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Parish 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	Catholic Faith Education Office 785-735-9244
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Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, Holy Communion to Homebound
Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events.

St. Fidelis Food Pantry
For residents of the tri-parishes. Call the Parish Office.
Donations accepted.

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
Some items available at the Parish Office such as Die Herzoger, Cookbooks, Postcards, History Books.

BULLETIN ITEMS
Deadline is **Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.** Please contact Connie at the Parish Office (sftch@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

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January 1, 2023 – Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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.

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

Jan. 16 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Jan. 29 — Kansas Day (162 years)
Feb. 2 — Presentation of the Lord
Blessing of Candles
Groundhog Day
Feb. 3 — Feast of St. Blaise/Blessing of Throats
Feb. 4-5 — Blessing of Throats after all Masses
Feb. 5 — Boy Scout Sunday
Feb. 12 — Card Party @ PAC
Feb. 14 — Valentine’s Day

“ALL WHO HEARD IT WERE AMAZED
BY WHAT HAD BEEN
TOLD THEM BY THE SHEPHERDS.”

LUKE 2:16-21



The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow—Monday, Jan. 2



Mother of God

Today, January 1, the church celebrates the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. It is most fitting that at the dawn of a new year we honor Mary, who by giving birth to Christ, gave us a new day in the salvation of the world.

The Scriptural foundation for the title Mother of God comes from the greeting Mary received when she visited her cousin Elizabeth: "And how does this happen to me that the *mother of my Lord* should come to me?" (Luke 1: 43).

This title, Mother of God, can be misunderstood. It does not mean that Mary gave birth to God or to divinity. It means that she was the mother of Jesus of Nazareth who was a divine person, the Son of God. The Eastern Catholic Church uses an insightful Greek term, *theotokos*, literally "bearer of God." Mary bore a Son who was the divine Son of God.

The concept and the title for Mary as Mother of God, as the *theotokos*, did not come from theologians trying to honor Mary. It was a result of the Christological councils in the fourth and fifth centuries. Those councils were trying to understand who Christ was and how his human and divine nature were united in the Son of God. In the effort to clarify who Christ was, they found it necessary to understand first who Mary was. That relationship is mutual: *If you get something wrong about Mary, you get something wrong about Christ.* Only when you



understand Mary correctly can you understand Christ properly.

In his encyclical on Mary, *Marialis Cultus* (1974) Pope Paul VI wrote: "The feast of Mary the Mother of God on the first of January commemorates Mary's role in the mystery of our salvation. It also recalls the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the Mother through whom we received the Author of life. As

the angels announced at his birth, "Peace on earth," let us implore from God, through the Queen of Peace, that gift of peace.

The beginning of a new year is fittingly the World Day of Peace, an observance with secular as well as religious support to renew peace in our hearts."

On this day which inaugurates a new year in our journey of faith,

when we are grateful for the life of Christ which

we have received through Mary, when we hope this new year will bring new life to our spirit, it is most fitting that the church honors Mary, the Queen of Peace, as the Mother of God.

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May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions.

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Contributions December 24-25, 2022

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 8,875.00 Loose 19,020.00
Endowment 25.00
Retired Religious 25.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 2,495.00 Loose 878.00
Cemetery 25.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 890.00 Loose 354.00
Candles 18.00

January 3 (Tuesday) — Verda
Werner, Bertha Brungardt
January 9 — Jerry Schmidtberger,
Andrea Ottley

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.



With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Ivan R. Edsall**, who passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2022. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Thursday, December 22, 2022, with inurnment in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria, on Monday, December 26.

* 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, JANUARY 7

5:00 PM — Meagan Wellbrock

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger

* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS *

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

5:00 PM — Tom Tholen, Becky Scheck, Jane Wagner

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

10:00 AM — Michelle Geist, Colleen Kuhn, Janine Kisner

* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS *

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

5:00 PM — Marilyn Braun

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

10:00 AM — Dave Staab

* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS *

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 — Jane Wagner

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

10:00 AM — Bertha and Kenny Brungardt

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.

The January-February 2023 Lector and Eucharistic Minister Schedules

can be found at the north entrance of
The Basilica of St. Fidelis.

“The Chosen” Bible Study

Have you heard of "The Chosen," a TV and movie series based on the lives of Jesus and his disciples? Maybe you have watched an episode or two.

