

ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 22

Lent is a time of grace and renewal for the entire Church, especially for the catechumens and candidates preparing for initiation during the Easter Triduum. The three traditional ascetical practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are important pillars for a faithful experience of Lent.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics (for those age 18 until age 59). In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from eating meat (for those age 14 and over). When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY 6:45 A.M. AND 6:30 P.M. AT THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

The Parish Office will be closed Tomorrow–Monday, February 20, in honor of Presidents Day.

add the request to the Prayer Line

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 26 — First Sunday of Lent Mar. 3 — World Day of Prayer Mar. 5 — Girl Scout Sunday Mar. 12 — Daylight Savings Time Begins—Put clocks ahead 1 hour Mar. 17 — St. Patrick's Day Apr. 1 — April Fool's Day Apr. 2 — Passion (Palm) Sunday Apr. 6 — Holy Thursday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon Apr. 7 — Good Friday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Apr. 8 — Holy Saturday

(Nov.-Apr.) After Mass (May-Oct.) or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

TRI-PARISH PRAYER LINE To request prayers for family or friends,

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. Boniface: Sundays 7:45-8:15 a.m.

St. Ann: After Mass

call Teresa Shepherd (785-735-9576) to



The Paradox of Ashes

This Wednesday every Catholic church in the world will be crowded. It is not a Holy Day nor a holiday. It is a work day in the middle of the week with busy schedules and little time for leisure. There is no social or parish pressure to attend church on Ash Wednesday. Yet there are crowds, big crowds

The message on Ash Wednesday is not pleasant. You are not assured that you are a good Christian. On the contrary, you are told that you are a

sinner who needs to repent, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel." You are reminded in blunt terms of your mortality,

"Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return." You are told that you need to pray, fast, and give alms. Yet on Ash Wednesday people flock to

church and listen attentively to these unpleasant truths.

On Ash Wednesday you are reminded not only that you are a sinner but that you will die and face God in judgment. No alleluias on Ash Wednesday. The Scripture readings are not about love and joy, but about sin and death. Your appearance, which you carefully preened earlier in the day, will be ruined with a smudge of ashes.

Catholics will return to their workplace and social circle with this stigma of ashes. A stigma respected, perhaps grudgingly, by those of other faiths or no faith. It says in the power unique to symbols, "We mean business." Catholicism is a nononsense faith. We will not compromise the practice of our faith to accommodate popular culture. We are marked as different which may raise awkward questions from curious unbelievers. This is not the way to enhance your social status.

On Ash Wednesday we wrestle with the unpleasant truth that we are all sinners in need of repentance and forgiveness. We admit that we cannot do it ourselves. We need redemption. We need God's grace. So we come to

> church for this ancient ceremony asking for a new grace to live a new and better life.

Ash Wednesday is about a human truth, а spiritual truth, an eternal truth. It is about frail human our propensity to sin. It is about our responsibility to live honorably before

God and our neighbor. It is about the eternal consequences of our earthly life. These are the essential truths of life and faith. That is why there will be crowds, big crowds.

... and mirth

Little boy to his mother: "The priest said that we are dust and to dust we return. Better look under my bed. I think someone is either coming or going."

PARISH STAFF

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CONTRIBUTIONS FEBRUARY 11-12, 2023

ST. FIDELIS: Envelopes 3187.00 Loose 855.00 Repair Fund 425.00

ST. ANN: Envelopes 500.00 Loose 118.00 Cemetery 50.00

ST. BONIFACE: Envelopes 175.00 Loose 112.00

 February 21 (Tuesday) — Verda Werner, Bertha Brungardt
February 27 — Jerry Schmidtberger, Andrea Ottley Sunday Rosary

1st - Christian Mothers 3rd - Daughters of Isabella

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Schedule 2nd - Knights of Columbus 4th - Family Life

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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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 — ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM — Meagan Wellbrock

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:00 PM — Pam Scheck **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

