Beacon of Faith, St. Ann Catholic Church

"Cathedral of the Plains"

THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

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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. Fidel is Gift Shop Located in the Parish Office at 601 10th Street, Victoria

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

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

March 26, 2023 – 5th 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

Apr. 1 — April Fool's Day

Apr. 2 — Passion (Palm) Sunday

Apr. 6 — Holy Thursday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon

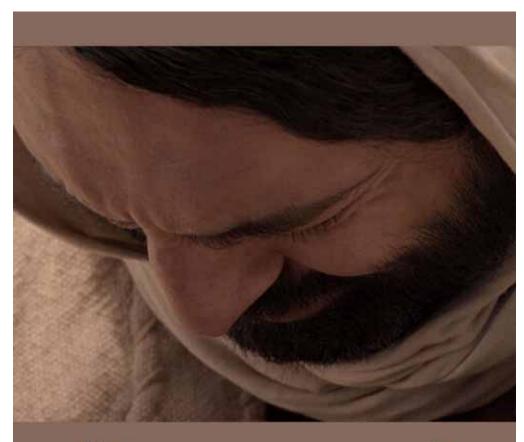
Apr. 7 — Good Friday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Apr. 8 — Victoria Community Easter Egg Hunt

Apr. 8 — Holy Saturday

Apr. 9 — Easter Sunday

Apr. 10 — Easter Monday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED





John 11:1-45



Dead or Alive

Today's gospel relates how Lazarus was dead for four days and then was restored to life. When Lazarus returned from the grave his family and friends were elated. This gospel story has a happy ending for everyone. Or does it?

How did Lazarus feel about returning to this life after experiencing eternal life? Perhaps he was disappointed that his time in eternity with God was so short. Surely he missed his family and friends and did not want them to grieve. Yet Lazarus may have preferred to remain in the presence of God.



This gospel story is comforting for Christians who rejoice in the promise of eternal life in Christ. But what about Lazarus? Perhaps he preferred eternal life with God. We know few particulars about life after death, only the promises in scripture. The Book of Revelation says, "There will be no more crying out, no more pain, only peace, light, and joy." (Rev 21:4) St. Paul describes the eternal bliss of life with God in these words: "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, what God has prepared for those who love him." (1Cor 2:9)

We were created to share in the eternal life of God. Saint Augustine wrote, "Our hearts are restless, and they cannot rest until they rest in God." When Lazarus walked out of the tomb he left a life of serenity with God and returned to the restless struggles of earthly life.

When a person dies, especially after a lingering illness, we say rightly, "She is at peace." "He is now in a better place." Eternal life is our destiny. But our journey through this life is also very important. Heaven is our home, but our journey to that eternal home is crucial. Life here is to be a growth process of drawing closer to God.

Since we will live with God for all eternity as the kind of person we die, the most important thing we do here on earth is to develop the personal capacity to live with God. We are on an inner spiritual journey and our faith is the guiding star that helps us develop a deeper relationship with God.

The final prayer at a Catholic funeral offers this wisdom: "May faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope." Our hope is to realize the gospel promise of Christ which Lazarus experienced twice: "I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live; and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

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Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let him sleep.

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Contributions March 18-19, 2023

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 2247.00 Loose 879.00 Repair Fund 20.00 Catholic Relief 35.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 1715.00 Loose 144.00 Catholic Relief 100.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 585.00 Loose 173.00 Catholic Relief 150.00 Candles 4.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

March 27 — Stephanie Broyles, Ivan Werner

April 3 — Mary Brungardt, Janie Dinges

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Allen A. Windholz**, who passed away on Saturday, March 11, 2023. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Thursday, March 16, 2023. Burial was in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria, with military honors.

* 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, APRIL 1 — PALM SUNDAY

5:00 PM — Pam Scheck

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 — PALM SUNDAY

10:00 AM — Adult Choir

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 — PALM SUNDAY

5:00 PM — Jane Wagner, Rick Colmenero, Debbie Staab

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 — PALM SUNDAY

10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun, Connie Windholz, Bertha A. Brungardt, Anne Dinkel (adult choir sings)

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 — PALM SUNDAY

5:00 PM — Diane Gross, Kathy Kuhn

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 — PALM SUNDAY

10:00 AM — Dave Staab, Shanna Dinkel

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 — Diane Gross

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 — PALM SUNDAY

10:00 AM — Cora Schulte and Kathy Amrein

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 — PALM SUNDAY

5:00 PM —

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 — PALM SUNDAY

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 Due to the Parish Office being closed at noon on Holy Thursday, April 6, items for the **APRIL 9 BULLETIN** need to be in

by 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 4.

Please call the Office at 785-735-2777 or email Connie at sftech@ruraltel.net with your bulletin articles.

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.

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

Including a delicious German-style Wedding Meal!

Fidelisfest Meal Tickets

available at the Parish Office starting Monday, April 3

Adults \$15 Ages 6-12 \$7 Under 5 FREE

Meal will be served on Saturday, June 3, 4:00 –7:00 pm Victoria Elementary School Gym

DIOCESE

Asking for Motherly Advice

The next issue of Faith magazine will feature Mary and motherhood. One of the articles will feature advice from mothers around the diocese. If you have any advice for mothers on parenting tips, cooking, cleaning, balancing work and home, budgeting, self-care, keeping faith a priority, etc. please email Katie Hamel at Katherine.greenwood@salinadiocese.org by April 7.

