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and Catholic Faith Education Office:

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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 GIFT & 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

July 23, 2023 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses:

St. Fidel is, Victoria

Saturday — 5:00 pm

Sunday — 10:00 am

Monday — 7:00 pm

Tuesday through Friday — 6:45 am

St. Ann, Wal ker

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

Aug. 11-12 — Herzogfest

Aug. 15 — Assumption of the BlessedVirgin Mary (holy day of obligation)— PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Sep. 4 — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Sep. 14 — Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sep. 16 — VHS Homecoming

Sep. 17 — Catechetical Sunday

Oct. 4 — Feast of St. Francis of Assisi — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne Wednesday, July 26

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly



"If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest ..."

Matthew 13:24-43

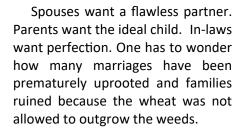
Due to the Year of Mercy schedule with Bishop Jerry Vincke, the Mass on Friday, July 28, at the Basilica will be at 6:00 p.m. There will not be a 6:45 a.m. Mass.



Weeds among the Wheat

When the pioneers came to western Kansas they encountered a troublesome pest in the wheat fields, the bindweed. It robbed the soil of moisture and it seemed indestructible. Today's gospel is about weeds and the bindweed is the ultimate weed.

In this parable God allows the weeds to grow along with the wheat. The weeds represent evil. "The weeds," Christ said, "are the children of the evil one." Yet these weeds are allowed to grow along with the wheat



This is not to suggest that we turn a blind eye to serious failings. There is a time and a way to admonish and to correct. Before you weed in the garden of another's life, pause to consider if your meddling with minor faults will not

uproot lasting goodness. Give virtue time to develop. Care and tend, but don't yank at the roots.

One of Aesop's fables is about a gardener who was impatient to see a rose bloom. He knew that there was a beautiful rose in the tiny rose bud. So he pealed the bud open. He did not find that glorious rose. he destroyed the budding

Rather, he destroyed the budding flower.

The wisdom of God chose an imperfect world with weeds among the wheat. Today's parable is about the latent goodness in imperfection and the wisdom of patience. "Do not pull up the weeds, you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

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"Our minister charges nothing for his preaching, and he is worth it."

~ Mark Twain



until the harvest. The master does not uproot them for fear of uprooting also the good wheat. In his infinite wisdom, God allows evil to coexist with goodness. God did not will that we would live in a paradise free of sin.

This parable is about God's patience with our faults and our failings. He does not weed in the garden of our soul. God allows us the time and space to outgrow our faults. And he calls us to be patient, as he is patient. We are to be patient with our own faults; patient with the faults of others.

If we weed in the lives of others, we uproot goodness within ourselves when we tug at the faults of others. In a special way, we like to weed within our own families.

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Contributions July 15-16, 2023

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 1995.00 Loose 876.00

ST. ANN:

<u>Envelopes</u> 311.00 <u>Loose</u> 395.00 <u>Candles</u> 83.00 <u>Cemetery</u> 20.00

ST. BONIFACE:

<u>Envelopes</u> 545.00 <u>Loose</u> 512.01 <u>Candles</u> 73.00 <u>Parish Hall</u> 100.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

July 24 — Jerry Schmidtberger, Andrea Ottley

July 31 — Patty Dreiling, Anne Schmidtberger

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.

* 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, JULY 29

5:00 PM — Becky and Jim Scheck

SUNDAY, JULY 30

10:00 AM — John Braun

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

FRIDAY, JULY 28

6:00 PM — Jane Wagner, Carol Pfeifer, Kathy Kuhn

SATURDAY, JULY 29

5:00 PM — Andrea Schmidtberger, Teresa Shepherd, Jerry Schmidtberger and 1 VOLUNTEER

SUNDAY, JULY 30

10:00 AM — Bertha R. and Kenny Brungardt, Connie Braun and 1 VOLUNTEER

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

FRIDAY, JULY 28

6:00 PM — Marilyn Braun

SATURDAY, JULY 29

5:00 PM — Allan Amrein

SUNDAY, JULY 30

10:00 AM — Karen Nowak

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 — Carol Pfeifer

SUNDAY, JULY 30

10:00 AM — Cora Schulte and Kathy Amrein

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, JULY 29

5:00 PM — Easton W., Wesley and Nicholas S.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

10:00 AM — Brody and Broc N., Ethan S.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Cookies, Please

Parishioners are asked to donate cookies to be served during the St. Fidelis Parish BBQ which will be held after the **6:00 p.m. Mass on Friday, July 28**, for the Year of Mercy event with Bishop Jerry Vincke.

