





## Blessed with Happiness

In today's gospel each of the eight beatitudes begins with the word *blessed*: blessed are the poor in spirit; blessed are the meek; blessed are the peacemakers. The dictionary offers many synonyms for blessed: saintly, holy, blissful, happy. In scripture, *Blessed* is the divine favor of God's grace by which a holy life is also a happy life.

The gospels teach that the *blessed* of the beatitudes not only means *holy* and *happy*, but that *holy* and *happy* are related. *Blessed* are the merciful; *Holy*



are the merciful; *Happy* are the merciful. *Blessed* are the peacemakers; *Holy* are the peacemakers; *Happy* are the peacemakers. The promise of the beatitudes is that a *holy* person will be blessed as a *happy* person.

Unfortunately, many people today think that holiness precludes enjoying the pleasures of life and therefore happiness. But in truth, holiness is a source of happiness. While *blessed* and *holy* may readily be associated with living the beatitudes, it is *happiness* that is easily overlooked.

Some mistakenly think that religious faith restricts our freedom and therefore limits the joy of life. But history testifies that the great saints were not only holy, but that they were also happy. St. Francis, St. Theresa, and Padre Pio did not find holiness and happiness to be contradictory but

complementary. Few were as happy as they were, because they lived the Beatitudes.

On World Youth Day Pope Francis told young people to "have the courage to be happy" and he offered the beatitudes as a guide on the journey to happiness. This search for happiness, said Pope Francis, is an innate thirst shared by people of all times and all ages. "God has placed in the heart of every man and woman an irrepressible desire for happiness, for fulfillment," he said. "In Christ," he continued, "you will find your every desire for goodness and happiness fulfilled. He alone can satisfy your deepest longings, which are so often clouded by deceptive worldly promises."

"In a culture of superficial relativism many insist on enjoying only the present moment. They deny the value of making a life-long commitment. I am asking you to rebel against this culture which preaches that everything is temporary and that you are incapable of any serious responsibility, only the pleasure of the present moment."

The eight beatitudes are the recipe for making a saint, a saint blessed with a life of holiness which knows the happiness of goodness and truth. The popular hymn has it right: "Blessed are you; holy are you; rejoice and be glad. Yours is the kingdom of God."

## ... and mirth

You know you are old when the candles cost more than the cake.

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## Contributions January 21-22, 2023

### ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 2630.00 Loose 527.33

### ST. ANN:

Envelopes 25.00 Loose 0.00

### ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 70.00 Loose 0.00

January 30 — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt

February 6 — Stephanie Broyles, Ivan Werner

## 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.

### \* Sunday Rosary Schedule \*

1<sup>st</sup> - Christian Mothers      2<sup>nd</sup> - Knights of Columbus  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Daughters of Isabella      4<sup>th</sup> - 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, FEBRUARY 4

5:00 PM — Meagan Wellbrock

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger

### \* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS \*

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:00 AM — Cora Schulte, Connie Braun, Michelle Geist

### \* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS \*

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

5:00 PM — Becky Scheck

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:00 AM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger

### \* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS \*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 — Jane Wagner

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:00 AM — Cora Schulte and Kathy Amrein

### \* MASS SERVERS \*

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

5:00 PM — Grace Y., Myah Y.

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:00 AM — Wesley S., Nicholas S., Graycee H.

### Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Pastoral Council

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

No scheduled Confessions

**TOMORROW—Monday, January 30,**  
due to the K. of C. St. Joseph Prayer Service  
following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

### 2023 Tithing Envelopes

can be picked up at the entrances of St. Fidelis,  
St. Ann, and St. Boniface Churches.

Please discard envelopes dated for previous years.

### Candlemas — Candles Blessed

Fr. Jim Moster will bless candles during the 6:45 a.m. Mass at the Basilica of St. Fidelis on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, **Thursday, February 2**. If you would like your personal candles blessed for your home use, you may place them on the Communion rail for Fr. Jim to bless.

### Throats Blessed

In honor of the feast of St. Blaise (February 3), throats will be blessed **after the 6:45 a.m. Mass on Friday, February 3**, and **after all Masses next weekend, February 4-5**. Due to the high amount of communicable diseases currently, Fr. Jim will give the blessing to all present by extending his hands over the congregation, without the crossed candles, while saying the prayer of blessing.

### Tour Guides Needed

We are in need of tour guides for The Basilica of St. Fidelis. Tours are offered for larger groups and usually take place in the late morning or early afternoon; however, there are exceptions. Most tours occur during Spring and Summer.

If you are willing to help, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777. We can provide you with a history book to get you started.

# Tri-Parish Cards & Games Party

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 • 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.*



## LET'S PLAY!

- Pinochle
- Phase 10
- Skip-Bo
- Farkle

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# LENTEN YARD CROSSES

The Knights of Columbus will be providing wooden crosses in the yards of people that would like to have one during the Lenten season.



At a cost of \$20, the Knights will install and remove the cross.

**Crosses will be installed on Saturday morning, February 18**, prior to Ash Wednesday. If you choose, you may decorate the cross with a ribbon or cloth, but nothing that would permanently mark or damage the cross.

