

“Beacon of Faith,”  
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

“Cathedral of the Plains,”  
**THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS**

“Pearl of the Prairie,”  
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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| <b>Parish Office</b><br>and Catholic Faith Education Office:   |  | 601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 • 785-735-2777 • Fax: 785-735-2779<br><b>Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00 |
| Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, Holy Communion to Homebound<br>Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events  |  | <b>St. Fidelis Gift Shop</b><br>Located in the Parish Office at 601 10th Street, Victoria  |
| <b>ST. FIDELIS GIFT &amp; THRIFT SHOP</b> — 503 Main Street, Victoria<br>Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00-2:00; Wednesday 10:00-3:30; Thursday 10:00-4:00   |  | <b>BULLETIN ITEMS</b><br>Deadline is Wednesday at <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Please contact Connie at the Parish Office (sftech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) |
| <b>PLENARY INDULGENCE</b> —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 <i>The Register</i> , Salina Diocese newspaper |  |  |

[www.stfidelischurch.com](http://www.stfidelischurch.com) / [www.stbonifacevincent.com](http://www.stbonifacevincent.com)

## December 17, 2023— Third Sunday of Advent

### Masses:

#### 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

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

### Dates To Remember

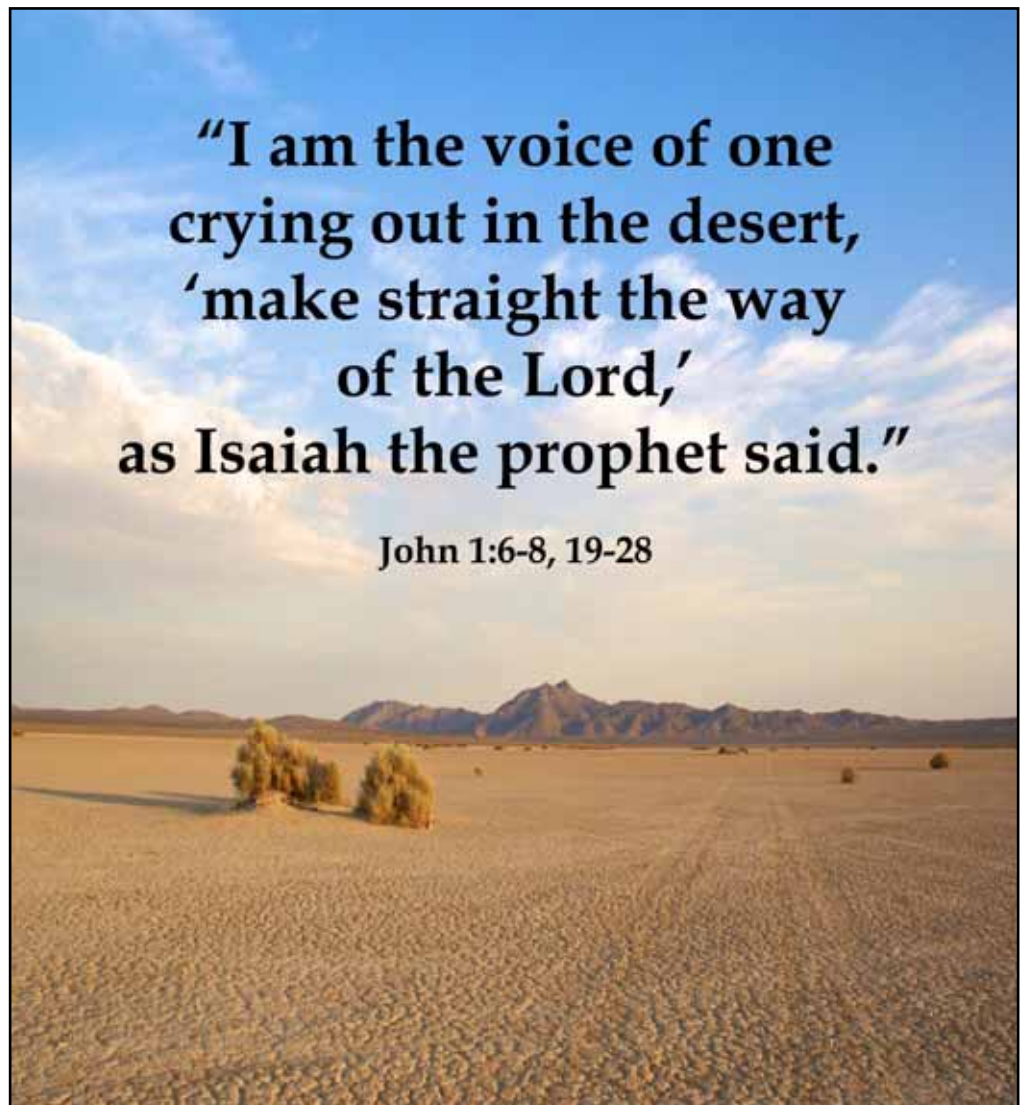
**Dec. 25** — Christmas Day — PARISH  
 OFFICE CLOSED