The cookies can be brought to the Parish Office Tuesday, July 25, through Thursday, July 27.

Thank you for whatever you can provide, and please come and enjoy the various Year of Mercy events.

LAST WEEK FOR THE Summer Lunch Program

LAST DAY IS THIS FRIDAY—COME AND ENJOY

St. Fidelis Church is sponsoring the Summer Lunch Program at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street. Lunch is served in the east room of the PAC from 11:00-11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday.

Anyone in the Victoria area (children or adults) is invited and encouraged to attend. There is no pre-registration or cost.

LUNCH PROGRAM MENU

Monday, July 24 — Cook's Choice
Tuesday, July 25 — Cook's Choice
Wed., July 26 — Cook's Choice
Thursday, July 27 — Cook's Choice
Friday, July 28 — Cook's Choice

The main dishes are accompanied by a vegetable, fruit or other dessert, and a drink.

Youth Ministry/Catholic Faith Ed

Enrollment for Religious Education K to 12

Tuesday, August 1 and Wednesday, August 2 12:00 - 7:00 p.m.

at the Parish Office

For more information, contact Jeanette @ 785-639-5067

Year of Mercy Visits with Bishop Jerry Vincke

THIS WEEK, COME AND ENJOY THE EVENTS WITH BISHOP JERRY VINCKE AT EACH OF THE TRI-PARISHES.

ST. ANN'S SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 26

- 5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions
- 6:00 p.m. Mass
- Immediately following Mass, Potluck in the Parish Hall

Thursday, July 27

• 8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Farm visits and homebound visits. Times to be determined

ST. BONIFACE'S SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 27

- 12:30 p.m. Lunch with Bishop Vincke and Pastoral Council
- 1:30 p.m. Visit the homebound
- 5:30 p.m. Adoration with Confessions
- 6:30 p.m. Mass followed by playground dedication and a meal

ST. FIDELIS' SCHEDULE

Friday, July 28

- 7:00-8:30 a.m. Breakfast with Bishop Vincke @ PAC for Junior High and High School youth; youth may drop in any time to eat a hot breakfast 8:30 a.m. Homebound visits
- 8:30 a.m. Homebound visits
- 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program with Kids at the PAC Lunch and ice cream
- 1:30 p.m. Farm visits: Jason Kippes, Sam and Marilyn Braun, Ron and Gloria Braun
- 4:00 p.m. Visits with available members of St. Fidelis Pastoral and Finance Councils
- 5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 6:00 p.m. Mass with Bishop Vincke
- Meal following Mass Parish BBQ outside behind the PAC (inside in case of inclement weather) Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Chips, Cookies, Bottled Water

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.



Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest of the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us.

~ St. Alphonsus Liquori

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

K. of C. Councils Hosting Larks Game

Ellis County Councils of the Knights of Columbus are hosting the Hays Larks baseball game Tuesday, July 25, at 7:00 p.m. Please join them at Larks Park (4th and Oak, Hays) for a night of fun and to encourage new membership. Admission is free courtesy of the K. of C. Councils.

K. of C. Raffle Tickets for Religious Ed

The Knights of Columbus Charities Foundation has their Kansas State Religious Education Fund 2023 Raffle Tickets for sale again. The local Knights have 12 tickets for sale at \$100 each.

Prizes are: one \$30,000 prize, one \$10,000 prize, five \$5,000 prize, eight \$2,000 prize, and seven \$1,000 prizes. Need not be present to win.

For tickets, contact Harland Rupp at 785-623-1368.

Lost & Found

- A tall, insulated Stanley cup and straw found near the north entrance of the Basilica of St. Fidelis on Saturday, July 15.
- A very nice navy and gray Adidas jacket, size large, was found in the Basilica of St. Fidelis possibly during Holy Week 2023 services. If unclaimed, we'll be sending it to the Thrift Shop.

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

ST. BONIFACE

save the date
St. Boniface
German Meal
Sunday, October 15,
2023

ST. ANN

POTLUCK

The potluck that will be held after the 6:00 p.m. Mass on **Wednesday**, **July 26**, for the Year of Mercy event with Bishop Jerry Vincke will take the place of the one that had been planned for July 30 in honor of the Feast of Saints Joachim and Ann.

The meat will be provided for the potluck. Parishioners are asked to bring sides and desserts.

