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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 Blessed Virgin Mary (holy day of obligation) — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Sep. 4 — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Sep. 9-10 — Blessing of seed wheat
Sep. 14 — Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sep. 16 — VHS Homecoming Mass @ 4:00 pm; No 5:00 pm Mass
Sep. 17 — Catechetical Sunday

Sep. 24 — Mass at Holy Cross 3:00



A Glimpse of God

Today's gospel relates how the transfiguration was a unique glimpse of the divinity of Christ for the apostles. The gospels also tell us that Christ was with those same apostles every day, yet his daily divine presence went mostly unnoticed.



And that is true of our lives. God is present to us daily but we often fail to realize his presence. Although such moments of divine grace are less dramatic than the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, in their own way they are just as real.

Some will object, "I have never had a glimpse of God. When did I ever see God?" It is true that God is pure spirit and we cannot see God. In the book of Exodus, when Moses asked to see God he told Moses that no one can see God and live. But God said that he would allow Moses to see Him in the following way. "Go and hide in the cleft of that rock," said God, "and I will pass by. But I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take my hand away and you shall see my back. But my face you shall not see."

That is an analogy of how we see God in this life. We see the back of God, after he has passed by us. God is present in our lives, but we see God only in retrospect, after the fact. We get such a glimpse of God when we look back on our lives and realize that what did not make sense at the time, is now clear.

> We get a glimpse of God when we are spared an accident and know that his angel protected us. We get a glimpse of God when we recover from an illness, and realize how God was with us, a strength in our weakness. We get a glimpse of God when we receive Holy Communion and realize anew that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist. We get a glimpse of God when we are reconciled with an enemy, welcome a stranger, help a beggar.

Although we cannot see God face to face in this life, the glory of God is present in our lives every day. It takes only a quiet moment of reflection to realize that God has passed our way and we have seen his back. We often miss the presence of God in our busy daily life, but in quiet prayer we realize that God has truly been with us.

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My boss thinks I'm god; he ignores me until he needs something.

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ST. FIDELIS: <u>Envelopes</u> 2825.00 <u>Loose</u> 1096.00

<u>Repair Fund</u> 50.00 <u>Cemetery</u> 20.00

ST. ANN: <u>Envelopes</u> 1395.00 <u>Loose</u> 267.00 <u>Peter's Pence</u> 100.00

ST. BONIFACE: <u>Envelopes</u> 235.00 <u>Loose</u> 95.00 <u>Candles</u> 19.00

 MONEY COUNTERS ~
 August 7 — Brenda Dreiling, Val Schumacher
 August 14 — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt Printed copies of the August-September 2023 Lector and Eucharistic Minister schedule can be found at the north entrance of the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Volunteers' contact info is located on the back of the printed schedule. *Please find a replacement if you are unable to serve at your scheduled time.*

The schedule can also be accessed on the Mass Schedule page of the church's website: www.StFidelischurch.com.

* Sunday Rosary 1st - Christian Mothers 3rd - Daughters of Isabella

y Schedule * 2nd - Knights of Columbus

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, AUGUST 12—HERZOGFEST AT THE PARK 4:00 PM — Herzogfest group will sing SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

10:00 AM — Brinley Lichter

MONDAY, AUGUST 14—ASSUMPTION 7:00 PM — Meagan Wellbrock

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12—HERZOGFEST AT THE PARK

4:00 PM — ALL VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 14—ASSUMPTION

7:00 PM — Becky Scheck, Keith Billinger, Carol Pfeifer Anne Dinkel

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15—ASSUMPTION

6:45 AM — Kathy Kuhn, Jane Wagner Bertha R. and Kenny Brungardt

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12—HERZOGFEST AT THE PARK 4:00 PM — VOLUNTEER PLEASE SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 10:00 AM — Karen Nowak

MONDAY, AUGUST 14—ASSUMPTION 7:00 PM — Connie Windholz TUESDAY, AUGUST 15—ASSUMPTION 6:45 AM — Yvonne Braun

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 — Carol Pfeifer
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13
10:00 AM — Bertha and Kenny Brungardt

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12—HERZOGFEST AT THE PARK 4:00 PM — SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 10:00 AM — Averi, Riley, and Liv W.



This weekend we are blessed to be hosting Fr. Augustine Temu, a priest representing Cross Catholic

Outreach. He will speak at all the Masses. This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers ans sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America.



