

„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

ST. FIDELIS THRIFT SHOP — 503 MAIN STREET, VICTORIA
Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00-2:00; Wednesday and Thursday 10:00-3:30

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

THE BASILICA OF SAINT FIDELIS IS HOME TO A FIRST CLASS RELIC OF SAINT PADRE PIO PIETRELCINA.

BULLETIN ITEMS
Deadline is **Tuesday by noon**. Please contact Kathy at the Parish Office.

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

February 22, 2026—First 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

TUESDAYS 6:30 am thru FRIDAYS 6:30 am
All are welcome from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.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.)

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. 18—Ash Wednesday—Mass at 6:45a.m. and 7:00p.m.
March 26—Christm Mass
OFFICE CLOSED
MARCH 29—Palm Sunday
FEB. 20—Stations of the Cross
St. Fidelis 5:30p.m.
St. Ann 7:00p.m.
FEB. 24-25-26 Immaculate Heart of Mary
Lenten Mission, Hays



“You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.”



Fr. Curtis Carlson, OFM Cap.

Eating food is good. A celebration calls for lots of food. Fasting means to deny oneself a legitimate good, in order to be stronger to resist temptations to sin. If we always seek pleasure and material satisfactions, we may not resist alluring sinful "pleasures". Fasting helps us gain mastery over desires and appetites. Thus, fasting promotes "freedom of heart." Saint John Cassian wrote, "A clear rule for self-control handed down by the Fathers is this: stop eating while still hungry." Fasting reminds us that we do not live by bread alone. We have spiritual needs, not just physical needs.

Only God satisfies spiritual hunger. Fasting can help us feel compassion for others, since hunger is felt everyday by the poor. Fasting can benefit others if we give to others the money we saved by fasting. Fasting shows the difference between Wants & Needs.

Fasting can be done in reparation for sin. We join our suffering to the suffering of Christ.

Scripture references to FASTING

---Joel 1:13-15. Call to penance. [v. 14 = "Proclaim a fast."]

---Joel 2:12-18. "return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning". Judah is suffering from a plague of locusts. They call on God for help. They rely on God. They demonstrate their 'littleness', and sincerity, and their need for God's presence.

---Jonah 3. Express repentance/sorrow for sin.

---Isaiah 58:3-8. True fasting is mercy/service, not mere external self-denial.

Jesus/Apostles/earliest Christians fasted. Jesus as source of penitential ideal.

---Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert. Tempted by Devil. Resists!

---Matthew 6:16-18. Fast without appearing to do so. God sees and "repays."

---Mark 2:19-20. Fast when Bridegroom taken away.

---Mark 9:29. Drive out a demon "only through prayer [and fasting]."

---Acts 13:1-3 and Acts 14:21-23. For Paul/Saul and Barnabas, fasting "cleared" their vision to choose according to God's will.

PARISH STAFF

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Wilmer Dinkel

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Lou Ann Hammersmith

Choir Director: Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

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CONTRIBUTIONS

ST. FIDELIS:

Loose 565.00 Envelopes 2548.00
Repair 350.00 Cemetery 85.00

ST. ANN:

Loose 130.00 Envelope 190.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Loose 202.00 Envelopes 675.00
Candle 40.00



Scan the QR
Code to go to
our on-line
Donate page.

FINANCE COUNCIL
 Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7:00pm
LITURGY COMMITTEE
 2nd Thursday @ 5:45 pm

PASTORAL COUNCIL
 1st Tuesday Every Other Month
 Next Meeting: March 3

*** 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, — FEBRUARY 28

5:00 PM — Becky & Jim Scheck

SUNDAY, — MARCH 1

10:00 AM —Sheila Stone

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, — FEBRUARY 28

5:00PM — Jerry Schmidtberger, Kathy Kuhn,
 Peggy Fitzpatrick, Carol Pfeifer,
 Teresa Shepherd

SUNDAY, — MARCH 1

10:00AM — Bertha A. Brungardt, Connie Winholz,
 Connie Braun, Jacquelyn Stoffel,
 Yvonne Braun

LECTORS/COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, — FEBRUARY 28

5:00 PM — Tammy Lichter

SUNDAY, — MARCH 1

10:00 AM — Shanna Dinkel

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY,— FEBRUARY 25 Carol Pfeifer

SUNDAY, — MARCH 1

10:00 AM — Kathy Amrein

WEDNESDAY, — MARCH 4 Jane Wagner

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, — FEBRUARY 28

5:00 PM — Dax L., Dalton S., Rhett H.

