

„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:** 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

**Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, In-Home Mass, Holy Communion to Homebound**  
Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events.

**Morning Coffee**  
Thursdays 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Office with the Pastor & friends

**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 Parish Office such as Herzog, Cookbooks, Postcards, History Books.

**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](http://www.StFidelisChurch.com) / [www.StBonifaceVincent.com](http://www.StBonifaceVincent.com)

## March 20, 2022 – Third Sunday of Lent

**MASSSES:**  
**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**  
Anyone wishing to request prayers for family or friends may call Teresa Shepherd (785-735-9576) to add their requests to the Prayer Line

### Dates To Remember

**Mar. 25** — Annunciation of the Lord  
**Apr. 1** — April Fool’s Day  
**Apr. 6** — Confirmation @ 6:30 pm  
**Apr. 7** — Chrism Mass 11:30 @ Salina  
**Apr. 10** — Passion (Palm) Sunday  
**Apr. 14** — Holy Thursday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon  
**Apr. 15** — Good Friday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**Apr. 16** — Holy Saturday  
**Apr. 17** — Easter Sunday



**“I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.”**

**Luke 13:1-9**

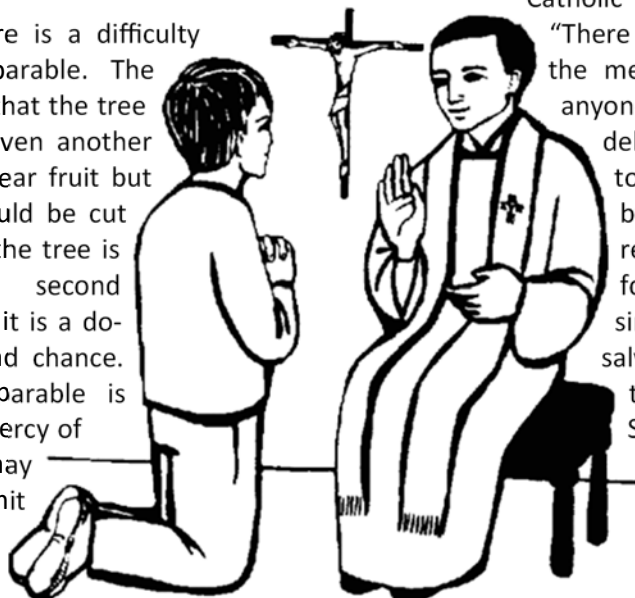


## God's Mulligan

Golfers call it a *mulligan*. The gospel knows it as God's mercy. We all welcome the opportunity to correct a failure and try again. We value a second chance to start anew. Golfers like a *mulligan*.

The parable in today's gospel is about the second chance offered by the mercy of God. The gardener in the parable begs the owner of the orchard not to impatiently discard the barren fig tree. He asks permission to cultivate and fertilize the tree and allow it one more chance to bear fruit. He was asking for the mercy of a second chance.

But there is a difficulty with this parable. The owner said that the tree would be given another chance to bear fruit but if not it would be cut down. Yes, the tree is given a second chance, but it is a do-or-die second chance. Since the parable is about the mercy of God, it may seem to limit divine forgiveness. Yet we are



taught that God is long suffering with our failures and that his mercy is infinite.

The mercy of God is paradoxical. It is infinite, but also limited. It is infinite in God's offering, but limited by our repentance. Only the generous can appreciate a gift, only the loving can know love, only the forgiving can truly be forgiven, and only the penitent can receive mercy.

The early Fathers of the Church spoke of the Sacrament of Confession as "second plank after shipwreck." Baptism was the first opportunity to be freed of all sin. For subsequent failures

the church offers the sacrament of confessing our sins and receiving absolution to restore us to the full graces of God. This does not mean that we have but one opportunity to be absolved, but that the sacrament is another opportunity to repent.