**Dec. 26** — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for  
 Christmas

**Dec. 31** — New Year's Eve

**Jan. 1** — Mary Mother of God (not a  
 holy day of obligation)  
 New Year's Day — PARISH OFFICE  
 CLOSED

**Jan. 15** — Martin Luther King Jr Day —  
 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED





## The Expectant Mother

"Only an expectant mother can fully appreciate the season of Advent." Those words from the late archbishop Fulton Sheen might surprise many, especially men. Yet they deserve our reflection. It does not mean that others have a defective concept of this season, but that we can all gain a richer appreciation of Advent from the experiences of pregnant women.

The initial discovery of a woman that she will have a child occasions various reactions. Perhaps a bit of a shock: "I am not ready for this!" Advent can also come as a surprise. "It's Advent already! How will I handle all the necessary preparations for the big day?" There can also be apprehension, even fear. "I don't really need this; it will upset my regular life." The coming of Christmas can also bring anxiety over all the demands and expectations.

After the reality sinks in there is the challenge of waiting, which has many dimensions. Waiting can be dominated by impatience, like waiting for the pot to boil. It can also be a time that is relished, like waiting for the first day of vacation. The anxiety of uncertainty is another aspect, as waiting for the results of a medical test. All of these dimensions of impatience, anxiety, and anticipation can be found in our Advent waiting for Christmas day.

The sudden realization that the birth is imminent might resemble the frantic last hours of preparation before Christmas Day. The process of birth is

aptly called labor. Advent preparations, both the physical and spiritual, require work, perhaps stressful work. But also a labor of love.

But of all the dimensions of pregnancy and birth the overwhelming emotion is joy. As the gospel reminds us, "When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a child into the world." (Jn 16:13) The joy of Christmas is worth all the efforts of Advent.



An expectant mother implies an expectant father, who is not without his own cares and concerns, fears and joys. The role of St. Joseph in the first Christmas also offers serious reflections during this Advent season.

But the dominant model for Advent is Mary the mother of Jesus. Her response to the announcement that she would be the mother of the promised Messiah is our guide as we prepare again to celebrate the birth of Christ. "Let it be done to me according to your word."

### ... and mirth

It's not easy being a mom; if it were, dads would do it.

