Beacon of Faith, St. Ann Catholic Church

·cathedral of the Plains.

THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

. Rearl of the Prairie. ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH









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 1, 2023 — 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses:

St. Fidel is, Victoria

Saturday — 5:00 pm

Sunday — 10:00 am

 $\mathsf{Monday} - 7{:}00~\mathsf{pm}$

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. 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

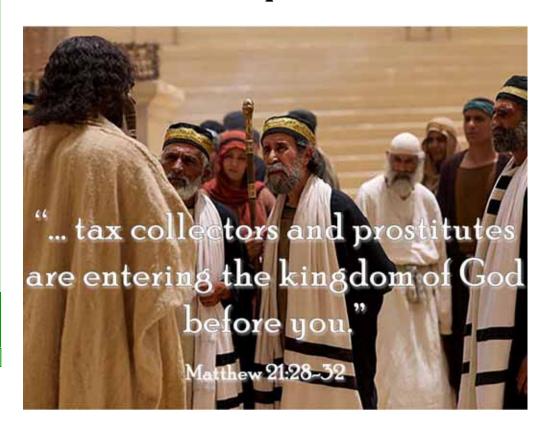
Nov. 7 — Election Day

Nov. 11 — Veterans Day

Nov. 22 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @

noon for Thanksgiving

October is Respect Life Month



The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of our Capuchin priests, is Wed., October 4.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.





Good Sinners

G. K. Chesterton was once asked, "What's wrong with the world?" He replied, "I am." He was not assuming responsibility for all our social ills. He was simply admitting his own sinfulness with the resolve to do better, despite repeated failures. A repentant sinner is a good sinner. If we give up and lower our ideals the battle is lost.

In this Sunday's gospel the first son said that he would not go, but he did go. The second son said that he would go, but did not. The first was a hypocrite; the second a repentant sinner. Jesus then warned the unrepentant Pharisees, "The tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." The collectors repentant tax prostitutes are images of the first son. The chief priest and elders are images of the second.

Those struggling with their sins are closer to God than those who are blind to their sins. The self righteous admit of no fault, insist that they have no sins to confess, and so cannot move closer to God. Only those who acknowledge their failures have a sense of needing the grace of God.

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

Most of us readily admit that we are sinners. But we are reluctant to specify the sin. We are generic sinners, never guilty of a specific fault. Our confession is generic, "I am a sinner." But sin is a reality that has harsh names like pride, envy, anger, lust, revenge. Only when I can pronounce my own name with such terms – I am envious, I am proud, I am unforgiving – can I move closer to God.

It would be wrong to read today's gospel as soft on sin or condoning evil. The tax collectors and the prostitutes were entering the kingdom of God before the Scribes and the Pharisees not because they were dishonest or promiscuous but because they admitted their wrong and tried to reform their lives, despite repeated failures. They were closer to God not for sinning, but for repenting.

Scripture offers two famous kings to illustrate the message of today's gospel. King David was guilty of adultery with Bathsheba compounded by the murder of Uriah. King Herod was guilty of living with his brother's wife and beheading John the Baptist. Same sins. David is honored as the herald of the Messiah; Herod is despised as a depraved despot. The

difference is not in their sins but in their moral honesty. David repented, Herod did not. Everyone is a sinner. Not everyone is repentant. Be a good sinner, repent!

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We wisely speak of a highway to hell, but a staircase to heaven.

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Contributions September 23-24, 2023

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 2550.00 Loose 758.00 Repair Fund 25.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 425.00 Loose 146.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 355.00 Loose 202.00 Candles 3.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

October 2 — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt

October 10 (Tuesday) — Stephanie Broyles, Ivan Werner

Tri-Parish Cards & Games Party

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 ● 2:00 — 4:00 p.m.

Parish Activity Center (north entrance)

Everyone is invited.

Pick up a friend and come join the fun!

You are welcomed to bring a snack of any kind for everyone to enjoy.

