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"Cathedral of the Plains"

. Pearl of the Prairie.

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS









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 SHOP Located in the Parish Office at 601 10th Street, Victoria

ST. FIDELIS 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

August 4, 2024 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses:

St. Fidel is, Victoria

Saturday - 5:00 pm Sunday — 10:00 am

Monday - 7:00 pm

Tuesd ay 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

August 9-10 — Herzogfest

August 15 — Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation) - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Sept. 2 — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

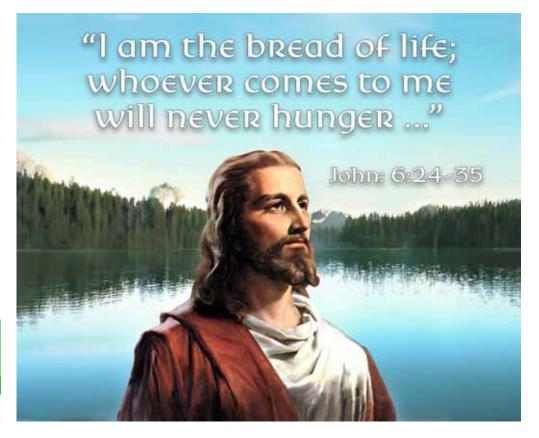
Sept. 7 — Blessing of Seed Wheat

Sept. 14 — Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sept. 15 — Catechetical Sunday

Oct. 4 — Feast of St. Francis of Assisi — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Oct. 4-5 — VHS Homecoming



ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, AUGUST 6 DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!





Hunger Satisfied

The most frequently used door in your home is not the front door or the garage door. It's the refrigerator door. Because we get hungry again and again. In today's gospel Christ promised to satisfy our unending spiritual hunger. "I am the bread of life: whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst." That deserves an explanation.



Today we continue reading from the sixth chapter of the gospel of John on the Eucharist. In this passage Christ recalls the manna given as food for their journey through the desert. It was given each morning to teach them dependence on the providence of God for their daily bread, but also to remind them of a deeper spiritual hunger. It was a prophetic symbol of the bread from heaven, the Eucharist.

Christ was disappointed in those who understood the manna and the multiplied loaves as a free lunch. He explained that the miraculous loaves, as the manna in the desert, were images of the Eucharistic bread that comes down from heaven. "My Father gives you the real heavenly bread. I myself am the bread of life. No one who comes to me shall ever be hungry."

The promise that if we eat this bread from heaven we shall never be hungry does not refer to relief from physical hunger, nor does it mean that one reception of the Eucharist is sufficient for life. It means that once you have found Christ in the Eucharist, you need look no further for spiritual

nourishment. Catholicism offers a variety of personal devotions, but all of them derive from, and have no meaning apart from the Eucharist. The Second Vatican Council said that the Eucharist is "the source and the summit of our Christian life." It is the fountain of our faith and the fullness of our faith.

Catholicism has many inspiring devotions: the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, and devotion to the saints. But the essence Catholicism is the celebration of the Eucharist. Catholics do not go to church; we go to Mass and we receive Communion.

There are many doors in your home, but the most popular door is the refrigerator door because you often get hungry. Catholicism has many doors to God, a variety of popular devotions. But the most important door in every Catholic church is the tabernacle door because the Eucharist completely satisfies our spiritual hunger, the food of life eternal. "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never be hungry."

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The lottery is a tax on people who failed math.

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Contributions JULY 27-28, 2024

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 2805.00 Loose 947.50 Cemetery 25.00 Repair Fund 25.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 1640.00 Loose 222.00 Cemetery 25.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 135.00 Loose 317.00



Scan the QR Code to go to our on-line Donate page.

Church, Chat, and Coffee

Come by the north sacristy **Tuesday**mornings following Mass for a cup of Joe, and if you can, stay and chat or just grab a cup to go. We look forward to sharing some Java and conversation together.

* Sunday Rosary Schedul e

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, AUGUST 10 - HERZOGFEST IN THE PARK

4:00 PM — Herzogfest Choir

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 — HERZOGFEST IN THE PARK

4:00 PM — Kathy Kuhn, Jane Wagner, Randy Leiker, Jody Dinkel (any additional as needed)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

10:00 AM — Bertha R. and Kenny Brungardt, Yvonne Braun, Anne Dinkel

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 — HERZOGFEST IN THE PARK

4:00 PM — Teresa Shepherd

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

10:00 AM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 — Jane Wagner **SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**

10:00 AM — Bertha and Kenny Brungardt

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 — HERZOGFEST IN THE PARK 4:00 PM —

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

10:00 AM — Alice and Ethan S., Graycee H.

