

„Beacon of Faith“  
**ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

„Cathedral of the Plains“  
**THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS**

„Pearl of the Prairie“  
**ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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**ST. FIDELIS THRIFT SHOP — 503 MAIN STREET, VICTORIA**  
 Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00-2:00; Wednesday and Thursday 10:00-3:30

**ST. FIDELIS GIFT SHOP**  
 Located in the Parish Office at 601 10th Street, Victoria

**THE BASILICA OF SAINT FIDELIS IS HOME TO A FIRST CLASS RELIC OF SAINT PADRE PIO PIETRELCINA.**

**BULLETIN ITEMS**  
 Deadline is **Tuesday by noon.** Please contact Lydia at the Parish Office.

**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

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## October 12, 2025 — 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**MASSES:**

**ST. FIDELIS, VICTORIA**

Saturday — 5:00 pm  
 Sunday — 10:00 am  
 Monday — 7:00 pm  
 Tuesday through Friday — 6:45 am

**ST. ANN, WALKER**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

**TUESDAYS 6:30 am thru FRIDAYS 6:30 am**  
*All are welcome from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.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)

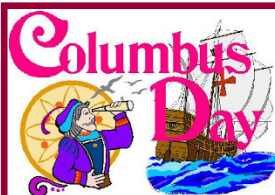
**TRI-PARISH PRAYER LINE**

To request prayers for family or friends, call Teresa Shepherd (785-735-9576) to add the request to the Prayer Line

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Oct. 13** — Columbus Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Oct. 31** — Halloween
- Nov. 1** — All Saints Day
- Nov. 2** — Daylight Savings Time Ends — Turn clocks back 1 hour
- Nov. 4** — Election Day
- Nov. 11** — Veterans Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Nov. 26** — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED at noon for Thanksgiving

**“STAND UP AND GO; YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU!”**  
**LUKE 17:11-19**



**Tomorrow—Monday, October 13, is Columbus Day. THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.**



Fr. Curtis Carlson, OFM Cap.

## Gauging Progress Oct 12, 2025

In today's bulletin you will notice a "thermometer" in the section for our "Stand Strong, Saint Fidelis" project. This will inform us as to the progress of donations.

These days we often see graphs of one kind or another to demonstrate progress or regress of a given activity. Fitness apps show weight loss/gain, steps taken, food consumed, and calories burned. CPAP graphs indicate how well one slept on a particular night. Businesses have charts that show the rise and decline of income.

In our spiritual life, it may seem more difficult to chart the ups and downs, the ebb and flow of our inner spiritual movements day to day and over longer periods of time. I invite us to keep track of these three activities in some way--perhaps with an X on a calendar when we have done them: our daily prayer time, our weekly Sunday Mass, and our weekly Eucharistic Adoration. Rather than try to determine at a given moment, "How is my relationship with God?" which can be more elusive, if we maintain these three activities faithfully over the long haul, our relationship with God will, indeed, improve. These Big Three will form us and shape us more and more into virtuous disciples of Christ. By their very nature, these activities focus us on Christ and His Word and the gift of Himself in the Eucharist. By contrast, a lack of daily prayer, Sunday Mass, and Eucharistic Adoration will mean we are adrift, being tossed about by other activities. Not all of such activities are bad, but they will not keep us close to the heart of Christ.

Please, let us consider our priorities in our schedule of activities and put these three on the top of the list. Let us encourage family and friends to have consistent X's on their calendars for these Big Three.

### A LITTLE CHUCKLE

#### SPORTSMANSHIP

The coach called one of his nine-year-old baseball players aside and asked, "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?"

"Yes, coach," replied the boy. —"Do you understand that what matters is we win or lose as a team?" —The boy nodded yes.

The coach continued, "I'm sure you know, when an out is called, you shouldn't argue, curse, attack the umpire, or call him a stupid jerk or dumb idiot. Do you understand all that?"