## Parish Staff

### **Pastor:**

Fr. Jim Moster, OFM, Cap.  
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### **Secretary/Bookkeeper:**

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### **Housekeeping/Sacristan:**

Darlene Dreiling

### **Cemetery Groundskeeper:**

Wilmer Dinkel

### **Maintenance:** Ken Pfeifer

### **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**

John R. Braun 735-2622 (Chair)

Rose Ann Dreiling (Vice-Chair)

Angie Roth 735-8035 (Sec)

Bertha R. Brungardt 735-4106

Patty Dreiling 735-4479

Curt Kuhn 735-8820

Rosie Kreutzer 656-3298

Michael Younger

Jeff Kisner 785-650-1808

### **St. Fidelis Finance Council**

Harland Rupp 735-2206

Frank Dreiling 735-8385

David Ottley 735-8434

### **St. Boniface Pastoral Council**

Fred Tholen 735-4801

Curt Wellbrock 259-6564

Kathy Huser 735-4193

### **St. Ann Pastoral Council**

Bill Robben 806-669-5264

Patrick Zwenger 402-452-6253

Bob Brungardt 735-4410

## Contributions December 9-10, 2023

### **ST. FIDELIS:**

Envelopes 3845.00 Loose 832.00

Repair Fund 300.00

Immaculate Conception 525.00

Retired Religious 195.00

### **ST. ANN:**

Envelopes 160.00 Loose 166.00

Immaculate Conception 20.00

Retired Religious 150.00

### **ST. BONIFACE:**

Envelopes 275.00 Loose 783.00

Immaculate Conception 65.00

Candles 46.00

Retired Religious 140.25

### **~ MONEY COUNTERS ~**

**December 18**—Jerry Schmidtberger,  
Andrea Ottley

**December 27 (Wednesday)**—Patty  
Dreiling, Anne Schmidtberger

**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](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, DECEMBER 23**

5:00 PM — Meagan Wellbrock

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

10:00 AM — Pam Scheck

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 — Christmas Eve**

5:00 PM — Children's Pageant

10:00 PM — Adult Choir

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 — Christmas Day**

10:00 AM — Dreiling/Schulte family

**\* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS \*****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**

5:00 PM — Carol Pfeifer, Diane Gross, Tom Tholen,  
Jane Wagner

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

10:00 AM — Michelle Geist, Connie Braun,  
Leroy Schmidtberger, Jacquelyn Stoffel

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 — Christmas Eve**

5:00 PM (Jubilee Choir) — Andrea Schmidtberger,  
Jane Wagner, Keith Billinger, Wanda Karlin,  
Leroy Schmidtberger

10:00 PM (Adult Choir) — Deb Geschwentner, Connie Braun,  
Diane Gross, Tom Tholen, Kathy Kuhn

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 — Christmas Day**

10:00 AM — Connie Windholz, Yvonne Braun,  
Bertha R. and Kenny Brungardt

**\* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS \*****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**

5:00 PM — Tammy Lichter

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 — Christmas Eve**

5:00 PM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger

10:00 PM — Tammy Lichter

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 — Christmas Day**

10:00 AM — Allan Amrein

**\* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS \*****WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 — Kathy Kuhn****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

**\* MASS SERVERS \*****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**

5:00 PM — Myah and Grace Y., Devyn H.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

10:00 AM —

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 — Christmas Eve**

5:00 PM — Graycee H., Grace Y., Dax L.

10:00 PM — Hadley L, Wesley and Nicholas S.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 — Christmas Day**

10:00 AM —

**Christmas Food Boxes**

The Family Life Committee is preparing for the Tri-Parish Christmas Food Boxes for families in need.

If you wish to donate, we are asking for cash donations only. That way we can purchase the same food items for all the boxes.

You may drop your monetary donations in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the Parish Office. Please mark it as "Christmas Food Boxes".

**Please Remember Your Parish ...**

As we are approaching the end of the tax year, donations to your church can be claimed if you need a tax deduction.

**Communal Penance Service**

at the Basilica of St. Fidelis

**TOMORROW — Monday, December 18,**  
**after the 7:00 p.m. Mass**

**New Parishioners**

If you would like to join one of the Tri-Parishes—

St. Fidelis, St. Ann, or St. Boniface—

Parishioner Forms are available at the

Parish Office, 601 10th Street, or on the Home Page of our website: [www.StFidelisChurch.com](http://www.StFidelisChurch.com).

