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THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

. Rearl 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

Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, Holy Communion to Homebound
Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events

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

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

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

February 25, 2024 - Second Sunday of Lent

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

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
To request prayers for family or friends,
call Teresa Shepherd (785-735-9576) to
add the request to the Prayer Line

Dates To Remember

Mar. 1 — World Day of Prayer

Mar. 5 — St. Ann Year of Mercy visit with Bishop Vincke (tentative)

Mar. 6 — St. Fidelis Year of Mercy visit with Bishop Vincke (tentative)

Mar. 10 — Girl Scout Sunday

Mar. 17 — St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 19 — Feast of St. Joseph

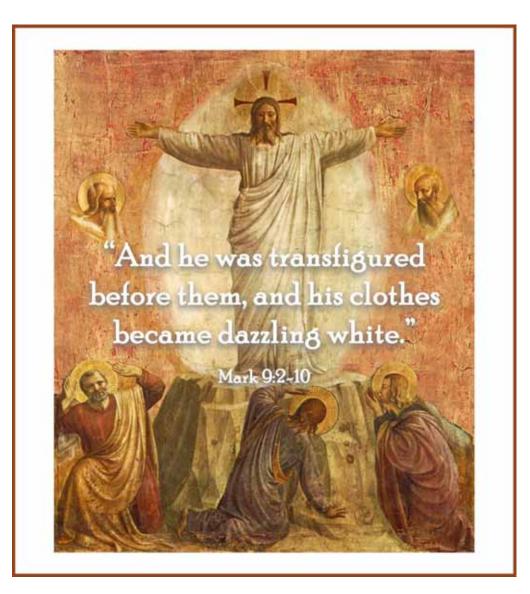
Mar. 24 — Palm (Passion) Sunday

Mar. 28 — Holy Thursday — PARISH

OFFICE CLOSED @ noon

Mar. 29 — Good Friday — PARISH

OFFICE CLOSED





A Transfigured Lent

If you are wondering how this Sunday's gospel of the Transfiguration of Christ pertains to Lent — and that is a reasonable question — consider these three clues: where the story occurs in the gospel; those who appeared with the transfigured Christ; and the apostles who witnessed it.

The Transfiguration occurs in the synoptic gospels between two predictions of the death and resurrection of Christ. In the passage

preceding the Transfiguration, Christ admonishes Peter: "The Son of Man must suffer greatly, rejected by the elders, be killed, and on the third day be raised." Then immediately following the transfiguration, Christ repeats this prediction. Transfiguration The cannot be understood apart from the death and resurrection Christ.

The Transfiguration occurs at a time in the gospels when the disciples reluctantly realize that Jesus is a Messiah who will come to his glory through the cross. Placing the Transfiguration at this critical time in the faith development of the disciples reveals not only the meaning of the cross of Christ but it teaches us that human suffering is not meaningless. We each have a share in the sufferings of Christ, which is inseparable from our share in the glory of Christ.

Mark and Matthew tell us that Moses and Elijah appeared with the transfigured Christ and were speaking with him. But Luke tells us also what they were talking about: "They spoke with him of his departure which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem." Their conversation relates the transfiguration to the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.

It is significant that the Apostles who witnessed the transfiguration were Peter, James, and John. Those same three apostles were present at the agony of Christ in the garden of Gethsemane. At Gethsemane the apostles overslept; at the Transfiguration they were

overwhelmed. Both times they missed the message that the cross and the crown are inseparable.

The context of the transfiguration between two predictions of his passion, the conversation of Moses and Elijah, and the three Apostles present are the clues that set the transfiguration in the context of the death and resurrection

of Christ.

The transfiguration of Christ is proclaimed during Lent in the context of his death and resurrection in the hope that our Lenten observance will transfigure our faith. The preface at today's Mass repeats this message of the Transfiguration: "He revealed His glory to the disciples to strengthen them for the scandal of the cross. His glory shone from a body like our own, to show that the Church, which is the body of Christ, would one day share His glory."