SUNDAY, — MARCH 1

10:00 AM — Luke T., Mason & Mya M.

MONEY COUNTERS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Brenda Dreiling, Sandra Dreiling

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt



CELEBRATE!

St. Fidelis Church was formally raised to the status of a minor basilica on February 21, 2014.

Let's be *grateful* on this 12th Anniversary that we can *worship* in such a **GRAND** and **BEAUTIFUL** structure!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	FEBRUARY 23
7:00pm Louise+ & Jonah Schmidtberger	
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 24
6:45am Fabian & Linda Leiker Family	
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 25
6:45am Landon McKay	
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 26
6:45 am Frank Merrick+	
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 27
6:45am For the People	
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 28
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Sue + Pfeifer and Aloys+ & Mae+ Pfeifer	
6:30 pm St. Ann William+ & Paul+ Schrant and Patricia +Anschutz	
SUNDAY	MARCH 1
8:30 am St Boniface For the People	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Eddie+ & Albina+ Miller Family L&D	

*L&D—Living and Deceased

STAND STRONG, Saint Fidelis

"UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH" [MATTHEW 16:18]

HELP US PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF OUR CHURCH

The exterior of our beloved church is in need of repair. This restoration project will help preserve the structure and beauty of our church for generations to come.



Mid-Continental Restoration Co., Inc. will be completing this work. The scope of the project includes:

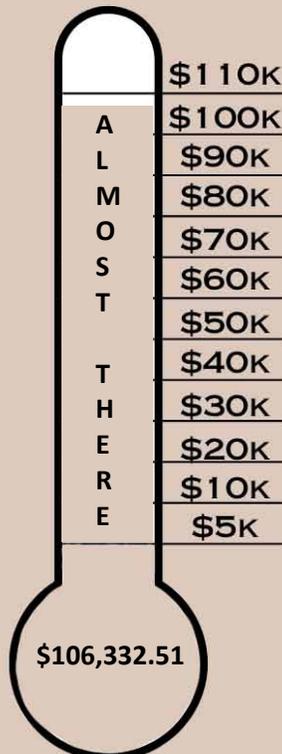
Sealant Application to Vertical Joints in Stone Caps & Bands

All vertical head joints between coping stones and stone bands will be cut back and cleaned of any loose or foreign debris. These joints will then be resealed with new sealant, tooled to a neat and uniform appearance, and color-matched as closely as possible to the existing material.

Tuckpointing Stone Mortar Joints

All mortar joints will be carefully inspected. Any that are found to be void, open, or defective will be repaired. All affected areas will be cleaned to remove any loose residue, and defective joints will be repointed using a non-staining, non-shrinking Type "N" masonry mortar. This mortar will be color-matched and tooled to blend seamlessly with the surrounding joints.

The total estimated cost for this vital work is **\$109,980**. We are asking for your generosity in helping us raise the necessary funds to complete these repairs. No amount is too small, and all donations are deeply appreciated. You can donate by dropping off at the Parish Office or by placing in the collection basket in a **separate envelope labeled "Building Repairs"**.



!! If using blue repair fund envelopes, please notate Mid-Continental Restoration Inc (MCR) !!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays, 6:30 a.m. through Fridays, 6:30 a.m.

In St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar

All are welcome from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Please check the website under "MASS SCHEDULE" FOR CHANGES REGARDING WEATHER, HOLIDAYS, ETC."



Please scan the picture below to join the Adoration GroupMe.

This group will be used to announce closures and will also serve as a platform to request substitutes as needed.

If you need assistance joining the group, please contact Andrea

Schmidtberger at 785-656-2208.

SCAN ME!



If you would like assistance scanning/downloading the GroupMe app, please stop at the Parish Office.

What is Eucharistic Adoration? We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring Jesus face-to-face, who is truly present, body, blood, soul and divinity, in the Blessed



St. Fidelis has 1 adorer opening that needs filled. If interested or have questions, please contact Jane Wagner at 785-735-7029.

Times needed:

Wednesdays 2:30am-3:30am

Substitutes are needed as well. Substitutes are not a full time commitment but are very much appreciated. If interested in subbing, please contact

Jane Wagner at 785-735-7029.



