



The Way

In today's gospel Jesus explains to his apostles how his relationship with his heavenly Father opens the way for all his followers to share in the life of God.

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. I will go and prepare a place for you, Where I am going you know the way. Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."



The early Christians spoke of their life as Christians simply, as The Way. The gospels taught them the life and the teachings of Christ, but it also inspired them to live according to those ideals. The way can be a map, but it can also be a method. The first followers of Christ knew the way, and they followed the way.

Today many use the GPS on their cell phone. It can show you the way, the correct roads to take to get from here to there. But the way to drive those roads safely and courteously is another matter. Road hogs know the way to their destination, but they do not know the way to respect other drivers.

We are pilgrims on a journey through this world to our everlasting home. St. Augustine said that the road is rough but it has been worn smooth by Christ and his saints who have gone before us. The trail has been blazed. Christ is the way through this life to life eternal, the path and the pattern

Philosophers of every age have wrestled with the best way to live. In Eastern religions the Way is known as Tao, an ideal of living in harmony with the universe. Today secular humanists teach rationalism as the way. Atheists hold that we ourselves are the way. New agers believe that the latest social fad is the way.

To all the these philosophies and religions Christ responds, "I am the Way." Christ did not say, "This is the way," or "That is the way," or "There is a way." He said, "I am the way." Christianity is not a religious philosophy, or a creed of faith, or a moral code. Although it does offer all of those. Christianity is a person, Jesus Christ. And living as a Christian is developing a personal relationship with that person, Jesus of Nazareth, the eternal Son of God, the only one who could truly say, "I am the way."

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If your way through life is easy, you're probably going the wrong way.

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Contributions April 29-30, 2023

ST. FIDELIS: Envelopes 2575.00 Loose 808.00 Catholic Home Mission 436.00

ST. ANN: Envelopes 505.00 Loose 106.00 Catholic Home Mission98.68

ST. BONIFACE: <u>Envelopes</u> 275.00 <u>Loose</u> 166.00 <u>Candles</u> 37.00 <u>Catholic Home Mission</u> 94.00

 MONEY COUNTERS ~
 May 8 — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt
 May 15 — Stephanie Broyles, Ivan Werner

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.

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.

* Sunday Rosary So 1st - Christian Mothers 2nd -3rd - Daughters of Isabella 4th -

7 **Schedul e *** 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, MAY 13

5:00 PM — Pam Scheck SUNDAY, MAY 14 10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MAY 13
5:00 PM — Kathy Kuhn, Jane Wagner, Tom Tholen
SUNDAY, MAY 14
10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun, Bertha R. and Kenny Brungardt

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, MAY 13
5:00 PM — Tammy Lichter
SUNDAY, MAY 14
10:00 AM — Baccalaureate VHS senior

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

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

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm Three positions on the St. Fidelis Pastoral Council need to be filled prior to July 1, 2023. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.

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.

Mass times change THIS weekend May 6-7

Saturday 6:30 pm - St. Boniface Sunday 7:30 am - St. Ann

A Capuchin Provincial Assembly will be held at the Friary during the week of May 22-26. Therefore, there will not be any scheduled Masses, Adoration, or Confessions at the Basilica of St. Fidelis from Monday, May 22, through Friday, May 26.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting

Members of the Knights of Columbus will meet on **Tuesday, May 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, May 8, at 7:00 p.m.** for a rosary. The meeting will follow at 7:30.

D. of I. Mother-Daughter Mass and Brunch Sunday, May 7 @ 10:00 a.m.

Members will process in and sit together for Mass at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. A brunch will follow at the V.F.W. Hall.

FIDELISFEST MEAL TICKETS will be sold at the 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses THIS WEEKEND — Saturday & Sunday, May 6 & 7

Adults \$15 | Ages 6-12 \$7 | Under 5 FREE

The meal will be served on Saturday, June 3, 4:00 –7:00 pm—Victoria Elementary School Gym

Tickets also available at the Parish Office



5:00 - 6:00 PM	CHURCH TOURS THE BASILICA
4:00 - 7:00 PM	GERMAN WEDDING DINNER V.E.S. CAFETERIA
	(Wedding Roast, Stewed Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, 2 Vegetables, Roll, & Dessert
4.00 - 8.00 PM	KEEPSAKE STORE BAKE SALE & KIDS' GAMES VES OVM

4:00 - 8:00 PMI REEPSAKE STORE, BAKE SALE, & KIDS GAMES V.E.S. GYM 5:00 - 11:00 PM BEER & BRAT GARDEN BEHIND THE FRIARY 8:00 PM RAFFLE DRAWING - \$3,000 IN PRIZES! V.E.S. GYM

FREE DANCE & ENTERTAINMENT: BEHIND THE FRIARY

WES WINDHOLZ KATHY AMREIN & MARGARET GIFFORD KARL MEIS BERNIE SCHULTE BOB DREILING TOM PFEIFER LOCAL JAM SESSION

A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door during the event.

