

“Beacon of Faith,”
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

“Cathedral of the Plains,”
THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

“Pearl of the Prairie,”
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Office
and Catholic Faith Education Office:

601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 • 785-735-2777 • Fax: 785-735-2779
Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00

Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, Holy Communion to Homebound
Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events

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

ST. FIDELIS GIFT & THRIFT SHOP — 503 Main Street, Victoria
Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00-2:00; Wednesday 10:00-3:30; Thursday 10:00-4:00

BULLETIN ITEMS
Deadline is Wednesday at **10:00 a.m.** Please contact Connie
at the Parish Office (sftech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777)

PLENARY INDULGENCE—The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence—a remission before God of the temporal punishment for a previously forgiven sin—by visiting a minor basilica. To obtain a plenary indulgence during a pilgrimage to a basilica, one must participate in any sacred rite or recite the Lord's Prayer or the profession of faith while there, then go to Confession and Communion, and pray for the intention of the pope. ~ taken from *The Register*, Salina Diocese newspaper

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

March 17, 2024 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Eucharistic Adoration:

THURSDAYS • 9:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.
in St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar
Bishop Vincke asks each parish to include
prayers for vocations to religious life.

Confessions:

St. Fidelis: Mondays 7:30 p.m. and
Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
St. Ann: After Mass
St. Boniface: Sundays 7:45-8:15 a.m.
(Nov.-Apr.) After Mass (May-Oct.)
or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

Tri-Parish Prayer Line

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

Dates To Remember

Mar. 19 — Feast of St. Joseph
Mar. 24 — Palm (Passion) Sunday
Mar. 28 — Holy Thursday — PARISH
OFFICE CLOSED @ noon
Mar. 29 — Good Friday — PARISH
OFFICE CLOSED
Mar. 30 — Holy Saturday
Mar. 31 — Easter Sunday
Apr. 1 — Easter Monday — PARISH
OFFICE CLOSED
Apr. 7 — Divine Mercy Sunday
Apr. 14 — First Communion 10:00 am
Mass @ St. Fidelis

“Father, glorify your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven,

“I have glorified it
and will glorify it again.”

John 12:20-33



God Speaks

God the Father speaks only three times in the gospels: at the Baptism of Christ in the river Jordan, at the Transfiguration of Christ on Mount Tabor, and in today's gospel as Christ is approaching the hour of his death. Clearly, those were significant moments.

At the baptism of the Lord, God the Father was heard saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." The words of God the Father at the Transfiguration of the Lord are similar but with an added command to the apostles, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." Those two events are recorded in all the gospels.

The voice of God the Father in today's gospel is unique to the gospel of John. The setting for this passage is the imminent passion and death of Christ. Earlier in John's gospel Jesus said, "My hour has not yet come." But now his hour has come. Yet unlike that moment in the other gospels, in John it will not be an hour of sorrow and grief, but the hour of glory when Christ completes his mission and returns to eternal life with the Father which he had left temporarily for his work on earth.

The other gospels tell of the agony in the garden. But in the gospel of John there is no agony in the garden. In John's gospel Christ is fully in control

throughout his final hours. For example, there is no Simon of Cyrene; Jesus carries his own cross. Christ freely hands over his life to the Father, triumphant in his death, returning to God the Father after accomplishing his mission on earth

In today's gospel the voice of God the Father is in response to the prayer of Christ, "Father, glorify your name." God the Father responds, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." Christ will return to the glory of God the Father by a death that conquers sin. Christ explained to the bewildered crowd, "This voice did not come for my sake, but for yours. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out."

Christ needs no solace for a death that will conquer the evil forces of this world; rather he invites all people to share in the glory of God the Father. "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." We pray in the Stations of the Cross, "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

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Insanity is inherited; you get it from your kids.



Parish Staff

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Contributions March 9-10, 2024

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 2012.00 Loose 1108.00
Cemetery 45.00
Catholic Relief 396.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 100.00 Loose 366.00
Catholic Relief 80.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 325.00 Loose 135.00
Candles 9.00
Catholic Relief 155.00

March 18 — Patty Dreiling, Anne Schmidtberger

March 25 — Brenda Dreiling, Sandra Dreiling

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Verda L. Werner**, who passed away on Saturday, January 13, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Saturday, March 9, 2024.

