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THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

. Rearl of the Prairie. St. Boniface Catholic Church









Parish Office and Cathol ic 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 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

January 28, 2024 — 4th Sunday in Ordinary time

Masses:

St. Fidel is, Victoria

Saturday — 5:00 pm

Sunday — 10:00 am

Monday — 7:00 pm

Tuesday through Friday — 6:45 am

St. Ann, Walker

 $\begin{array}{l} {\rm Saturday-6:30~pm-November\mbox{-}April} \\ {\rm Sunday-7:30~am-May\mbox{-}October} \end{array}$

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

Feb. 2 — Presentation of the Lord, Blessing of Candles

Feb. 2 — Groundhog Day

Feb. 3 — Feast of St. Blaise

Feb. 4 — Boy Scout Sunday

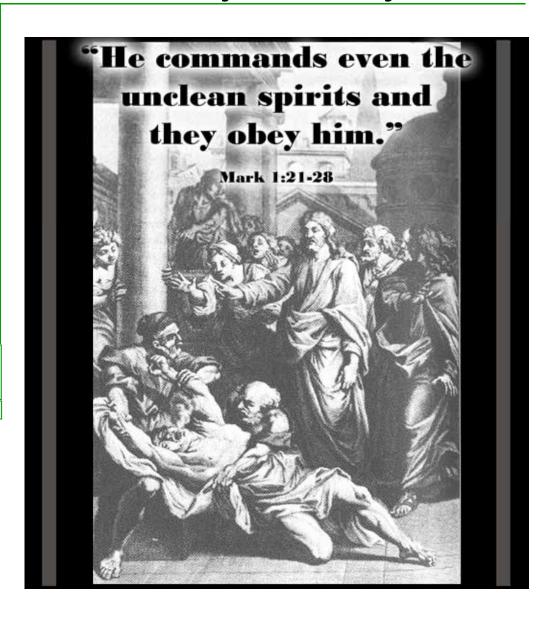
Feb. 14 — Ash Wednesday

Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day Feb. 18 — First Sunday of Lent

Feb. 19 — President's Day — PARISH

OFFICE CLOSED

 ${\bf Mar.\,1}-{\bf World\,Day\,of\,Prayer}$





Devils and Demons

This Sunday we read the story of the first miracle in the Gospel of Mark where Jesus cast the demon out of a possessed man. In the gospels Jesus frequently confronts demons and frees those possessed. There are seven such exorcisms, more than any other type of miracle. Christ gave sight to the blind three times, cured the paralyzed three times, and twice multiplied the loaves and fish. We seldom hear of demons today, so we wonder why there were many in the gospels.



There is a subtle clue in today's gospel story: the demon knew who Christ was. "I know who you are, the Holy One of God." (Mk1:24) The forces of evil seldom allow goodness to go unchallenged. In the gospel of Luke it is clear that the primary struggle in the life of Jesus is with the devil, beginning with the three temptations in the desert to the tragic events of Holy Week where Luke mentions Satan three times.

Another consideration is the culture of the time when those

accounts were written. In that age it was common to refer to any serious problem as the work of evil spirits. Demons were thought to be the force behind blindness, paralysis, even death. Today we have precise scientific terms for every illness: carcinoma, influenza, arthritis. Yet simply giving a name to an aberration of nature does not explain why it has occurred. The ancients might well respond to our scientific perspective, "Yes, carcinoma. But why is there cancer? Why is there COVID? Why does nature malfunction?" Science knows the what, but not the why.

It is not uncommon today for even sophisticated people to refer to overwhelming personal or medical problems analogously as evil spirits. We speak of the demons of addiction, obsessive compulsions, evil gossip. And we all struggle with our own inner demons. Sudden irrational impulses to unruly behavior we often humorously attribute to demons, "The devil made me do it."

Pope Francis, to the bewilderment of his progressive admirers, frequently refers to the threats of the devil. "Many have been led to believe that the devil is a myth, but the devil exists." "The devil uses envy to try to thwart the proclamation of the Gospel." "The great gossiper is the devil." "Never dialogue with the devil."

Evil is a reality in our world, although it is often masked as a good, which can deceive us into being part of it. In a spiritual sense, we need Christ to come again and cast out the demons that tempt us to compromise our faith.

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Gossip is the devil's cell phone.

Parish Staff

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Contributions January 20-21, 2024

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 4250.00 Loose 695.00 Repair Fund 125.00 Cemetery 40.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 545.00 Loose 231.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 325.00 Loose 217.00 Candles 8.00

January 29 — Jerry Schmidtberger, Andrea Ottley

February 5 — Patty Dreiling, Anne Schmidtberger

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Mary Jane Unrein**, who passed away on Saturday, January 20, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, with inurnment in St. Fidelis Cemetery.