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July Human Trafficking Alert

Slavery persists throughout the world in various forms in developed and developing countries. Human trafficking (slavery) in the US is an active criminal business operative throughout the country. Work with us to stop it. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.



After some discussion, the St. Fidelis Pastoral Council decided it was time to remove the large tree that was on the west side of The Basilica of St. Fidelis. There were many dead branches in the middle of the tree. Removing the tree was in preparation of the landscaping that is currently going on around the church. New grass is being seeded as well as new bushes being planted. On Wednesday, July 12, the tree was cut down by Darren's Lawn Care of Hays, which is also doing the other landscaping.



LEFT: Josh VonLintel with J2 Lease Service donated his time and truck service to drag the tree to its final resting place at the farm of Curt Kuhn on Friday, July 14.



ABOVE: After removing the old bushes and leveling the ground, new bushes were planted on the north side of the church.

Divine Mercy Radio's 13th Annual Appreciation Banquet

Divine Mercy Radio's 13th Annual Appreciation Banquet will take place in two locations: **6:00 p.m.** Saturday, September 9, in Hays at The Rose Garden Banquet Hall, and **5:00 p.m.** Sunday, September 10, in Salina at the Hall of Bishops, Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Cost is \$55 if purchased before August 20, after which, if tickets are still available, the cost is \$60. The cost includes appetizers and adult beverages.

Guest speakers are the humorous Jack Williams, director of programming on EWTN Radio, and his beautiful wife, Johnnette, who founded Women of Grace Ministries with a television and radio show on EWTN.

To purchase tickets, send your check, along with which banquet you will attend (Hays or Salina) to: Banquet Reservations, Divine Mercy Radio, 108 E. 12th St., Hays, KS 67601.

If attending in Salina, please indicate if you wish to have steak or chicken.

For more information, call 785.621.4110 or visit dymercy.com. **No tickets sold after September 1**. Sorry!

Fort Hays State University Looking for Host Families for German Students

CBYX is a program of the U.S. Department of State and implemented by Cultural Vistas. German students who have already completed an apprenticeship in their field in Germany are personally selected by a German Member of Parliament to be a citizen ambassador to the U.S.A. Students are 18-24 years old and come from varied backgrounds and fields across Germany. Students receive a Fellowship from the United States Department of State to study and work in the United States for one year.

Hosts can be families, single adults, empty nesters, or young couples. They provide two meals per day and a private bedroom. Host families receive a monthly stipend of up to \$225 for the duration of the stay.

You can read more about this program by opening the PDF file on the NEWS tab of the parish website at StFidelisChurch.com. If you are interested but cannot access our website, you can contact the parish office and we can print the PDF information for you.

Charitable Fund Meeting

The Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund, Inc. will have its joint annual and semiannual meeting at **1:00 p.m. Sunday, July 30**, at the Parish Activity Center in Victoria. Board of directors will be elected, the annual treasurer's report will be presented, and regular board business will be conducted. All members are invited to attend.

Commodities to Be Distributed

Commodities will be available for pickup on Monday, July 24, at 2:00 p.m. at the Parish Office, 601 10th Street. Please use the north entrance.

REMINDER: Commodities are on 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.

HELP WANTED—Divine Mercy Radio

Divine Mercy Radio is looking for an assistant director. Must embrace the mission of Divine Mercy Radio, be outgoing and able to perform a variety of duties. For a full job description, go to **dvmercy.com**. The position begins Jan. 1, 2024.

VRC Walkers

The Victoria Recreation Commission is looking for someone interested in leading a dedicated walking group for community members. They are looking to have a dedicated night where the community can meet at a designated location and go for a walk around town. This would be another great way to meet community members and to also get in some exercise. Contact Sean Rodger at 785-483-9229 to discuss potential ideas.

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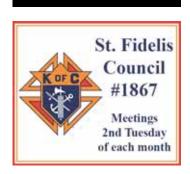




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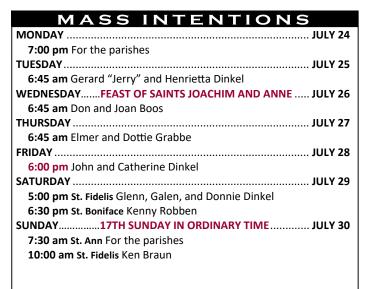


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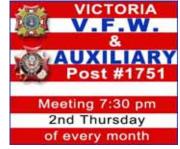
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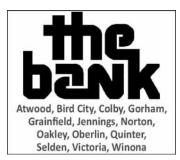


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