- Pinochle
- Farkle
- Skip-Bo
- Dominos
- Phase 10
- Rummikub



Sunday Schedul e Rosary

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 7

5:00 PM — Jim and Becky Scheck

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

10:00 AM — John Braun

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:00 PM — Kathy Kuhn, Keith Billinger, Jane Wagner, Carol Pfeifer

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

10:00 AM — Andrea Schmidtberger, Janine Kisner, Connie Braun, Bertha R. and Kenny Brungardt (Jubilee Choir sings)

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:00 PM — Marilyn Braun

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

10:00 AM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4— Jane Wagner

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

10:00 AM — Bertha and Kenny Brungardt

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:00 PM -

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

10:00 AM — Ethan and Alice S., Emma D.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council

4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

O Lord, we cannot go to the pool of Siloe to which you sent the blind man. But we have the chalice of Your Precious Blood, filled with life and light. The purer we are, the more we receive. ~ St. Ephraem

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

Opportunity to View "The Chosen"

Family Life Committee is once again sponsoring an opportunity to view and discuss the series entitled "The Chosen". The first episode of Season 3 will be shown Tuesday, October 3, following the 6:45 a.m. Mass, in the north sacristy of the church.

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).

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society asks you to pray for our children each day. Below is a suggested prayer.

Thank you, Jesus, that You have lived here as one of us. You know what it's like to be a child and to feel everything that children feel. Thank You that we as adults have everything we need to encourage, nurture, and provide for those in need.

I pray for children around the world that You would be in their lives, and they would grow up knowing they are loved by You. As You bless them with opportunities in their local projects, I pray they can change lives for others in their communities too.

Amen.

www.compassionuk.org/prayers/prayers-for-children/ Written by Chloe Reynolds with adaptations.

Basilica of St. Fidelis Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale

Hosted by CYO's NCYC attendees

Sunday, October 8th, 8:30 AM—12 PM Victoria Elementary School Cafeteria

The bake sale will also return and include the delicious cinnamon rolls you couldn't get enough of last year!!

The CYO would like to serve you a warm breakfast while you enjoy fellowship and community. The option to take out will also be available. (All donations go to St. Fidelis CYO's pilgrimage to the National Catholic Youth Conference this November.)

For more information regarding the CYO's pilgrimage to NCYC, visit: https://ncyc.us/

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. FIDELIS ADULT CHOIR

Choir Practice

The Adult Choir will not have choir practice on Wednesday, October 4.

However, the choir will practice the next three weeks on Wednesdays, October 11, 18, and 25, at 7:30 p.m.

The Adult Choir will sing Sunday, October 29, for the 10 o'clock Mass.

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.

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.

Tri-Parish Directory

THE REMAINING DATES PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN ARE:

Monday, October 16 2:00 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 17 2:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18 2:00 - 8:30 p.m.

* * October 16-17 pictures will be taken at the Parish Office.

October 18 pictures will be taken in the north sacristy of St. Fidelis. * *



Spread the word and let's get every parishioner's picture in the directory.

SIGN UP NOW!

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.

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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.



BUFFET-STYLE GERMAN MEAL

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT; QUARTS AVAILABLE

\$15/adult (14 & up); \$8/ 6-13 yr old; 5 & under FREE Menu and Country Store:

Galuskies | Sausage & Kraut | Creamed Dumplings with Potatoes Fried Noodles/Cooked Beans | Cole Slaw | Cake | Drink

Sunday, October 15 10:30 am - 1:30 pm (or until food is gone)

St. Boniface Parish Hall

Proceeds will go towards upkeep of church & grounds RSVP appreciated but not required by 10/7/2023

Karen 785-735-4682 (text or call)

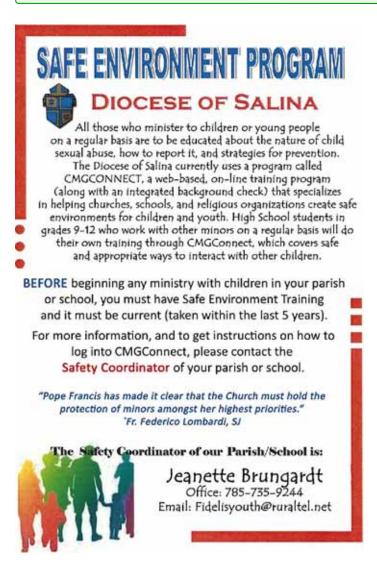
Teri 785-735-7097 (text or call)