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

1st - Christian Mothers

2nd - Knights of Columbus

3rd - Daughters of Isabella

4th - Family Life

MINISTER SCHEDULE

The Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Homebound, and Cantor schedules can be found on the Mass Schedule page of the church website at StFidelisChurch.com.

Please contact Diane Gross (785-735-4804) with any questions about the schedule for the Eucharistic or Lector ministries or if you are willing to volunteer for those ministries.

* CANTORS *

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

5:00 PM — Pam Scheck

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

10:00 AM — Adult Choir

* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS *

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

5:00 PM — Carol Pfeifer, Debbie Staab, Kathy Kuhn,
Jerry Schmidtberger

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 — (Adult Choir sings)

10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun, Connie Windholz, Anne Dinkel,
Bertha A. Brungardt

* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS *

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

5:00 PM — Tammy Lichter, Diane Gross

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

10:00 AM — Karen Nowak, Shanna Dinkel

* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS *

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 — Kathy Kuhn

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

* MASS SERVERS *

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

5:00 PM — Emma D., Hadley L., Devyn H.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

10:00 AM — Nicholas and Wesley S., Dax L.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council

4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee

2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Pastoral Council

1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, March 18 | 7:30 p.m.

(after the 7:00 p.m. Mass)

at The Basilica of St. Fidelis

Communal Anointing of the Sick

will be administered after Mass

at St. Ann on Saturday, March 16

and at St. Fidelis on Sunday, March 17.

Due to time constraints, there will not be anointing after the St. Fidelis Mass on Saturday or the St. Boniface Mass on Sunday.

NEED SPECIAL HEARING HELP AT MASS IN THE BASILICA?

St. Fidelis Parish has individual hearing aids with adjustable volume. They are wireless and connect directly to the church's sound system. If you are interested in trying one, just come by the parish office, pay a small deposit, and keep your unit until you don't need it. We will refund your deposit once it is returned.

Coming very soon, if you already have personal hearing aids that are controllable from your cell phone, you will be able to download an app on your cell and hear in church through your hearing aids. We will publish the app for your phone when that feature is operative.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	MARCH 18
7:00 pm Gladys Pfeifer	
TUESDAY	MARCH 19
6:45 am Verda Werner and the Ivan Werner family	
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 20
6:45 am	
THURSDAY	MARCH 21
6:45 am	
FRIDAY	MARCH 22
6:45 am	
SATURDAY	MARCH 23
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Ronald Leiker, Alfred and Regina Leiker, Peter and Alice Braun, and Donnie and Darlene Braun	
6:30 pm St. Ann Katy Windholz	
SUNDAY	MARCH 24
8:30 am St. Boniface For the parishes	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Arlene Pfeifer	

**Beginning tomorrow—Monday, March 18—
weekday Masses will be held in the main part of
the church.**

Due to the Parish Office being closed at noon on Holy Thursday, March 28, items for the **March 31 BULLETIN** need to be in

by 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 26.

Please call the Office at 785-735-2777 or email Connie at sftech@ruraltel.net with your bulletin articles.



SAVE THE DAY St. Fidelis Church Cleaning Wednesday, March 27 starting at 6:30 p.m.

All parishioners are invited to help clean the church.

There will be no Liturgy of the Word for Children on Easter Sunday, March 31.

Believe in miracles.

F Y I

(For Your Information)

We are still waiting on the pictorial directory which includes the pictures of parishioners taken last September and October.

We received a proof in February and mailed it back with corrections on February 22, 2024. However, to our chagrin, the package was delayed in transit for some unknown reason.

As of Wednesday, March 13, it still had not reached its destination, but was languishing in a Cleveland Ohio, Distribution Center.

Once Universal Church Directories does receive the package, they will make the corrections and email us a PDF to do a second proofing.

All of this delay will probably cause the directory to arrive sometime in late April or possibly May.

