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ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

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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 (stftech@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

January 3, 2021 – Epiphany of the Lord

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:

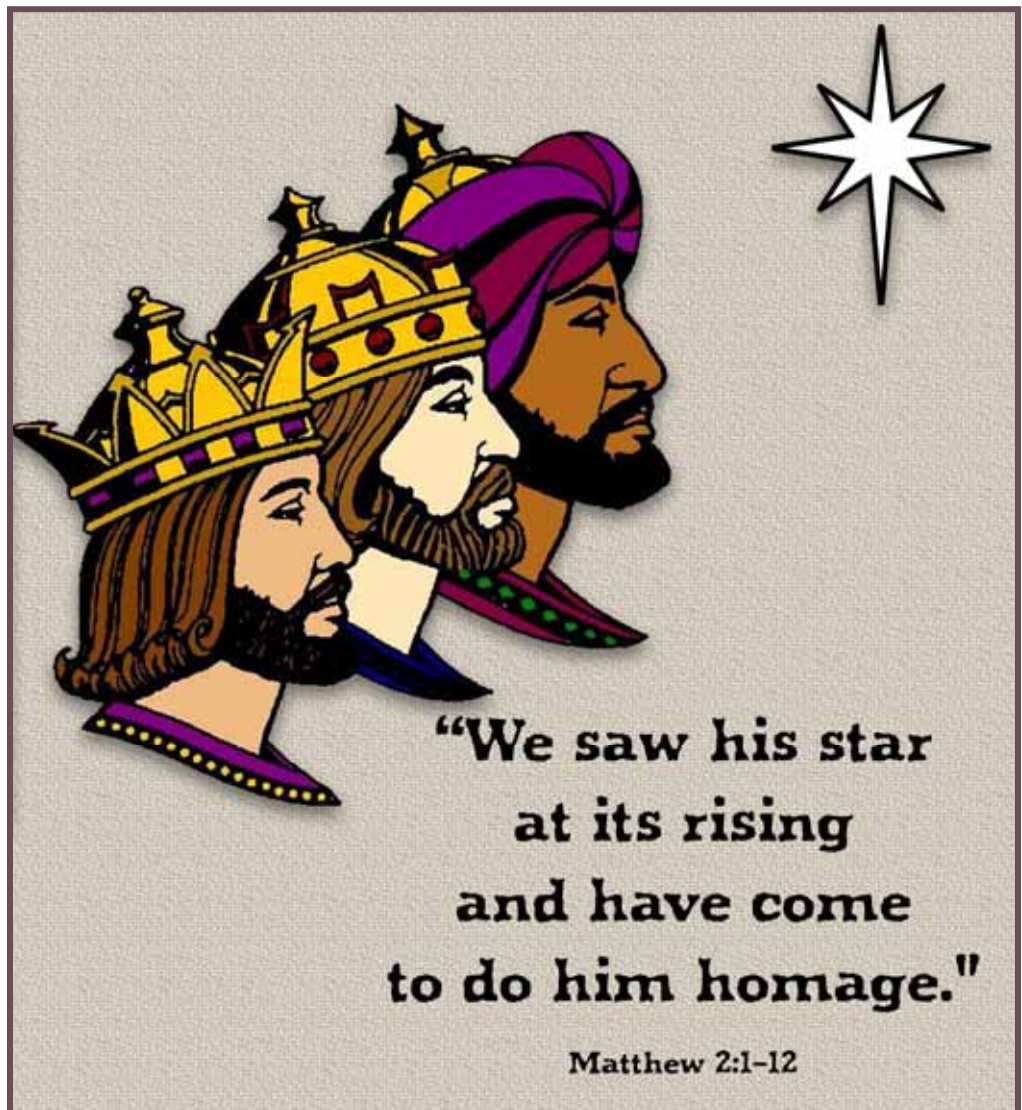
St. Fidelis: Mondays 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
St. Ann: Saturdays after Mass (Nov.-Apr.)
St. Boniface: Sundays 7:45-8:15 a.m. (Nov.-Apr.)
 or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

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

Jan. 18 — Martin Luther King Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Jan. 22 — Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Jan. 29 — Kansas Day — 160 years
Feb. 2 — Groundhog Day
Feb. 3 — Feast of St. Blaise
Feb. 7 — Boy Scout Sunday
Feb. 14 — Valentine’s Day
Feb. 15 — President’s Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Feb. 17 — Ash Wednesday





The Christmas Star of 2020

We had our own Christmas Star this year. During December there was a rare conjunction of the planets Jupiter and Saturn in the western sky visible after sunset. The two planets, although more than 400 million miles apart, were within less than one degree in the line of sight from earth. On December 21, the winter solstice, they appeared to be almost touching.

Conjunctions of these planets occur about every 20 years, but the last time they were this close was over 800 years ago on March 5, 1226, the year St. Francis of Assisi died. If you missed this rare event, replays of the close alignment are available on YouTube.