**St. Ann Winter Season
Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday, 4-6p.m.**

**All are welcome to attend.
Additional adorers/substitutes
welcome**

Open to Tri-Parish Community

Lenten and Easter Schedule



Stations of the Cross
Feb. 20th-March 27th
(every Friday except Good Friday)
St. Fidelis 5:30p.m.
St. Ann 7:00p.m.
(followed by 1hr adoration)



Communal Penance Service

St. Ann
March 6th Confession/Benediction offered after Stations
St. Fidelis
March 23rd after 7p.m. Mass



Palm Sunday

St. Fidelis	Sat, March 28th	5:00p.m.
St. Ann	Sat, March 28th	6:30p.m.
St. Boniface	Sun, March 29th	8:30a.m.
St. Fidelis	Sun, March 29th	10:00a.m.

Holy Week March 30th-April 5th



Monday	St. Fidelis	7:00p.m.
Tuesday	St. Fidelis	6:45a.m.
Wednesday	St. Fidelis	6:45a.m.
Holy Thursday	St. Fidelis	7:00p.m.
Good Friday Service	St. Fidelis	1:00p.m.



EASTER

<u>Easter Vigil</u>	Sat, April 4th	St. Fidelis	8:30p.m.
<u>Easter Sunday</u>	Sun, April 5th	St. Ann	7:30a.m.
		St. Boniface	8:30a.m.
		St. Fidelis	10:00a.m.

ST. BONIFACE

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS DUES



St. Boniface
Christian Mothers
Membership dues of \$5.00 are
payable to:

Gloria VonLintel
485-370TH Ave
Victoria, Ks 67671

May give/send to Gloria,
drop in collections,
or send to the Parish Office

Please make checks payable to:
St. Boniface Christian Mother

ST. ANN



St. Ann Winter Season
Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday, 4-6p.m.

All are welcome to attend.
Additional adorers/substitutes
welcome

Open to Tri-Parish Community



Every Friday beginning Feb. 20
through March 27 at 7:00p.m. at St.
Ann's. All are welcome to attend.

Confession and Benediction
offered after Stations of the Cross
at St. Ann's on Friday, March 6.
All are welcome to attend.



Christian Mothers will lead
the rosary before Mass this
upcoming Saturday, Feb. 28.
All are welcome.

RELIGIOUS ED/ADULT EDUCATION

Jubilee Choir

Practice dates:

January 7 & 28
February 4 & 25
March 4 & 25*

*Brief practice on
March 25th following religion,
with adult choir in choir loft.

April 1, 8, and TBD*
*TBD Practice date and
time during the week
of April 13 - 17.



Singing dates:

January 11
February 8
March 8
March 29
April 5

*Jubilee Choir will not sing
on Sunday, April 12th.

April 19

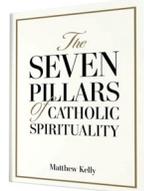
The children's choir is for any child in 1st grade and older. By singing in the Jubilee Choir children participate fully in the Mass and help our parish encounter Christ with joy and faith. Please contact Jeanette to sign your child up & to receive the detailed parent letter issued to choir families regarding the upcoming practice and singing times and dates. The invitation for them to join is always open!

Jeanette Brungardt: cell: 785-639-5067
reledyouth@stfidelischurch.com

Are you ready to delve further into your Catholic faith
this Lent?

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus, you can!
They have generously bought each parishioner
Seven Pillars of the Catholic Faith
by Matthew Kelly.

These books will be available at both church entrances.
Pick up your copy and begin reading ways you can
enhance your spiritual life!
We will meet to discuss how this applies to each of us.
Attend one session or all on Thursdays beginning
February 19 at 6:30p.m. in the St. Fidelis North Sacristy.



Suggested Readings:

Feb. 19th: Ch. 1, pgs. 5-38.

Feb. 26th: Ch. 2, pgs. 39-67.

March 5th: Ch. 3-4, pgs. 69-110

March 12th: Ch. 5-6, pgs. 111-134

March 19th: Ch. 7, pgs. 135-152



The Rescue Project
St Boniface Hall
6:30pm-8:00pm (ish)
Begins Wednesday,
April 15 thru May 13.

Be prepared to be
totally captivated!
(through video education)



Lenten Bake Sales

Daughters of Isabella is hosting bake sales in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Fish Fires at the VFW Hall during Lent on Feb. 27, March 13, and March 27.

Members are asked to please bring their baked goods or cash donation to the VFW Hall between 4:00-5:00p.m. on Feb 27, March 13 and March 27.



Annual Dues

**Annual Membership Dues
Payable before March 1
\$20**

Checks made out to:
Daughters of Isabella (D of I)

Please send to:
Kathy Kuhn
P.O. Box 375
Victoria, Ks 67671



Why did Mickey Mouse go to space?

