outdoors? Win a 2021 Jeep Wrangler or \$30,000 CASH!

Road to Roam Raffle Tickets Now on Sale

Buy your Road to Roam Raffle tickets today and you could win an unforgettable prize package!

Prizes include: a 7-day tour of the American Canyonlands; 9 nights roaming the Pacific Coast Highway in a luxurious RV; and the **grand prize: a 2021 4-door Jeep Wrangler or \$30,000 cash!**

Enter by midnight on Friday, December 18, to qualify. Drawings will take place Monday, December 21.

Tickets are \$50 each. Visit RoadtoRoamRaffle.com or call 720-607-7826. Proceeds benefit the lives and ministries of the Capuchin Franciscans and the people they serve.

Victoria Schools Calendar

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

Monday — December 14

5:45 am—HS boys basketball practice
Lunch Menu: Hamburger, tater tots, steamed broccoli, banana, oatmeal sugar cookie, salad, milk
Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Grade check/Activity
3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice at VES
4:00 pm JH basketball vs. Osborne
7:00 pm Board of Education meeting

Tuesday — December 15

Lunch Menu: Spaghetti, green beans, cantaloupe, French bread, salad, milk
Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Finish activity
3:30 pm JH boys basketball practice at VES
3:30 pm JH girls basketball practice at VES
4:00 pm HS basketball @ Osborne. Depart 1:40 pm

Wednesday — December 16

6:30 am JH boys basketball practice
Lunch Menu: BBQ rib sandwich, hand-tossed bun, new potatoes, steamed sweet peas, fruit cocktail, salad, milk
Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study
3:30 pm JH girls basketball practice at VES
3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

Thursday — December 17

5:45 am HS boys basketball practice
Lunch Menu: Quesadilla, black bean salad, nacho chips, mandarin oranges, salad, milk
Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study
3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
4:00 pm JH basketball vs. Ness City

Friday — December 18 — End of 1st Semester

Lunch Menu: Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, pears, pumpkin cake, salad, milk
3:30 pm JH boys basketball practice at VES
3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

Winter Moratorium —

No basketball practices from December 23—January 3.

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered at the Basilica of St. Fidelis after the 10:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, December 13.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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



Items can be brought into the Parish Office or contact Connie at 785-735-2777.

Thank you!

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. Fidelis Church: Wednesday Hours

St. Fidelis Church—including the chapel, church proper, sacristy, and bridal room—will be CLOSED to the public and utilized for Religious Education classes every Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:45 P.M. The doors will be locked to the public and access will be limited to only the catechists, students, and volunteers within the Religious Education program. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Jeanette Brungardt in the Religious Education Office at Fidelisyouth@ruratel.net or by cell phone at 785-639-5067.

The St. Fidelis Minister Schedule can be found on the Mass Schedule page of StFidelisChurch.com. You can contact Diane Gross with scheduling requests: dgross@gorhamtel.com or 785-735-4804.

* 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, Dec. 19, 5:00 PM — Meagan Wellbrock
Sunday, Dec. 20, 10:00 AM — Becky and Jim Scheck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, Dec. 19, 5:00 PM — Jane Wagner
Sunday, Dec. 20, 10:00 AM — Kenny Brungardt

LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS

Saturday, Dec. 19, 5:00 PM — Allen Amrein
Sunday, Dec. 20, 10:00 AM — Connie Dreiling

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 14	
7:00 pm Craig Gasper Denis and Rosie Schulte and Melvin Gross		
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 15	
6:45 am Norman and Yvonne Schumacher		
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 16	
6:45 am Louise Hammerschmidt		
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 17	
6:45 am For the parishes		
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 18	
6:45 am Willie and Bertha Pfeifer family		
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 19	
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Marvin Hammersmith 6:30 pm St. Ann Rich and Verna Robben		
SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	DECEMBER 20
8:30 am St. Boniface For the parishes 10:00 am St. Fidelis Rita Geist Cassatt and Rosaline Geist Schmidt		