It was a similar conjunction during the Christmas season of 1604 that led astronomer Johannes Kepler to wonder if the gospel star (Mt 2:1-12) was not a typical star but a rare conjunction of planets. Kepler then calculated the astronomical data and found a rare conjunction in 4 BC, which has led many astronomers to accept such a conjunction as the star that led the magi.

The Star of Bethlehem as a conjunction of planets and not the brilliant light of Christmas cards may disappoint you. There have been other scientific proposals for the star — a comet, a nova, a meteor, etc., but none are

historically verifiable nor do they behave as similar to the star in Matthew's gospel as a conjunction does. Planets have retrograde motion, appear on the horizon, seem to disappear and then reappear on the other horizon.

There is a faith message here. Whatever the unusual celestial event at the birth of Christ, it was noticed only by a few professional astronomers. The magi were led to Christ not by a miraculous vision but by the tedious work of their profession. Today's feast of the Epiphany means manifestation. God manifests himself in many ways. God revealed Himself to the magi by their study of astronomy. It was their daily work that led them to Christ. Sadly, the stress and competition of our work can lead us away from God.

It is obvious that we might find God in church and at prayer. The magi remind us that we should also find Him in our daily work. The tools and talents of the craftsman, the pots and pans of the cook, the paper and pencil of the student can lead one to God. The magi were astronomers and God called them to himself through their calculations of the stars. The wise still follow his star.

... and mirth

Wise women would have brought gifts of diapers, a layette, and chocolate!



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Contributions December 26-27, 2020

ST. FIDELIS:

Loose 618.00 Envelopes 3591.00
Christmas Loose 16,747.00
Christmas Envelopes 6,065.00

ST. ANN:

Loose 965.00 Envelopes 495.00
Candles 86.00
Christmas Loose 591.00
Christmas Envelopes 1300.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Loose 202.00 Envelopes 130.00
Candles 55.00
Christmas Loose 198.00
Christmas Envelopes 300.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Jan. 4 — Jerry Schmidtberger,
Andrea Schmidtberger
Jan. 11 — Patty Dreiling, Anne
Schmidtberger

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Francis Gene "Frank" Weber** of Loveland, Colorado, who passed away on Sunday, December 17, 2020. Inurnment was in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria, on Wednesday, December 23, 2020.

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Armella M. Schmidt** of Hays, who passed away on Sunday, December 20, 2020. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph Church, Hays, on Tuesday, December 29, 2020, with burial in St. Ann Cemetery, Walker.

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.

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.

Repair Work at St. Fidelis

You may have noticed some scaffolding all around the inside of the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Repair work to fix falling plaster and a repainting of the entire inside has begun. It has been 25 years since the last major repainting and repair work; however, minor repair and painting jobs have occurred during those 25 years.

Tim Linenberger, with Linenberger Painting and Contracting of Salina, Kansas, and his crew are in charge of the project which is expected to take approximately three months. Tim is a member of the family that has painted St. Fidelis several times—in 1943, 1961, 1979, and 1996.

The redecorating is being done using the same colors as are currently on the walls. Masses will continue as usual.

Fr. Cyrus Gallagher's Unbound.org

If you would like to donate or select a child, youth, or elder to sponsor through the Unbound.org organization with which Fr. Cyrus Gallagher O.F.M. Capuchin is associated, go to <https://www.unbound.org/MyOutreach/FrGallagher> for more information. A flyer is inserted in this bulletin.

ST. ANN

Christian Mothers Dues

St. Ann's Christian Mothers dues of \$5.00 are due and payable to Lou Ann Hammersmith, Box 163, Gorham, Kansas 67640.

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2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEDGED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEDGED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	14,700.00	16,445.00	15,845.00	82
Vincent	400.00	2,130.00	1,963.30	9
Walker	7,200.00	9,385.00	8,343.34	13

As of December 22, 2020,
\$1,820,512.44 has been pledged and \$1,753,940.58 has been received toward the \$1.6 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

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Elders often experience difficulties related to nutrition, health care and social isolation. Your support helps an elder with needs like food, health care, home visits and group activities.

sponsor today

We're all part of one human family created in God's image. As a sponsor with Unbound, you'll get the satisfaction of knowing you're living out your faith as part of a caring and inclusive global community. You'll also learn about your new friend from letters and photos, and you can write and send photos, too!

I want to sponsor:

- Any child Girl Boy Youth Elder
 I would like to contribute through my bank account or credit card (see reverse).
 Enclosed is my first monthly contribution of \$40.
(Please do not send cash. Make checks payable to Unbound.)