He was trying to find Pluto.

11 Days: November 2-12, 2026

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

WITH SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO & BARI

VISITING: FLORENCE * ASSISI * SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO
BARI * MONTE CASSINO * ROME * VATICAN CITY

Hosted by

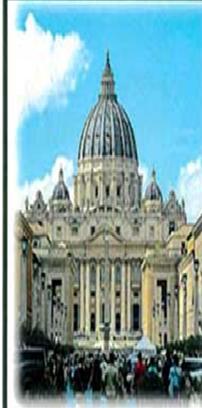
FR. DAMIAN RICHARDS

\$4479 FROM KANSAS CITY*

*Air/land tour price is \$3979 plus \$500 gov't taxes/airline surcharges

For More Information, Please Contact:

Fr. Richards
Tel: (785) 639-4365
Email: frdjrichards@gmail.com



DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!



The St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society will meet in the North Sacristy, Monday, March 2nd, following the 7:00p.m. Mass.

Interested persons are always welcome, and we invite you to join us in the front pews. Your membership unites your prayers with women around the world. Think of how powerful that can be!

As an Altar Society, we also support our parish. Dues are \$5.00/year, payable to the St. Fidelis Christian Mothers, and can be placed in an envelope (yellow envelopes at the church entrances for your convenience) and dropped in the collection basket, sent to Teresa Shepherd, PO Box 324, Victoria, Ks 67671, or paid at the meeting. For more information, please contact Jane Wagner at 785-735-7029.

January Financial Report - St. Fidelis General Fund			
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Bequests & Donations		Clergy	
General Funds	\$9,626.00	Automobile Expense	\$1,137.00
Padre Pio	\$127.00	Living Allowance	\$450.00
Religious Education	\$250.00	Salary	\$1,137.00
Repair Fund	\$700.00	Employees	
Tourist Donations	\$227.77	Benefits	\$1,152.65
Bulletin Ads	\$700.00	Mass/Wedding Pay	\$260.00
Candles	\$1,016.15	Payroll	\$15,044.30
Collections		Facilities & Equipment	
Diocesan - Retired Religious	\$20.00	Church Repair & Maintenance	\$1,512.28
Envelopes	\$13,596.00	Janitorial Supplies	\$369.00
Loose	\$3,802.78	Pest Control	\$101.00
Gift Shop	\$373.00	Gift Shop	\$54.18
Mass Intentions	\$240.00	Mass Intentions	\$290.00
Miscellaneous	\$155.00	Music Ministry	\$440.25
Mission Parishes	\$2,000.00	Office	
Printing/Copying	\$35.93	Computers/Technology	\$172.50
Refunds & Reimbursements	\$778.56	Printing & Copying	\$2,003.63
Use of Buildings	\$875.00	Refunds & Reimbursements	\$33.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$34,523.19	Religious Education	
		Altar Servers	\$8.70
		Events	\$71.40
		Stipends	\$3,740.00
		Supplies	\$146.54
		Sales Tax	\$704.57
		Utilities	
Gross Income:	\$34,523.19	Church	\$51.22
Total Expenses:	\$29,206.22	PAC	\$327.00
Net Income:	\$5,316.97	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$29,206.22

January Financial Report - St. Fidelis Cemetery			
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Bequests & Donations	\$820.00	Maintenance	\$18.40
Plots	\$300.00	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$18.40
TOTAL INCOME:	\$1,120.00		
Gross Income:	\$1,120.00		
Total Expenses:	\$18.40		
Net Income:	\$1,101.60		

January Financial Report - St. Boniface General Fund			
INCOME		EXPENSE	
Bequests & Donations		Diocesan Payments	\$5.00
Memorials	\$1,760.00	Mission Parish	\$1,050.00
Candles	\$73.00	Utilities	\$140.04
Contributions		Total Expense:	\$1,195.04
Envelope	\$600.00		
Loose	\$869.00		
Gift Shop	\$220.00		
Total Invoice:	\$3,522.00		
Total Income:	\$3,522.00		
Total Expense:	\$1,195.04		
Profit/Loss:	\$2,326.96		
January Financial Report - St. Boniface Cemetery			
INCOME		EXPENSE	
Interest	\$0.07	Total Expense:	\$0.00
Total Income:	\$0.07		
Total Income:	\$0.07		
Total Expense:	\$0.00		
Profit/Loss:	\$0.07		