Again, the boy nodded yes. —"And when I take you out of the game so that another boy gets a chance to play, it's not good sportsmanship to call your coach a space cadet or ask him where he has his head stuck, is it?"

"No, coach." —"Good," said the coach, "Now, go over there and explain all that to your Grandmother!"

### PARISH STAFF

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Lou Ann Hammersmith

**Choir Director:** Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Kathy Huser 735-4193

**St. Ann Pastoral Council**

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Terry Riedel 735-4143

### CONTRIBUTIONS OCTOBER 4-5, 2025

**ST. FIDELIS:**

Loose 1233.00 Envelopes 2400.00  
Cemetery 25.00 Repair 75.00  
Cont. Ed. Cap. 410.00

**ST. ANN:**

Loose 114.00 Envelopes 635.00  
Cont. Ed. Cap. 100.00

**ST. BONIFACE:**

Loose 67.00 Envelopes 485.00  
Candles 21.00 Cont. Ed. Cap. 85.00



Scan the QR Code to go to our on-line Donate page.

**\* 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](http://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, OCTOBER 18 —**

5:00 PM — Marlaina Kuhn

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 —**

10:00 AM — Sheila Stone

**\* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS \***

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 —**

5:00 PM — Carol Pfeifer, Keith Billinger, Jody Dinkel,  
 Randy Leiker, Jerry Schmidtberger

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 —**

10:00 AM — Bertha A. Brungardt, Teresa Shepherd,  
 Anne Dinkel, Connie Braun, Marla Robben

**\* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS \***

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 —**

5:00 PM — Becky Scheck

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 —**

10:00 AM — Karen Nowak

**\* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS \***

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15 —** Kathy Kuhn

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 —**

10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel

**\* MASS SERVERS \***

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 —**

5:00 PM — Ellie R., Hadley L., Emma D.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 —**

10:00 AM — Claire S., Scarlett H., Ethan & Alice S.

**\* MONEY COUNTERS \***

**OCTOBER 14 —** Stephanie Broyles, Bertha Brungardt

**OCTOBER 20 —** Jerry Schmidtberger, Andrea Ottley

**COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

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

**LITURGY COMMITTEE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 5:45 pm

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Every Other Month

Next Meeting: **11-4-2025**

@ 7:00 pm

**World Mission Sunday**

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on the weekend of **October 19, 2025** as the climax for World Mission Month. The theme of World Mission Sunday this year is "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples. This was chosen by Pope Francis before his death and is obviously tied to the Jubilee of Hope. That hope is the lived reality of priests, sisters, and lay faithful who are bringing the light of Christ into places darkened by suffering, war, poverty, and other existential difficulties.

Please find the **October 19, World Mission Sunday** envelope in your tithing boxes and prayerfully consider donating to this cause.

If a parish, Catholic school, or other ministry in the Diocese of Salina has had a significant impact on your life, or the life of someone you love, a legacy gift is a heartfelt way to honor that relationship. Contact your parish office or Catholic Foundation for more information on legacy gifts — [development@salinadiocese.org](mailto:development@salinadiocese.org)

*Weekly Eucharistic Adoration*

Tuesdays, 6:30 a.m. through Fridays, 6:30 a.m.

In St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar

All are welcome from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**"PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE UNDER "MASS SCHEDULE" FOR CHANGES REGARDING WEATHER, HOLIDAYS, ETC."**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>OCTOBER 13</b>
7:00 pm The late Jerry and Harriett VonFeldt	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>OCTOBER 14</b>
6:45 am Judy K. Dreiling	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>OCTOBER 15</b>
6:45 am Arlene D. Pfeifer+	
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>OCTOBER 16</b>
6:45 am Les Basgall+	
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>OCTOBER 17</b>
6:45 am Romauld+ and Genevieve+ Leiker	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>OCTOBER 18</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Floyd Dinkel	
6:30 pm St. Boniface For The People	
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>OCTOBER 19</b>
7:30 am St. Ann Larry Berens+	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Ralph, Betty, and Joseph Schmidtberger	

## SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

The Basilica of Saint Fidelis has arrangements for our parking lots to be cleared in the event of snow.

