



The Other Wise Man

The gospel does not tell us how many wise men came to adore the Christ Child. We assume three Magi from three gifts. Ancient traditions suggested four for the four evangelists or twelve for the twelve apostles. Henry van Dyke wrote an inspiring novel, "The Story of the Other Wise Man." A film version is available and is wholesome entertainment in this holiday season.

His novel is about a fictitious wise man, Artaban, who had planned to travel with Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. He bought three jewels as gifts for the infant king: a sapphire, a ruby, and a pearl. But on the day of departure he stopped to help an injured child and missed the caravan. So he sold the sapphire to outfit a second expedition. When he finally arrived at Bethlehem, the Holy Family had fled to Egypt. But he did rescue one of the Holy Innocents by bribing a soldier with the ruby.

With only the pearl remaining, he set out again to find the new King. When he was close to meeting the Messiah, a cry for help from the unfortunate always delayed him. Thirty years later in Jerusalem he heard that a man was condemned to death who claimed to be the Messiah King. Artaban thought this might be the king he was seeking, so he decided to ransom him with his pearl. But on his way to the praetorium he saw a slave auction where a girl was being sold into bondage. He bought the young woman with the pearl and set her free.

He had now given away his last tribute to the new King, and he had not found him. Suddenly the skies darkened over Calvary, there was an earthquake, and Artaban was crushed by falling rock. As he lay dying, the clouds parted and a voice said, "Whatever you have done to the least of my children, you have done to me." Artaban died knowing that he had found the King many times.

Van Dyke's story is a parable. Artaban is every Christian. We are all on a journey in search of the Messiah King. We have been entrusted with many gifts to offer him. Like Artaban, we will not meet the infant King in person. But on our journey we will meet Him in many others and our gifts to them will be our gifts to Him. "Whatever you have done to the least of my children, you have done to me." On our spiritual journey through life we are that Other Wise Man.

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Congress canceled their Christmas pageant for lack of three wise men.



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Contributions December 30-31, 2023

ST. FIDELIS: <u>Envelopes</u> 4522.00 <u>Loose</u> 1084.00 <u>Solemnity of Mary</u> 30.00 <u>Immaculate Conception</u> 25.00 <u>Cemetery</u> 10.00 <u>Repair Fund</u> 30.00 <u>Christmas</u> 1050.00

SST. ANN: <u>Envelopes</u> 1155.00 <u>Loose</u> 192.00 <u>Cemetery</u> 1025.00 <u>Hall Rent</u> 75.00 <u>Christmas</u> 45.00

SST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 325.00 Loose 260.00 Candles 26.00 Solemnity of Mary 60.00

January 8 — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt January 16 (Tuesday) — Mary Brungardt, Janie Dinges

Tithing Envelopes

Tithing envelopes for 2024 have been placed at all of the tri-parishes. If you do not see your name and would like a box, contact the parish office at 785-735-2777. Any boxes left after January 28th will be brought to the parish activity center to be picked up from there.

Sunday Rosary Schedul e 2nd - Knights of Columbus 1st - Christian Mothers 4th - Family Life 3rd - Daughters of Isabella 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, JANUARY 13

5:00 PM — Meagan Wellbrock **SUNDAY, JANUARY 14** 10:00 AM — John Braun

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

5:00 PM — Debbie Staab, Mary Brungardt, Teresa Shepherd Jerry Schmidtberger

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 — (Jubilee Choir sings)

10:00 AM — Kenny and Bertha R. Brungardt, Michelle Geist Leroy Schmidtberger, Andrea Schmidtberger

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13 5:00 PM — Becky Scheck **SUNDAY, JANUARY 14** 10:00 AM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 — Diane Gross **SUNDAY, JANUARY 14** 10:00 AM — Bertha and Kenny Brungardt

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13 5:00 PM — Grace and Myah Y., Devyn H. SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 — Jubilee Choir sings 10:00 AM — Mya M., Gracyn and Claire S.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

CHANGE OF DAILY MASS VENUE

For the comfort of daily Mass goers, all these Masses will be celebrated in the chapel behind the altar. You may enter through the north sacristy entrance or come through the sanctuary and the south sacristy.

Saturday night and Sunday Masses will be in the Basilica church.

We will make this change beginning with the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Monday, January 15, and all 6:45 a.m. Masses.

Explore the Gospel of Mark

The study of the Gospel of Mark will resume on Tuesday, January 9, and continue each Tuesday to finish the series. Meetings are held in the north sacristy of the church and begin at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of fellowship as together we better understand the Gospel of Mark. For more information, please contact Stephanie Broyles (785-735-4747) or Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).