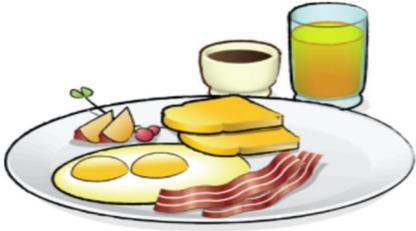
January Financial Report - St. Ann General Fund

INCOME		EXPENSE	
Bequests/Donations		Diocesan Payments	510
Crib	1.3	Facilities	
Memorials	30	Grounds	102.53
Contributions		Mass Pay - Organist	215.31
Envelope	1870	Mission Parish	1050
Loose	434	Utilities	180.43
Interest	0.87	Total Expense:	2067.27
Use of Buildings	300		
Total Income:	2604.87		
Total Income:	2604.87		
Total Expense:	2067.27		
Profit/Loss:	537.6		

January Financial Report - St. Ann Cemetery

INCOME		EXPENSE	
Interest	0.09	Total Expense:	0
Total Income:	0.09		
Total Income:	0.09		
Total Expense:	0		
Profit/Loss:	0.09		

CYO



Victoria CYO Breakfast
February 22
8:00am-12:00pm
Victoria Elementary School

Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, and Fruit, Drink

Free Will Offering

Bake Sale available as well!



TODAY!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Serving:

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

\$15 for adults/ \$5 children ages 6-12/ children 5 & under FREE



Friday's:—Feb 27, March 13, and March 27
5:00-7:30p.m. or until food is gone
Victoria VFW

Home Delivery available by calling Leroy Schmidtberger at 785-639-3570.
Please help us help our communities.



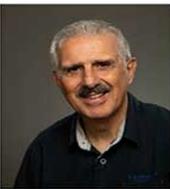
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in conjunction with the Fish Fries



LENTEN MISSION

Lenten Parish Mission

Heartland Parish Lenten Speaker
DARRELL HALL
Educator, Speaker & Christian Apologist
(Faith, Science, Suffering & Philosophy)
Travels from
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada



How SCIENCE HAS DISCOVERED GOD
FAITH, REASON, AND BELIEF
DARRELL HALL

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
Hays, Kansas
Tuesday, February 24th
to
Thursday, February 26th
7:00pm to 8:30pm

Presentation One – How Science Has Discovered God
From the origin of the universe to the fine-tuning of life itself, modern science reveals striking evidence of design and purpose. This presentation engages listeners with compelling scientific, philosophical, and theological arguments that point to an intelligent, loving Creator.

Presentation Two – Divine Dilemma: The Challenge of Suffering and Evil in a World Created by God
If God is good, loving, and all powerful, why is there suffering and evil? This talk confronts one of the deepest challenges to Christian faith, offering a reasoned and hope-filled response grounded in theology, philosophy, and human experience.

Presentation Three – The Scandal and Power of Forgiveness: Love, Mercy, and the Heart of God
Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian life, yet it is often the hardest command to live out. Drawing from Scripture and Christian experience, this presentation explores how forgiveness reveals the very heart of God and has the power to heal, free, and transform lives today.

COMMUNITY

YOU'RE INVITED!
Preschool-Kindergarten
ROUND UP

WHEN: March 23rd @ 6:00pm

WHERE: VES Cafeteria

WHAT TO BRING:
Your child entering Preschool or Kindergarten

- Kindergartener must be 5 by August 31st
- Preschooler must be 4 by August 31st

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Please call the office if you have any questions:
785-735-2870



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**Knights of Columbus
Free Throw
Regional Championship
Tipton, Ks
Feb. 15th**



Our local Champions:
Brantley Pfeifer (2nd place)
Cohen Rodger (4th place)
Stella Rodger (1st place)
Josselyn Wellbrock (4th place)



**Quintyn Bauck (2nd place)
Brynlee Bauck (1st place)**
Stella and Brynlee earn the right to compete at the
State Championship.
Good Luck Stella and Brynlee!!

COMMUNITY



HOPE begins with you.

Blood Drive Victoria High School

Gym
1107 E. 10th St. | Victoria

**Monday, March 2
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!
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Healing Kids' Heart Retreat

10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday, March 28, 2026

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Healing Kids' Hearts offers a safe and confidential environment where children can learn about grief and healthy coping skills. Guided by trained volunteers, this event provides a range of activities that help kids understand that grief looks different for everyone and that there are meaningful ways to remember and honor the person who has died.

Activities include:

- Creating special keepsakes
- Sharing experiences with other children

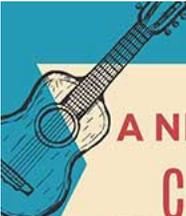
A trained adult buddy will be paired with each child to offer guidance and support throughout the day.