We need people to clear our church sidewalks and steps. If volunteers step forward, we have two snow blowers available. Otherwise, we will need to hire people to do this.

## \*BRINGING GREETERS BACK\*

Father Curtis and the Family Life Commission would like to bring greeters back to Mass!

This is a great way for your family to give a warm welcome to everyone coming to Mass in our beautiful Basilica.

If you and your family are interested in volunteering, please contact Andrea at the Parish Office, 785-735-2777.

Thank you for your consideration.

## You are invited to the Last Supper!

The latest season of the *Chosen-The Last Supper* is now available!

Come watch and discuss it on **Tuesdays at 7:30am in the North Sacristy.**

Session information below:

## Pilgrimage

We have been called to be "Pilgrims of Hope" during this Jubilee Year

Please join us as we make a pilgrimage to Pilsen, KS, the home of Venerable Chaplain (Captain) Emil J. Kapaun on Monday, **October 13th**. We will depart at **8 AM from the church parking lot**. We will **arrive in Pilsen at 10 AM** for a guided history of the Chaplain and tour of the church & museum as well as time in their gift shop. Father Curtis will accompany us and say Mass. Afterwards we will eat lunch before traveling back to Victoria.

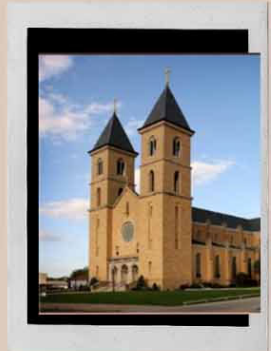
\*Please contact the Parish Office for more information. \*

# STAND STRONG, *Saint Fidelis*

"UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH" [MATTHEW 16:18]

## HELP US PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF OUR CHURCH

The exterior of our beloved church is in need of repair. This restoration project will help preserve the structure and beauty of our church for generations to come.



Mid-Continental Restoration Co., Inc. will be completing this work. The scope of the project includes:

### Sealant Application to Vertical Joints in Stone Caps & Bands

All vertical head joints between coping stones and stone bands will be cut back and cleaned of any loose or foreign debris. These joints will then be resealed with new sealant, tooled to a neat and uniform appearance, and color-matched as closely as possible to the existing material.

### Tuckpointing Stone Mortar Joints

All mortar joints will be carefully inspected. Any that are found to be void, open, or defective will be repaired. All affected areas will be cleaned to remove any loose residue, and defective joints will be repointed using a non-staining, non-shrinking Type "N" masonry mortar. This mortar will be color-matched and tooled to blend seamlessly with the surrounding joints.

The total estimated cost for this vital work is **\$109,980**. We are asking for your generosity in helping us raise the necessary funds to complete these repairs. No amount is too small, and all donations are deeply appreciated. You can donate by dropping off at the Parish Office or by placing in the collection basket in a **separate envelope labeled "Building Repairs"**.



## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

### D of I Meeting

Monday, October 13 with a rosary at 7 p.m.  
and meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
at the St. Fidelis Thrift Store.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Are you a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus member? Would you like to be a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree?

An exemplification of the Patriotic Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is scheduled for **Saturday, November 22, 2025, in Schoenchen, Kansas.** It will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus Bishop Cunningham Assembly No. 282 at **St. Anthony Catholic Church at 205 Church Street, Schoenchen, Kansas.** The day's activities start at 1:00 pm and last through the day ending with a banquet and dance in the evening.

**Pre-registration is required.** If you want to join the 4<sup>th</sup> degree, or if you are a current 4<sup>th</sup> degree member and want to attend, contact John Braun, 785-623-0680 or Tim Dickman, 785-656-3000.