10:00 AM — Adult Choir

<u>*EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS*</u>

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 — ASH WEDNESDAY

- 6:45 AM Bertha R. Brungardt, Kathy Kuhn, Jane Wagner (Ministers assist with Ashes)
- 6:30 PM Leroy Schmidtberger, Diane Gross, Teresa Shepherd (Ministers assist with Ashes)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:00 PM — Carol Pfeifer, Diane Gross, Kathy Kuhn **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

10:00 AM — Colleen Kuhn, Bertha A. Brungardt, Tom Tholen, Yvonne Braun (Adult Choir Sings)

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY 6:45 AM — Yvonne Braun 6:30 PM — Becky Scheck

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 5:00 PM — Marilyn Braun **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26** 10:00 AM — Karen Nowak

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 — Carol Pfeifer **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26** 10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

MASS SERVERS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 — ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM — Abby B., Mya M., Broc N.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 5:00 PM — Brinly L., Hadley L. **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26** 10:00 AM — Averi W., Riley W., Graycee H.

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

FINANCE COUNCIL 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

PASTORAL COUNCIL 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

LITURGY COMMITTEE 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Candidates to Celebrate

Rite of Sending Next Weekend

STATIONS

OF THE CROSS

with Benediction

5:30 p.m.

The Basilica of St. Fidelis

On Sunday, February 26, during the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, the candidates for Initiation into the Church will celebrate the Rite of Sending. During this Rite, the sponsors will present their candidates to the parish and the candidates will sign the Book of Elect which will be presented to Bishop Vincke later that afternoon during the Rite of Election at St. Nicholas Church in Hays.

Please continue to pray for our candidates, Kac'Rae Patterson, Tiffany Robben, and Kaylee Robben, as they continue to journey into full initiation into the Catholic Church.

2023 Tithing Envelopes

Any tithing envelopes that were not picked up at the entrances to St. Fidelis Church are now at the Parish Office and can be picked up there. Please discard envelopes dated for previous years because your envelope number may have changed.

FAMILY LIFE

Bible Study Offered During Lent

Thinking about doing something extra during Lent? The Family Life Committee is offering two opportunities for interactive bible study. Viewing and discussing "The Chosen" series will continue each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

During Lent, an additional bible study will be offered each Tuesday evening at the PAC beginning at 6:30 p.m. The subject content will be announced later.

Anyone is welcome to attend all sessions or drop in when scheduling allows. For more information, contact Jane Wagner at 785-735-2587 or Stephanie Broyles at 785-735-4747.



USCCB Statement on Earthquake in Turkey and Syria

https://www.usccb.org/news/2023/us-bishops-international-justice-and-peace-chairman-calls-prayer-wake-earthquake-turkey

U.S. Bishops' International Justice and Peace Chairman Calls for Prayer in the Wake of Earthquake in Turkey and Syria; Calls for Assistance

February 8, 2023

WASHINGTON - The February 6 earthquake that struck Turkey and Syria has caused the deaths of thousands and injured many more. Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace, mourned the loss of so many lives, called for the faithful to pray for those impacted, and give generously to those in need.

"The strong earthquake that rocked southeastern Turkey and northern Syria on February 6 has caused the deaths of over 11,000 people and injured thousands more. As the death toll continues to rise, rescue workers are still trying to free people from rubble and those alive are facing freezing conditions as they try to salvage their belongings and seek shelter.

"I join with our Holy Father Pope Francis in praying for the souls of the departed as we mourn the loss of so many lives. We pray for those injured and the many others suffering, and we also pray for the safety and protection of emergency personnel working to save lives and tending to those in need in the wake of this disaster.

"In a region that has experienced much conflict and hardship, these heartbreaking scenes call out to us to provide aid and assistance to our brothers and sisters in need. I call upon the faithful to give generously to <u>Catholic Relief Services</u> and the <u>Catholic Near East</u> <u>Welfare Association</u> who are working to provide emergency humanitarian relief. I also call upon the U.S. government to provide much needed assistance and to work in conjunction with Catholic aid organizations to deliver effective assistance to those most in need."