This dimension of divine mercy is clarified in the gospel passage where Christ speaks of the unforgivable sin, blaspheming the Holy Spirit. "All sins will be forgiven, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven." (Lk 12:10) This difficult passage is explained in the

Catholic Catechism:

"There are no limits to the mercy of God, but anyone who deliberately refuses to accept his mercy by repenting, rejects the forgiveness of his sins and the salvation offered by the Holy Spirit." (CCC 1864)

Lent is a special time to open our hearts to the mercy of God by a sincere repentance of our failures and confessing our sins with a firm purpose of living our faith more authentically. By the mercy of God you can take a *mulligan*.

### ... and mirth

The saints were sinners who kept on trying. ~Mother Teresa

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:**

Fr. Jim Moster, OFM, Cap.  
email: james.moster@capuchins.org

**Bookkeeper/Minister to the Elderly and Homebound/Thrift Shop/Food Pantry:**

Jan Brungardt  
email: fidelis@ruraltel.net

**Catholic Faith Education Office:**

Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/  
Youth Minister  
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Shirley Brungardt, RCIA Director/  
Sacramental Records  
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**Housekeeping/Sacristan:**

Darlene Dreiling

**Groundskeeper:** Julius Dreiling

**Maintenance:** Ken Pfeifer, Randy Leiker

**Organists:** Kathy Dreiling-Amrein  
Lou Ann Hammersmith

**Choir Director:** Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

**Technology Coordinator:**

Connie Windholz  
email: sftch@ruraltel.net

### Council Members

**St. Fidelis Pastoral Council**

Doug Kuhn 650-1058 (Chair)  
John R. Braun 735-2622 (Vice-Chair)  
Marilyn Braun 735-9265 (Sec)  
John Schulte 735-2444  
Ryan Lichter 650-7361  
Bertha R. Brungardt 735-4106  
Patty Dreiling 735-4479  
Curt Kuhn 735-8820

**St. Fidelis Finance Council**

Harland Rupp 735-2206  
Frank Dreiling 735-8385  
David Ottley 735-8434  
Brenda Dreiling

**St. Boniface Pastoral Council**

Fred Tholen 735-4801  
Curt Wellbrock 259-6564  
Kathy Huser 735-4193

**St. Ann Pastoral Council**

Terry Riedel 735-9375  
Bill Robben 806-669-5264  
Patrick Zwenger

### Contributions March 12-13, 2021

**ST. FIDELIS:**

Envelopes 3035.00 Loose 903.20  
Repair Fund 160.00  
Catholic Relief 546.00  
Endowment 22.00  
Renovation 100.00

**ST. ANN:**

Envelopes 95.00 Loose 161.00  
Candles 181.00

**ST. BONIFACE:**

Envelopes 125.00 Loose 247.00  
Candles 38.00  
Catholic Relief 35.00

**Mar. 21** — Jerry Schmidtberger,  
Andrea Schmidtberger  
**Mar. 28** — Patty Dreiling, Anne  
Schmidtberger

## Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered **after all Masses** at St. Ann, St. Boniface, and St. Fidelis **the weekend of March 26-27.**

### \* 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

### MINSTER 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, MARCH 26**

5:00 PM — Pam Scheck

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27**

10:00 AM — Adult Choir

### \* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS \*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26**

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27**

10:00 AM — Connie Braun, Bertha R. and Kenny Brungardt  
Bertha A. Brungardt (Adult Choir)

### \* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS \*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26**

5:00 PM Allan Amrein

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27**

10:00 AM — Karen Nowak

### \* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS \*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23** — Carol Pfeifer

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 10:00 AM** — Yvonne Braun

### \* MASS SERVERS \*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26**

5:00 PM — Easton W., Kaitlyn and Jack W.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27**

10:00 AM — Brooklyn, Brody, Broc N.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2**

5:00 PM — Emma D., Ryker K., Harper T.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3**

10:00 AM — Abby B., Averi and Riley W.

### Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 5:30 pm

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

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

## With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Kenneth R. "Ken" Braun** of Hays, who passed away on Sunday, March 6, 2022. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Thursday, March 10, 2022, with burial in St. Joseph Cemetery, Hays.

## New Cemetery Committee

St. Fidelis Church will be starting a Cemetery Committee. If you are interested in being on the committee, please contact Fr. Jim or Jan at the Parish Office.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

with Benediction

5:30 p.m.