## ST. BONIFACE

St Boniface Church invites you to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual

# GERMAN MEAL & COUNTRY STORE

Glauksies Sausage & Kraut Creamed Dumpling with Potatoes  
Fried Noodles/Cooked Beans Cole Slaw Cake Drinks

Dine In or Take Out; Quarts available  
\$15/adult (14 & up)/\$8/6-13yr old/5 & under free

**Sunday, October 19, 2025**  
**10:45am-1:30pm** (or until food gone)

St Boniface Parish Hall  
625 Vincent Ave, south of Victoria

Proceeds towards church/grounds upkeep and special projects

RSVP appreciated but not required by 10/12/25

Karen 785-735-4682 (text or call)  
Teri 785-735-7097 (text or call)  
Edie 785-735-4238 (text or call)

## ST. BONIFACE

### Adult Formation Classes at St. Boniface Hall Starting October 7 at 6:00 p.m.

#### October 21, 2025 — Why “Leo”? What’s in a Name?

- \* Popes get to choose a new name. The first American Pope chose “Leo”, a bridge is forged— between past and present, between courage and compassion, between promise and mission. What story does this name tell? What future does it whisper?

#### November 4, 2025 — The Mass: A Guided Tour

- \* Walk through mass step– by– step, explaining things along the way and sharing practical insights for daily life.



### St. Boniface’s House FOR SALE!

House needs moved off St. Boniface property.  
Four bedrooms – three upstairs, one downstairs.  
Two bathrooms— one upstairs, one downstairs.  
Kitchen, Dining room, large pantry,  
good bones need some work.

Contact Kathy at 785-735-4193.



# CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

The Catholic Church has always taught us, through the words of Sacred Scripture and the witness of saints like Francis of Assisi, that the natural world is created by God, that it is good, and that humans have a special duty to care for creation so that it benefits not only themselves but also future generations. Today we live in a time where pollution, climate change, and poor agricultural practices harm creation and place us all in danger.

In 2015, Pope Francis responded to this environmental crisis by issuing the encyclical *Laudato Si'* (*On Care for Our Common Home*), in which he emphasizes the connection between humanity and nature and calls for “the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development” (no. 13).

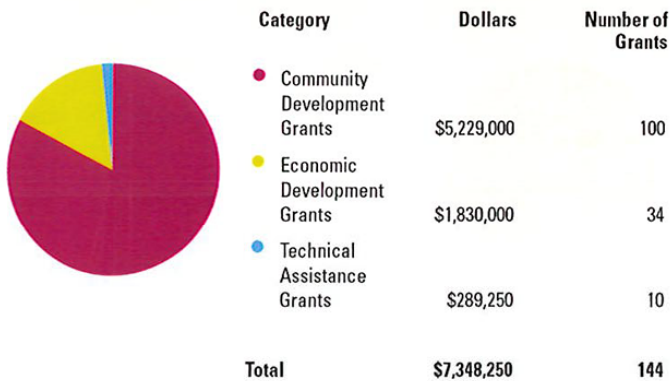
This spirit of cooperation, sustainability, and human dignity animates the work of organizations like La Cosecha Community Supported Agriculture, a cooperative farm network in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which makes

locally grown, sustainable, and nutritious foods available to low-income people. With support from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), La Cosecha has expanded its outreach beyond Albuquerque to 11 rural New Mexico counties, increased year-round accessibility to healthy produce and other food products, and obtained a US Department of Agriculture Good Agricultural Practices food-safety certification for its cooperative farm partners.