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AUGUST 5 — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt AUGUST 12 — Mary Brungardt, Janie Dinges

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Jeanette Younger**, who passed away on Sunday, July 21, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Monday, July 29, 2024, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

Please Pick Up Your Pictorial Directory!

There are 18 books that have not yet been picked up: 17 St. Fidelis and 1 St. Boniface.

Every family who had their picture taken last September/October is entitled to one free book. Please pick yours up soon at the Parish Office.

EXTRA DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR \$5.00 EACH.

Mass Intentions Book for 2025 Opening October 1

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

There are no weekend Masses in 2024 available at St. Boniface or St. Fidelis.

There are still a number of weekday Masses at St. Fidelis available for scheduling intentions in 2024.

MASS INTENTION	IS
MONDAY	AUGUST 5
7:00 pm Danny Billinger	
TUESDAY	A,UGUST 6
6:45 am Verda Werner	
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 7
6:45 am Ralph, Betty, and Joseph Schmidtberger	
THURSDAY	AUGUST 8
6:45 am Mary Jane Unrein	
FRIDAY	AUGUST 9
6:45 am Jesse Hockersmith	
SATURDAY	. AUGUST 10
4:00 pm St. Fidelis Ruth Marcotte and family	
NO MASS AT ST BONIFACE DUE TO HERZOGF	EST
SUNDAY19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	. AUGUST 11
7:30 am St. Ann Jim Robben	
10:00 am St. Fidelis For the parishes	

In 2019, several local parishioners were interviewed by Russell Heitman, a Fort Hays State University student at the time. They shared their knowledge about the history of The Basilica of St. Fidelis. The 14-minute video can be viewed on the church website at www.StFidelisChurch.com.

> Click the **HISTORY** tab and select **ST FIDELIS-VICTORIA KANSAS** OR click VISIT US and select TOURS.

The interviewees are Ivan and Verda Werner, Bob and Phyllis Stramel, Cora Schulte, Det Younger, and Fr. Gilmary Tallman.

HERZOGFEST BOOTH

St. Fidelis Parish will serve brauts at a booth during Herzogfest—Friday and Saturday, August 9-10. Below is the work schedule for the booth on Main Street for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Please call Rose Ann Dreiling (785-735-4455) to let her know when you can help out.

THURSDAY 6:30 or 7:00 - setup

FRIDAY 4:30 - 7:00

- 1)
- 2)
- 3) 4)Money taker

6:30 - 9:00

- 1)
- 2) 3)
- 4)Money taker

SATURDAY 11:00 - 1:30

- 1)
- 2) 3)
- 4)Money taker

SATURDAY

(continued)

- 1:00 3:30
- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)Money taker

4:30-7:00

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6:30 - 9:00

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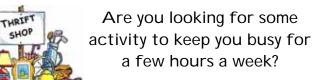
Cleanup

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- 5)
- 6)

HELP NEEDED

at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop

Do you like to meet new people?



Does volunteering give you a feel-good feeling?

How about volunteering for a shift at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop?

If interested, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.

Hearing Assists Available for Use During Mass in The Basilica

St. Fidelis has wireless hearing assists with adjustable volume that connect directly to the church's sound system. They are available at the Parish Office. Just pay a small deposit which will be refunded upon its returned.

If you have personal Bluetooth hearing aids that are controllable from your cell phone, you can download the WaveCAST Audio Receiver app by Williams Sound LLC. While in church—when the sound system is turned on, click the WaveCAST icon and select the church's "HearingAid" wi-fi option. The password is also "hearingaid". You can control the volume, etc. from the individual hearing aid program already on your phone.

Next weekend's Saturday Mass will be in the City Park @ 4:00 p.m. in conjunction with Herzogfest. There will not be a Mass at St. Boniface.



Conference Schedule

Friday, August 9

5:00 – 7:00pm Registration (Beach Schmidt)

7:00pm Opening Session / Keynote #1- Bishop Joseph Espaillat (Beach Schmidt)

9:00 – 10:00pm Adoration Under the Stars (The Quad) 10:00pm Young Adult Gathering (Comeau Catholic campus center)

Saturday, August 10

7:00am Rosary (TMP Marian Grotto)

8:00am **Daily Mass** (St. Josephs and Immaculate Heart Parish) 8:45am **Keynote Session #2** – **Bishop Joseph Espaillat** (Beach Schmidt)

10:10 - 11:00am Breakout Session #1

11:00 - 1:00pm Lunch Break

1:00 - 1:50pm Breakout Session #2

2:00 - 2:50pm Breakout Session #3

3:00 - 3:50pm Breakout Session #4

4:00 – 4:50pm Mass Presentation (The Ball Room)

5:15pm Closing Mass (The Quad)

Cost is \$30 per adult (12 years+), \$20 per child (2-11 years), or \$100 max per family

There is a printable form for those wanting to register by mail. You can scan the QR Code below or go to https://salinadiocese.org/office/eucharistic-conference/to print a form or come to the Parish Office to have us print one for you.