Please watch the bulletin for notification for when the books arrive. At that time, we will announce how those who posed for a portrait can obtain your free copy.

ST. FIDELIS ADULT CHOIR

Choir Practice

The St. Fidelis Adult Choir will practice every Wednesday through Holy Week at 7:30 p.m.

ST. BONIFACE

Special Mass for Rain/Favorable Weather

St. Boniface Church
Friday, April 12 | 6:30 p.m.
Meal following Mass.

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.

Lenten Bake Sales



The Daughters of Isabella will have Bake Sales in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Fish Fries at the V.F.W. Hall during Lent. Members are asked to please bring baked goods or a cash donation to the V.F.W. Hall between 4:00-5:00 p.m. on the **Friday, March 15.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Victoria Knights of Columbus Fish Fries



Dine-in or carry-out service available.

Serving:

**Deep-fried Pollock, Fried Noodles and Beans,
Coleslaw, Baked Potatoes, Bread, and Drink**

\$15 for adults | \$5 for children ages 5-12

Friday, March 15

**5:00 until 7:00 p.m. or until the food is gone
at the Victoria VFW Hall**

2024 DAILY LENTEN OFFERINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — DAY 33

Gospel reading: John 12:20-33
 “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.”
 (John 12-32, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will commit to serving the Lord by following Him.

MONDAY — DAY 34

Gospel reading: John 8:1-11
 “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. ‘Go now and leave your life of sin.’”
 (John 8:11, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will open my arms and welcome others who need Christ’s love as I do.

TUESDAY — DAY 35

Gospel reading: Luke 2:41-51
 “Why were you searching for Me?” He asked. ‘Didn’t you know I had to be in My Father’s house?’”
 (Luke 2:49, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: Today, I will praise Jesus’ obedience to His Father.

WEDNESDAY — DAY 36

Gospel reading: John 8:31-42
 “If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
 (John 8:31-32, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will live in God’s Word and experience the freedom He promises.

THURSDAY — DAY 37

Gospel reading: John 8:51-59
 “...I do know Him and obey His word.”
 (John 8:51-59)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will answer God’s call to use me as a vessel of His help.

FRIDAY — DAY 38

Gospel reading: John 10:31-42
 “...believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.”
 (John 10:38, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will make a difference in the lives of those around me.

SATURDAY — DAY 39

Gospel reading: John 11:45-56
 “...he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one.”
 (John 11:51-52, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will share the good news of salvation.



The Ultimate Sacrifice

Come examine the parallel between God’s call to Abraham to sacrifice Isaac and that of the sacrifice of Jesus. On the following **Tuesdays, February 20, March 5, and March 19**, Angel Studios production "His Only Son" will be viewed and discussed with corresponding bible readings. Add some prayerful reflection to your Lent. Meetings will be at **7:30 a.m.** in the north sacristy of the church. For more information, please contact Stephanie Broyles (785-735-4747) or Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).

Sponsored by the Family Life Committee.

We are looking for people willing to have their feet washed during the 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass on March 28.



Please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777 if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

No Adoration This Thursday

Due to Fr. Jim Moster attending the Chrism Mass in Salina **this Thursday, March 21**, there will not be any Eucharistic Adoration that day in The Basilica of St. Fidelis.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

with Benediction

5:30 p.m.

on the Fridays of Lent

The Basilica of St. Fidelis

NO STATIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY.

Chrism Mass

The annual Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Salina will be held on **Thursday, March 21, at 11:30 a.m.** at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. Oils for all the parishes of the Diocese will be blessed at this Mass.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Year of Mercy Visits with Bishop Jerry Vincke



Bishop Jerry Vincke with First Grade students.



Addy Sander helped Bishop Jerry Vincke with a 3rd Grade demonstration.



Bishop Jerry Vincke with the
5th Grade class.



Bishop Jerry Vincke with students in the 9th Grade class.

Bishop Gerald Vincke made his Year of Mercy visit to St. Ann Parish in Walker and St. Fidelis Parish in Victoria on Tuesday, March 5, and Wednesday, March 6, respectively. He visited St. Boniface Parish last year on Sunday, December 10, during his annual visit to celebrate Mass there.

