

“Beacon of Faith,”
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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



Parish Office and Catholic Faith Education Office:	601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 • 785-735-2777 • Fax: 785-735-2779 Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00
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Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, Holy Communion to Homebound Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events	St. Fidelis Gift Shop Located in the Parish Office at 601 10th Street, Victoria
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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)
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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

April 30, 2023— Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.

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

May 4 — National Day of Prayer
May 14 — Mother’s Day
 High School Graduation
May 20 — Armed Forces Day
May 28 — Pentecost Sunday
May 29 — Memorial Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
June 3 — FIDELISFEST
June 5 — Feast of St. Boniface
June 14 — Flag Day
June 18 — Father’s Day
June 19 — Juneteenth
July 4 — Independence Day — PARISH

National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 4

“Whoever enters through me will be saved.”

John 10:1-10





Cattle Are Driven; Sheep Follow

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The popular *Good Shepherd Psalm 23* does not actually use the term Good Shepherd. Christ refers to himself as the Good Shepherd only in John's gospel (Jn 10:14). Each year the gospel for this Fourth Sunday of Easter is a passage from the tenth chapter of John's gospel.

In that chapter of John's gospel Jesus describes the noble qualities of a dedicated shepherd. The most comforting is the Good Shepherd seeking out the lost sheep. In today's gospel Christ calls himself the gate for the sheep, the guardian protecting his sheep from thieves. In other passages the shepherd unites a divided flock, calls his sheep by name as they know his voice and follow him. Christ repeats five times that he is the shepherd who will lay down his life for his sheep.

Most of us have never seen a shepherd tending a flock of sheep, but



we do have images of

cattlemen from western movies. If we transfer our idea of a cattlemen onto a shepherd we will miss the gospel message of Christ as our shepherd. Cattlemen and shepherds are both stockmen yet there is a major difference in the way they work. A cattlemen drives his herd. A shepherd leads his flock. Cattle are driven; sheep follow.

Christ is the Good Shepherd and

we are his sheep. Christianity is not a cattle drive.

It is a pasture under the care of a shepherd who leads his flock. This image captures the essential nature of our faith, which



unbelievers often misunderstand. The Good Shepherd does not have a herd, he has a flock; he does not compel, he invites; he does not enforce, he embraces. The Christian faith is not a tyranny, as critics suggest. It is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, justice, of love and peace. Such values do not rule by force but by faith.

Sheep need a shepherd. Sheep are easily distracted, carelessly wander into danger, often get lost, and need to be led to food and water. Such an image of faithful Christians may seem unflattering. Yet, in the spiritual realm, we often resemble such sheep.

We easily wander from truth and goodness; we get lost; we need spiritual direction and nourishment. That message is relevant also to a secular world which often rebels against the shepherd it needs. Today we gratefully celebrate the care of our Good Shepherd. We are his faithful flock. We are not driven. We follow.

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Modern technology has invented a limitless supply of unnecessary necessities.

Parish Staff

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Contributions April 23-24, 2023

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 2747.00 Loose 1110.00
Repair Fund 250.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 405.00 Loose 53.00
Candles 137.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 225.00 Loose 406.00
Candles 19.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

May 1 — Brenda Dreiling, Val Schumacher

May 8 — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Flora Mae Weigel** of Great Bend, who passed away on Monday, April 17, 2023. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the St. Rose of Lima Church, Great Bend, on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Interment followed in St. Ann Cemetery, Walker.

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.

* 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, MAY 6

5:00 PM — Addison Ruder

SUNDAY, MAY 7

10:00 AM — Sheila Stone and Brinley

* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS *

SATURDAY, MAY 6

5:00 PM — Keith Billinger, Mary Brungardt, Debbie Staab

SUNDAY, MAY 7

10:00 AM — Daughters of Isabella

* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS *

SATURDAY, MAY 6

5:00 PM — Diane Gross

SUNDAY, MAY 7

10:00 AM — Daughters of Isabella

* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS *

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 — Jane Wagner

SUNDAY, MAY 7

10:00 AM — Cora Schulte and Kathy Amrein

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council
4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee
2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Pastoral Council
1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

This weekend—April 29-30—there will be a second collection for the Catholic Home Mission Appeal.

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.

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

Meeting

On **Monday, May 1, 2023**, the St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society will have a meeting in the north sacristy following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

Anyone interested in becoming a member, please join them in the front pews.

If you have overlooked paying your dues of \$5, please do so as soon as possible. You may pay them at the meeting, put them in an envelope marked Christian Mothers and drop them in the collection basket, or send them to Teresa Shepherd, PO Box 324, Victoria, KS 67671.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

**D. of I. Mother-Daughter
Mass and Brunch
Sunday, May 7 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Members will process in and sit together
for Mass at the Basilica of St. Fidelis.
A brunch will follow at the V.F.W. Hall.

**Please R.S.V.P. on or before Sunday, April 30, to
Deb Geschwentner (785-735-4226).**



First Holy Communion

Sunday, April 23, 2023

The Basilica of St. Fidelis

Pictured (left to right):

TOP ROW: Mrs. Jeanna Wellbrock, Gentry Dempewolf,
Bently Hammerschmidt, and Father James Moster, OFM Cap.