**Committee Meeting Dates****Finance Council**

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

**Liturgy Committee**

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

**Pastoral Council**

1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm



| <div>  <h1>ADVENT CALENDAR 2023</h1> </div>  |   |   |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
| <b>17</b><br><b>The Third Sunday of Advent</b><br><br>Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. At this halfway point in the season of Advent, light two violet and the rose candles on your Advent wreath and Rejoice! For the Lord is near! | <b>18</b><br>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me: he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted... to announce a year of favor from the LORD. " Isaiah 61:1-2 | <b>19</b><br>"God, in the Christmas mystery, reveals himself not as One who remains on high and dominates the universe, but as the One who bends down, descends to the little and poor earth, it means that, to be like him, we should not put ourselves above others, but indeed lower ourselves, place ourselves at the service of others, become small with the small and poor with the poor." Pope Francis, Audience, December 18, 2022 | <b>20</b><br>"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:38 | <b>21</b><br>Spend a family evening eating cookies and drinking hot chocolate while you read the Christmas cards you have received. Before bed, pray an Our Father and a Hail Mary for all your beloved family and friends. | <b>22</b><br>Use this blessing to bless the nativity scene in your home:<br><a href="#">Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene   USCCB</a> | <b>23</b><br>Reach out to those in your community who may be alone this Christmas and invite them to Mass and to share part of your celebration. |



The Diocese of Salina has renewed its subscription to FORMED.ORG, which it has subscribed to for several years. So as a parishioner of the tri-parishes, you can use FORMED for free. 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:

1. Go to FORMED.ORG.
2. If you have used FORMED, select SIGN IN.
3. Otherwise, select FORMED FOR PARISHES.
4. Select SIGN UP in the top menu bar.
5. In "Find Your Parish or Organization", type "67671" (as the parish zip code).
6. Select "St. Fidelis Catholic Church, 601 10th St Victoria KS".
7. Click NEXT.
8. You will need to provide your name and email.
9. Click SIGN UP.
10. Then browse to see all that you can watch.

The next time you go to FORMED.ORG, select SIGN IN. If you did not log out the last time you visited the site, it will take you directly to the site. If you did log out, you will need to provide your email address. FORMED will send you an email with a link to sign in. The link expires after 2 hours. Follow the steps to log back in.

## Explore the Gospel of Mark

The study of the Gospel of Mark will continue on **Tuesday, December 19**, and then break for the holidays. The meetings will resume on January 9 and continue each Tuesday to finish the series.

Meetings are held in the north sacristy of the church and begin at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of fellowship as together we better understand the Gospel of Mark.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Broyles (785-735-4747) or Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).

*Sponsored by the Family Life Committee.*

Please remember your  
**ADVENT ANGEL**  
 in your prayers  
 throughout the season of  
 Advent.



## A LITTLE CHUCKLE

Theme parks can snap a crystal-clear picture of you on a roller coaster going 70 mph, but bank cameras can't get a clear shot of a robber standing still.

## St. Boniface “Little Town of Bethlehem” Nativity

The “Little Town of Bethlehem” nativity at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Vincent will be open for visitors **December 17 and 24** and on **Christmas Day from 1:00-5:00 p.m.**

Appointments can also be made at any other time by calling Carol at 785-735-9282.

This is the 97th year of the nativity, begun by Fr. Callistus Rectenwald in 1927.



### 7-Week Study ‘Jesus and the Eucharist’

St Boniface will host a 7-week study on “Jesus and the Eucharist” on Wednesday evenings from **January 3 through February 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Boniface Parish Hall. They will not meet on February 14 due to Ash Wednesday. All are welcome to attend.

### ST. ANN

A big **THANK YOU** to all the St. Ann women who helped clean last weekend.

## THANK YOU

to all those who contributed to and attended the St. Ann Christmas party.