Please be generous in your response to Fr. Temu's appeal. Please be sure to say "hi" after Mass.

Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.



For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/ outreach, text BLESSINGS to 474747, or scan the QR code.

Come Visit the St. Fidelis Parish Herzogfest Gift Shop Booth Saturday, August 12 9:00 - noon

We will have items from our Gift Shop there for sale including the Basilica Rosaries made and designed in Italy, Die Herzoger, Cookbooks, Christmas Ornament, Rosary Cases, and more.

Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. at the park on Saturday, August 12, during Herzogfest.

There will not be any scheduled Confessions

at The Basilica of St. Fidelis. There will not be a 5:00 Mass. There will not be a Mass at St. Boniface.



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.

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.

ST. BONIFACE

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, August 8, at 7:30 p.m.** at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

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.

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.



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 Tri-Parish Councils of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface have decided it is time for a new Tri-Parish Church Directory.

They are working with Unique Church Solutions to take photos of all parishioners and create the directory. In the upcoming weeks, you will see information in the bulletin and on posters displayed in each church, but you can go online now to schedule your appointment.

Later, there will be in-person paper sign up at each church for those not wanting to sign up online. Dates and times for the paper sign ups will be forthcoming. 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.





Scan the QR Code above or go to UCDIR.com to schedule your photo appointment. Once on the website, click the button circled at left. It will take you to the list of days and times available. **To login, use the following: Church Code = KS155 Password = photos**

Any parishioner who has their picture taken will receive a free 8x10 photo and a parish directory.

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

SIGN UP NOW!

Summer Lunch Program Successful Lots of Eaters and Volunteers Made It So

The tables in the east room of the Parish Office were filled to capacity for almost two months this summer from 11:00 to 11:30 (and beyond) as the St. Fidelis Summer Lunch Program drew large numbers. The overflow crowd made use of donated picnic tables on the north side of the building.

On average, 61 area residents enjoyed a hot meal each day from the start of the program on Monday, June 5, until the last day on Friday, July 28. During Vacation Bible School (VBS)—held during the week of July 17-21, the average attendance was 94 per day. The highest attendance day during VBS was 125, while the regular weeks' high was 75. The slowest day had 41 hungry eaters. Brothers Jerry and Leroy Schmidtberger (not to be confused with the Capuchin Brothers who have served our parish since 1878) headed the program this year. They prepared menus ahead of time so they could be published in the weekly bulletin. While all the meals seemed to go over quite well, some of the favorites appeared to be Macaroni and Cheese, "Breakfast", Hamburgers and Hotdogs, and Texas Beef Skillet.

The Brothers Schmidtberger (also known as the "The Summer Guys") had a lot of support from volunteer workers who showed up every day to help serve the meal and handle clean up after the crowd departed. The Schmidtbergers provided special aprons for themselves and for their volunteers. With some of the messes the brothers



created, the aprons came in handy.

A special meal was prepared for the final day



when Bishop Vincke was supposed to join us for a Year of Mercy visit, but he had to cancel. There were meatballs in tomato sauce, potato casserole, and green beans. And best of all ice cream. Sorry, Bishop Vincke, wish you could have been here.

Each of us needs to thank Leroy, Jerry, and all the volunteers for the great effort they put into making this a very successful Summer Lunch Program.

More pictures on next page->

Summer Lunch Program Pictures and Quotes



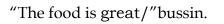
"Great food, friendly workers – super for the community—great get together every day! Super! ©"

"We appreciate the Victoria lunch program! The food is always good & the service is right up there w/ it. Cooks always have a smile on their face & make you feel like they are so happy you are there! You made summer lunches so much better & easier for this mom & her hungry kids! Thank you!"



"The food was very good, good cooks and cooking. And I am very grateful. Thank You."

"Hardworkers, soft shells on the tacos. Great environment, altogether warms my ♥."





Summer Lunch Program Pictures and Quotes



The Summer Guys couldn't have taken care of all that goes into serving oodles of kids and adults for two months without the help of The Summer Guys Team. The Summer Guys want to hand out a very big "THANK YOU" to all of them. Volunteers pictured wearing their very special and personal "The Summer Guys Team" aprons are (from left): Carol Pfeifer, Nancy Piatt, Laura Prater, Darlene Braun, Marcie Pray, Louise Robben, Leroy Schmidtberger, Kathy Kuhn, Jerry Schmidtberger, Joan Wellbrock, Marci Heier, Anita Braun, Jan Peisker, Sandra Dreiling, and Christie Sander. Not pictured but certainly not to be left out of the volunteer list are Kac 'Rae Patterson, Janice Braun, and Rick Colmenero.