Crosses will be removed on the Saturday after Easter, the morning of April 15.

The Knights will install crosses in the county as well as the City of Victoria.

If you are interested, please contact John Braun (785-735-2622), Harland Rupp (785-623-1368), Randy Leiker (785-259-1392), or Leroy Schmidtberger (785-639-3570) or pick up a sign-up slip and a flag in the west vestibule of the Basilica of St. Fidelis. You are asked to place the flag in your yard where you want the cross installed.

The sign-up slips and payment can be given to one of the Knights listed above or brought into the Parish Office. All proceeds will go towards the Parish's Community Assistance Fund.

## K. of C. Free Throw Championship

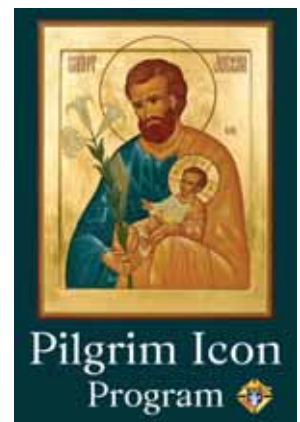
All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of January 1) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2023 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held **TODAY—Sunday, January 29**, at the Victoria High School Gymnasium. The gym will open approximately at noon, and the contest will start at 1:00 p.m.

Participants are required to furnish written parental consent and proof of age (a copy of birth certificate). Entry forms will be distributed by the school. For additional forms or information, contact Troy Schippers at 785-735-4625.

All Knights of Columbus are invited/encouraged to attend the competition.

## St. Joseph Prayer Service

The Knights of Columbus will hold a St. Joseph Prayer Service **TOMORROW—Monday, January 30, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Father Jim Moster will lead the prayer service, which includes the Rosary with meditations on St. Joseph. All are encouraged to attend this devotion to St. Joseph.



# CHECK IT OUT!

You can now make donations to The Basilica of St. Fidelis on-line using your computer or your phone. **Go to [www.StFidelisChurch.com/Donate](http://www.StFidelisChurch.com/Donate) or scan the QR code below.**

Donations are made through PayPal using your debit or credit card. If you make a one time donation, you do not need to have a PayPal account; however, if you choose to make a recurring payment, a PayPal account will be necessary. You can make donations to 1 or all 5 of the funds listed below. If you intend to donate towards more than one fund, you can save the parish multiple 30¢-per-transaction fees by returning to our website and selecting each fund you want to donate to before making your final check out in PayPal.

**THANK YOU FOR ANY DONATION YOU CHOOSE TO MAKE.**

Bellow is a picture of The Basilica of St. Fidelis DONATE page at [www.StFidelisChurch.com/Donate](http://www.StFidelisChurch.com/Donate)

Scan to go to our website DONATE page



Scan to go to our website HOME page



Scan to go to our website BULLETIN page



The screenshot shows the 'On-Line Donation Page' for The Basilica of St. Fidelis. The page header includes the church's name, 'The Cathedral of the Plains', and its location in Victoria, Kansas. A navigation menu at the top lists: Home, Donate, Bulletins, Mass Schedule, Religious Ed, Faith & Gift Shops, News, History, Visit Us, and Organizations/Links. The main content area is titled 'On-Line Donation Page' and contains the following text: 'Donations made on this page will go towards funds established with THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS in Victoria, Kansas. Donations will be processed via PayPal. You do not have to have a PayPal account to make a donation—unless you plan to set up a recurring donation.' It also provides instructions on how to click on 'ADD TO CART' or 'DONATE' buttons, which will open a new tab for the PayPal site, and to select the 'Check Out' button without a PayPal account. A note mentions returning to the page by clicking on the 'DONATE | ST FIDELIS CHURCH' tab or the 'BACK' button on a phone. A contact number is provided: 'If you need assistance with making a donation using this page or have other questions, please call the St. Fidelis Parish Office at 785-735-2777.' Below this, there are five donation sections, each with a dropdown menu for the amount (set to '\$5.00 USD') and a 'Donate' button. The sections are: 1. St. Fidelis General Fund (Donate towards the general upkeep of the Basilica of St. Fidelis parish and church buildings). 2. St. Fidelis Repair Fund (Donate towards The Basilica of St. Fidelis Repair Fund). 3. St. Fidelis Cemetery (Donate towards the upkeep of St. Fidelis Cemetery). 4. St. Fidelis Food Bank (Donate towards purchasing items for the St. Fidelis Food Bank). 5. St. Fidelis Community Assistance Fund (Donate towards items such as Christmas Food Boxes, school supplies, gas vouchers, utility assistance). At the bottom of the page, it says '© 2020 by Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, Kansas. Proudly created with Wix.com'.

## 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](http://www.StFidelisChurch.com).

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

### Membership Dues Are Due

Yearly Daughters of Isabella membership dues of \$20 are now due. Please make checks payable to Daughters of Isabella. Send payment to Kathy Kuhn, PO Box 375, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

## DIOCESE

### College Scholarships

The Diocese of Salina is again offering two college scholarships. The Monsignor Clement A. Kruse and the Marymount Memorial Educational Trust make available a limited number of scholarships each year.