Fridays of Lent

The Basilica of St. Fidelis

**NO STATIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY.**



## Practice Wednesdays

The adult choir will practice on Wednesday, March 23, and will sing for the 10:00 Mass on March 27.

They will also practice every Wednesday until Easter from 7:30-8:40 p.m.

Please come and join this exciting group. For more information call Kathy Amrein at 785-650-4371.

## FAMILY LIFE



Vote on August 2, 2022, to prevent taxpayer-funded abortion and extreme procedures such as partial-birth and live-dismemberment abortions.

# Parishioner Update

Filling out and returning a Parishioner Information Form will help us communicate better with parishioners and with the Diocese. If you have not already received a form, one can be printed from our website at StFidelisChurch.com or you can contact the Parish Office to get a form.

You can put the updated form in the collection basket during weekend Masses (*attention: Connie*) or bring it to the Parish Office or mail it to:

Basilica of St. Fidelis, Attention: Connie  
601 10th Street, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

**If you have any questions about filling out the form, please call Connie at the Parish Office (785-735-2777).**

Out of 493 families in our tri-parish database, we have received 240 updated Parishioner Information Forms back.

**Thank you to all who have already returned their updated information.**

**Are you **DIVORCED** and planning to be remarried in the Church or divorced and remarried and wishing to have your current marriage blessed in the Church?**

Fr. Jim encourages you to contact him or another priest of your choosing to talk about the possibility you might have grounds for nullity for your first marriage in the Church. If so, we can submit your case to the tribunal. There is no charge for any of this process. We would be very happy to try to help.

I don't want to be a millionaire.  
I just want enough money to be able to stare off into the distance while pumping my gas.



## LENT 2022

Kid's Corner March 20 - 26

<p><b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b> 20</p> <p>Read together John 4:1-15, 25-29.</p> <p>What would you ask Jesus to give?</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Yesterday was the first day of Spring! How about spring cleaning? What can your family "clean out" to give to others?</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Talk this over with your family: Why do we give things up for Lent, like candy or watching TV?</p>	<p>23</p> <p>In Lent, we come closer to God. Do you feel this way when you play outdoors?</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Have a simple dinner of soup and bread tonight. Ask your family to first give thanks for what you have.</p> <p>Then pray for those in need. Add coins to your bank!</p>	<p><b>The Annunciation</b> 25</p> <p>God's angel brings Mary special news about a special baby to be born.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Offer to play a game with a younger sibling. Let your sibling choose the game!</p>
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## Adult's Corner March 20 - 26

<p>20</p> <p><b>My Burning Bush</b></p> <p>What is like the burning bush that most reveals God to me?</p> <p><i>Exodus 3:2-4</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>The Unwelcome Prophet</b></p> <p>How might I need to speak out for greater justice today?</p> <p><i>Luke 4:24</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>Unlimited Forgiveness</b></p> <p>Who do I most need to forgive or be forgiven by today?</p> <p><i>Matthew 18:21-23</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>God's Commands</b></p> <p>Which of the commandments most needs my attention today?</p> <p><i>Matthew 5:19</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>Listen to My Voice!</b></p> <p>How might I find more time to read and reflect on Scripture today?</p> <p><i>Jeremiah 7:23</i></p>	<p>25 <b>THE ANNUNCIATION</b></p> <p><b>Return to God!</b></p> <p>Trust that God will forgive and heal me from my sinfulness.</p> <p><i>Hosea 14:3-4</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>Pray for God's Mercy!</b></p> <p>Take time to pray humbly for God's forgiveness.</p> <p><i>Luke 18:13-14</i></p>
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## Lenten Bake Sales



The Daughters of Isabella will have a Bake Sale 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 to the V.F.W. Hall before the start of the Fish Fry which begins at 500 p.m. on **Fridays, March 18 and April 1.**

## 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 395, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



We're back!!

## Victoria Knights of Columbus Fish Fries

will once again offer dine-in service.

Carry out is available.