### Mass on December 23

Mass on **Saturday, December 23**, at St. Ann Church will be at **6:30 p.m.** as usual; however, there will be no refreshments afterwards.

### DIOCESE



### Retired Fund for Religious

**Our women and men religious offer gratitude.** A sister shares, “I thank the Lord for all who give. I don’t think we would make it without them.” Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit [retiredreligious.org](https://retiredreligious.org).

### December Human Trafficking Alert

A gift to US Catholic Sisters can make a difference in our efforts to confront the Human Trafficking pandemic. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

# You Are Invited

Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be a most blessed experience. The Church sees confession as so important that regular confession of everyday faults (venial sins) is strongly recommended. Regular confession of our venial sins helps us form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, and lets ourselves be healed by Christ. (CCC- 1458)

If you have been away from the Church, or if you have been reluctant to see a priest for confession, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful Sacrament of healing. Prayer, a good examination of conscience, and a bit of encouragement to give it a new try can truly change our lives and will unquestionably renew our faith. If you are feeling hesitant or having difficulty approaching the Sacrament, simply share your feelings with the Confessor. He will help put you at ease and guide you through the Sacrament.

A communal Penance Service will be celebrated at the Basilica on **Monday, December 18, 2023, after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.** You will find an examination of conscience inserted in this weekend's bulletin.

## An Examination of Conscience

*The following list of capital sins, root sins, from our tradition, with the fears that cause them and the symptoms they manifest, may help us examine our lives in a way that is more meaningful. For most of us who do not have death-bringing choices to confess, the recognition of one or two of these root areas of concern will be the best way to admit our sinfulness, and help us discover the areas of our lives that need the most attention, and most need the healing touch of God's grace.*

*Because God's call from fear to love is always a painful journey involving the cross and death, most of us want to choose an easier way to new life. Most of us want Easter without Good Friday. All sin is an attempt to avoid the cost. All sin is substitution for real growth and real joy. Our tradition says the following are some of our most common substitutions.*

### 1. PRIDE

#### When we:

- Fear that we do not measure up;
- Fear that we are not as good as others;
- Fear that we will be found out;
- Fear the brokenness that is in us, and have never learned to forgive it;
- Fear the weakness that is in us;
- Choose false pride for the quiet love and respect for self.

#### Symptoms of false pride are:

- We demand too much of self and others;
- We give in to the "tyranny of the should" always saying what we or others "should" or "should not" have done;
- We judge ourselves and others too quickly and too harshly;
- We are vain about appearance or a particular gift;
- We have to be first;
- We have to be center;
- We believe our way is the only way;
- We brag too much;
- We exaggerate too much;
- We dominate and need to control.

### 2. GREED/COVETOUSNESS

#### When we:

- Fear that people will not love us for who we are;
- Fear that we will be judged;
- Fear that we will not be safe;
- Fear that God will not provide; we give in to greed and covetousness, we cover our insecurities in our own eyes and in the supposed feelings of others with material possessions.

#### Symptoms of greed are:

- We become too attached to possessions;
- We allow our possessions to own us, not us them;
- We work too hard;
- We keep too fast a pace;
- We do not keep holy the Lord's Day and do not make room for God in our life;
- We hoard money;
- We do not share enough with the poor;
- We might give in to stealing or dishonestly;
- We have no time for God or prayer;
- We have "strange gods before us" as the first commandment warns can happen;
- We do not have time for parents or family.

### 3. LUST

#### When we:

- Fear being intimate in the true sense;
- Fear to trust another;
- Fear to entrust ourselves to another; we substitute lust, we give in to lust.

#### Symptoms of lust are:

- We turn people into objects;
- We use people;
- We lie to ourselves about relationships;
- We focus on pleasure rather than joy;
- We substitute physical intimacy for real loving intimacy;
- We turn to adultery or fornication;
- We turn to pornography;
- We give in to sensuality;
- We allow sexuality to turn us inward rather than to relationship;
- We never learn to trust.