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I gave up cleaning the dryer filter ... for Lent.

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Contributions February 17-18, 2024

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 2704.00 Loose 1026.00 <u>Cemetery</u> 75.00 <u>Repair Fund</u> 275.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 1050.00 Loose 115.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 355.00 Loose 166.00 Candles 36.00

February 26 — Mary Brungardt, Janie Dinges

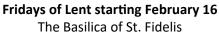
March 4 — Stephanie Broyles, Bertha Brungardt



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

with Benediction

5:30 p.m.



NO STATIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY.

NOTE: Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 8, will begin at 5:00 p.m. due to a wake service.



Sunday Rosary Schedul e 1st - Christian Mothers nd - 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, MARCH 2

5:00 PM — Brinley Lichter

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

5:00 PM — Tom Tholen, Debbie Staab, Jane Wagner, Teresa Shepherd

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

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

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

5:00 PM — Marilyn Braun

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

10:00 AM — Karen Nowak

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 — Carol Pfeifer **SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

10:00 AM — Kathy Amrein

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

5:00 PM — Hadley L., Devyn H.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

10:00 AM -

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

The Ultimate Sacrifice

Come examine the parallel between God's call to Abraham to sacrifice Isaac and that of the sacrifice of Jesus. On the following Tuesdays, February 20, March 5, and March 19, Angel Studios production "His Only Son" will be viewed and discussed with corresponding bible readings. Add some prayerful reflection to your Lent. Meetings will be at 7:30 a.m. in the north sacristy. of the church. For more information, please contact Stephanie Broyles (785-735-4747) or Jane Wagner (785-735-2587). Sponsored by the Family Life Committee.

It's Not Too Late

The study of the Gospel of Mark is ongoing with seven more sessions. It's never too late to better understand the Gospel used throughout this liturgical year. Add an evening of prayerful reflection to your Lenten practices. Meetings are held each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the north sacristy of the church. For more information, please contact Stephanie (785-735-4747) or Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).

Sponsored by the Family Life Committee.

On Monday, March 4, Mass will be in the main part of the Basilica of St. Fidelis at 7:00 p.m. due to needed space for the Christian Mothers/Altar Society gathering.

ASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY FEBRUARY 26
7:00 pm Gladys Pfeifer
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27
6:45 am
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 28
6:45 am
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 29
6:45 am
FRIDAY MARCH 1
6:45 am
SATURDAY MARCH 2
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Sue Pfeifer and Alois and Mae Pfeifer
6:30 pm St. Ann Virgil and Wilma Staab and Landry Robben
SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 3
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 Allen A. Windholz

NEED SPECIAL HEARING HELP AT MASS IN THE BASILICA?

St. Fidelis Parish now has individual hearing aids for those who may wish to check one out. Individual loudness is adjustable to suit yourself. They are wireless and connect you directly to the church's sound system. If you are interested in trying one, just come by the parish office, pay a small deposit, and keep your unit until you don't need it. We will refund your deposit.

Coming very soon, if you already have personal hearing aids that are controllable from your cell phone, you will be able to download an app on your cell and hear in church through your hearing aids. We will publish the app for your phone when that feature is operative.

Mass Intentions

We are changing the timing of opening the Mass Intentions book for scheduling Masses for the upcoming year-2025.

The 2025 Mass book will be opened on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, for the purpose of scheduling intentions. We will not schedule Masses for 2025 until that date.

As of now, due to one Mass intention being rescheduled, there is only one weekend Mass available at St. Ann (on Saturday, April 27). At this time, there are no weekend Masses available at St. Boniface or St. Fidelis.

There are a number of weekday Masses at St. Fidelis available for scheduling intentions.