### Serving:

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

\$15 for adults | \$5 for children.

**Fridays — March 18 and April 1**

**5:00 until 7:30 or until the food is gone**

Victoria VFW Hall

## Rosary for Pro-Life & Value Them Both

The Knights of Columbus will be saying a rosary for pro-life and the passage of the Value Them Both Amendment on Friday, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation and the Day of the Unborn Child.

The rosary will be in the St. Fidelis Basilica immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross. All are encouraged to attend.



## The Worldwide Synod Meeting at St. Nick's in Hays—TODAY

The first phase of the two-year synod called by Pope Francis is happening in local dioceses throughout the world. The goal of the synod is to become a more "listening" Church. A listening session will be held in **Hays at St. Nicholas Parish Pall TODAY—Sunday, March 20, at 3:00 p.m.** Anyone is invited to participate.

The entire Catholic Church is called to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops. This synod is entitled: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to journey together. This synod is not just another meeting with oral presentations and written reports. This synod is a process of journeying together by listening, dialoguing, praying, discerning, and making decisions together for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis is asking each local diocese to gather—clergy, religious, and laity together—to listen to each other. The goal of this journeying together is not to create a new vision or pastoral plan with objectives. Rather, the goal of our journeying together is to be present with one another, to listen and learn with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and His Church.

"This synod offers us the opportunity to be with each other, to invite our family and friends back to the faith, to listen to each other's joys and sorrows, and share our hope and dreams for our parishes." ~Cardinal Wilton Gregory

Synod is a Greek word; *synodos* means a meeting or assembly. The two Greek words that make up synod are *syn*, meaning together, and *hodos*, meaning way or journey.

Vatican II pointed out that the Church is not the Kingdom but it is the People of God accompanying one another on the pilgrimage to the Kingdom. Synodality is a periodic assessment, not of the progress toward the Kingdom, but of our accompanying one another.

Synod listening sessions will be held in seven locations within the diocese: Manhattan, Salina, Hays, Colby, Norton, Tipton, and Belleville.

The questions for discussion will be the following.

1. What brings you joy in your local parish or in the larger Church right now?
2. What brings you sadness about the Church?
3. Where do you see the Spirit leading the Church?

## Catholic 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](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) for more information on how to give.

# Letter from Br. Mark Schenk, OFM Cap., Provincial Minister

Brothers and sisters,

I need to make you aware that the Province of Mid-America recently received an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor against Father Michael Scully and Father Jordan Hammel (deceased). In accord with provincial policies, we have notified law enforcement of the allegation and have relieved Father Michael of the public exercise of priestly ministry pending the outcome of an investigation into the matter.

It is important to note that these allegations are preliminary in nature and have not been evaluated according to provincial procedures for independent investigation and evaluation by the province's Independent Review Board. Father Michael denies the allegation and is cooperating fully. He will remain on leave until an independent investigation is concluded and the province's Independent Review Board has reviewed the case and made a recommendation to the provincial minister regarding the credibility of the matter. We kindly ask you to suspend judgement in this case until all the facts are known.

The Province of Saint Conrad takes all allegations of misconduct by its friars very seriously and works

diligently to ascertain the truth and to respond to survivors' needs with compassion and respect. We encourage anyone with knowledge about this case or about any misconduct by any member of the province to contact civil authorities first, and then make a report to our Safe Environment Coordinator at [se@capuchins.org](mailto:se@capuchins.org). A copy of our provincial policies on sexual abuse can be found at <https://capuchins.org/protecting-children>.

We're mindful of the unimaginable scars suffered by so many victims at the hands of clergy over the years. The victims and their families, the accused, the entire Church community, and our own community of brothers, suffer deeply when such allegations are brought to our attention.

Please join me in praying for a just resolution to the situation at hand. We humbly ask that you please keep the victims and the accused in your prayers. We, too, remain deeply grateful for your prayers.

Your brother in Christ,  
Br. Mark Schenk, OFM Cap.  
Provincial Minister

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## Fr. Michael's Response

Dear friends:

I feel obliged to write this note since you may have heard that I have only recently been accused of the sexual abuse of a minor that allegedly occurred in the late 1970's.