### 4. ANGER

#### When we:

- Fear being hurt;
- Fear being controlled;
- Fear not being liked;
- Fear being judged;
- Fear being found out;
- Fear being taken for granted; we turn to anger at self, others and God.

#### Symptoms of anger are:

- We are impatient with self;
- We are impatient with others;
- We are unforgiving of self and others;
- We are unable to pray;
- We lack gentleness;
- We feel that we have been cheated;
- We have an impetuous spirit;
- We curse or use bad language;
- We use God's name improperly and without respect;
- We are impetuous on the roads and highways;
- We can become cold and cynical.

### 5. GLUTTONY

**Lord, forgive my capital sins  
and heal me.**



#### When we:

- Fear to face ourselves;
- Fear to face our problems;
- Fear dealing with others;
- Fear being overwhelmed; we turn to gluttony/drunkenness.

#### Symptoms of gluttony are:

- We eat too much;
- We eat too often;
- We eat to solve problems;
- We turn to drugs or alcohol;
- We commit "adultery with the bottle" gaining strength, courage, and meaning in life in food or drink or drugs rather than in relationships.

### 6. ENVY/JEALOUSY

#### When we:

- Fear not looking good;
- Fear being judged;
- Fear we are missing out;
- Fear life is passing us by; we turn to envy or jealousy.

#### Symptoms of envy are:

- We have a suspicious spirit;
- We criticize too much;
- We entertain sinful desires;
- We feel cheated;
- We "covert" neighbors' success;
- We put others down;
- We gossip too much;
- We give in to slander.

### 7. SLOTH/LAZINESS

#### When we:

- Fear the cost of trying;
- Fear hard work;
- Fear the cost of relationships;
- Fear failure;
- Fear being hurt; we turn to sloth.

#### Symptoms of sloth are:

- We withdraw from life;
- We set no ideals;
- We quit before we finish;
- We set no goals;
- We never reach out;
- We do not use talents for God or others.

#### **Prayer of Re-dedication and Commitment to Growth**

Heavenly Father, Creator, and Friend, I trust in your understanding, your acceptance, and your love. Thank you for the gift of forgiveness. Teach me to be as forgiving of myself as you are of me. Teach me to be as gentle with myself as you are with me. I commit myself to trying to improve my life for you and for others. Help me to be open to your grace. I pray through Jesus Christ.



# CHRISTMAS CAROLING

*St. Fidelis Religious Ed  
Families & Friends*

ALL STUDENTS & FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO BRING CHRISTMAS CHEER TO SOME OF OUR BELOVED HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS & NEIGHBORS. PLEASE DRESS WARM. WE WILL LOAD ON TO TRAILERS & DEPART THE PAC AT 6:30 P.M. WE WILL MAKE A STOP AT THE VFW FOR HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIES, HOSTED BY OUR LOCAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20  
AT 6:30 P.M.

*St. Fidelis Parish Office 601 10th St.*



PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15.  
A CONSENT FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT OR  
GUARDIAN FOR ALL YOUTH NOT ACCOMPANIED BY A  
GUARDIAN.

JEANETTE CELL: 785-639-5067



# WHEN THE BOUGH BREAKS . . .



## St. Ann Parish Has Tree Removed



**TOP LEFT:** Joe Jones from *Jones Truck and Trash* of Walker was hired to cut and remove a dead pine tree on the north side of Saint Ann Church.

