

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

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# March 19, 2023 – 4th 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. 22 — Confirmation 6:30 pm Mar. 26 — Communal Anointing of the

Sick

Mar. 30 — Chrism Mass, Salina

- 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
- Apr. 9 Easter Sunday



# "l do believe, Lord."

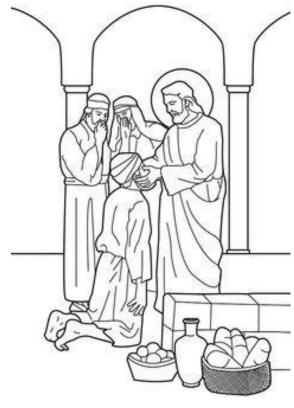
John 9:1-41



### Seeing is Believing

Christianity loves a Paradox and there is one in today's gospel. At times the blind can see when the sighted are blind. The man born blind illustrates that paradox. He is the only one in this gospel story who sees with the eyes of faith. The disciples are blind, the Pharisees are blind, and the parents of the beggar are blind. All blind to the message of Christ. Only the blind man sees the truth.

When Christ gives sight to the blind in the gospels it is a double



miracle: the gift of physical sight, and also the vision of faith. Today's gospel demonstrates that by contrasting the lack of faith in those who are sighted, with the faith of the man born blind. He is the only one who clearly sees God in his life.

The disciples were blind. The problem of human suffering blinded them to the goodness of God. The Pharisees' legalistic observance of the Sabbath blinded them to the greater law of charity. The parents of the beggar were blind, not only to the loyalty due their son, but also to the message of Christ. The blind man alone stands firmly for truth and for faith in Christ. He alone sees and is able to say, "I do believe."

We are challenged to see ourselves in the characters of gospel stories. Perhaps we share the blindness of the disciples, or the Pharisees, or the parents of the beggar. Like the disciples, the tragedies of life can blind us to the goodness of God. Christian

> faith sees unavoidable human suffering not as empty misery but as a share in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ. That vision of faith can bring the light of hope to human suffering.

Like the Pharisees, we can be blind to the teachings of our own faith. Catholicism is not a spiritual salad bar where you pick and choose your favorite principles. The gospels are not multiple choice. Our faith is an integral unit and a total commitment. Lent is a time to check for blind spots in our faith.

Perhaps we are, like the parents of the beggar, blind to those in need. Our Lenten denial should be an experience of need which animates us to share generously with those who lack the necessities of life.

Too often we see only what we want to. We have an eagle eye for the faults of others yet blind to our own failings. May our Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving open our eyes to our own failings and the goodness of others.

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A clear conscience can be the result of a bad memory.

#### Parish Staff

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### **Council Members**

St. Fidelis Pastoral Council John R. Braun 735-2622 (Chair) Angie Roth 735-8035 (Vice-Chair) Ryan Lichter 650-7361 (Sec) Marilyn Braun 735-9265 Bertha R. Brungardt 735-4106 Patty Dreiling 735-4479 Curt Kuhn 735-8820 Rosie Kreutzer 656-3298

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#### Contributions March <u>11-12, 2023</u>

**ST. FIDELIS:** <u>Envelopes</u> 1912.00 <u>Loose</u> 997.00 <u>Repair Fund</u> 260.00 <u>Catholic Relief</u> 455.00

**ST. ANN:** <u>Envelopes</u> 1222.00 <u>Loose</u> 121.00 <u>Coffee & Rolls</u> 194.00 <u>Catholic Relief</u> 136.00 <u>Candles</u> 163.25

ST. BONIFACE: <u>Envelopes</u> 245.00 <u>Loose</u> 178.00 <u>Candles</u> 19.00 <u>Catholic Relief</u> 15.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~ March 20 — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt March 27 — Stephanie Broyles, Ivan Werner

# St. Fidel is Food Bank

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

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> - Christian Mothers 3<sup>rd</sup> - Daughters of Isabella Rosary Schedul e 2<sup>nd</sup> - Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> - 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 25

5:00 PM — Trilogy SUNDAY, MARCH 26 10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger

### \*EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS\*

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 5:00 PM — Carol Pfeifer, Diane Gross, Jane Wagner SUNDAY, MARCH 26 **10:00 AM** — Andrea Schmidtberger, Colleen Kuhn Yvonne Braun

### \*LECTORS\COMMENTATORS\*

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 5:00 PM — Marilyn Braun SUNDAY, MARCH 26 10:00 AM — Dave Staab

### \*HOMEBOUND MINISTERS\*

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

### \*MASS SERVERS\*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22-CONFIRMATION 6:30 PM — Abby B., Brinly L., Wesley S.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 5:00 PM — Easton W., Brinly L., Hadley L. SUNDAY, MARCH 26 10:00 AM — Abby B., Wesley S., Nicholas S.

### **Committee Meeting Dates**

Finance Council 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

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

## **COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**

Monday, April 3 | 7:30 p.m. (after the 7:00 p.m. Mass) at The Basilica of St. Fidelis

# Communal Anointing of the Sick

will be administered after Mass at St. Ann on Saturday, March 25, and at St. Fidelis on Sunday, March 26.

Due to time constraints, there will not be anointing after the St. Fidelis Mass on Saturday or the St. Boniface Mass on Sunday.

### 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.

## **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 near the altar to be included in the Mass blessings.

### **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.

# Save the date Saturday, June 3, 2023 Get ready to enjoy an old-fashioned FIDELISFEST

# **Tour Guides Needed**

Spring and Summer are approaching. That means more people wanting to tour 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. Tours can last anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour depending on the touring group and the tour guide.

We can provide you with a history book to get you started. You can also observe a current tour guide to help you learn the process; however, you are welcome to tell your own personal stories related to the church. The more you do the tours, the easier and more fun it can be.

And if you have any questions, we will try to help as much as we can.

# If you are willing to help, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.

Comments from tourists can be very uplifting. We hear so often how "beautiful" and well taken care of the church is.

## 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 — 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

### ST. ANN

### **Christian Mothers Meeting**

St. Ann Christian Mothers will have a meeting on **Saturday, March 18**, after Mass.

### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA



## **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 17 and March 31.

### COMMUNITY

# **Commodities to Be Distributed**

Commodities will be available for pickup on **Monday, March 27, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Parish Office, 601 10th Street. Please use the north entrance.

REMINDER: Commodities are on first-come, first-served basis. According to Government commodity regulations we are not allowed to hold boxes back for specific individuals.



However, we do have a Food Bank and can provide food boxes through that. We just ask that you call ahead for Food Bank boxes so you do not have to wait while we prepare a box for you. Contact us at 785-735-2777 for a Food Bank box.

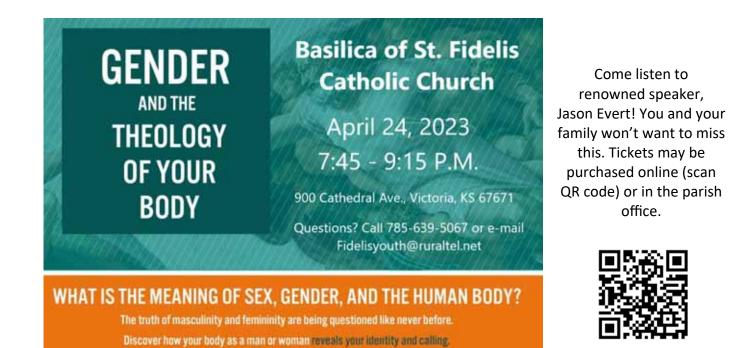
## YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Please pray for the youth who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at St. Fidelis Church

Juliana Dinkel	Leeya Martinez	Jillian Schmidt
Benjamin Dome	Brody Nowak	Camri VonFeldt
Wyatt Dorzweiler	Joseph Robben	Levi Wellbrock
Wyatt Griffin	Gracyn Schippers	Averi Windholz
Lauren K lein	Sienna Schmeidler	K enlee Winter

"Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them.

Make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen."