Know that the Capuchin Franciscans and Diocese have acted in releasing this allegation as they must by law according to their own internal policies and I support the investigative process.

I must also tell you that the acts of which I am accused did not occur and I strongly deny the allegations I was accused of which allegedly happened over 40 years ago. An allegation of this nature obviously is hurtful to me, especially since I have loved the ministry of being a priest and pastor.

Also, most of my priestly life of 57 years has been spent working with, counselling and overseeing young people. I have authored books for young people and have produced radio shows on pop music and movies, and never once in this period has an accusation of this nature been brought forward against me.

My prayer is with the accusing party and for peace and healing for all affected by this investigation.

Peace.  
Fr. Mike Scully



*International Exhibition*

# THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

## EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

**St. Ann, Walker, KS—Parish Hall**  
Saturday, April 9th 4:00—8:30 P.M.

**St. Boniface, Vincent, KS—Parish Hall**  
Sunday, April 10th 9 A.M.—2 P.M.

**St. Fidelis, Victoria, KS—Victoria VFW**  
204 E Main St., Victoria, KS 67671  
Sunday, April 10th 5 P.M.—8:30 P.M.  
Monday, April 11th 3 P.M.—8:30 P.M.



*Scan this QR code to watch the  
video about Blessed Carlo Acutis,  
**Servant of God.***

- ◇ *“The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of Heaven.”*
- ◇ *“I die happy because I did not spend my life wasting my time on things not pleasing to God.”*
- ◇ *“The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven.”*

*~Blessed Carlo Acutis  
Beatified on October 10, 2020*



Carlo Acutis started documenting Eucharistic Miracles around the world when he was 11 years old.

**VISIT [www.StFidelisChurch.com](http://www.StFidelisChurch.com) NEWS tab for more info  
on the “Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition”.**

## MARCH HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

Learn about *Labeling for Lent*, a national initiative of the Coalition of Catholic Organizations against Human Trafficking; include human trafficking issues in your prayers in church and with other groups; contribute to help abolish this crime. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization**, 2039 N. Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

(sistersagainstrafficking.org)

## 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal



## PLEGGED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGGED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Walker	10,200.00	.00	750.00	1
Vincent	1,000.00	.00	.00	0
Victoria	15,200.00	.00	60.00	2

As of March 1, 2022,

\$12,920.00 has been pledged and \$33,052.66 has been received toward the \$2 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

## "Healing" Meetings

The Center for Life Experience, Inc., 103C East 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays, hosts meetings for various support groups. RSVP by email to [info@cflhope.org](mailto:info@cflhope.org) or call for information (785-259-6859). All meetings are in-person unless otherwise indicated.

Below are the schedules for upcoming meetings:

- **NAMI Connections:** Monday, March 21, 7:00-8:30 p.m. regular meeting (in-person or online). Hosted by NAMI Hays. For more info, email [hunter@namikansas.org](mailto:hunter@namikansas.org) or [art@namikansas.org](mailto:art@namikansas.org).
- **Healing After Loss:** Tuesday, March 22, 5:45 p.m. dinner; 6:30 p.m. regular meeting (in-person).
- **NAMI Family Support Group:** Wednesday, March 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m. regular meeting (in-person or online). Hosted by NAMI Hays. For more info, email [hunter@namikansas.org](mailto:hunter@namikansas.org) or [art@namikansas.org](mailto:art@namikansas.org).
- **Healing After Loss of Suicide:** Wednesday, March 24, 5:45 p.m. dinner; 6:30 p.m. regular meeting (in-person).

RISE & SHINE! IT'S A  
*Breakfast Party*

WHERE: PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER  
(PAC)

WHEN: SUNDAY MARCH 27, 2022  
TIME: 10:45 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

TAKE-OUT AND DINE-IN OPTIONS WILL  
BE AVAILABLE

A FREEWILL DONATION WILL GO TO HELP  
OUR CIVICS GROUP PUT IN NEW  
WELCOME SIGNS!