The applications for these two scholarships is online-only. The link for all graduating seniors and current college students to apply for both is:

<https://salinadiocese.typeform.com/scholarship2023>.

**Application is due by March 1, 2023.**

The Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina is pleased to announce the Susie Deges Memorial Scholarship. This will be given to a high school senior who has been active in their local CYO. **This application is due by March 1, 2023**, and more information and a link to the application will be included in the January edition of The Register.

## January Human Trafficking Alert

Chocolate is a favorite of choice for many however we consume it, in candy or drinks. Do you know that children as young as 9 and 10 work long hours every day on chocolate farms to satisfy the demand for chocolate.

**U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501c (3) organization**, 2039 N. Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131. ([sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org))

## January 29 is Kansas Day

It became a state of the United States of America in 1861 — 162 years ago.

*Happy birthday, Kansas.*

## ST. ANN

### Christian Mothers Dues

St. Ann's Christian Mothers dues of \$5.00 are due and payable to Lou Ann Hammersmith, Box 163, Gorham, Kansas 67640.

## Christian Mothers/Altar Society

### Dues for 2023

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society dues for 2023 are due and will continue to be \$5. Please mail your dues to Teresa Shepherd, PO Box 324, Victoria, Kansas 67671, or put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket.

If you have any questions as to whether yours are paid, please call Teresa at 785-735-9576.

### National Catholic Schools Week

National Catholic Schools week is January 29 to February 4. It is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States that was started in 1974. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, assemblies and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members to celebrate. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.

**SURVEY SAYS** – As part of the school improvement process, families were surveyed about the Catholic Identity of the Catholic Schools their child(ren) attend. Below are some of the findings of the survey:

- Symbols of the Catholic faith are displayed throughout our schools.
- Our schools are communities that pray together.
- Our schools make Jesus and the teachings of the Catholic Church known to all students

The top reasons why families chose to enroll their child (ren) in our Catholic schools:

- Catholic religious identity
- Class size
- School reputation
- Academic reputation
- Teachers/Staff

## Commodities to Be Distributed

Commodities will be available for pickup on **Monday, January 30, at 1:00 p.m.** at the Parish Office, 601 10th Street. Please use the north entrance.



**REMINDER:** Commodities are on a 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.

## Herzogfest Looking for Pictures for 40<sup>th</sup>

This August we will be celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Herzogfest. The Herzogfest Committee has awesome things planned to make this year the best festival yet. Right now they are looking for pictures from the past. If you or a family member have pictures from any past Herzogfests, please contact Andrea Schmidtberger at 785-656-2208 or [amcarver2@gmail.com](mailto:amcarver2@gmail.com).

Only have hard copies? No worries, they can scan them and get your copy back to you right away. The older, the better!

Can't wait to celebrate on August 11 and 12!

Time heals almost everything.  
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**February 3, 2023**  
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\*On the feast of Candlemas, my beloved sons will introduce the Flame of Love of my heart in procession, so that, in such fashion, it becomes a living fire in the hearts, in the souls. Everything must be prepared in such a way that it spreads like wildfire.\*  
Spiritual Diary of Elizabeth Kindlemann O.C.D.S. pg 29

[www.flameoflove.us](http://www.flameoflove.us)

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Contact Heartland Regional Stockyards w/ questions: **785-688-4080** or Brandon Hamel: **785-434-6280**

**Victoria Schools**  
**Calendar**  
**KNIGHTS SQUIRES**

**\*\*All events/activities are subject to change.\*\***

**Sunday — January 29**  
12:00 pm K. of C. free throw championship; competition starts at 1:00 pm

**Monday — January 30**  
MS basketball CPL League @ LaCrosse

**Tuesday — January 31**  
4:00 pm HS basketball @ Ellinwood

**Wednesday — February 1**  
Progress reports due: 3rd 9 weeks  
2:20 pm PLC early dismissal

**Thursday — February 2**  
MS basketball CPL League @ LaCrosse

**Friday — February 3**  
10:30 am CPL League meeting  
4:00 pm HS basketball @ Macksville

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:  
MASS INTENTION SCHEDULING**

Mass Intentions for the 2023 weekend Masses for the tri-parishes are full, except for—at the time this is being published—7 Masses at St. Boniface and 1 at St. Ann (we can switch the “For the Parishes” Mass intentions around between those two parishes, if necessary). There are still weekday Masses at St. Fidelis available for the year 2023.

The Mass book for 2024 is available to schedule intentions and there are quite a few weekend and weekday Masses still open.

*A Mass stipend is \$10.00.*

Please be aware that Mass times for weekends and weekdays could change.

MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY	JANUARY 30
7:00 pm Leroy Sander	
TUESDAY	JANUARY 31
6:45 am Thomas J. Dreiling (anniv) and Lance Lang	
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 1
6:45 am	
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 2
6:45 am	
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 3
6:45 am	
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 4
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Lee Allen Leiker	
6:30 pm St. Ann Gilbert and Gerhardt Rohr families	
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 5
8:30 am St. Boniface James and Marian Rajewski	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Anita J. Lang and deceased family	

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of each month

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