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Rosary Schedule

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2nd - Knights of Columbus

1st - Christian Mothers 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, FEBRUARY 3

5:00 PM — Pam Scheck

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

10:00 AM — Adult Choir

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

5:00 PM — Teresa Shepherd, Jane Wagner, Keith Billinger, Randy Leiker

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

10:00 AM — Colleen Kuhn, Anne Dinkel, Yvonne Braun, Andrea Schmidtberger

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

5:00 PM — Diane Gross

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

10:00 AM — Karen Nowak

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 — Diane Gross

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

10:00 AM — Kathy Amrein

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

5:00 PM — Emma D., Devyn H., Dax L.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

10:00 AM — Brody and Broc N., Mason M.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

A Stitch and a Prayer Meeting

A Stitch and a Prayer will meet on **Wednesday**, **January 31**, at **1:30** p.m. at the PAC. Bring your crocheting, scissors, material, and sewing machines if you wish. Anyone is welcome to join in the fun.

For more information, please contact Jane Wagner (785-735-2587.)

It's the Shortest

The study of the shortest of all four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark, will continue each Tuesday to finish the series. Meetings are held in the north sacristy of the church and begin at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of fellowship as together we better understand the Gospel of Mark. For more information, please contact Stephanie Broyles (785-735-4747) or Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).

Sponsored by the Family Life Committee.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: MASS INTENTION SCHEDULING

As of the printing of this bulletin, there are **only 5 weekend Masses available** between the tri-parishes for 2024 Mass
Intentions. There are plenty of weekday Masses available at
The Basilica of St. Fidelis.

REMINDER: We will publish in the bulletin when the 2025 Mass Intention book will be open—sometime around October or November. **A Mass stipend is \$10.00.**

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

MASS INTENTIONS

MASSIMILMITONS
MONDAY JANUARY 29
7:00 pm Floris and Bernie Dome and Brenda Dome Luff
TUESDAYJANUARY 30
6:45 am
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 32
6:45 am
THURSDAYFEBRUARY 1
6:45 am Julie Ann Weber (anniv)
FRIDAYPRESENTATION OF THE LORDFEBRUARY 2
6:45 am
SATURDAYFEAST OF ST. BLAISEFEBRUARY
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Adam and Clementine Braun family
6:30 pm St. Ann Wendelin and Linda Schoendaller and family
SUNDAYFEBRUARY 4
8:30 am St. Boniface For the parishes

FOR THE COMFORT OF DAILY MASS GOERS, ALL MASSES MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY ARE CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN THE CHAPEL BEHIND THE MAIN ALTAR.

10:00 am St. Fidelis Lance Lang

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. Please make checks payable to: Christian Mothers.

ST. BONIFACE

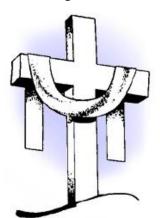
7-Week Study 'Jesus and the Eucharist'

St Boniface will host a 7-week study on "Jesus and the Eucharist" on Wednesday evenings from January 3 through February 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Boniface Parish Hall. They will not meet on February 14 due to Ash Wednesday. All are welcome to attend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS LENTEN YARD CROSS PROGRAM

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 10, 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 6.

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), or Leroy

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 2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship to be held **Sunday**, **January 28**, 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.

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 at 601 10th Street. All proceeds will go towards the Parish's Community Assistance Fund.

Save the Dates!

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry dates have been set for the Fridays of February 16, March 1, and March 15 at the Victoria VFW Hall.

Membership Drive

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way.

Our local St Fidelis Council #1867 will be holding a membership drive at Masses the weekend of February 3 and 4 followed by an exemplification on February 18.

If you would like to join today, simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #1867 for local information. Or contact John Braun at 785-623-0680.

Pun Time

Double negatives are a no-no in English.

Tri-Parish Cards & Games Party

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 ● 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
- Farkle
- Skip-Bo
- Dominos
- Phase 10
- Rummikub



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, **Friday, 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 all Masses next weekend**, **February 3-4**. 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.

ST. FIDELIS ADULT CHOIR

Choir Practice

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

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

2024 Membership Dues

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society 2024 membership dues of \$5.00 are now due and payable using the envelope included in your tithing box. You may also mail dues to Teresa Shepherd, P.O. 324, Victoria, KS 67671. If your membership has lapsed, simply pay this year's dues for full reinstatement.

If you are interested in joining this organization or have questions as to your membership, please contact Jane Wagner (785-735-2587) or Teresa Shepherd (785-735-9576).

Tithing Envelopes

Tithing envelopes for 2024 have been placed at all of the tri-parishes. If you do not see your name and would like a box, contact the parish office at 785-735-2777. Any boxes left after January 28th will be brought to the parish activity center to be picked up from there.

PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR OLD ENVELOPES FOR YOUR 2024 TITHING. YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER MAY HAVE CHANGED.