Registration is required and limited to the first 20 children and is due by **March 1, 2026**.

For more information
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5:30- 10:30 PM

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Contact Micki at maacarmstrong@gmail.com for Zoom link info

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Center for Health Improvement 2500 Canterbury Dr. Hays, KS
To attend please email Jill at jill@adiffmindsetassoc.org

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Discerning a Call to the Permanent Diaconate?

The Diocese of Salina invites men who are prayerfully considering a vocation as a Catholic Permanent Deacon, and any interested spouse, to attend an upcoming Diaconate Information Presentation.

These one-hour session will provide an overview of:

- The ministry of the permanent diaconate
- Formation and academic requirements
- The application and discernment process

Information Session Schedule
(All sessions begin at 10:00a.m.)

Manhattan	March 7—St. Thomas More Parish
Salina	March 21—Diocesan Chancery
Oakley	March 28—St. Joseph Parish
Hays	April 25—Immaculate Heart of Mary

Men who feel the Lord may be calling them to serve His Church through the permanent diaconate are warmly encouraged to attend.

Applications are due June 1. No applications will be accepted after this date.

For more information: www.salinadiocese.org



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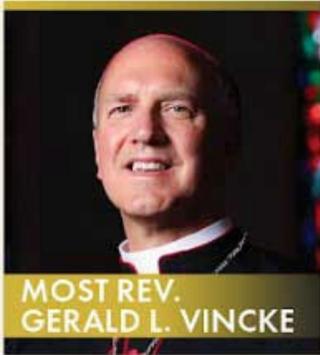
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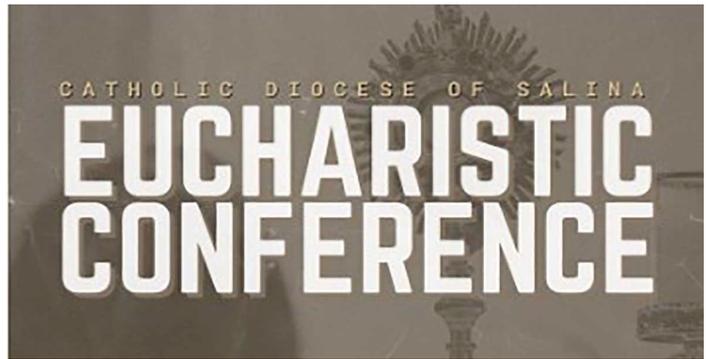
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Kirsten Zimmerman, Conference Coordinator
832-779-1070

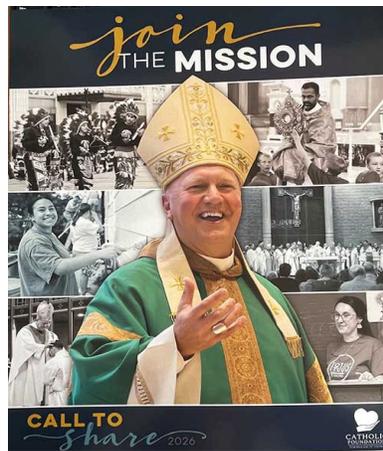
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Bulletin Announcements

Kick-off Weekend
February 7-8, 2026

Here are bulletin announcements that you can use for Bishop's Annual Appeal 2026. If you have any questions or need additional/specific announcements, please contact torrie.gregg@salinadiocese.org.

QR Code where parishioners can make their gift online



appeal.givecfds.org

Option 1 -

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the mission of the Church beyond what any single parish can do alone. Through the Appeal, ministries that pass on the faith to our youth, support and care for our clergy, and strengthen families across the diocese are made possible. Our parish is asked to take part in this shared mission with a goal of \$_____. We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Give online at appeal.givecfds.org.

Option 2 -

Each year, our parish joins with others across the diocese to support the ministries made possible through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. These ministries help form the faith of our youth, support and care for our clergy, and strengthen families throughout our diocesan community. Our parish goal this year is \$_____. We invite you to take part in this shared effort by supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Give online at appeal.givecfds.org.

Option 3 -

Your generosity through the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps carry out the mission of the Church across our diocese. Through your support, faith is passed on to the youth of our diocese, our clergy are strengthened, and families are supported at every stage of life. These ministries help form disciples, support parish life, and serve communities across north-central and northwest Kansas. We invite you to join the mission by supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Give online at join.givecfds.org.

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