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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)

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September 17, 2023— 24TH 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

EUCCHARISTIC 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

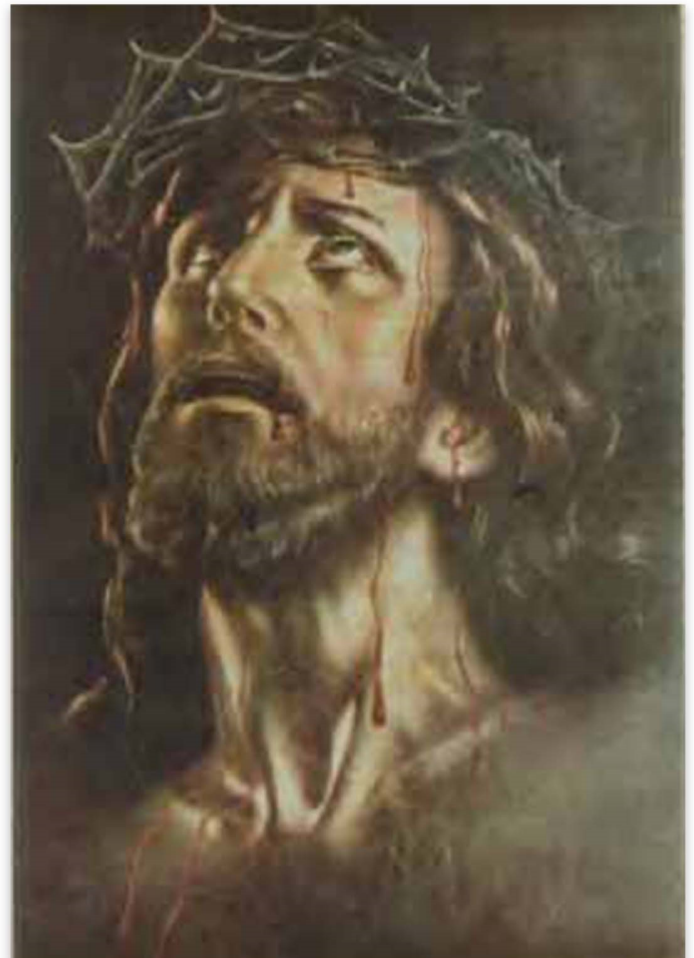
DATES TO REMEMBER

Sep. 28-30 — Parish Directory pictures
Oct. 4 — Feast of St. Francis of Assisi — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Oct. 9 — Columbus Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Oct. 17-18 — Parish Directory pictures
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

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

“Lord,
if my
brother
sins
against
me, how
often
must I
forgive?”

Matthew 18:21-35





Mercy and Repentance

"My heavenly father will treat you in the same way, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." That is one of the most troubling verses of all scripture. Does our conduct set the standard for God's mercy toward us, or is God's mercy infinite?

The Lord's Prayer echoes the familiar gospel standard of forgiveness which is repeated again in the verse immediately following the prayer: "If you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive you." (Mt 6:15)

Everyone has difficulty with forgiveness. Perhaps it is a friend or a neighbor, a spouse or a child, an in-law or an outlaw whom we need to forgive or by whom we need to be forgiven. But too often it does not happen. And it is troubling.

This concept of being forgiven according to our own mercy is often misunderstood as though God were a petulant child, "If you are not nice to me, I will not be nice to you." The refusal of forgiveness expressed in this prayer is not that God withholds mercy from the sinner but that a hardened heart is not open to accept forgiveness. An unforgiving heart is so suspicious, vengeful, and untrusting that it cannot accept forgiveness when it is offered. The unforgiving are unforgivable.

As an angry heart punishes itself more than the object of its anger, an unforgiving heart prevents itself from being forgiven. To accept forgiveness in your heart you must have forgiven

another from your heart. Only those who love can truly be loved; only those who have suffered can be compassionate; only the generous can appreciate a gift. And only the forgiving can be forgiven. Faithful Christians are to be forgiven forgivers.

Since the mercy of God is infinite some propose a blanket release of all indebtedness without any need of satisfaction. Such cheap mercy, a trivial forgiveness granted to the unrepentant, would damage both justice and mercy. The command of

Christ is to "preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins." (Lk 24:47) The gospel nuance is to offer mercy in such a way as to elicit sincere contrition without imposing a humiliation.

Repentance cannot be exacted and justice is not vengeance.

The mercy of God is paradoxical. It is infinite, but also limited. It is infinite in God's offering, but limited by our repentance. True forgiveness, that we too often fail to offer or receive, requires a prudent balance of compassion and correction, patience and penance, mercy and morality. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

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Don't try to keep up with the Joneses. Drag them down to your level; it's cheaper.