**TOP RIGHT:** Branches from the pine tree on the north side of the church lay on the ground ready for removal.

**LEFT:** Bob Brungardt arrived to help Joe Jones clean up the small branches.

Great work, Joe, and the  
Parishioners of St. Ann  
thank you.

| St. Fidelis Financial Summary       |                   |                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>INCOME</u>                       | <u>11/30/2023</u> | <u>EXPENSES</u>                     | <u>11/30/2023</u> |
| <b>Bequests &amp; Donations</b>     |                   | <b>Advertising &amp; Promotions</b> | \$185.00          |
| Church Decoration Fund              | \$100.00          | <b>Clergy</b>                       |                   |
| General Funds                       | \$12,539.79       | Automobile Expense                  | \$1,076.00        |
| Memorials                           | \$20.00           | Living Allowance                    | \$450.00          |
| Repair Fund                         | \$941.00          | Salary                              | \$1,076.00        |
| Royalty                             | \$137.52          | <b>CYO</b>                          |                   |
| Tools/Maintenance                   | \$1,500.00        | NCYC                                | \$4,000.00        |
| Tourist Donations                   | \$203.50          | <b>Employees</b>                    |                   |
| <b>Bulletin Ads</b>                 | \$3,760.00        | Benefits                            | \$1,124.12        |
| <b>Candles</b>                      | \$166.25          | Payroll                             | \$15,488.48       |
| <b>Collections</b>                  |                   | <b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>   |                   |
| Envelopes                           | \$13,677.47       | Church Repair & Maintenance         | \$1,626.38        |
| Loose                               | \$4,545.00        | Liturgical Decorations              | \$595.10          |
| <b>Gift Shop</b>                    | \$441.00          | Pest Control                        | \$192.00          |
| <b>Miscellaneous</b>                | \$30.00           | Security                            | \$147.00          |
| <b>Mission Parishes</b>             | \$2,000.00        | <b>Gift Shop</b>                    | \$122.67          |
| <b>Refunds &amp; Reimbursements</b> | \$349.90          | <b>Grounds, Landscaping</b>         | \$807.91          |
| <b>Use of Buildings</b>             | \$750.00          | <b>Insurance</b>                    | \$3,938.83        |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>                | \$41,161.43       | <b>Office</b>                       |                   |
|                                     |                   | Subscriptions                       | \$59.39           |
| <b>ROSARY TOTALS</b>                |                   | <b>Religious Education</b>          |                   |
| Income                              | \$170.00          | Supplies                            | \$80.51           |
| Expense                             | \$0.00            | <b>Sanctuary Supplies</b>           | \$129.64          |
|                                     |                   | <b>Tax Liability</b>                | \$102.70          |
|                                     |                   | <b>Utilities</b>                    |                   |
| Gross Income:                       | \$41,331.43       | Church                              | \$1,328.74        |
| Total Expenses:                     | \$33,132.28       | PAC                                 | \$601.81          |
| <b>Net Income:</b>                  | \$8,199.15        | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>              | \$33,132.28       |

The above numbers do not include the annual parish tax paid to the diocese.  
This tax is based on the number of families in the parish and the ordinary income.  
The 2023/2024 tax was \$19,157.00

| St. Fidelis Cemetery Financial Summary |                   |                        |                   |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>INCOME</u>                          | <u>11/30/2023</u> | <u>EXPENSES</u>        | <u>11/30/2023</u> |
| <b>Bequests &amp; Donations</b>        | \$451.00          | <b>Maintenance</b>     | \$1,931.75        |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>                   | \$451.00          | <b>Payroll</b>         | \$495.40          |
|  |                   | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b> | \$2,427.15        |
| Gross Income:                          | \$451.00          |                        |                   |
| Total Expenses:                        | \$2,427.15        |                        |                   |
| <b>Net Income:</b>                     | -\$1,976.15       |                        |                   |



## From the Diocese: “Win-Win” Ways to Donate to the Parish

**APPRECIATED INVESTMENTS:** Transferring investments directly to a parish can save donors from taxes on the appreciated value of their investments. This can save the donor money and increase the amount available to the parish.

**SENIORS WITH IRAs:** Seniors (OVER 70-1/2 years of age) can donate directly from their IRA to the parish and not have to claim income on the IRA distribution. This is referred to as a QCD, qualified charitable distribution.