Please purchase tickets for dinner in advance at the Parish Activity Center or call 785-735-2777. MEAL TICKETS

\$15 ADULTS \$7 CHILDREN 6-12 YRS

> FREE CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER

Hays Building Project

An incredibly generous local family recently donated a 9,000 sq. ft. building on Centennial Blvd. in Hays to Catholic Charities! They are redeveloping this incredible gift into their new western Kansas headquarters.

The Hays office serves 16 western counties in the Salina Diocese. This donated building will serve as an anchor of hope for families in need across this area. As a nonprofit organization, they operate on donations from generous donors just like you. Your support will help Catholic Charities continue to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus throughout this rural region of Kansas, ensuring that those they serve will receive the compassionate care they deserve. Please help by visiting www.ccnks.org/haysproject or contact Eric Frank at efrank@ccnks.org.

Catholic Charities Endowment

Catholic Charities has officially opened an organization fund at the Heartland Community Foundation in Hays. HCF connects donors to important charitable causes in Ellis, Rooks, and Trego Counties, creating sustainable futures through endowments. As an active community member, this fund will help Catholic Charities continue to build their outreach in Hays and across Northwestern Kansas. Please visit www.ccnks.org/endowments to find out more.

Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas will conduct their 12th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign from Mother's Day weekend, May 13-14, to Father's Day weekend, June-17-18. Baby bottles will be located at the entrances of the tri-parish churches.

This campaign provides support to mothers in our communities facing economic struggles, giving them access to critical resources so they can provide for their babies. Your contributions support pregnancy services that include emergency assistance, counseling support, and adoption guidance.

Other ways to donate:

- Mail a check to Catholic Charities, C/O Baby Bottle Campaign, P.O. Box 1366, Salina, KS 67402-1366.
- Via Venmo by visiting Catholic Charities' Venmo account at @catholiccharitiesofnk. Please be sure to include "Baby Bottle 23" in the description of your transaction.
- Give online at ccnks.org/babybottle.

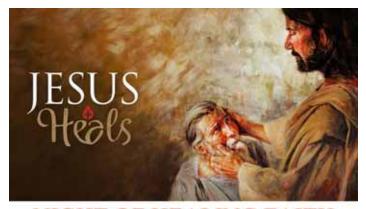
All money stays local and helps people who need services the most. Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas – serving those of ALL faiths for over 60 years!

May Human Trafficking Alert

Pope Francis says: "Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity." Remember in your prayers those who are in slavery to this crime. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

Diocese Gathering List of Trusted Professionals

Are you an estate planning attorney, accountant, financial planner, wealth manager, insurance advisor, etc.? The Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina is currently developing a list of resources for members of our diocese to help in creating their Catholic legacy. If you are one of these trusted professionals, please send us an email — development@salinadiocese.org — with your contact information so we can include you on this list of professionals that are aligned with Catholic values and beliefs.



NIGHT OF HEALING FAITH

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. *James 5:15-16*

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

Father James Thomas C.M.I. with Father Leo Blasi and Priests from the Diocese of Salina Sacred Heart Catholic - Church 202 South Cottonwood, Park, KS

6:00 PM Mass * 6:30 PM Exposition and Adoration/Confessions 7:00 PM Reposition and Healing Service for the Sick and those in Physical, Emotional, or Spiritual Need

Light Refreshments and Conversation to Follow

For more information, call (785) 673-9775

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Memorial Mass for Parents Who Have Lost a Child

The Memorial Mass for parents who have lost a child will be on Wednesday, May 10, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Oakley and on Thursday, May 11, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Edward's Church in Belleville A reception in the parish hall will follow both Masses. Parents planning to attend are encouraged to pre-register online by Sunday, May 7, on the diocesan webpage—www.salinadiocese.org/office/respect-life (then scroll down)—so those planning the event know for how many people to prepare, but please know all are welcome, pre-registered or not.