The CYO served breakfast after Mass at St. Boniface. At St. Ann Parish, Bishop Vincke visited the homebound in the afternoon, led the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions at 5:00 p.m. and then celebrated Mass at 6:00, followed by a potluck supper. At St. Fidelis Parish, he celebrated the 6:45 a.m. Mass, after which he visited the homebound. St. Fidelis Christian Mothers prepared a chicken noodle soup lunch which was served in the Meal Site Room of the Parish Office for him and parishioners. At 3:00 p.m. he gave a talk in The Basilica followed by Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament with Confessions. In the evening he visited all the Religious Education classes at the Parish Office and in the Basilica.



Bishop Jerry Vincke with students in 2nd Grade.



Bishop Jerry Vincke with 4th Grade students.



Bishop Jerry Vincke in The Basilica of St. Fidelis conversing with 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade students.

Bishop Jerry Vincke visited with several St. Fidelis parishioners in their individual homes as part of his Year of Mercy visit to the homebound on Wednesday, March 6.



Bishop Jerry Vincke with Bob and Phyllis Stramel (above) and Al and Judy Windholz (below).



Bishop Jerry Vincke with Patty Schmidtberger (above) and Lucy Brown (below).





Bishop Jerry Vincke with Mary Ann Dinkel.



Bishop Jerry Vincke with Arnita Scheck.



Bishop Jerry Vincke was presented with one of St. Fidelis Parish's Basilica rosaries that were made in Italy and have medals representing the altars and other images of the Basilica. Shown at left (left to right) are Andrea Schmidtberger, church secretary/bookkeeper; Bishop Jerry Vincke; Fr. Jim Moster, pastor; and Delila Brungardt, volunteer St. Fidelis Gift Shop organizer.

The St. Fidelis Christian Mothers prepared a chicken noodle soup lunch for Bishop Jerry Vincke during his Year of Mercy visit. The lunch was held in the Meal Site room at the Parish Office. After lunch Bishop Vincke filled the group in on how he decided to become a priest.



Bishop Jerry Vincke made Year of Mercy visits to St. Boniface Parish in Vincent and to St. Ann Parish in Walker.



Bishop Jerry Vincke addressed the crowd at the potluck supper in St. Ann's Parish Hall.



Bob Brungardt and his grandson, Luke Brungardt, volunteered to be altar servers at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Jerry Vincke at St. Ann Catholic Church on Tuesday, March 5.



Bishop Jerry Vincke celebrated Mass at St. Boniface Catholic Church on December 10, 2023, as part of his Year of Mercy visit there (above). After Mass, CYO members served a breakfast in the Parish Hall (right).





Victoria Community Easter Egg Hunt

Hosted by the Basilica of St. Fidelis' Office of
Religious Education and Youth Ministry

Age groups: 0-1 years; 2-3 years; 4-5 years;
6-7 years; 8-9 years

**Where: Meet in the St. Fidelis Church parking lot
between St. Fidelis Church and Victoria Elementary School**

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Date: Saturday, March 30, 2024

**Parents don't forget your cameras! A special photo op will be
available for our little ones, ages 0-1, as this is their
First Easter!**

**Thank you to the individuals and businesses who lend their
support by volunteering or generously giving monetary donations
to make this Easter Egg Hunt possible.**



St. Fidelis Church



Victoria
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Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday

A cross will be displayed at the Communion Rail and everyone can then walk up the aisle and venerate the cross by bowing or genuflecting without touching the cross.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SCHEDULE

Monday, March 25	7:00 p.m. Mass	St. Fidelis
Tuesday, March 26	6:45 a.m. Mass	St. Fidelis
Wednesday, March 27	6:45 a.m. Mass	St. Fidelis
Holy Thursday, March 28	7:00 p.m. Mass (<i>Collection for the Cemeteries</i>)	St. Fidelis
	8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration	St. Fidelis
<i>All tri-parish members and guests may reverence the Eucharist at anytime until 9:00 p.m.</i>		
NO THURSDAY MORNING MASS and NO MORNING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION		
Good Friday, March 29	1:00 p.m. Services (<i>Holy Land Collection</i>)	St. Fidelis
NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY		
Holy Saturday, March 30	8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass	St. Fidelis
CONFESSIONS 4:00 @ ST. FIDELIS		
Easter Sunday, March 31	7:30 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
	8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Boniface
	10:00 a.m. Mass	St. Fidelis

BLESSING OF FOOD: Food will be blessed at all Masses Easter Sunday morning.