Family Life is sponsoring an interactive bible study over the first series of "The Chosen" beginning **Tuesday, January 10, at 9:30.**

For more information
contact
Jane Wagner 785-735-2587
or

Stephanie Broyles 785-735-4747.

Everyone is welcome to attend all or any session.



Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council
4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee
2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Pastoral Council
1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

ST. BONIFACE

Special Collection

St. Boniface will hold a special collection on Sunday, January 8, for the Ukrainian couple that visited us in mid-December.

Children's Pageant Makes Christmas Eve Mass Even More Special at the Basilica



With only one practice under their belts, students in kindergarten and first grade participated in a Christmas Eve Pageant performed during the 5:00 Mass at The Basilica of St. Fidelis on Saturday evening, December 24.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the children who enriched the Christmas Children's Liturgy with your joyful singing in the Jubilee Choir and participation in the Christmas Pageant! Your hearts are so precious to Jesus and to your parish family. You impress us so much with your eagerness to help. Your JOY is contagious! Thank you to the Jubilee Choir director, Mrs. Becky Scheck, and pianist, Mrs. LouAnn Hammersmith. You are such a blessing! We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas!



The three kings await their turn to visit the baby Jesus during the Christmas Eve Pageant at the Basilica.



LEFT: Joseph and Mary watch over their baby Jesus.

TOP: One of the kings brings forth his present for the baby Jesus while the shepherds and angels look on.

New Bell System in Place at St. Fidelis

During the week of December 19-23, The Verdin Company out of Cincinnati, Ohio, installed new strikers on the bells in the south tower of The Basilica of St. Fidelis. Then they installed the digital control boxes for the bell system in the south sacristy. You should be able to hear all 4 bells ringing in the future.

BELOW: The picture quality is a bit poor, but it shows the four bells in the south tower—each with its own new numbered striker.



ABOVE: Each of the four bells in the south tower of The Basilica of St. Fidelis has its own striker. Pictured is the striker for Bell #4.



LEFT: Electronic equipment to control the bell striker system is shown on the north wall of the south sacristy of The Basilica of St. Fidelis. The old system was removed from the west wall and a little touch up painting to that wall is now necessary.

THANKS FOR THE HELP

Our maintenance guys—Kenny Pfeifer and Randy Leiker—would like to thank the following for their assistance in removing the old equipment from the bell tower: Frank Dreiling, John Braun, Leroy Schmidtberger, Curt Kuhn, and Buddy Kuhn.

The men used buckets to carry the items down the ladders that lead to the tower.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	JANUARY 2
7:00 pm Phil Gottschalk Jr. family	
TUESDAY	JANUARY 3
6:45 am	
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 4
6:45 am	
THURSDAY	JANUARY 5
6:45 am	
FRIDAY	JANUARY 6
6:45 am Elmer and Dottie Grabbe	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 7
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Ike and Albertina Schmidtberger family living and deceased	
6:30 pm St. Ann Harold and Norma Schmeidler	
SUNDAY	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 8	
8:30 am St. Boniface Robert (anniv), Amelia, Gary, and Kay VonLintel	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Paul and Lucy Baier	

COMMUNITY

Meal Site Delivery Help Needed

The Victoria Meal Site is in need of someone to help deliver meals on Thursday mornings. Please call Darlinea Dinkel at 785-735-4876 if you are able to help.

COMMUNITY

SOUP LUNCHEON



Sunday, January 22nd
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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LUNCH IS INCLUDED

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POPCORN
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EVENING STARTING AT
4:30 P.M.

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AVAILABLE UPON
REQUEST

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MRS. MELISSA SCHOEPP AT
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A LITTLE CHUCKLE

A cartoonist was found dead
in his home.
Details are sketchy

Victoria Schools Calendar



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

Monday — January 2

Christmas Break—No School

Tuesday — January 3

Christmas Break—No School

4:00 pm HS basketball @ Plainville

Wednesday — January 4

Thursday — January 5

4:00 pm MS basketball vs LaCrosse

Friday — January 6

2:45 pm Knights/Squires Varsity Budding Reading

4:00 pm HS basketball vs Otis Bison

Saturday — January 7

2:00 pm HS basketball @ Golden Plains (Rexford)



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Please patronize those who advertise in our bulletin.

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2nd Tuesday
of each month

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