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

Meeting after Mass

The St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society will meet in the north sacristy, Monday, March 4, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass which will be held in the Basilica. Prospective members are always welcome. Please join us in the front pews. If you have not paid your dues, you may do so at the meeting or use the envelope from your tithing box. Dues are \$5.00, payable to St. Fidelis Christian Mothers, and can be dropped in the collection basket or sent to Teresa Shepherd, PO Box 324, Victoria, Kansas 67671. If interested in joining the organization or for more information, call Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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 — February 16, March 1, March 15 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. or until the food is gone at the Victoria VFW Hall

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

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 375, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

The Victoria VFW is selling tickets for the

STARS AND STRIPES BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 10 — 7:30 to 12:00

at the Hays VFW

Advance tickets \$11.50 | At the Door \$12.00 Children 5 - 12 yrs Advance \$6.50 | At the Door \$7.00 Children under 5 years FREE

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE FIRST TWO K. OF C. FISH FRIES AT THE VICTORIA VFW.

Otherwise, please contact the following for Advance tickets:

Doug Kuhn @ 785-650-1058 Chris Brungardt @ 785-735-4252 Marion Miller @ 785-735-9353 Harland Rupp @ 785-623-1368 John Braun @ 785-623-0680 Dave Richardson @ 785-806-6095

Purchasing tickets in Advance will help the VFW reach their goal of selling all of their tickets and the funds will be used to help repair entrance doors.

Lenten Bake Sales

The Daughters of Isabella will have Bake Sales 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 or a cash donation to the V.F.W. Hall between 4:00-500 p.m. on the Fridays of

March 1 and March 15.

2024 DAILY LENTEN OFFERINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — DAY 12

Gospel reading: Mark 9:2-10 "Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!"

(Mark 9:7, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will lean more on Christ's word for guidance.

MONDAY — DAY 13

Gospel reading: Luke 6:36-38 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven." (Luke 6:37, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will not judge others and I will be merciful.

TUESDAY — DAY 14

Gospel reading: Matthew 23:1-12 "The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." (Matthew 23:11-12, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will be humble with others as Christ was humble.

WEDNESDAY — DAY 15

Gospel reading: Matthew 20:17-28 "Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:26-28, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will thank God for the ultimate sacrifice Jesus gave.



THURSDAY — DAY 16

Gospel reading: Luke 16:19-31 "At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table."

(Luke 16:20-21, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will give money to help those in need so they may eat.

FRIDAY — DAY 17

Gospel reading: Matthew 21:33-43 "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."

(Matthew 21:43, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will contemplate God's plan for my life to live more like Christ.

SATURDAY — DAY 18

Gospel reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 "But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

(Luke 15:32, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will welcome those who lost the Lord and need to find Him again.

HOSTED BY ST. FIDELIS CYO St. Fidelis Parish Breakfast

Sunday, February 25 Location: Victoria

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Elementary School

COST: FREE WILL DONATION ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE TRI-PARISH CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (CYO)

We have not yet received confirmation from the Diocese on whether the Bishop's Year of Mercy visits to St. Ann and St. Fidelis will be next week Tuesday and Wednesday. If it is confirmed, more information will be published in the March 3 bulletin.

St. Nicholas Ladies Guild

BINGO and RAFFLE

COMMUNITY

Sunday, March 3 | 1:00 p.m.

St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall 2901 East 13th St., Hays

ST. FIDELIS ADULT CHOIR

Choir Practice

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

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

There's nothing scarier than the split second when you lose your balance in the shower and you think, "They are going to find me naked."

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February Human Trafficking Alert

February 8—Feast of St. Josphine Bakhita. In least developed countries, 1 in 4 children ages 5-17 are engaged in labor detrimental to their health and development. Forced labor of children is also in the USA. Pray for these children. Alliance to End Human Trafficking—Founded and supported by U.S. Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave. 1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.