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January Human Trafficking Alert

How much do you know about human trafficking in your state? This crime operates in every state and could show up in your local community. Education is a key factor in reducing publish ignorance. Alliance to End Human Trafficking—Founded and supported by U.S. Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

SDCCW Winter Workshop

All ladies of the Diocese are invited to the Salina Diocese Council of Catholic Women's (SDCCW) Winter Workshop to be held **TODAY—Sunday, January 28, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** at the St. Agnes Parish Center in Grainfield. Sign-in will be at 12:30, and light refreshments will be served by the Grainfield hostesses.

The program will include a talk by Past Director of the Kansas Catholic Conference Chuck Weber about the upcoming elections. At 2:00, a panel of "Moms of Religious" will tell about the journeys of their sons or daughters who have chosen, or are discerning, the priesthood or religious life.

Care packages for them will be assembled at 3:30 p.m. and closing prayer will be at 4:00 p.m.

Q.: Why is the crib still up in The Basilica of St. Fidelis?

A.: Because of the Plenary Indulgence that can be gained by visiting any Franciscan Church according to the article printed below.

Q.: When will the crib be dismantled?

A.: After February 2, 2024.

Prot. N. 03142/2023-413/23/I

DECREE

The Apostolic Penitentiary, wishing to increase the piety of the faithful and the salvation of souls, by virtue of the faculties granted to it in a most special way by His Holiness, Francis, Our Father in Christ and by Divine Providence, Pope, keeping in mind the petitions recently presented by the Rev. Ministers General from the Conference of the Franciscan Family, on the eight hundredth anniversary of the representation of the Creche that St. Francis first set up in Greccio in 1223, drawing from the heavenly treasures of the Church, graciously grants the Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions (Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to be enjoyed by the repentant faithful moved by Divine love, beginning with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8, 2023, until the solemn day of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2, 2024, which they may apply, by way of suffrage, also for the souls of the faithful still in Purgatory, if they will visit as pilgrims any Franciscan Church throughout the world, in groups or individually, and devoutly participate in the Jubilee rites, or at least stand before the Creche prepared therein, spending a suitable period of time in pious meditations, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith and invocations to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and St. Francis of Assisi.

The elderly, the infirm, and those who for a serious reason cannot leave their homes, will equally be able to gain the Plenary Indulgence with repentance of any sin and with the intention of fulfilling as soon as possible the three usual conditions, participating spiritually in the Jubilee celebrations, with the offering of their prayers, pains and the discomforts of their lives to our merciful God.

In order that access to divine forgiveness through the Church may succeed more easily, this Penitentiary earnestly begs the priests of the Franciscan Family to lend themselves with a ready and generous spirit to the celebration of Penance.

This Decree is valid notwithstanding anything contrary to what is written.

Given in Rome, at the Palace of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on the 14th day of November in the year of our Lord MMXXIII.

St. Fidel is Food Bank

The St. Fidelis Food Bank is available during Parish Office hours to those in need of food. Please call the office at 785-735-2777 in advance so you won't have to wait while we prepare a box of food for you. Boxes can be picked up at the northwest door of the Parish Office. Donations of food or money are always welcome to help supply the Food Bank.

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.

COMMUNITY

Soup Luncheon

Sponsored by Gorham Parish Daughters of Isabella

* TODAY *

Sunday, January 28 | 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Senior Center, Gorham Eat in or take out

Homemade Soups:

Chili, Green Bean & Dumpling, Chicken & Noodle Homemade Bread, Pies, and Desserts

\$8 per person | 5 and under Free | \$13 quart
All Welcome

Don't forget to stop by and check out the Country Store

Bookmobile in Town

The Hays Public Library's Bookmobile will be in Victoria on Monday, February 5, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the Victoria Elementary School.

School Carnival at St. Mary's in Ellis

St. Mary's Catholic School in Ellis is kicking off Catholic Schools Week with a School Carnival **TODAY** — **Sunday, January 28, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** in the school gym. You are invited to come enjoy a soup luncheon (chili, green bean dumpling, chicken noodle, cinnamon roll), games, raffles, and bake sale! Fun for all ages! To get game tickets or raffle tickets early, call the School Office at 785-26-3185.

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 at 785-735-2777.

Fr. Jim will also come to your home and offer the anointing of the sick or confessions.

HELP NEEDED at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop

Do you like to meet new people?



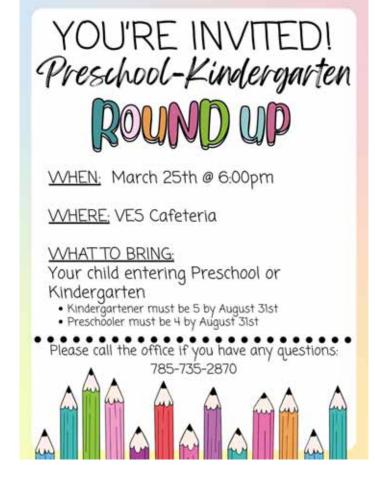
Are you looking for some activity to keep you busy for a few hours a week?

Does volunteering give you a feel-good feeling?

How about volunteering for a shift at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop?

If interested, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.

COMMUNITY





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