Rosary to Be Prayed at TMP-Marin

Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission. Many across the Salina Diocese are looking forward to the Eucharistic Conference in Hays August 9-10. You can invited to join a group of people on the campus of Thomas More Prep-Marian in the Grotto to pray a Rosary on **Saturday**, **August 10**, **at 7:00 a.m.**

Salina Diocese Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) Biennial Convention

The Salina Diocese Council of Catholic Women will have its biennial convention at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center in Grinnell, Kansas, on August 24, 2024. Check-in is 8:00-9:00 a.m. with the convention opening at 9:00 a.m. and the closing prayer at 3:00 p.m.

The conference theme is **Holiness in Family Life** and will feature Kathryn Whitaker, a Catholic author, blogger, speaker, and mother of six.

Registration, which includes lunch, is \$30. Registration forms may be obtained from Tammy Steeples (tsteeples@hotmail.com, 785-737-8899) or found on page 15 of The Register dated June 28. You may also register online, or download a registration form, at Salinadiocese.org/events.

Please join them that day for the presentations by Kathryn, the fellowship, the prayers, and fun (raffle, door prizes).

AUGUST Human Trafficking Alert

Pornography is prevalent and destructive and a feeder to trafficking. American children begin viewing pornography at an average age of 11. Is your child or grandchild one of the statistics?. Alliance to End Human Trafficking—Founded and supported by U.S. Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave. 1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, August 13, at 7:30 p.m.** at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

Tri-Parish

Cards & Games Party SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 • 2:00 — 4:00 p.m.

Parish Activity Center (north entrance)

Everyone is invited.

Pick up a friend

and come join the fun!

LET'S PLAY!

- Pinochle
- Farkle
- Skip-Bo
- Dominos
- Phase 10
- Rummikub

You are welcomed to bring a snack of any kind for everyone to enjoy.



YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

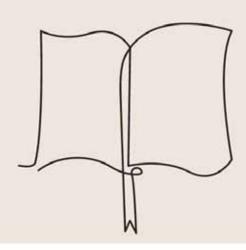
PIZZA WITH A PURPOSE!
SUPPORT ST. FIDELIS' YOUTH GROUPS TUESDAY
August 13th 4:00 - 8:30 P.M. AT GAMBINO'S

Eat at Gambino's in Hays (dine-in or carry out) on *Tuesday August 13, between 4-8:30 P.M.* and 10% of your purchase is donated to St. Fidelis' Youth Groups in support of their trips to the National Catholic Youth Conference & March for Life in Washington, D.C.



Religious Education Classes **Enrollment K-12**

Tuesday August 6 & Wednesday August 7 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM St. Fidelis Parish Office



BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS CATHOLIC CHURCH 601 10TH STREET, VICTORIA, KS 67671 JEANETTE BRUNGARDT, COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONTACT: FIDELISYOUTH@RURALTEL.NET

CELL: 785-639-5067

Fidelisfest 2024 — Saturday, July 27



Bingo was part of the Kid's Games in the Victoria Elementary School.



Greg Sander polka dances with his mom, Bonnie Sander, on the lawn on the east side of the St. Fidelis Friary where brats and hamburgers were served and musical entertainment was provided.

Luckily, a nice breeze provided cooler weather for those attending Fidelisfest.

FIDELISFEST			
INCOME		EXPENSES	
BAKE SALE/COUNTRY STORE	\$686.00	RAFFLE MAILINGS	\$521.94
DONATIONS	\$1,050.00	RAFFLE PAYOUTS	\$3,000.00
Extraordinary Donation	\$100,000.00	GRAND RENTAL	\$890.40
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	\$1,757.00		\$4,412.34
RAFFLE TICKETS	\$13,320.00		
	\$116,813.00		
INCOME:	\$116,813.00		
EXPENSES:	\$4,412.34		
PROFIT:	\$112,400.66		

We are thrilled to share that our fundraiser this year raised a grand total of \$112,400.66! This incredible support is making a significant impact by helping offset the costs of two major projects.

The first project, the replacement of our sound system, has already been completed and cost the parish \$58,140.83. The second project, a partial roof replacement, is scheduled to begin this fall and will cost \$166,500.00.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, attended, and prayed for the success of our fundraiser. The church wouldn't be what it is today without your continued support.

Face painting was offered by the youth group at this year's Fidelisfest. At right, Harper S. and Maggie B. enjoy showing off their "tattoos".