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION: The collection will go to the Cemetery Funds for each church. Be sure to use your envelopes to designate which church's Cemetery Fund it should go to.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: We will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places.

Individual Examination of Conscience – 10 Commandments

First Commandment: “I am the Lord your God, you shall not have strange gods before Me.”

Have I denied God? Have I been ashamed of or denied my faith in front of others? Have I ridiculed the teachings or practices of the Church? Have I neglected my prayers? Have I used witchcraft, or practiced various forms of superstition: fortune tellers, ouija boards, tarot cards?

Second Commandment: “Do not take the name of the Lord in vain.”

Do I use God’s name carelessly, in anger, or in surprise? Have I wished evil upon anyone or anything?

Third Commandment: “Keep holy the Sabbath Day.”

Have I, through my own fault, failed to come to Mass each Sunday and every Holy Day of Obligation? Do I arrive at Mass late or leave early without good reason? Do I allow myself to be distracted at Mass?

Fourth Commandment: “Honor your father and mother.”

Have I disobeyed my parents or treated them with disrespect? Am I disrespectful, impolite, or discourteous toward my family? Have I neglected my work or my studies? Have I been helpful in my home? Am I disrespectful toward the elderly? Am I disobedient to the civil law or to those in authority such as the police?

Fifth Commandment: “You shall not kill.”

Did I have an abortion or help another to have an abortion? Have I mutilated my body or another’s body? Did I attempt suicide or seriously consider thoughts of suicide? Do I act violently by fighting or hitting others? Have I had thoughts of hatred toward another? Have I sold, distributed illegal drugs or taken illegal drugs? Do I abuse my body by eating, or sleeping too much? Do I drink alcoholic beverages in excess? Have I been intoxicated? Am I too concerned about my health or appearance? Do I deliberately harbor unkind and revengeful thoughts about others? Have I taken revenge? Have I used abusive language toward another? Do I ridicule others or take delight in their misfortunes? Have I been guilty of the sin of racism? Am I cruel to animals?

Sixth and Ninth Commandments: “Do not commit adultery. Do not covet your neighbors wife.”

Have I desired or done impure things? Have I taken pleasure in entertaining impure thoughts or desires? Have I read impure material, listened to music with impure lyrics, or looked at impure images, photos on television or the Internet? Have I aroused sexual desire in myself or another by impure kissing, embracing, or touching? Have I committed impure actions alone, i.e., masturbation? Have I committed homosexual acts or other unnatural acts? Do I use artificial contraception? Have I dressed immodestly? Do I use vulgar language or tell or listen to impure jokes or stories? Do I indulge in self-pity? Am I proud, boastful, vain, or do I show off? Am I hypersensitive?

Seventh and Tenth Commandments: “You shall not steal. Do not covet your neighbor’s goods.”

Am I envious of someone’s possessions? Have I taken anything that was not my own? Have I damaged private or public property or defaced it by vandalism? Have I been guilty of shop-lifting? Have I accepted or bought stolen property or helped someone to steal? Have I bribed someone? Have I spent useless time before the TV? Do I gamble excessively? Have I borrowed something without the owner’s permission? Have I failed to return something I borrowed? Do I waste money or spend it needlessly? Have I harbored a greed for money or worldly possessions? Have I made of money, or any possession, a false god? Do I waste goods or food? Have I cheated on tests, schoolwork or sports?