THIRD ROW: Dalton Schmeidler and Brayden Stone

SECOND ROW: Adalynn Sander, Jentrie Lang

FRONT ROW: Georgia Jones

FIDELISFEST MEAL TICKETS

will be sold at the
5:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Masses

Saturday & Sunday, April 29-30,
and Saturday & Sunday, May 6-7

Adults \$15 | Ages 6-12 \$7

Under 5 FREE

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

Tickets also available at the Parish Office

FIDELISFEST
SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2023
A Fundraiser for The Basilica of St. Fidelis

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 4:00 - 5:00 PM CATHOLIC MASS THE BASILICA
- 5:00 - 6:00 PM CHURCH TOURS THE BASILICA
- 4:00 - 7:00 PM GERMAN WEDDING DINNER V.E.S. CAFETERIA
(Wedding Roast, Stewed Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, 2 Vegetables, Roll, & Dessert)
- 4:00 - 8:00 PM KEEPSAKE STORE, BAKE SALE, & KID'S' GAMES V.E.S. GYM
- 5:00 - 11:00 PM BEER & BRAT GARDEN BEHIND THE FRIARY
- 8:00 PM RAFFLE DRAWING - \$3,000 IN PRIZES! V.E.S. GYM

FREE DANCE & ENTERTAINMENT: BEHIND THE FRIARY

- WES WINDHOLZ
- KATHY AMREIN & MARGARET GIFFORD
- KARL MEIS
- BERNIE SCHULTE
- BOB DREILING
- TOM PFEIFER
- LOCAL JAM SESSION

MEAL TICKETS

- \$15 ADULTS
- \$7 CHILDREN 6-12 YRS
- FREE CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER

A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door during the event.

Please purchase tickets for dinner in advance at the Parish Activity Center or call 785-735-2777.

It can't happen here!

Yes, it can

HUMAN TRAFFICKING is HUMAN SLAVERY



When: May 3, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Victoria High School
Auditorium

Presenter: Sr. Margaret Nacke,
CJS Ed.D

All high school students and adults are welcome.

Speaker Margaret Nacke, a Sister of St. Joseph of Concordia, KS., founded U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking ten years ago. It is a faith-based national network that offers education, supports access to survivor services, and engages in advocacy to end modern-day slavery. Recently Sister received the Radical Abolitionist Award from the S.O.A.P. project (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution), a project committed to a survivor-centered approach to ending human trafficking. Sister Nacke has educated the public about the way people are bought, sold, and discarded as human beings.

(Free will offering.)

Sponsors: St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society
Knights of Columbus St. Fidelis Council #1867

Lost & Found

A navy and gray Adidas jacket, size large, was found in the Basilica of St. Fidelis about a week ago (possibly during Holy Week services).

To claim, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.

We have several pairs of reader glasses and a couple pair of sunglasses that have been in the lost & found box for many months. If anyone can use them, they're yours.

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.

April Human Trafficking Alert

Slavery is not a relic of the past. It is alive today and generates billions of dollars while at the same time ruining the lives of those involved. Learn more about human trafficking. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas will conduct their 12th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign from Mother's Day weekend, May 13-14, to Father's Day weekend, June-17-18. Baby bottles will be located at the entrances of the tri-parish churches.

This campaign provides support to mothers in our communities facing economic struggles, giving them access to critical resources so they can provide for their babies. Your contributions support pregnancy services that include emergency assistance, counseling support, and adoption guidance.

Other ways to donate:

- Mail a check to Catholic Charities, C/O Baby Bottle Campaign, P.O. Box 1366, Salina, KS 67402-1366.
- Via Venmo by visiting Catholic Charities' Venmo account at [@catholiccharitiesofnk](https://www.venmo.com/catholiccharitiesofnk). Please be sure to include "Baby Bottle 23" in the description of your transaction.
- Give online at ccnks.org/babybottle.

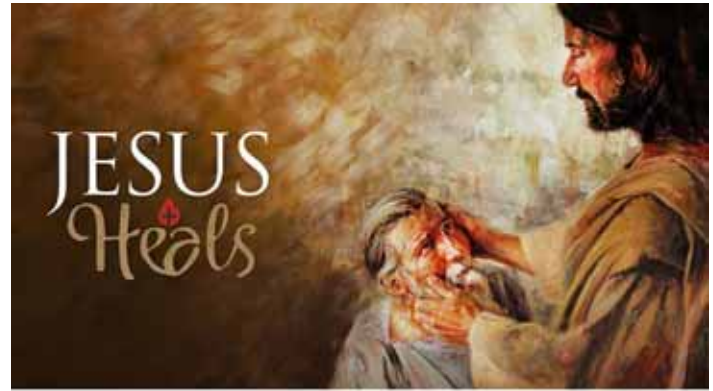
All money stays local and helps people who need services the most. Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas – serving those of ALL faiths for over 60 years!

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

Someone posted they had just baked some synonym buns.

I replied, "You mean just like the ones grammar used to make?"

Now I'm blocked.