Sponsored by the Family Life Committee.

Lost & Found

• A black-gray rosary case with rosary inside. Found in north pews up front in the Basilica of St. Fidelis possibly on Saturday, December 30, 2023.

To claim, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.

MASS INTENTIO	NS
MONDAY	JANUARY 8
7:00 pm Doris A. Dinkel	
TUESDAY	JANUARY 9
6:45 am Judy Dreiling	
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 10
6:45 am Michael J. Weigel	
THURSDAY	JANUARY 11
6:45 am	
FRIDAY	JANUARY 12
6:45 am	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 13
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Ike and Albertina Schmidtberger	
family living and deceased	
6:30 pm St. Ann Herman and Sophie Berens	
family living and deceased	
SUNDAY2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	JANUARY 14
8:30 am St. Boniface For the parishes	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Alvin and Marietta Lichter	

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, January 9, at 7:30 p.m.** at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Monthly Meeting

Daughters of Isabella members will meet at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop on **Monday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m.** for a rosary. The meeting will follow at 7:30. Chairperson is Delilah Green; co-chair is Susan Legleiter.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Meeting Notice

The next Liturgy Commission meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.** at the PAC. Members are asked to bring their copies of the minutes and the December Agenda that were mailed to them in early December.

Christian Mothers / Al tar Society

2024 Membership Dues

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society 2024 membership dues of \$5.00 are now due and payable using the envelope included in your tithing box. You may also mail dues to Teresa Shepherd, P.O. 324, Victoria, KS 67671. If your membership has lapsed, simply pay this year's dues for full reinstatement.

If you are interested in joining this organization or have questions as to your membership, please contact Jane Wagner (785-735-2587) or Teresa Shepherd (785-735-9576).

Vacancy, CEO

Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Salina Together, let us be disciples on mission.

Sharing the love of God is core to this opportunity. As a CEO, you will be the driving force in advancing the mission of the Catholic Diocese of Salina.

Have you been praying about your career? Looking for something that leverages your ability to build trust and relationships?

Have you had thoughts about making a career change, but haven't seen clearly where that path is yet? Do you have a conviction about our faith and some awareness of our needs?

Do you recognize that you do have the gifts and skills to help move the mission forward? Are you optimistic about the Diocese of Salina and its future?

Call the Chancery and learn more about this opportunity at 785-342-0819. Talk to Kim about this transformational possibility.

FORMED.ORG

We are excited to announce that *all* parishes in the diocese of Salina will once again receive a one-year subscription to FORMED at no cost to the parish.

FORMED will have opportunities for study during Lent and Easter seasons, as well as movies and other options.

A quick way to access FORMED is to go to the church's website at www.StFidelisChurch.com. Select the "Organizations-Links" tab at the top and then select "FORMED website". Follow the instructions on that page.

ST. BONIFACE

7-Week Study 'Jesus and the Eucharist'

St Boniface will host a 7-week study on "Jesus and the Eucharist" on Wednesday evenings from January 3 through February 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Boniface Parish Hall. They will not meet on February 14 due to Ash Wednesday. All are welcome to attend.

St. Isadore's Day

St. Isidore's Day is **Wednesday, May 15**. It will be celebrated in the West Central Deanery which includes our tri-parishes. The exact site is yet to be determined. There will be a Mass, lunch, special rural presentations, blessing of fields and flocks, and activities unique to the hosting parish. For additional information, please contact Fr. Richard Daise (785-625-7356).

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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 Hotine: 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

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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.

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Questions regarding reporting should be directed to 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



January Human Trafficking Alert

How much do you know about human trafficking in your state? This crime operates in every state and could show up in your local community. Education is a key factor in reducing publish ignorance. Alliance to End Human Trafficking—Founded and supported by U.S. Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

DIOCESE OF SALINA

All those who minister to children or young people on a regular basis are to be educated about the nature of child sexual abuse, how to report it, and strategies for prevention. The Diocese of Salina currently uses a program called CMGCONNECT, a web-based, on-line training program (along with an integrated background check) that specializes in helping churches, schools, and religious organizations create safe environments for children and youth. High School students in grades 9-12 who work with other minors on a regular basis will do their own training through CMGConnect, which covers safe and appropriate ways to interact with other children.

BEFORE beginning any ministry with children in your parish or school, you must have Safe Environment Training and it must be current (taken within the last 5 years).