The link (URL) listed under the title of this article will take you to the article on the USCCB website where you can then click the links to the two on-line donation sites. If you prefer to write a check donating towards this cause, you can bring it to the Parish Office and we will forward it to the Diocese. Please make your check payable to either organization: Catholic Relief Services or Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LENTEN YARD CROSSES

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 18, 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 15.

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), Randy Leiker (785-259-1392), or Leroy 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. All proceeds will go towards the Parish's Community Assistance Fund.

K of C Initiation

Are you a Knight of Columbus? If not, would you like to be? All practicing Catholic men who are a Senior in High School or older are invited to join. New Member Exemplification will be conducted after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, March 5**.

Contact John Braun 785-623-0680 or Leroy Schmidtberger 785- 639-3570 for details.



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

Fridays — March 3, March 17, March 31 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. or until the food is gone at the Victoria VFW Hall



Special Lent/Easter Intentions

This year we would like to extend the opportunity to have your special intentions or prayers for a loved one offered up during our weekend and daily Masses during Lent and the Easter Season.

Please put your special intention(s) in a sealed envelope marked "**SPECIAL EASTER INTENTION**" to keep it confidential. The envelope can be put in the collection basket during Mass or brought to the Parish Office.

Your intention will be put in a basket on the altar to be included in the Mass blessings.

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.

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

Easter Decorating Fund

With Lent and Easter right around the corner, we are asking for donations towards the Basilica's Easter Decorating Fund.

Please put this special contribution in an envelope marked **"EASTER DECORATING FUND"** and place it in the collection basket during Mass or bring it to the Parish Office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rose Ann Dreiling at 785-735-4455. Thank you in advance and have a blessed Easter season.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION



Saccos Catholic Gifts

Religious Education Fundraiser



Do you have a relative or friend who will be receiving the

Sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation this Spring? Or have you been looking for a specific statue, sacramental, or other item for your home? The children's Religious Education ministry at St. Fidelis can receive up to 20% on your order, at NO additional cost to you.

The Saccos Company offers a wide variety of religious gifts and church supplies for every occasion. Currently, SACCOS will gift twenty percent of your order back to the children in Religious Education within our tri-parishes!

If you would like to order something for yourself or a loved one, please visit www.SACCOS.com, write down the item description and item number. Submit this information along with a check for the total amount, excluding taxes, and your contact information to St. Fidelis Religious Education. Please drop off this information at the PAC during business hours.

All order requests are due by Wednesday, March 1st.

Individuals will be contacted by me as soon as the order arrives.

Thank you, Jeanette Brungardt

E-mail: Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net Office: 785-735-2777

SAVE THE DATE!

AND THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY Basilica of St. Fidelis Catholic Church April 24, 2023 7:45 - 9:15 P.M.

900 Cathedral Ave., Victoria, KS 67671

Questions? Call 785-639-5067 or e-mail Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net

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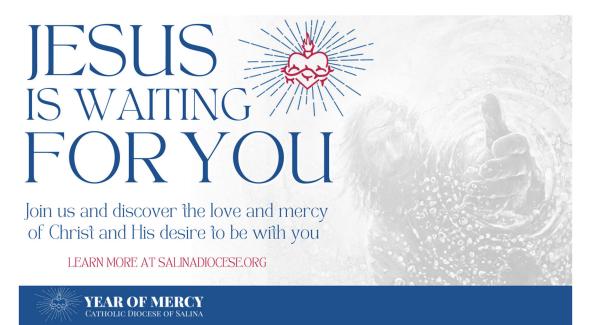
Tickets can be purchased online or in person at the parish office. Please visit https://chastity.com/events/ or scan the QR code.



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DIOCESE



The Diocese is kicking off the Year of Mercy visits by Bishop Vincke starting on Ash Wednesday 2023 through Divine Mercy Sunday 2024.

Events for the tri-parishes are scheduled for St. Fidelis on July 25, St. Ann on July 26, and St. Boniface on July 27.