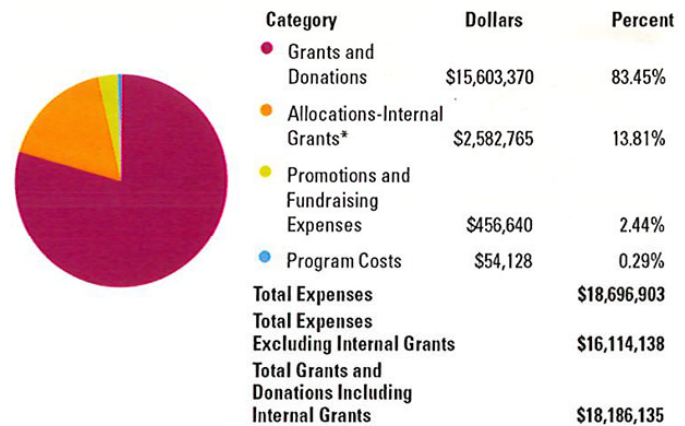
CCHD-funded organizations show how we can care for the environment, address the needs of the poor, and support responsible and sustainable local businesses at the same time. When you participate in the CCHD collection, you help not only other communities but also your own, because 25% of your contribution remains in your diocese to create local solutions to poverty.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

## 2023 GRANTS



## 2023 EXPENSES



\*Internal grants include a distribution from the CCHD collection for CCHD operations and for the education and outreach program of the Office of Justice, Peace, and Human Development of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which engages Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty.

**LEARN** about those living in poverty who are working to improve their communities. • **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier. • **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection. • **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.



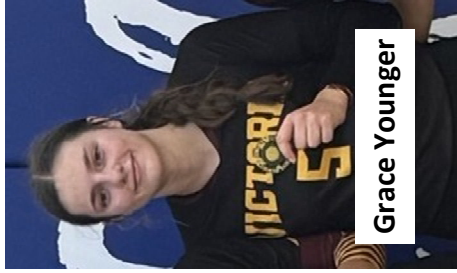
### Office of National Collections

3211 Fourth Street NE • Washington, DC 20017-1194 • 202-541-3346 • [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd) • [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org)

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Colin Lee



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Brinly Lichter

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### NCYC Sponsorship Form

I would like to sponsor a **FULL**  **HALF**  **QUARTER**

Please apply my sponsorship where needed

Please apply my sponsorship to \_\_\_\_\_

**This sponsorship is provided by:  
Name of person or Business** \_\_\_\_\_

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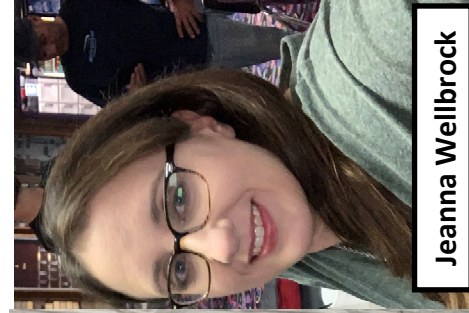
Lucas Wellbrock



Aspen Holmes



Jeanette Brungardt



Jeanna Wellbrock

## NCYC

We are thrilled to have a group of 21 youth and adults attending NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) this coming November in Indianapolis, IN. This is a great opportunity for both the youth and adults to grow in their faith. This trip however, does take a significant amount of funds. We humbly ask you to consider sponsoring one of the people going. You can select a **full sponsorship of \$500** or a **half sponsorship of \$250** or a **quarter sponsorship of \$125**. If you would like to designate which person you sponsor, you are able to do that as well. We will be updating with the sponsors as we get them. Please fill out the portion to the left and send it to: St. Fidelis Parish, 601 10th Street, Victoria, Kansas 67671 in care of CYO. We appreciate any amount donated towards this rewarding trip for our youth!

~Jeanna Wellbrock  
Tri-Parish CYO Sponsor



**Ben Kuhn**



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# **We appreciate your support!!**

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**Kaylee Kuhn  
Rachel Kuhn**



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**Hadley Lichter**



*Partially Sponsored*

**Myah Younger**



**Andrea Schmidtberger**





## ST. ANN

### CALLING ALL ST. ANN CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Cleaning the church will take place on  
**Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 9 a.m.**  
Bring your own cleaning supplies.