PARISH STAFF

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CONTRIBUTIONS SEPTEMBER 9-10, 2023

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ST. ANN:

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ST. BONIFACE:

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~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

September 18 — Sandra Dreiling,
Anne Schmidtberger

September 25 — Brenda Dreiling,
Sandra Dreiling

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Nadine B. (Younger) Pederson** of Rogers, Minnesota, who passed away on Friday, August 18, 2023. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Friday, September 8, 2023, with inurnment in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria. Nadine was a sister-in-law to Jeanette Younger, Ethel Younger, and Bernadette Younger of St. Fidelis Parish.

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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, SEPTEMBER 23

5:00 PM — Jerry Schmidtberger and Rick Colmenero

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

10:00 AM — Christie Sander

* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS *

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5:00 PM — Keith Billinger, Kathy Kuhn, Debbie Staab,
Jane Wagner

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun, Bertha A. Brungardt,
Colleen Kuhn, Janine Kisner

* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS *

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5:00 PM — Tammy Lichter

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

10:00 AM — Shanna Dinkel

* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS *

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 — Kathy Kuhn

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

* MASS SERVERS *

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5:00 PM — Mya and Grace Y., Devyn H.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

FINANCE COUNCIL

4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

LITURGY COMMITTEE

2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

PASTORAL COUNCIL

1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Sharing Information and an Invitation

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society has been active in our parish since 1887.

Our prayers are joined with prayers of other women throughout the world.

Our primary purpose is to encourage our youth in their faith and to support our parish. We have donated \$1,650 to support religious education and various religious youth programs and over \$750 for maintenance and beautification of the basilica.

We donated \$400 to school programs including the summer lunch program.

We promoted the faith through donations to the Capuchins, Divine Mercy Radio, and Catholic Charities.

To better protect our youth, we, along with the K of C, offered a program on human slavery and sex trafficking.

Since January 1, 2023, we prepared ten funeral dinners to serve 1,295 people. We welcome anyone who wants to help with these dinners either as kitchen help or donating desserts.

We have over 80 members and want to see that number increase. All women of the parish are welcome and encouraged to join. You need not be a mother to become a member. If interested, please contact Jane Wagner, 785-735-2587. Induction is at the September Mass and meeting.

Members and inductees, please join us at Mass on Monday, Sept. 25, 7:00 p.m., and then attend a short business meeting in the north sacristy immediately following. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Jane Wagner, 785-735-2587

JUBILEE CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT

The first practice is TOMORROW, Monday Sept. 18th at 7 A.M. Juice and breakfast will be provided.

Jubilee Choir will meet on Monday mornings from 7—7:45 A.M. to practice. They will sing on the second Sunday of each month during the school year. A parent letter with all of the practice dates & times was sent home with children during religion last Wednesday. If you would like a copy please contact Jeanette Brungardt.

TRI-PARISH DIRECTORY

SIGNUP DATES IN CHURCH

For those unable to signup on-line, signup will be available at each of the tri-parish churches on the following weekends:

Saturday-Sunday, September 16-17
and

Saturday-Sunday, September 23-24

At the Basilica of St. Fidelis,
signup will be available before and after
Mass in the vestibule.

THE DATES PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN ARE:

Thursday, September 28

2:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, September 29

2:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 30

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17

2:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18

2:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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If you would like help signing up, please call or come in to the Parish Office and
we can help you select a date and time for your picture appointment.



HOLY CROSS CHURCH IN PFEIFER

will host a Mass to commemorate the feast of
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS ON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, AT 3:00 P.M.
 Bishop Gerald Vincke, Father Jim Moster, and Father Reggie Urban
 will be concelebrants.

Music will be provided by Trilogry. Seed wheat will be blessed.
 There will be a BBQ social following Mass.

Everyone is welcome.

The Victoria High School
HOMECOMING MEMORIAL MASS
 will be held
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, at 4:00 P.M.
 at the Basilica of St. Fidelis.
 There will NOT be a 5:00 P.M. Mass
 and no scheduled Confessions.

SAVE THE DATE
ST. BONIFACE
GERMAN MEAL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15,
2023

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.

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.


COMMUNITY

ST. FIDELIS 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.

Commodities to Be Distributed

Commodities will be available for pickup on
Monday, September 25, at 2:00 p.m. at the Parish Office, 601 10th Street. Please use the north entrance.

REMINDER: Commodities are on a
 first-come, first-served basis. According to 
 Government commodity regulations we are
 not allowed to hold boxes back for specific individuals.

However, we do have a Food Bank and can provide food boxes through that. We just ask that you call ahead for Food Bank boxes so you do not have to wait while we prepare a box for you. Contact us at 785-735-2777 for a Food Bank box.