The schedule of events for those days will be noted in future bulletins.

COMMUNITY

The Sunflower Polka Club is hosting a

Free Dance for All Members

Sunday, April 30 - 2:00-5:00 p.m. Hays VFW Hall

WES WINDHOLZ BAND

Open to Public | \$10 for non-members

If you would like to join the Club, the fee is \$10. Join before March 1 to DANCE FREE and also to get a newsletter! Call Don Dolecheck at 620-923-7558 for more information.

No Drinks Allowed!



All events/activities are subject to change.

Monday — February 20 FFA Week February 18 - 25 NO SCHOOL/ Presidents Day Tuesday — February 21

Wednesday — February 22

Thursday — February 23 HS basketball Substate Quarterfinal KNEA teacher professional development 12:30 pm Kansas National Army Guard lunch 6:30 pm HS gym used from 6:30-8:30

Lenten Retreat at St. Elisabeth's, Salina

"Discovering the 'Present' of the <u>REAL</u> PRESENCE" is

Salina's Lenten Retreat for men and women to dive deeper into the greatest mystery of our faith!

Three young adults will present their unique experiences where the Eucharist led them to a more profound love of Jesus.

Blessed Carlo Acutis's exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles will also be on display to learn how the power of Jesus in the Eucharist is impacting the world.



Saturday, March 4

St Elizabeth Catholic Church, 1000 Burr Oak Lane, Salina

Registration 7:30- 9:00 a.m. Retreat 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 1st Saturday Marion Devotion 7:30 a.m. Mass-8:00 a.m.

COST: \$25 individuals, \$40 couples \$15 High School/College Students (includes rolls, snacks, and lunch)

RSVP: Marlene 785-342-0130 or Mary 785-493-1903

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LENT 2023

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Tour Guides Needed

We are in need of tour guides for The Basilica of St. Fidelis. Tours are offered for larger groups and usually take place in the late morning or early afternoon; however, there are exceptions. Most tours occur during Spring and Summer.

If you are willing to help, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777. We can provide you with a history book to get you started.

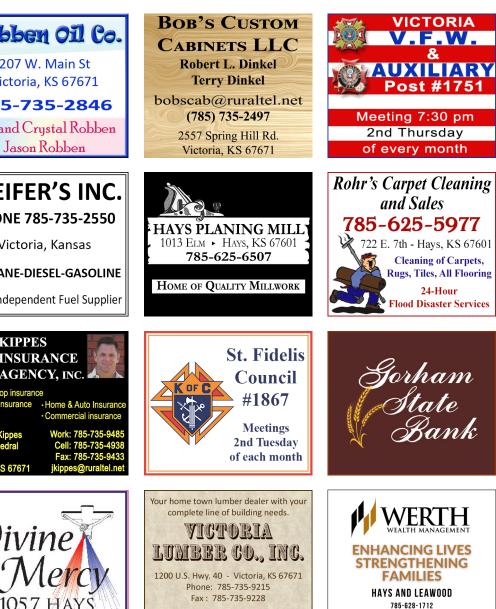


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MASS INTENTIONS		
MONDAY	PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEBRUARY 20
7:00 pm Ventura Sander and Berens family		
TUESDAY		FEBRUARY 21
6:45 am For the Parishes		
WEDNESDAY	ASH WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 22
6:45 am		
6:30 pm Robert	Fields	
THURSDAY		FEBRUARY 23
6:45 am Louise and Jonah Schmidtberger		
FRIDAY		FEBRUARY 24
6:45 am Ben and Clara Schulte family		
SATURDAY		FEBRUARY 25
5:00 pm St. Fide	lis Alfred Kuhn	
6:30 pm St. Ann Mary, Clara, Alfred and Verlin Mermis and		
	Dale Pfannenstiel	
SUNDAY	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	FEBRUARY 26
8:30 am St. Boniface Howard and Aquina Rajewski		
10:00 am St. Fidelis Hilary D. and Florence Dreiling		
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