Edie 785-735-4238 (call only)

With all the strength of my soul I urge you young people to approach the Communion table as often as you can. Feed on this bread of angels whence you will draw all the energy you need to fight inner battles. Because true happiness, dear friends, does not consist in the pleasures of the world or in earthly things, but in peace of conscience, which we have only if we are pure in heart and mind.

~ Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

DIOCESE



A LITTLE CHUCKLE

I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.



Report allegations of the abuse of a minor to the Department of Children and Families 800.922.5330 KBI Crime Hotline 800.572.7463 If you suspect abuse of a minor by church or school personnel, in addition to contacting civil authorities, the diocese provides a confidential Hotline: 866.752.8855 ext.1067 Website: reportandprotect.com Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Bishop or Religious Superior currently or in the past, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Services provides a confidential Hotline: 800.276.1562 Website: reportbishopabuse.org The Diocese of Salina complies with Kansas laws regarding reporting suspected abuse to civil authorities and cooperates with civil authorities investigating reports of suspected abuse by all persons, including but not limited to Church Personnel Questions regarding reporting should be directed the Safe Environment Office Diocese of Salina -785.827, 8746 "God is light; and in him there is no darkness. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.' 1 John 1:5-7

Maintenance Projects for the Basilica of St. Fidelis Continue

As you have surely noticed, a lot of landscaping has been going on around The Basilica of St. Fidelis in the past month or so.

The picture at right shows the cement parking blocks that were placed along the south parking lot last Tuesday, September 19, to prevent vehicles from driving on the newly seeded lawn.

Bermuda grass was planted by Darren's Lawn Care in July after they cut down the large tree that used to reside on the north side of the lawn.

Rocks were placed on the northwest side of the church and bushes were planted amongst them.

Also on the work agenda is the refurbishing of the St. Fidelis Cemetery gates. We will soon see the results of that project.



Ghristian Mothers/Altar Society Meets in Sacristy



Members of the St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society helped themselves to some refreshments and then participated in a business meeting led by their president, Jane Wagner, on Monday, September 25.



St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society members pictured left to right are: (front) Joan Wellbrock, Kathy Kuhn, Marilyn Jensen, Alfreda Schmidt, Phyllis Stramel; (MIDDLE) LeeAnn Schmidtberger, Carol Pfeifer, Wanda Klaus, Deb Geschwentner, Yvonne Braun, Velma Dinkel, Bernadette Younger, Edna Rupp; and (BACK) Jane Wagner, Teresa Shepherd, Stephanie Broyles.

Ghristian Mothers/Altar Society Initiates New Members

Members of the St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society gathered for the evening Mass at the Basilica of St. Fidelis on Monday, September 25. During the Mass, Father James Moster initiated three new members into the organization.

Following the Mass, members made their way to the north sacristy where they enjoyed refreshments while Jane Wagner, president, led the group in prayer and conducted a business meeting. During the meeting,

numerous organizations were awarded donations, Bible study and viewing "The Chosen" was discussed, and a project involving sewing to benefit children in Haiti was introduced. Following adjournment, members assembled small gift bags for our Religious Education teachers and volunteers.

Although the organization has a much larger membership, the meetings are usually attended by a small group.



Christian Mothers/Altar Society treasurer Teresa Shepherd places a pin on new member Carol Pfeifer during the Monday evening Mass on September 25. Waiting for their pins were Velma Dinkel (left) and LeeAnn Schmidtberger. Leading the initiation was St. Fidelis pastor Fr. Jim Moster, O.F.M. Cap.

Community Volunteers Needed at St. John's Place

When: Saturday, October 7, 2023 Time: 7:30 a.m. till??