The Catholic Daughters **Annual Lenten Retreat**

The Power of the Eucharist

Who: Men or Women

(high school age or older)

When: March 2, 2024

Where: St. Mary's Queen of the

Universe

230 E. Cloud St., Salina

When: Registration 8:30 am

Retreat 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Presenters: FHSU Retreat Team

Cost: \$25 (includes the meal)

Discounts available for Couples and Students

Registration Information

Call or Text Marlene at 785-342-0130 or email at salinacda@gmail.com

Regisration deadline: Wednesday, February 28



This weekend—February 24-25—is in-pew weekend for the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. For those of you who have already supported this year's appeal—thank

you! If you have not yet given to the appeal but would like to, you can return your pledge card at any time in the offertory; mail it to Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1696, Salina KS 67402; or appear



give online at appeal.salinadiocese.org (you can scan the QR code to reach this site). Through your gift we can continue to support the mission of our diocese and ensure that members of our parish and diocese continue to encounter Christ.

Our parish goals for 2024 are \$21,600 for St. Fidelis, \$1,300 for St. Boniface, and \$18,500 for St. Ann.

Synod Listening Sessions

Synod Listening Sessions are scheduled at several locations throughout the diocese including at St. Nicholas Parish Hall in Hays on Sunday, March 10, at 3:00 p.m.

Here are the questions to be discussed:

- 1. Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church's structure(s)/ organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
- 2. How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

Holocaust Survivor to Share Her Story with Community at High School

The community is invited to a special presentation by author Mildred Schindler Janzen of Ellsworth, a Holocaust survivor and author of the book *Surviving Hitler, Escaping Stalin*.

On **Tuesday, March 5, at 10:00 a.m.** at Victoria High School, she will share some of her story and answer questions from the students who read her book in Kim Nowak's eighth grade language arts class.

Mrs. Janzen is 95 years old and is still a dynamic speaker. She donated the books to the class as a means to encourage them to learn about the history of that time. She does not accept any kind of stipend for her presentation, but a free-will offering will be accepted to enable her to purchase more books for more classrooms.



Bookmobile in Town

The Hays Public Library's Bookmobile will be in Victoria on

Monday, March 4, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the Victoria Elementary School.

2024 Heartland Parishes' Lenten Mission Featuring

Cy Kellett of Catholic Answers March 18, 19, & 20 7:00-8:30pm

Hosted by St. Joseph Parish, 215 W. 13th St., Hays

Mission topics include:

- · The Cycle of Christian Life
- Truly Human Lives
- St. Peter, A Model for Christian Lives





Hospice Volunteer Training

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

HaysMed, 2220 Canterbury, Hays Registration is due by Friday, March 1.

Learn about the history and philosophy of Hospice, advance directives, care of the dying person, spirituality, and the role of the volunteer. **Contact Hospice of Hays Medical Center at 785-623-6200 or 800-248-0073** for further information. This Hospice serves Ellis, Rush, Russell. and Rooks Counties.

Retreat Offered for Children Dealing with Grief

Registration is open for the Healing Kids' Hearts Retreat for children who have lost a loved one.

The free event for children ages 6 to 12 will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, at the Hays Senior Center, 2450 E. Eighth St. Lunch will be provided.

The retreat is sponsored by the Center for Life Experience in Hays. Laura Allen, executive director of the center, said adult volunteers are needed to help at the retreat. Registration for both children and volunteers is available by calling Laura at 785-259-6859 or by emailing laura@cflehope.org.

Lenten Retreat Saturday, March 2 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Fr. Reggie Urban Price: \$50 (includes lunch)



Where: Heartland Center for Spirituality 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, Kansas

Walking in the Footsteps of St. Paul until Pentecost

Join Father Reggie Urban at Heartland Center for a mid-Lent day of reflection. He will take a reflective look at the 7 authentic letters of St. Paul, using them as a guide for the rest of Lent as well as the Easter season. Please bring your bible.

To register online visit their website at www.heartlandspiritulity.org and click on upcoming retreats.

To register by phone or email contact Ann Axman at 620-792-1232 or ann.axman@heartlandspirituality.org.

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