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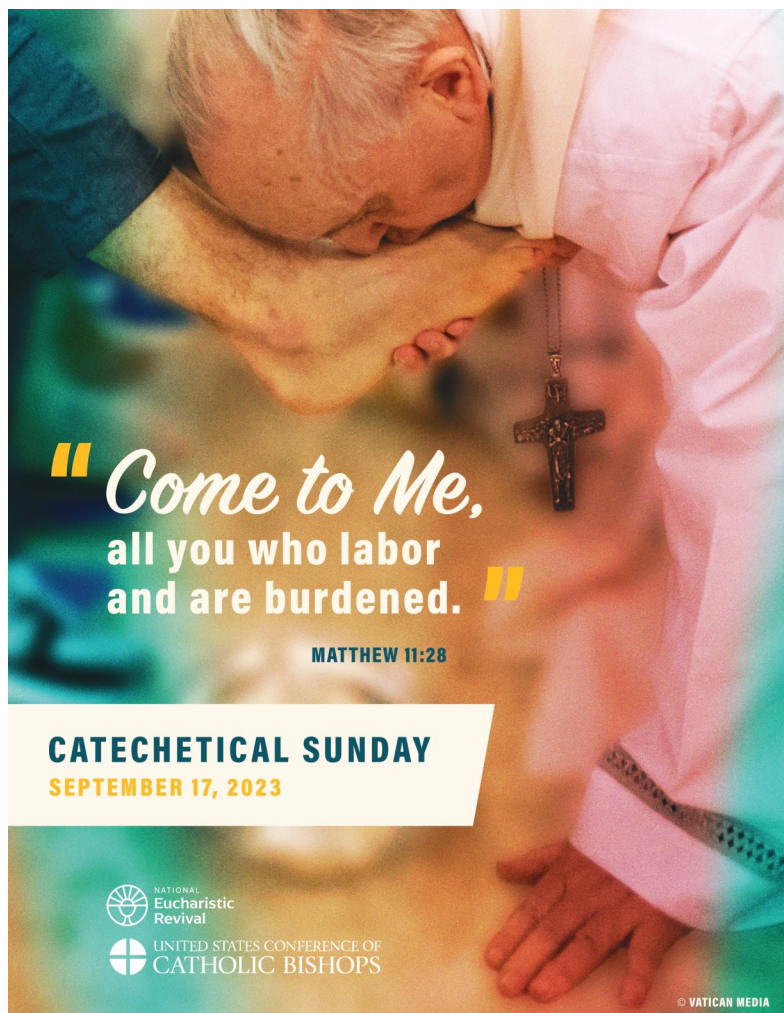
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**"Come to Me,
all you who labor
and are burdened."**

MATTHEW 11:28

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



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A Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Dear Catechists,

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to each of you and we recognize your servant's heart, the sacrifices you make, the time you invest, and the special gifts you each bring. You are such a blessing to our children, families, community and tri-parish family!

THANK YOU:

Andrea Hoffman
Morgan Pfeifer
Jeanna Wellbrock
Jana Fross
Crystal Robben
Jacquelyn Stoffel
Abigail Schulte
Rachel VonFeldt

Stephanie Broyles
Paula Zwenger
Amy Driscoll
May Schumacher
Jacob Schroeder
Yvonne Braun
John Braun
Connie Braun

Young Parishioners Volunteer Their Time to Pick Up Rocks in Church Yard



Recently, Bermuda grass was planted in the front lawn of The Basilica of St. Fidelis. It is established to the point where it needs mowing. However, there were a lot of rocks in the ground that had come to the surface. The maintenance man for the Basilica, Kenny Pfeifer, spent a number of hours picking up some the rocks. On Wednesday, August 30, Rose Ann Dreiling rounded up several young parishioners to lend a hand with the rock collection. Helping Kenny after school were Cooper and Georgia Jones, Cale Kuhn, Gage Pfanenstiel, Konnor VonFeldt, and Jack Windholz. For their volunteer effort, the youngsters were treated with snacks and water and Clete Dreiling treated them to a snowball before they headed home.

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TUESDAY..... SEPTEMBER 19
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WEDNESDAY..... SEPTEMBER 20
6:45 am For the Parishes

THURSDAY..... SEPTEMBER 21
6:45 am Dave Dreiling

FRIDAY..... SEPTEMBER 22
6:45 am Clete and Rose Younger

SATURDAY..... SEPTEMBER 23
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Dan and Angie Billinger family
living and deceased

6:30 pm St. Boniface Howard and Aquina Rajewski

SUNDAY..... 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 24
7:30 am St. Ann Wilfred and Viola Robben and
Jim and Jane Robben

10:00 am St. Fidelis For the Parishes

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