The board members of the Victoria Community Coalition (VCC) are asking for your help. They can save thousands of dollars if they can do a part of the demolition at St. John's with volunteer help. The work is not all heavy and hard. There are all types of fixtures like metal handrails, mirrors, cover plates for electrical sockets, and soap dispensers that need taken off the walls. Dismantling the old light fixtures as well as separating and sorting them will need doing. All it takes is a screwdriver or electric drill if that is what you would choose to use. The doors to the rooms also need removed.

For those who like to work outside, they will be trimming trees and cleaning up more of the yard area around the building as well as the courtyards inside.

Men, woman, and children are welcome to help. Bring your gloves and your tools and share your time with other community members. You can work as much or as little as you like. Any amount of time you can volunteer would be great.

Construction begins in February 2024.

Hooray For Volunteers!!! A Special Thank You to the Victoria Volunteer Fire Department

The Victoria Community Coalition (VCC) Board would like to express our sincere thanks to the Victoria volunteer firemen and women for their help on the evening of Monday, September 25, 2023.

They tackled the huge job of removing ceiling tile from the area in which the new 12 apartments are going to be reconstructed at St. John's Place.

We truly appreciate their commitment to the community and their willingness to volunteer help at St. John's Place. They helped us save thousands of dollars in demolition costs.

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. Joseph's Catholic Church-Dorrance

CHURCH BAZAAR

Wilson Catholic Parish Hall, Wilson, Kansas SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

5:00 - 7:00 P.M. — Complete Turkey Dinner, including homemade pie and drinks

6:30 p.m. — Games and Cake Wheel begin **7:30 p.m.** — Bingo with a variety of great prizes

Raffle tickets for money and other prizes can be purchased that evening or from any parish member.

This annual event involves the whole parish working together to support their church.



COMMUNITY

St. Joseph Fraternity of Secular Franciscans

Invite you to join them for the

Transitus of St. Francis

Tuesday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m.

San Damiano Chapel
Spiritual Life Center, Victoria



Transitus - Latin word for passage or crossing, commemorates the completion of St. Francis' earthly life, and his passage through death into eternal life.

Victoria Recreation Commission ACTIVITIES

ADULT DROP-IN VOLLEYBALL

every Wednesday throughout the fall

ADULT DROP-IN TENNIS

every Sunday until it's too cold to play from 7:00 —9:00 P.M.

St. Mary's Church of Ellis 29th Annual Parish Auction SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

St. Mary's School Gym, Ellis 4:00 p.m. Mass Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for Silent Auction

This event is open to anyone 21 years of age and older.
All proceeds raised are used to finance mainly their school and then their church's needs.
You are invited to join them for an evening filled with a dinner, open bar, silent and live auction, games, and raffles.

Tickets: \$60 per person (price will increase after October 1).

Raffle tickets to Cash Raffles are also available.

Call St. Mary's Parish Office at **785-726-4522** to reserve your seat and/or purchase raffle tickets or visit their auction website at https://charityauction.bid/stmarysauction2023 to view the auction items and to purchase admission tickets and raffle tickets.

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.

PARISH MISSION

We Are
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Father Richard Gielow

Saturday, Oct. 7, 5:30 pm
Sunday, Oct. 8, 10:00 am
Penance Service- Sunday, 6:30 pm
Monday, Oct. 9, 6:30 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 11, 6:30 pm

Please join in the St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish Hall for snacks and fellowship following the Mission presentations on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

No weekday Masses from Monday, October 2, through Friday, October 6,

Monday, October 9, through Friday, October 13. Fr. Jim will be on vacation during this time.

> No Mass on Tuesday, October 17, due to Fr. Jim being away

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St. Fidelis Council #1867 Meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month





NO MASSES MONDAY, OCTOBER 2,

THROUGH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 Fr. Jim Moster is on vacation.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7 5:00 pm St. Fidelis Rick Scheck 6:30 pm St. Boniface Amelia (anniv), Robert, Gary, and Kav VonLintel SUNDAY...... 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 8 7:30 am St. Ann Paul and Bill Schrant 10:00 am St. Fidelis John and Irene VonFeldt

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