Job Posting Pregnancy and Adoption Specialist/ Licensed Therapist

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

Facebook Page

Be sure to check out the Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina's Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/ catholicfoundationfordioceseofsalina



The Bishop's Annual Appeal is on its way to its appeal goal for this year. As of April 25, 2023, it has raised \$1,507,850.33, with a goal of \$2.4 million.

Tour Guides Needed

Bus Tours will be wanting to tour our Basilica this summer and we need volunteers to help.

Tours are offered for larger groups and usually take place in the late morning or early afternoon.

We can provide you with a history book to get you started as a tour guide. You can also observe a current guide to help you learn the process; however, you are welcome to tell your own personal stories related to the church. The more you do the tours, the easier and more fun it can be.

If you are willing to help, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

I Wonder What They Wanted?

So a neighbor knocked on my front door at 3:00 A.M. — 3:00 A.M.!!!!!

Luckily, I was already up playing the bag pipes.

COMMUNITY

Tour die Kapellen Bike Ride

The Tour die Kapellen is a benefit bike ride for four of the Ellis County churches to be held on **July 8, 2023**.

A bus tour for non-cyclists is also available: The tour travels from Municipal Park in Hays to Catherine church, then to the Basilica in Victoria, on to Holy Cross Church



in Pfeifer, stopping in Munjor to visit St. Francis Church, wrapping up back at Municipal Park. At each of these stops, the participants will get refreshments, a mini concert from Hays Symphony musicians, and historical information

regarding each church.

The tour ends back at Municipal Park, with a meal prepared by Karla Rohleder. Music will be provided from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. by the Joe Dolezal Polka Band.

This is the fourth year for the Tour die Kapellen. The Hays Area Bicyclists have donated more than \$25,000 to the churches in the past 3 years.

Please consider supporting the efforts of this organization by volunteering, donating, or by registering for the bike ride or bus tour (limited availability!).

Most importantly, we ask all drivers to be courteous to the cyclists on the road. They are riding for a good cause! For more information, visit www.tourdiekapellen.com.

COMMUNITY

A Very Important Project <u>CHILD CARE</u>

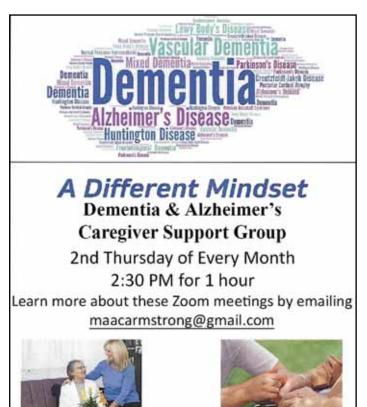
The Victoria Community Coalition, Inc. (VCC) is now moving forward on the Child Care portion of the St. John's Project. We are in need of volunteers who would be willing to work with the officers to gain more information from local and state Child Care affiliates regarding child care provision and requirements. We have a grant due on May 15, 2023, and your help is needed. If you have any interest at all in the well- being, growth, and care of the children in our community, please contact Nancy Piatt, committee chairperson, at 785-656-2793.

Victoria Community Coalition, Inc. (VCC) Garage Sale – Saturday, May 6 St. John's Place, 7th Street, Victoria

If you have items to donate towards the garage sale, please call Jeff at 913-904-8618, Jim at 785-766-3666, Nancy at 785-656-2793, Brenda at 785-735-4141 and Marilyn at 785-735-4968.

We appreciate our community and the help we are receiving.





V.F.W. and Auxiliary Meetings



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



V.F.W. Hall.



All events/activities are subject to change. Monday — May 8 7:00 pm Board of Education meeting Tuesday — May 9 3rd Grade field trip—Kansas Cosmosphere HS softball @ Wichita Independent Wednesday — May 10 9:30 am Preschool field trip—Victoria Park 6:00 pm NHS / FCCLA / 7-12 Band Concert / HS awards Thursday — May 11 Last day for Seniors 10:00 am MS CPL track @ Kinsley 3:00 pm HS CPL track @ Kinsley Friday — May 12 Graduation practice / Baccalaureate practice Victoria Alumni Senior BBQ Sunday — May 14 **High School Graduation**

Thank you for advertising in our bulletin!



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY...... MAY 8