### ST ANN'S CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S MEETING MINUTES

**September 25, 2025**

The St Ann's Christian Mothers met on September 25, 2025, at the Walker Hall. President, Helen Windholz, called the meeting to order. Fr. Curtis led the group in an opening prayer. Members attending were Paula Zwenger, Shirley Brungardt, Mary Kay Schippers, Linda Robben, Edie McQuade, Pam Nowak, Alice Schrant, Margie Straub, Helen Windholz, and Lou Ann Hammersmith.

The minutes of the last meeting on March 29 and the officers' meeting on August 21 were read and approved. Lou Ann Hammersmith gave the treasurer's report. The current balance in the checking account is \$911.43, and the savings balance is \$1672.14, for a total of \$2583.57. A review was made of the donations made each year to Options, First Call for Help, Birthright, and St Fidelis Food Pantry. It was decided to increase the donation to Options to \$50 and continue \$50 donations to the other organizations.

General church cleaning will be held on **October 25 at 9:00**. No action has been taken by the parish council regarding the cleaning of the hall. It will be cleaned as needed.

Helen read a thank you card received from Fr. Jim.

A bill for Christmas decorations was approved. Mary Kay Schippers will be reimbursed for the cost of the decorations. Reimbursement will be made from the \$400 donation we received from the Tour Die Kapellen. Ellis County is celebrating the Sesquicentennial (150th anniversary) of the Volga Germans coming to America in 2026. There will be a special mass at **Walker on July 26, 2026**, which will coincide with the annual potluck for the feast of Saints Ann and Joachim. Discussion was held regarding the changes needing to be made to qualify as an active order and be recognized as such by the National Confraternity. Some suggestions made were: Christian Mothers lead the rosary before Mass; have an outside speaker give a presentation at a meeting, coloring contest for the feast of Saints Joachim and Ann, and an annual Mass for living and deceased members of our order. Helen will contact members regarding the rosary and schedule a Mass. Paula will do further checking regarding the coloring contest. It was decided to have the Walker Elves food baskets and the Operation Shoebox become official activities of the Christian Mothers. It was the consensus of the group to move into active status and have **three meetings per year, in February, June and October**. Helen has not received much information regarding the SCCW dues. This item was tabled to the next meeting. Meetings have been scheduled for February 19 and June 11, 2026, both at 7:00 p.m. Father Curtis led the group in a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorded by: Lou Ann Hammersmith



Thank you to the Cora Schulte family for donating the stone around the church chiller.

## DIOCESE

### Catholic Charities Annual Campaign

Catholic Charities is excited to announce the kickoff of the *2025 Igniting Hope: Annual Campaign for our Neighbors in Need*, which is dedicated to the growth and expansion of their programs and services for individuals and families across the 31 counties in the Salina Diocese.

Thanks to the generosity of the Schmidt Foundation and anonymous donors around the diocese, we have a matching donation of \$150,000— meaning contributions will be doubled! We rely on our parish partners participation during the kickoff weekend, to not only help promote the Igniting Hope Annual Campaign, but the mission of Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas.

**The kickoff weekend is October 25– 26, 2025.**

## COMMUNITY

THE VICTORIA COMMUNITY COALITION INVITES EVERYONE  
TO COME TOGETHER WITH NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS TO

### ST. JOHN'S PLACE

#### GAME DAYS

**2ND & 4TH MONDAYS OF THE MONTH**

PLAY CARDS OR BOARD GAMES

AND ENJOY SOME FRIENDLY CONVERSATION.

**2:00 - 4:00 PM (OR LATER)**

#### COFFEE TIME GATHERINGS

**1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH**

**10:00 - 11:00 (OR LATER)**

ENJOY SOME COFFEE AND FRIENDLY CONVERSATION.