"The food here is so great keep doing what you are doing."

"The Food is great is is amaze-ing, Thank you."





"Friendly atmosphere! Great program for the community!"

"Such a fun place to eat at & everyone is very nice. Amazing food as well."

> "The food is great food. Thank you."

Summer Lunch Program Pictures and Quotes



"The thing I love most about the program is showing up and seeing the smiley volunteers, and the amazing people that put it on every year. The food is amazing, and it's ice to see all the kids smiling when they have a happy plate. The community is lucky to have this program."

"Thank you, it was delicious and I got to try new foods."

"Thank you for making this delishis food."

"I think the food is grat."



Awesome people."



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 2023



Dear Parishioners,

I would like to share with you the requests the children prayed for at the faith station that I led during the week of Vacation Bible School. These children are so very special and I always enjoy being with them during Vacation Bible School. As you can see, their primary concern was for the health of their relatives. Please join me in praying with them.

God Bless, Shirley Brungardt

I want to pray for my:

Great grandma, my cousin who has cancer, great grandpa who is sick, grandpa Terry, grandma who is blind, my mom who has headaches, Uncle Dean, grandpa Norm, grandpa in heaven, Grandma Cheryl, my mom who is stressed, Grandma Patty, Grandma Cheryl.

<u>RCIA</u>

Each year, many adults are called to join the Catholic faith. How does someone join the Catholic Church? Through a process called the RCIA. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults become full, participating members of the Catholic Church. Participants, known as catechumens go through a process of studying the Gospel, nurturing their relationship with God, becoming familiar with the Catholic teachings and practices, professing their faith in Jesus and the Church, and receiving the sacraments of initiation: <u>Baptism</u>, <u>Communion</u>, and <u>Confirmation</u>.

Who can join?

The Church extends an invitation to all who wish to become members of the Catholic faith. Those who go through the RCIA process fall under one of the following categories:

- Someone who has never been baptized.
- Someone who is of another faith and wishes to convert to Catholicism.
- An individual who was baptized in another Christian denomination and wishes to become a member of the Catholic faith.
- Someone who was baptized in the Catholic Church, but never received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.

RCIA classes begin on <u>Sunday, September 24, 2023</u>, at the Parish Activity Center in Victoria. If you are thinking about joining the Catholic faith, you are most welcome to join the class. There is no obligation or cost. <u>Please be assured that you will never be quizzed or tested on class material</u>. If you are interested or would like information, please call Father Jim Moster or Shirley Brungardt as soon as possible at 785-735-2777.

RUNNIN' REVS

Friday, August 11 | 6:00 P.M. TMP-M Al Billinger Field House, Hays This is a free event to help support seminarians and promote vocations. All are encouraged to come out and show your support.

Bincounter Christ!

<u>High School Students--</u>

You are invited to join other high school students from all over our Diocese for a night of fellowship, friendship, prayer, Adoration, praise and worship of Christ

RENEW EXISTING FRIENDSHIP AND MAKE SOME NEW ONES TOO!

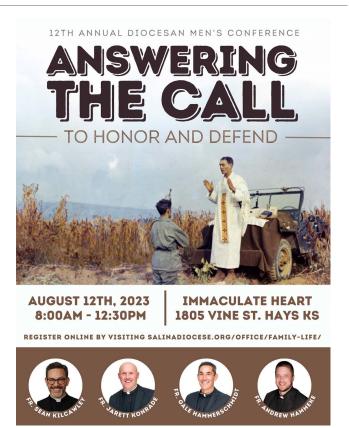
- Praise and Worship
- Eucharistic Message
- Adoration
- Confession
- Games

Aug. 11th 8-10pm -After Running Revs Thomas More Prep-Marian Chapel– Hays Kansas-Check out our website for more details www.salinadiocese.org Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces, and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them ---St Peter of Alcantara



Create a Lasting Legacy

Want to create a lasting legacy for your parish, Catholic school, ministry, or the diocese? It's simple! You can do this in your will, a life insurance policy, or other beneficiary designations. Gifts of any size make a big difference and help pass on your Catholic values for future generations. Contact the Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina for more information – development@salinadiocese.org.