We, the American People, are not each other's enemies. The enemies are those people behind the curtain jerking everybody's chains and trying to divide us up by age, by race, by income."

~ Dr. Ben Carson



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

## SCHOOL SPRING BREAK MARCH 14-18

**Monday — March 21**

**Tuesday — March 22**

8:00 am 8th Grade pictures

**Wednesday — March 23**

Barton County CC campus tour

**Thursday — March 24**

4:00 pm HS Softball vs. TMP

**Friday — March 25**

**Friday — March 25**

9:00 am VHS cheer tryouts





## 'Faith and Family'

Faith and Family with host Steve Wood uses his background in protestant preaching to dive into Scripture to teach the meaning behind the words found in the Bible. Tune in to 105.7 FM, online at [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com), or on the free phone app at 8:30 AM on Saturdays.

### St. Mary's K. of C. Fish Fry

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council 6984 and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays, Catholic Youth Organization will sponsor a Fish Fry on **Friday, March 25**, in the Holy Family Elementary Little Theater from **4:00 to 7:00 p.m.** or until food is out. To-Go orders can be placed at the carry out table located at the 18th Street entrance of HFE.

The menu will include fish, fried noodles and beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, and drinks. \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children younger than 12.

All proceeds go to the Immaculate Heart of Mary CYO for their programs. Thank you for generosity and support to their parish youth organization.

### Munjoy K. of C. Fish Fry

Knights of Columbus Council, Munjoy, will host a Lenten Fish Fry on **Friday, April 8, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.** at the Munjoy School Building. Fried Fish, Noodles and Beans, and Grebbel will be served. Dine-in or carryout will be available.

## A LITTLE CHUCKLE

### What We Can Find in the Bible

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible.

He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Mama, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?"

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

## VICTORIA TOWN HALL MEETING

*Let your voice be heard!*

Recently, Imagine Ellis County hosted representatives of various organizations from Ellis County as well as a Hays Town Hall meeting to identify community needs that needed to be met for long-term growth and success of our county and region. Now it is our turn! They need our help to identify community needs from the perspective of the residents of Ellis County.

**On Thursday, March 24, they will host a Town Hall and facilitate small and large group discussions to learn more from our community members. The meeting is from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Victoria VFW. Dinner will be provided by Fork That Bakery for those who attend.**

While walk ins are welcome, please let them know if you plan to attend by using their sign-up form at <https://forms.gle/QfJgHZak8dFcrXQeA>. Or click on their event posted on their Facebook page (search Facebook for [Imagine Ellis County](#)).

Imagine Ellis County is a committee comprised of over 30 community members from Ellis County. The committee exists to serve the long-term interests of Ellis County. They have representatives from Catherine, Ellis, Hays, and Victoria. Committee members include people who serve as local elected officials, local government employees, employees from various community businesses, and those who are involved with non-profits and charitable organizations.

For more information, contact Grow Hays, Inc. at 785-628-3102 or [IEC@GrowHays.com](mailto:IEC@GrowHays.com).

*Imagine Ellis County (IEC) is a collaborative strategic vision for our community and region.*

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# TOWN HALL

*All are welcome!*

**THURS., MARCH 24**  
**5:30-8 P.M.**  
**AT THE VICTORIA VFW, 204 E. Main St.**

*What is your vision for our county in 20 years?*

**DINNER IS INCLUDED FOR PARTICIPANTS — THIS IS A STRATEGIC DOING EVENT**

Pre-registration is appreciated, but walk-ins are welcome. Visit [Imagine Ellis County on Facebook](#) to sign up. Or call 785-621-4090.

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<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 21</b>
7:00 pm Frank and Mary Hoffman	
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6:45 am Rich and Barbara Weber	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 23</b>
6:45 am Paul and Dorothy Goetz	
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 24</b>
6:45 am For the parishes	
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 25</b>
6:45 am In Thanksgiving	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 26</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Edward Meder and Jennifer Lehmann	
6:30 pm St. Ann Cap and Norma Bollig	
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