**DONATION DEADLINE:** To qualify as a donation in 2023, the gift must be received by the parish by December 31 or it must arrive, post December 31, in an envelope postmarked in 2023. Backdating a check to December does not qualify as a 2023 donation.

† This Tax Refresher Bulletin is intended as a simple summary and reminder of year-end tax issues. No portion of this information is intended as tax advice for any individual, donor or donation. Individuals and donors should consult their own tax advisor when considering the legal or



## New Handrail for Parish Office Entrance

**LEFT:** Wilmer Dinkel welded a new handrail for the front entrance of the Parish Office and is shown installing it last week Tuesday, December 5.

**RIGHT:** The new handrail by the front entrance of the Parish Office should offer some support for visitors needing to enter or exit the building—especially on those days when winter weather covers the walkway with ice.



## COMMUNITY

### FCCLA Looking for Shoes

Do you have shoes that you can't wear, but are in good shape? If so, you can donate them to the Victoria FCCLA chapter shoe drive for needy individuals of all ages. Gently worn or new shoes can be dropped off at the high school any time or at home games. This drive will run until December 20. Thank you for supporting this community service project.



### The Victoria Community Coalition

would like to say

**THANK YOU**

to all who attended and helped with their Annual Holiday Home Tours this past weekend. Winner of the 50/50 Split the Pot drawing was Peggy Wohler.



Because Christmas Eve falls on Sunday next weekend and Christmas Day the following Monday, the Mass schedule is a little confusing, but here it is:

**Saturday EVENING—DECEMBER 23**  
(satisfies Sunday Obligation)

5:00 p.m. - St. Fidelis  
6:30 p.m. - St. Ann

**Christmas Eve MORNING—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
(satisfies Sunday Obligation)

8:30 a.m. - St. Boniface  
10:00 a.m. - St. Fidelis

**Christmas Eve EVENING—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
(satisfies Christmas Obligation)

5:00 p.m. - St. Fidelis  
7:30 p.m. - St. Ann  
10:00 p.m. - St. Fidelis

**Christmas Day MORNING—MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**  
(satisfies Christmas Obligation)

8:30 a.m. - St. Boniface  
10:00 a.m. - St. Fidelis

## MASS INTENTIONS

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>MONDAY</b> .....   | <b>DECEMBER 18</b>                                      |
| 7:00 pm Leonard and Josepha Dome                                |   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b> .....  | <b>DECEMBER 19</b>                                      |
| 6:45 am John and Catherine Dinkel                               |   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....  | <b>DECEMBER 20</b>                                      |
| 6:45 am Edwin F. & Lawrentine Schmidtberger and David Mindrup   |   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b> .....   | <b>DECEMBER 21</b>                                      |
| 6:45 am Joe and Magdalen Roth family                            |   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b> .....   | <b>DECEMBER 22</b>                                      |
| 6:45 am   |   |
| <b>SATURDAY</b> .....   | <b>DECEMBER 23</b>                                      |
| 5:00 pm St. Fidelis Bernie and Jean Roth family                 |   |
| 6:30 pm St. Ann Jim Robben                                      |   |
| <b>SUNDAY</b> .....   | <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> ..... <b>DECEMBER 24</b> |
| 8:30 am St. Boniface Gary Sack                                  |   |
| 10:00 am St. Fidelis Frank H. Dreiling                          |   |
| <b>SUNDAY</b> .....   | <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> ..... <b>DECEMBER 24</b>           |
| 5:00 pm St. Fidelis Floris and Bernie Dome and Brenda Dome Luff |   |
| 7:30 pm St. Ann For the parishes                                |   |
| 10:00 pm St. Fidelis Lance Lang                                 |   |
| <b>MONDAY</b> .....   | <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> ..... <b>DECEMBER 25</b>           |
| 8:30 am St. Boniface James and Marian Rajewski                  |   |
| 10:00 am St. Fidelis Arlyn and Kimberly Schumacher              |   |

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