St. Joseph Traveling Trophy!

This traveling trophy is awarded yearly to the Salina Diocese Parish with the most men at the Salina Diocese Men's Conference!

Be the first Parish to bring this trophy home!





Job Postings Licensed Therapist — Hays

Catholic Charities is hiring a Licensed Therapist at their Hays location. This exciting role encompasses both therapy duties and pregnancy and adoption case management. They are looking for a compassionate, driven, and organized individual to support those in need across northern Kansas. To learn more and apply, visit www.ccnks.org/careers.

Emergency Assistance Coordinator — Manhattan

Catholic Charities is hiring an Emergency Assistance Coordinator at their Manhattan location. This role serves as the initial contact for guests of the Manhattan office. They are looking for a competent, detail oriented, and positive individual to fill this role. To learn more and apply, visit www. ccnks.org/careers.

Lost & Found

- Long sleeved Victoria Knights shirt found on radiator by the bathrooms in the Basilica of St. Fidelis.
- A tall, insulated Stanley cup with plastic straw found near the north entrance of the Basilica of St. Fidelis on Saturday, July 15.

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

This supernatural bread and this consecrated chalice are for the health and salvation of mankind. ~St. Cyprian

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

Who's Smarter?

Three blonde men are stranded on an island. Suddenly a fairy appears and offers to grant each one of them a wish.

The first blonde asks to be intelligent. Instantly, he is turned into a brown-haired man and swims off the island.

The next one asks to be even more intelligent than the previous one, so he is turned into a black-haired man. The black-haired man builds a boat and sails off the island.

The third blonde asks to become even more intelligent than the previous two. The fairy turns him into a woman, and she walks across the bridge.



A person who feels appreciated will always do more than what is expected.

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.

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 dvmercy.com. **No tickets sold after September 1**. Sorry!



V.F.W. Meeting

Victoria V.F.W. members will meet on **Thursday, August 10, at 7:30 p.m.** at the V.F.W. Hall.

Mmmmm! Yummmy! The Popcorn Balls Are Back!

The Victoria Community Coalition (VCC) will be participating in Herzogfest by having a booth at which popcorn ball orders will be taken.

They will be made and ready for pick up on the 17^{th} and 18^{th} of August. All orders must be placed in advance.

The popcorn balls are still selling by the Baker's Dozen, but the price has had to be raised to \$30.00 due to the increase in cost of supplies and to cover the \$2.40 cost in Kansas sales tax for each Baker's Dozen that the VCC is required to pay.

Order now by calling or texting Brenda at 785-735-4141 or Marilyn at 785-735-4968.



Stars & Stripes Breakfast

VFW 22nd & Vine, Hays Sunday, September 10, 2023 7:30am - 12:00pm.

Menu includes: Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Biscuits & Gravy, Toast, Coffee, Orange Juice. All you can eat!

Tickets - Adults \$10.50 | Children \$5.50 Contact: St. Joseph Church (Kevin Rupp) 785-625-7356, Larry Reichert 785-625-5386, or Elmer Dreher 785-625-6353

A portion of the pre-sold tickets go to help the local Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia.

40th-Year Celebration

HERZOGFEST

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

- 11:00 am Food Vendors Open
- 12:00 pm Tap the Keg (The Zog)
- 1:00 pm Beer Olympics
- 6:00 pm Horseshoes
- 7:00 pm AUSTIN DIXON
- 8:45 pm 50/50 Raffle
- 9:00 pm THE LOWDOWN DRIFTERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

7:30 am	5K Run/Walk		
9:00 am	Parade		
	Heritage Market		
10:00 am	Herzog Hot Rods Car, Truck & Tractor		
	Show		
	Cornhole Tournament		
	Kinderfest		
11:00 am	Food Vendors Open		
12:00 pm	Valve Cover Races		
	Bingo (at VFW)		
4:00 pm	Polka Mass (in memory of Marge Rome)		
5:00 pm	Polka Dance		
6:00 pm	Committee Reunion Anthem Color		
	Guard		
6:30 pm	Steinhoist Competition		
7:00 pm	WES COSSMAN BAND		
8:45 pm	50/50 Raffle		
9:00 pm	HUSER BROTHER BAND		

"Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression, bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause."