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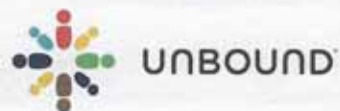
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Parish _____

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— Lillian Acevedo, Unbound sponsor since 1986



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WHO WE ARE

Unbound is an international development organization founded by lay Catholics and grounded in the Gospel call to put the needs of the marginalized and vulnerable first. We build relationships of mutual respect that bridge cultural, economic and religious divides. We work side by side with people of diverse faith traditions in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

HOW WE WORK

We believe the surest path out of poverty is a self-directed one. Sponsored individuals and families use your support to work toward goals like education, dignified housing, better nutrition and developing livelihoods. Mothers lead the way in our programs through active participation in small groups. From accessing microloans to starting small businesses and forming their own credit cooperatives, mothers are creating paths to self-sufficiency for their families.

HIGHLY RATED STEWARDSHIP

Unbound receives top ratings from independent charity evaluators. This demonstrates the work we put into solid financial stewardship. Visit unbound.org/financials for details.



AUTOMATIC BANK WITHDRAWAL

I hereby authorize a direct debit from my checking account each month for payment to Unbound. (Please attach voided check.)

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Account #

Amount \$.00

Authorized Signature Date

You may cancel this agreement anytime by contacting Unbound at (800) 875-6564 or 1 Elmwood Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66103. Please allow 2 business days to cancel.

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

I authorize Unbound to charge my credit card in the amount of:

\$40 Monthly \$120 Quarterly \$240 Semi-annually \$480 Annually

Card #

Expiration date /

Cardholder name

Signature Date

So that we may process and provide a receipt for your contribution, please complete the contact information section on the front of this form.

Please print clearly.



Unbound is listed in the Official Catholic Directory.



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.

Victoria Schools Calendar



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

Monday — January 4

6:30 am—JH girls basketball practice at VHS
Lunch Menu: Breaded chicken patty, baked potato, steamed broccoli, orange slices, biscuit, salad, milk
Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Grade check/Activity
3:30 pm JH boys basketball practice at VES
3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

Tuesday — January 5

6:30 am—JH girls basketball practice at VHS
Lunch Menu: Italian dunkers, oven fries, green beans, bread sticks, peaches, salad, milk
Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Finish activity
3:30 pm JH boys basketball practice at VES
3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

Wednesday — January 6 — *Early Dismissal—2:20 pm*

Lunch Menu: Soft taco, refried beans, steamed carrots, apple wedges, salad, milk
Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study
2:20 pm PLC—Early dismissal
2:20 pm JH girls basketball practice at VES
3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
4:00 pm JH boys basketball practice at VES
5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

Thursday — January 7

6:30 am JH boys basketball practice
Lunch Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll, pears, 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

Friday — January 8

6:30 am JH boys basketball practice
Lunch Menu: Bratwurst with bun, noodles, navy beans, fruit salad, salad, milk
3:30 pm JH girls basketball practice at VES
4:00 pm HS basketball vs. Otis-Bison

Hays Public Library Bookmobile

in the Church Parking Lot
the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month
from 3:00-5:00 p.m.



Time to Spend

Imagine that you won the following prize: Each morning your bank will deposit \$86,400 in your private account. However, the prize has rules:

1. Everything that you don't spend during each day will be taken away from you.
2. You may not transfer money into some other account. You may only spend it.
3. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400.
4. The bank can end the deposits without warning.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all people you love, right? Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every cent, and use it all, right?

Each of us is in possession of such a magical bank.

The MAGICAL BANK is TIME!

Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life, and when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.

What we haven't lived up that day is forever lost.

Yesterday is forever gone.

Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time — WITHOUT WARNING.

So, what will you do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars.

Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

Take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply, and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day.

Start spending.

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

Mass on St. Fidelis YouTube Channel

Go to www.StFidelisChurch.com

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, Jan. 9, 5:00 PM —

Sunday, Jan. 10, 10:00 AM —

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, Jan. 9, 5:00 PM — Debbie Staab

Sunday, Jan. 10, 10:00 AM — Kenny Brungardt

LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS

Saturday, Jan. 9, 5:00 PM — Amorette Windholz

Sunday, Jan. 10, 10:00 AM — Karen Nowak

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

Sunday, Jan. 10, 10:00 AM — Bertha and Kenny Brungardt

MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY	JANUARY 4
7:00 pm Norma Jean (Riedel) Bollig	
TUESDAY	JANUARY 5
6:45 am Jim and Loretta Luder	
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 6
6:45 am Dorothy Koerner Turietta	
THURSDAY	JANUARY 7
6:45 am	
FRIDAY	JANUARY 8
6:45 am	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 9
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Joe, Rose, and Don Pfeifer, Charles Guercio, and LeRoy Simoneau	
6:30 pm St. Ann Raymond J. Berens	
SUNDAY	BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8:30 am St. Boniface Verlin, Patty, and Stephan Dreiling	JANUARY 10
10:00 am St. Fidelis Ike and Albertina Schmidtberger family	
	living & deceased

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