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 **Friday**,

March 31.

March Human Trafficking Alert

All of us are consumers. Do you know the slave footprint that exists in the chain of work that it takes to create many of the products and food that we consume? **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

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.

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

April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is child abuse prevention month—a time to act collectively to raise awareness and empower people across our diocese to play a role in making great childhoods happen. During Child Abuse Prevention Month, we are reminded of the call to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, which includes the protection of children. *Every child is worth the effort*.

Spiritual Growth Possibilities for Lent

DAILY PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

God of Love, through this Lenten journey, free me from any temptations to judge others or to place myself above others. Help me to surrender even my impatience with others, so that with your love and your grace I will have a deep and lasting desire to follow you. Please accept my small acts of charity today and free me from the self-absorption that closes my heart to you.

As I journey through Lent, let me remember the feast you have prepared for me in the Resurrection and let me be filled with gratitude to you. I ask this thorough your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

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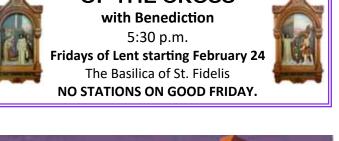
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS





Tour Guides Needed

Spring and Summer are approaching. That means more people wanting to tour the Basilica.

Tours are offered for larger groups and usually take place in the late morning or early afternoon.

We can provide you with a history book to get you started as a tour guide. You can also observe a current 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.

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

We are looking for people willing to have their feet washed during the 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass on April 6.



We are also looking for people to carry up the Holy Oils during the Holy Thursday Mass.

Please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777 if you are interested in helping with these ministries.

COMMUNITY

Victoria Elementary School Activity Breakfast!

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

\$8.00 a person

SERVING: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Biscuits & Gravy, Hash Browns, Coffee or Orange Drink

Helps support school activity account that pays for class trips, school supplies, etc.

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!





All events/activities are subject to change.

March 26-31

JH/HS course selection

Monday - March 27

5:00 pm JH cheer tryout practice

6:00 pm PK/Kindergarten Roundup

Tuesday — March 28

9:00 am Smith Center Livestock Invitational

4:00 pm HS softball @ Plainville

6:30 pm CPL Honors Banquet at St. John

Wednesday — March 29

7:45 am FCCLA State Officer Briefcase Exchange, Salina

5:30 pm VES Site Council

6:00 pm Board of Education workshop

Thursday — March 30

10:30 am ThinkFast Interactive KS SAFE edition 3:00 pm HS track @ LaCrosse

Friday — March 31

4:00 pm HS softball vs Colby

4:00 pm Russell/Victoria baseball @ Colby

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.

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.



AmeriCorps Seniors Grant-funded Volunteer Programs through FHSU

Listed below are two AmeriCorps programs offered through Fort Hays State University. For more information or to volunteer, contact Dane Dreiling, Assistant Director of Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs,

FHSU, 600 Park Street, Hays, Kansas 67601 (785-628-5809)

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

https://www.fhsu.edu/seniorcompanions/

The Senior Companion Program, established in 1974, connects volunteers age 55 and over with adults needing support to remain independent. Activities include helping with simple chores, providing transportation to appointments, monitoring medication, providing respite care, and offering contact to the community. Companions help aging Americans maintain their dignity and quality of life while enriching their own lives through service.

Both Senior Companions and those served receive significant, long-term health benefits from their participation, including reduced rates of depression, increased social ties, and perceived social support. Families are strengthened through respite services provided to family caregivers. Senior Companion services are provided at no cost to the recipient.

Senior Companions serve between 5 and 40 hours per week. Income eligible volunteers receive a stipend of \$3.15 per hour for their service. They also receive accident and liability insurance, mileage reimbursement, and other benefits.

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

https://www.fhsu.edu/foster-grandparents/

The Foster Grandparent Program is an intergenerational program first established in 1965. It connects volunteers age 55 and over with opportunities to provide one-on-one mentoring, nurturing, and support to children with special or exceptional needs, and who are at an academic, social, or financial disadvantage. Children and youth served by the program often do not have a caring and consistent adult presence in their lives; this void is filled by a Foster Grandparent. In turn, Foster Grandparents derive significant social, emotional, and health benefits from their service. The program gives them a strong sense of purpose by giving back to the community and shaping the young leaders of the future.

Foster Grandparents help young children gain skills and confidence to succeed in school. They mentor and tutor children, serve as positive role models and assist those in the child welfare system.

Foster Grandparents serve between 5 and 40 hours per week. Income eligible volunteers receive a tax free stipend of \$3.15 per hour. Volunteers also receive service related insurance, mileage reimbursement, and other benefits.

Divine Mercy Sunday

A Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday**, **April 16**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hays. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers, and meditation.

Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina on April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church.

Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena can be found at the entrances of the tri-parish churches. Confessions will be heard at St. Mary's beginning at 2:00 p.m. This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio.



An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association" and Ascension Living Via Christi Village



Alzheimer's Disease is not normal aging....

Join us to:

- Learn the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia
- Understand common warning signs
- Listen to community's experiences
 Help identify needs & gaps in resources
- Increase community engagement
 Learn about Alzheimer's Association

Tuesday, April 4th 6:30pm

Ascension Living Via Christi Village Heritage Room 2225 Canterbury Dr. Hays, KS

> To Register: Call 1-800-272-3900

Visit alt.org/CRF to explore additional education programs online and in your area.





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