Isaiah 1:17

Dear Community Member,

When St. John's Rest Home closed in 2012, our small, tight-knit community was devastated. And with good reason. Widows and widowers who were no longer able to keep up their homes were then forced to leave their beloved community containing their neighbors, their friends, even their church.

We now have a real chance to, in the words of Isaiah, "plead the widow's cause." The former St. John's Rest Home building is close – so very close – to being re-purposed for use by the most vulnerable in our community – our children and elderly. But we cannot accomplish this feat without your help.

As so often happens, generous people become overwhelmed by a multitude of requests seeking charitable donations, all worthy causes in their own right. But let us not make the same mistake as the early Christians. In Chapter 6 of the Acts of the Apostles, a complaint was made that the Twelve were so busy with their ministry that they failed to address the needs of their own within the community. When this was brought to their attention, the Twelve immediately addressed the need and righted the wrong. Together – like the Twelve – we can address our community's needs and right the wrong committed back in 2012.

While large donations are certainly welcomed and greatly appreciated, please don't feel that your own check would be too small, too insignificant to make a difference. Quite the contrary! Just as every journey of 1000 miles begins with a single step; *every* gift has value and significance. In addition to its monetary value, a widespread showing of community support vastly improves our chances of receiving future grants including the MIH Grant of \$650,000 plus Tax Credits which would net our Phase One Project an additional \$982,000. We are currently being seriously considered for this grant, but the grantors are waiting for a show of community support.

So far, we have received almost 60,000 towards the Community Match. We're getting there! Please join us. Help us show the world that we are a compassionate community that – like the first Christian community – still cares for its own.

Thank you! Victoria Community Coalition





- •The Victoria Community Coalition (VCC) is an approved 501(c)3 non-profit meeting all requirements of the Federal IRS and State of Kansas.
- •The Mission of the VCC is to support the sustainability and growth of the Victoria Community and enhance its quality of life.
- •All funds collected by the VCC will be used expressly towards that Mission, either at St. John's Place or for other purposes deemed appropriate by the Community of Victoria.
- •All administration of VCC is performed by volunteers, with no paid staff.
- •First and foremost, VCC is diligently working on the multi-purpose renovation of St. John's Place, to be utilized as senior housing, child daycare, a community center, and Ellis County Historical Society gallery space focusing on our Volga-German heritage.
- •Currently, VCC has been awarded \$1.35 million in grant monies that will be applied to Phase 1 of the St. John's renovation consisting of 12 senior apartments.
- •Of those grant monies, \$350,000 **must** still be matched. Prior to 6/1/2023 VCC raised \$50,000. We received a \$100,000 Matching Grant Challenge that must come from the 67671 zip code to show Community Support and be raised between 6/1/2023 and 11/30/2023.
- •The last \$100,000 needed will come from Community and outside sources.
- •Watch our progress towards this \$150,000 Community Goal on the thermometer on Main Street!
- •Make check payable to Victoria Community Coalition, PO Box 94, Victoria, KS 67671
- •Questions? Call one of the VCC board members:

Jeff Pfeifer (913) 904-8618 Brenda Dreiling (785) 735-4141 Nancy Piatt (785) 656-2793 Marilyn Braun (785) 735-4968 Jim Dreiling (785) 766-3666 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Tuesday, August 15. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 14, and 6:45 a.m. on Tuesday, August 15.

The Parish Office will be closed on August 15.



MAS	SINIEN	IIUNS
MONDAY		AUGUST 7
7:00 pm Ralph, E	Betty, and Joseph Schmidt	berger
TUESDAY		AUGUST 8
6:45 am Bernie a	ind Jean Roth family	
WEDNESDAY		AUGUST 9
6:45 am Ruth Ma	arcotte and family	
THURSDAY		AUGUST 10
6:45 am John K.	and Adelaide Dreiling	
FRIDAY	HERZOGFEST	AUGUST 11
6:45 am Jim Rob	ben	
SATURDAY	HERZOGFEST	AUGUST 12
4:00 pm St. Fideli	s Leland and Marlene Din	kel
6:30 pm St. Bonif	ace NO MASS AT ST. BON	FACE (HERZOGFEST)
SUNDAY19	TH SUNDAY IN ORDINAF	TIME AUGUST 13
7:30 am St. Ann H	Ierman and Sophie Beren	s and family
10:00 am St. Fide	lis Frank J. Sr. and Rose E.	Bleier family