V.F.W. Meeting

Victoria V.F.W. members will meet on **Thursday, August 8, at 7:30 p.m.** at the V.F.W. Hall.

Divine Mercy Radio's 14th Annual Appreciation Banquet

6:00 p.m. | Saturday, September 7 Rose Garden Banquet Hall, Hays and

5:00 p.m. | Sunday, September 8 City Limits Convention Center, Col by

Cost is \$55 if purchased on or before Sunday, August 18. After August 18, if tickets are still available, the cost is \$60. The cost includes appetizers and drinks including adult beverages. Guest speaker is the entertaining and informative Joe Heschmeyer, staff apologist for Catholic Answers Live. He will talk on "Pope Peter" in Hays and "What's the Big Deal about Mary?" in Colby.

To purchase tickets, send your check, along with which banquet you will attend (Hays or Colby).

Banquet Reservations Divine Mercy Radio 108 E. 12th St., Hays, KS 67601

785.621.4110

or visit dvmercy.com/banquet.

No tickets will be sold after September 1.



Dementia & Alzheimer's

Caregiver Support Groups

Zoom Meetings

2nd Thursday of every month 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Contact Micki at maacarmstrong@gmail.com for Zoom link info

In-Person Meetings

4th Thursday of every month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Center for Health Improvement 2500 Canterbury Dr. Hays, KS
To attend please email Jill at jill@adiffmindsetassoc.org

785-269-1928 www.adiffmindsetassoc.org info@adiffmindsetassoc.org



Ellis County Library Vote

The Ellis County Commission voted to put a question on the **Tuesday, August 6**, primary ballot asking if the residents of Ellis County wish to create The Ellis County

Library. The ballot question will be voted on by Ellis County residents living outside the cities of Hays and Ellis.

More information about this question can be found at www.yes2eclibrary.com.

Please indicate your opinion on this subject by voting in the August 6 primary. Early voting is available at the Ellis County Administrative Building through August 5.

Older Kansans Employment Program

Older Kansans Employment Program (OKEP) is offered by the Kansas Department of Commerce to unemployed Kansans who are 55+ years of age. Finding new direction after retirement can be a challenge. This free program provides opportunities for finding employment in a familiar industry. The Department of Commerce partners with other non-profits and community agencies to ensure that you have access to the best resources. Program specialists will assess your training needs and assist with identifying barriers and challenges to gaining employment. Their specialists are readily available to assist you with a variety of services for your plans to reenter the workforce.

OKEP services include job referrals, job readiness skills, resume preparation, employment exploration, basic computer training, assistance with job applications, and employment opportunity meetings.

For more information, contact NorthWest Kansas Area Agency on Aging, 510 W. 29th Street, Hays (785-628-8204) www.nwkaaa.com.

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

I'm Melting!

Today I melted an ice cube with my mind just by staring at it.

It took a lot longer than I thought it would.



Volunteer Crossing Guard Needed

Victoria Elementary School is looking for a Volunteer Crossing Guard for their Friday morning shift from 7:20-8:00, for the 24-25 school year. Or if you want to volunteer but can't commit to every day and would like to be placed on their crossing guard sub-list to be called when one of their regular guards can't make it, please get in touch with Carla Schmeidler at VES 785-735-2870; carlaschmeidler@usd432.org.

Heartland Center for Spirituality Retreat

Heartland Center for Spirituality, Great Bend, will present a retreat, "Are you a Mystic?" The retreat begins Friday, August 23, at 6:00 p.m. and ends on Saturday, August 24, at 3:00 p.m.

Join them to enter the faith journey of the Saints and use them as your guide to discover ways to continue growing on a spiritual journey.

The workshop will be held at the Great Bend Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, Kansas. The \$110 fee includes a room on Friday night, breakfast, and lunch on Saturday. The commuter fee is \$70 and includes lunch on Saturday. Saturday only fee is \$50 and includes lunch on Saturday.

For more information or to register, contact Ann Axman at ann.axman@heartlandspirituality.org or visit their website at www.heartlandspirituality.org.

We want to hear from YOU, Victoria!

Victoria Community Coalition
is seeking your input on child care needs.
Please complete the survey and also
help spread the word.
THANK YOU to all that attended the childcare
community meeting last week.
Here is the link to the survey:
2024 Victoria Childcare Needs Survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PDJWBS2



ANOTHER LITTLE CHUCKLE

Who's Joking?

A woman phoned her dumb neighbor and said, "Close the curtains next time you and your wife are in the bedroom. The whole street was watching and laughing at you yesterday."

The dumb guy responded, "Well, the joke's on you all, because I wasn't even home yesterday."

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