Eighth Commandment: “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

Have I deliberately lied or misled anyone? Have I done something sinful or illegal? Have I slandered others? Do I gossip about others or listen to gossip? Have I told a secret I was asked to keep? Have I betrayed someone’s trust? Have I criticized or made rash judgments about others? Have I refused to apologize or forgive someone?

Commodities to Be Distributed

Commodities will be available for pickup on **Monday, March 25, at 2:00 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.



Victoria Elementary School Breakfast

Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

\$10.00 per person, 4 & under free

Serving:

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy, Hash Browns, & Coffee or Orange Drink

Hope you can come support the school's activity account that helps pay for class trips, school supplies, etc.

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MARCH Human Trafficking Alert

Pray for families who have to sell their children to be able to eat and for those who are tricked into sending their children with traffickers with the promise of education and a better life. **Alliance to End Human Trafficking**—Founded and supported by **U.S. Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave. 1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.**

Gatholic Relief Services Collection



Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for **revealing Christ's love** to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information. #iGiveCatholic Together also accepts donations for this collection (usccb.igivecatholictogether.org).

My deepest gratitude to those who reached out to me during my illness. But most of all, the many prayers that were said for me touched my heart. God bless all of you for your kindness. ~ Lucy Brown ~

Retreat Offered for Children Dealing with Grief

Registration is open for the Healing Kids' Hearts Retreat for children who have lost a loved one.

The free event for children ages 6 to 12 will take place from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 23**, at the Hays Senior Center, 2450 E. Eighth St. Lunch will be provided.

The retreat is sponsored by the Center for Life Experience in Hays. Laura Allen, executive director of the center, said adult volunteers are needed to help at the retreat. Registration for both children and volunteers is available by calling Laura at 785-259-6859 or by emailing laura@cflhope.org.

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

What's that Smell?

An elderly couple is in church when the wife, embarrassed, turns to her husband and says, "I've just done a silent toot. What should I do?"

Her husband says, "Put new batteries in your hearing aid!"

**St. Francis of Assisi
Knights of Columbus Council 11492**

ANNUAL FISH FRY

Friday, March 22 | 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Munjoy School

Menu: Beer-battered fried fish, Homemade fried noodles and beans, Grebel

FREE WILL DONATION

All proceeds benefit the Diocesan Seminarian Fund

Bookmobile in Town



The Hays Public Library's Bookmobile will be in Victoria on **Saturday, March 16, from 1:00-2:30 p.m.** at the Victoria City Park.

VCC Requesting Help to Save on Demolition Expense at St. John's Place

The Victoria Community Coalition is working hard at getting St. John's Place ready for the new living spaces.

To save on the expense of hiring companies to do all of the demolition work, board members and community members are trying to do as much as they can themselves in the next two weeks. They have work days planned this weekend.

If you see cars at St. John's Place, that means they are working. If you are available to lend a hand—even if just for a short time, please come on over and help them out with this project.

VCC Holding Forum for Phase 2 of St. John's Place

The Victoria Community Coalition invites the community to a forum to be held on **Tuesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m.** at the VFW.

The goal is to gain citizens' input into Phase 2 of St. John's Place, including possible daycare space, a community center, or other possible purposes.

The event will be facilitated by Betty Johnson of the Dane Hansen Foundation and will include refreshments and door prizes.

Please come and be part of the conversation.

Parish Job Opportunity – St. Joseph's, Hays

St. Joseph Parish is looking for a full-time Maintenance Supervisor. The person in this position manages operations and repair for the rectory, church campus, buildings, and cemeteries. The Supervisor oversees two team members.

Normal hours for this position are 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with occasional night and weekend hours required. Applicants will be subject to a background check.

To request a full job description or to learn more about its accompanying salary and benefits, contact Ann Pfeifer, Parish Business Administrator, at 785-625-7356. You can email a resume to Ann directly at stjoffice@stjoehays.com or drop off a resume at 215 W. 13th Street, Hays. Priority deadline: Friday, March 15, 2024. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service

The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at **3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 7**, at St. Joseph Church in Hays. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers, and meditation.

Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina on April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church.

Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are in the brochure rack of St. Joseph Church. CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2:00 p.m. This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio.

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