NIGHT OF HEALING FAITH

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. *-James 5:15-16*

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

Father James Thomas C.M.I. with Father Leo Blasi and Priests from the Diocese of Salina
Sacred Heart Catholic - Church 202 South Cottonwood, Park, KS

6:00 PM Mass * 6:30 PM Exposition and Adoration/Confessions
7:00 PM Reposition and Healing Service for the Sick and those in Physical, Emotional, or Spiritual Need

Light Refreshments and Conversation to Follow

For more information, call (785) 673-9775

COMMUNITY



****All events/activities are subject to change.****

Saturday — April 29

Prom & Project Prom

Monday — May 1

7th & 8th FastBridge M&R

7th & 8th Saebrs/GPS

Senior Class picture GPS

4:00 pm JV BB @ Hays High

Tuesday — May 2

1:00 pm MS track @ Claflin

4:00 pm Russell/Victoria Baseball @ Larned

6:00 pm Civics Community Presentations

Wednesday — May 3

7th & 8th FastBridge M&R

2:20 pm PLC early dismissal

6:30 pm CDL Zoom for Driving course

Thursday — May 4

12:30 pm School Dismissed

1:00 pm HS track @ Victoria

3:30 pm HS softball @ Gypsum

4:00 Russell/Victoria baseball @ Southeast Saline

Friday — May 5

WAW — William Allen White party

A Very Important Project CHILD CARE

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.

The Sunflower Polka Club is hosting a **Free Dance for All Members**

Sunday, April 30 - 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Hays VFW Hall

WES WINDHOLZ BAND

Open to Public | \$10 for non-members

For more info, call Don Dolecheck at 620-923-7558
for more information.

No Drinks Allowed!

Victoria residents only

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE AND CLEANUP

Dumpsters available

May 5th - 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

May 6th - 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

May 7th - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

No tires, batteries, paint or household hazardous wastes.

No appliances with Freon.

**Garage Sales
Saturday, May 6**

Garage sales held on May 6th
\$5.00 listing fee for garage sale
Stop by City Hall



Garage Sale – May 6 **FAST APPROACHING**

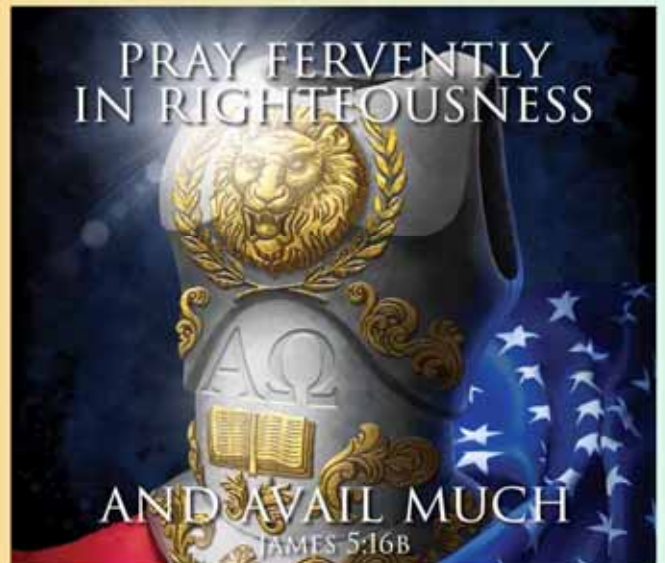
Victoria Community Coalition, Inc. (VCC) is still taking any used items for the garage sale at St. John's Place for the weekend of May 6th. We thank those who have already donated their used items and would like to encourage any others who would like to help us raise funds for the project to give us a call. Items from St. John's will be sold that day as well. A list of items will be up coming.

Call Jeff at 913-904-8618, Jim at 785-766-3666, Nancy at 785-656-2793, Brenda at 785-735-4141 and Marilyn at 785-735-4968.

We appreciate our community and the help we are receiving.

National Day of Prayer May 4, 2023, 12-1pm

Let's come together as a nation to pray for our nation



**At VFW Building
2106 Vine St, Hays**

At first there were only 25 letters in the alphabet. Nobody knew why

Mass times change
NEXT weekend May 6-7
 Saturday 6:30 pm - St. Boniface
 Sunday 7:30 am - St. Ann

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.

MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY	MAY 1
7:00 pm Christian Mothers Warren Wittman	
TUESDAY	MAY 2
6:45 am For the Parishes	
WEDNESDAY	MAY 3
6:45 am Bernice Birzer	
THURSDAY	MAY 4
6:45 am Alphonse and Dorothy Shotkoski	
FRIDAY	MAY 5
6:45 am Dwayne Sander	
SATURDAY	MAY 6
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Alfred J. and Tillie Kuhn family	
6:30 pm St. Boniface Lavern and Jacy Braun	
SUNDAY	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	MAY 7
7:30 am St. Ann Herman and Sophie Berens and family	
10:00 am St. Fidelis D. of I. Mother Daughter and May Crowning	

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 Weekly Ads = \$300.00 — To place an ad, contact Connie @ 785-735-2777

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St. Fidelis Council #1867

 Meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month

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