For more information, and to get instructions on how to log into CMGConnect, please contact the Safety Coordinator of your parish or school.

"Pope Francis has made it clear that the Church must hold the protection of minors amongst her highest priorities." 'Fr. Federico Lombardi, SJ

The Sifety Coordinator of our Parish/School is: Jeanette Brungardt

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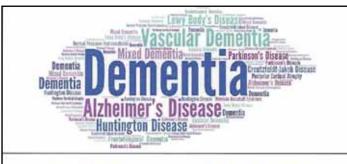
St. Fidelis Financial Summary					
INCOME	12/31/2023	EXPENSES	12/31/2023		
Bequests & Donations		Clergy			
General Funds	\$35,983.39	Automobile Expense	\$1,076.00		
Music Ministry	\$50.00	Living Allowance	\$450.00		
Religious Education	\$400.00	Salary	\$1,076.00		
Repair Fund	\$1,462.00	Diocesan Payment	\$520.00		
Royalty	\$114.29	Employees			
Tourist Donations	\$116.00	Benefits	\$1,124.12		
Bulletin Ads	\$2,260.00	Mass/Wedding Pay	\$210.00		
Candles	\$910.45	Payroll	\$16,580.29		
Capital Credit	\$101.20	Facilities & Equipment			
Collections		Church Repair & Maintenance	\$443.53		
Diocesan - Retired Religious	\$520.00	Janitorial Supplies	\$163.72		
Envelopes	\$20,154.00	Liturgical Furniture	\$367.99		
Loose	\$22,868.75	PAC Maintenance	\$268.31		
Gift Shop	\$320.00	Pest Control	\$192.00		
Miscellaneous	\$15.00	Gift Shop	\$15.72		
Mission Parishes	\$2,000.00	Grounds, Landscaping	\$342.50		
Printing/Copying	\$21.00	Insurance	\$3,938.83		
Refunds & Reimbursements	\$64.19	Miscellaneous	\$224.81		
TOTAL INCOME:	\$87,360.27	Music Ministry	\$214.31		
		Office			
ROSARY TOTALS		Calendars	\$332.10		
Income	\$341.00	Subscriptions	\$671.39		
Expense	\$0.00	Supplies	\$138.97		
		Postage, Mailing Service	\$222.00		
		Printing & Copying	\$2,304.39		
		Sanctuary Supplies	\$131.85		
		Utilities			
Gross Income:	\$87,701.27	Church	\$1,696.64		
Total Expenses:	\$33,046.36	PAC	\$340.89		
Net Income:	\$54,654.91	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$33,046.36		

St. Fidelis Cemetery Financial Summary				
INCOME	<u>12/31/2023</u>	EXPENSES	<u>12/31/2023</u>	
Bequests & Donations	\$1,900.00	Emmeram	\$14.57	
Grave Staking	\$50.00	Grave Staking	\$50.00	
Plots	\$600.00	Maintenance	\$3,853.50	
TOTAL INCOME:	\$2,550.00	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$3,903.50	
Gross Income:	\$2,550.00			
Total Expenses:	\$3,903.50			
Net Income:	-\$1,353.50			



On Wednesday, December 20, 2023, the St. Fidelis Religious Education department sponsored Christmas caroling in the evening. One stop for the carolers was the St. Fidelis Friary where they were greeted by St. Nicholas (our pastor, Fr. Jim Moster). Enjoying the carols with St. Nick were Fr. Harvey Dinkel (left in doorway) and Fr. Don Debes (right in doorway). About 20 carolers traveled around town on two trailers. Townsfolk came out of their homes to wave and listen to the singers and the music provided by trumpeters Danny Schippers and the USD 432 music instructor, Max Befort. Afterwards, the group gathered at the V.F.W. Hall where they enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies.

COMMUNITY



A Different Mindset Dementia & Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group 2nd Thursday of Every Month 2:30 PM for 1 hour Learn more about these Zoom meetings by emailing <u>maacarmstrong@gmail.com</u>



V.F.W. Meeting

Victoria V.F.W. members will meet on **Thursday, January 11, at 7:30 p.m.** at the V.F.W. Hall.



Bookmobile in Town

The Hays Public Library's Bookmobile will be in Victoria on

Monday, January 8, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the Victoria Elementary School. The following visit from the Bookmobile will be Saturday, January 20, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the Victoria City Park.

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

My idea of a Super Bowl is a toilet that cleans itself.



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