# Spiritual Growth Possibilities for Lent

# **DAILY PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT**

Heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. Nourish me with your Word of life and make me one with You in love and compassion. Send your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works.
Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness and new life in the Sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.



# 'FORMED' for Lent

The Diocese of Salina has renewed its subscription to FORMED.ORG, which it has subscribed to for several years. FORMED provides access to books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, and studies.

You can easily access FORMED by using the church's website at StFidelisChurch.com and select "FORMED Website" under the Organizations-Links tab. Just follow the instructions on that page.

Or do the following:

- Go to Formed.org
- If you have used FORMED, select Sign In.
- Otherwise, select: Sign Up as a Parishioner
- Type in 67671 (as the parish zip code)
- Select St. Fidelis Church
- You will need to provide your name and email.
- Then browse to see all that you can watch.

### 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. At each session we will delve more deeply into the Sunday readings.

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.

Sign-up to receive Bishop Robert Barron's Daily Gospel Reflections Subscribe at

www.wordonfire.org/reflections You will receive a daily message in your email inbox.





JOIN THE LENT #PRAY 40 CHALLENGE Deepen your prayer life this Lent with Hallow, a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps us all find peace in God.

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## **Catholic Relief - Thank You**

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* for more information on how to give.

### Chrism Mass

The annual Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Salina will be held on **Thursday, March 30, at 11:30 a.m.** at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. Oils for all the parishes of the Diocese will be blessed at this Mass.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

### COMMUNITY

# **Garage Sale for VCC**

The city-wide garage sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6. The Victoria Community Coalition (VCC) will hold a garage sale at St. John's Place to raise money for more architectural fees for the design of the Community Center section of the building. **You Can Help! If you have items you would like to get rid of, donate them to the VCC.** We will even come and pick them up. No TV's or clothing, please. Call Marilyn Braun at 785-735-4968, Nancy Piatt at 785-656-2793, Jim Dreiling at 785-766-3666, Brenda Dreiling at 785-735-4141, or Jeff Pfeifer at 913-904-8618.

### We would love to hear from you!

## A Very Important Project CHILDCARE

The Victoria Community Coalition, Inc. (VCC) is now moving forward on the Child Care portion of the St. John's Project. We are in need of volunteers who would be willing to work with the officers to gain more information from local and state Child Care affiliates regarding child care provision and requirements. We have a grant due on May 15, 2023, and your help is needed. If you have any interest at all in the well- being, growth, and care of the children in our community, please contact Nancy Piatt, committee chairperson, at 785-656-2793.

St. Joseph Prayer for

Joi Our Kids



March 20 is the Feast of St. Joseph, husband of Mary

O glorious St. Joseph, to you God committed the care of His only begotten Son amid the many dangers of this world. We come to you and ask you to take under your special protection the children God has given us. Through holy baptism they became children of God and members of His holy Church. We consecrate them to you today, that through this consecration they may become your foster children. Guard them, guide their steps in life, form their hearts after the hearts of Jesus and Mary. St. Joseph, who felt the tribulation and worry of a parent when the child Jesus was lost, protect our dear children for time and eternity. May you be their father and counsellor. Let them, like Jesus, grow in age as well as in wisdom and grace before God and men. Preserve them from the corruption of his world, and give us the grace one day to be united with them

in Heaven forever. Amen

### COMMUNITY



\*\*All events/activities are subject to change.\*\* Monday, March 20 - Friday, March 31 JH/HS course selection Monday — March 20 KAP testing window opens 12:30 pm Kansas National Guard during lunch 7:00 pm Board of Education meeting Tuesday — March 21 9:00 am 8th Grade pictures Wednesday — March 22 7th and 8th Grade ELA-KCA testing MS track 1st day of practice Yearbook March lunch in Hays Thursday — March 23 7th and 8th Grade ELA-KCA testing 12:30 pm National Guard meet with teachers lunch 5:15 pm HS cheer clinic in gym Friday — March 24 4:00 pm HS softball @ TMP 5:15 pm HS cheer clinic in gym 7:00 pm Tentative HS girls BB banquet in cafeteria Saturday — March 25 10:30 am HS cheer tryouts in gym