**PLEASE USE THE NORTH LOBBY ENTRANCE.**

## CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION



Victoria's Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat  
**When? Sunday, October 26th**  
**Beginning at 2 P.M. in Victoria**  
Youth groups are going door to door in Victoria to collect nonperishable items for the Ellis County Community Assistance Center in Hays.

If you live within Victoria's city limits and have any nonperishable items you'd like to donate including: nonperishable food, toiletries, household cleaners, baby items, etc. simply set them outside on your door step before/by 2 P.M. today! Please label any bags: "TOTSOC". [Please check expiration dates on all items as we will dispose of any expired items.]

**If we miss your home, we apologize and do our best to get all of the homes within the city limits. Please drop your item(s) off at St. Fidelis' Parish Office (601 10th St., Victoria, KS) in the Religious Ed/ Youth Ministry Office, during business hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:30—12 & 1—4 and Fri: 8:30—12**  
**Questions? Please contact Jeanette Brungardt at 785-639-5067 [Reledyouth@sffidelischurch.com](mailto:Reledyouth@sffidelischurch.com)**

## COMMUNITY

### DIOCESE OF SALINA DISCERNMENT WEEKENDS

#### OCTOBER 18 — ST. JOSEPH SEMINARY VISIT

This seminary visit will take place in Wichita at the St. Joseph House of Formation and is open to any guys in high school

#### NOVEMBER 6-8 — ST. JOHN VIANNEY SEMINARY VISIT

This seminary visit will take place in Denver, CO at St. John Vianney Seminary and is open to any guys 18 and older

#### NOVEMBER 20-22 — KENRICK SEMINARY VISIT

This seminary visit will take place in St. Louis, MO at Kenrick Seminary and is open to any guys 18 and older

#### DECEMBER 26-28- QUO VADIS DISCERNMENT RETREAT

This retreat is an opportunity to examine where your life is going and ask the Lord if you are going in the right direction. This retreat is designed for young men to discern a vocation to the priesthood, to religious life, or to marriage. On this retreat, you will take time to ask the Lord where He desires to lead you.



SCAN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING US!

### DIOCESE OF SALINA WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT

#### OCTOBER 10 -11, 2025 - KANSAS NUN RUN (18 AND UP)

Join us for a women's road trip across Kansas as we visit religious orders, meet sisters, and experience what life is like in religious community. Come with an open heart—you just might find the next step in your journey with God.

#### OCTOBER 17-19, 2025 - COME & SEE WEEKEND

This Retreat is designed for young women to literally 'come and see' what Religious Life is all about. You're invited to spend the weekend with the IHM Sisters- praying, eating meals, and recreating. Whether actively discerning a vocation or simply wanting to know what Religious Life is all about, the retreat offers young women (18 and older) a glimpse into the life of an IHM Religious Sister. Please contact Sr. Marie Therese [vocations@sistersihmofwichita.org](mailto:vocations@sistersihmofwichita.org) (316) 722-9316

#### DECEMBER 12-14, 2025 - FIAT DISCERNMENT RETREAT

This Retreat is for women ages 18-30 who are seeking God's will for their life. It is led by a team of lay people from Wichita, KS. Consecrated sisters from various religious communities from the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious assist at the retreat by giving talks, leading small groups, giving their testimonies, and providing a joyful witness of what it means to be a consecrated religious sister.



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If you are interested in either of these events please contact  
Fr. Andy Hammeke at [andy.hammeke@salinadiocese.org](mailto:andy.hammeke@salinadiocese.org)

# Tri-Parish Cards & Games Party

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 • 2:00 — 4:00 p.m.**

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## 12 Days of Christmas Cash Giveaway – Volunteers Needed!



We're excited to announce that ticket sales for the 12 Days of Christmas Cash Giveaway are happening again this year! All proceeds from this fundraiser will support much-needed building repairs. The Parish Council is currently seeking parishioners willing to help sell tickets. Your support makes a big difference—it takes a whole parish to make these fundraisers successful! If you're able to help, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support!



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