

“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: 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

Catholic Faith Education Office:
785-735-9244

Gift Shop Hours:
Monday-Thursday:
8:30–noon and 1:00–4:30
Friday: 8:30–noon

Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, In-Home Mass, Holy Communion to Homebound:
Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events.

Morning Coffee:
Thursdays 9:00 a.m.
at the Parish Office
with the Pastor & friends

St. Fidelis Food Pantry:
For residents of the tri-parishes.
Call the Parish Office.
Donations accepted.

St. Fidelis Thrift Shop:
Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00–2:00; Wednesday 10:00–3:30; Thursday 10:00–4:00
If these hours do not work to drop off donations, contact Jan at the Parish Office.

BULLETIN ITEMS:
Deadline is **Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.** Please contact Connie at the Parish Office (sftch@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

December 27, 2020 – Holy Family

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

Confessions:

St. Fidelis: Mondays 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
St. Ann: Saturdays after Mass (Nov.-Apr.)
St. Boniface: Sundays 7:45-8:15 a.m. (Nov.-Apr.)
or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

Tri-Parish Prayer Line

Anyone wishing to request prayers for family or friends may call Teresa Shepherd (735-9576) to add their requests to the Prayer Line

Dates To Remember

December 31 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon for New Years
January 1 — Mary, Mother of God (NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year) — New Year’s Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
January 18 — Martin Luther King Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
January 22 — Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
January 29 — Kansas Day — 160 years
February 2 — Groundhog Day

“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel...”

Luke 2:22-40



The Parish Office will close
Thursday, December 31, 2020, and
Friday, January 1, 2021,
for the New Year’s holiday.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!





I'll Be Home for Christmas

"I'll be Home for Christmas" is one carol that resonates with all of us. Home recalls memories of celebrating Christmas and awakens an ideal of family at its best. The memories may be mixed, the joyful with the bitter, but at Christmas everyone makes an effort to see the good in family and build precious new memories.

The wisdom of the Church has understood this and celebrates the feast of the Holy Family every year on the Sunday following Christmas day. It is the ideal time to reflect on our families, cherish its value, admit our own shortcomings, forgive past offenses, and renew our commitment to each other.

The gospel reading today offers practical thoughts to help us review our family life. It is the story of the presentation of the Child Jesus in the temple to give thanks to God for the gift of the child and dedicate him to a holy life under the care of the parents. This is not saccharine piety but admits of division and pain in the process of growing in the ways of God.

The first observation is that the parents followed the law and brought the child to church. No better way to raise children than to bring them to church. And not just for baptism, but regularly. Just the act of coming is a recommitment to seeking the best guidance in helping children to live

honorable lives.

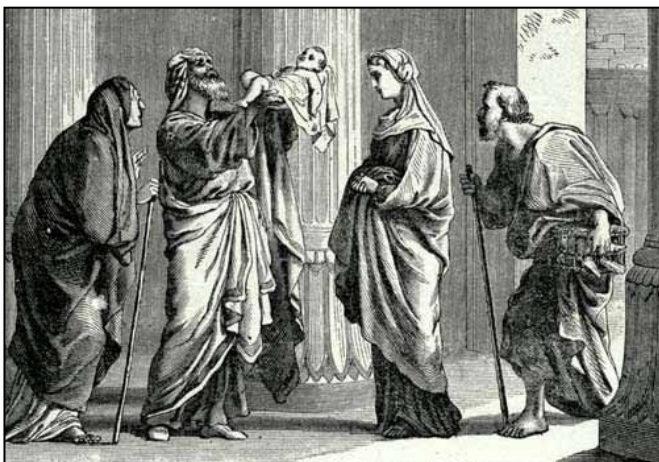
When the aged Simeon saw the child he realized the enormous spiritual as well as material potential in this gift from God. The birth of a child is a serious responsibility of the parents, but also of others. Simeon represents the older generation who can have a positive effect in the life of a child who is a gift to them as well.

Simeon saw not only the possibility for joy and success, but also the danger of division and pain. Every parent can resonate with his words that the child would be the rise and fall of many and a sword to pierce their heart. But the prophetess Anna sees through all the complexities of a new life to the dominant positive value and the abiding emotion: gratitude. "She gave thanks to God, and spoke about the child to all."

Simeon and Anna offer the wisdom of the ages to families today. Yes, there will be divisions and pain as well as harmony and joy, failures as well as success. But as we gather with our families during this Christmas season we are overwhelmed with one emotion. We are thankful for our family.

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At Christmas, all roads lead to home.



Parish Staff

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Contributions December 19-20, 2020

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 3329.00 Loose 1507.00
Repair Fund 300.00
Endowment 22.00
Retired Religious 245.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 790.00 Loose 136.00
Cemetery 100.00
Retired Religious 165.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 490.00 Loose 289.00
Candles 3.00
Retired Religious 60.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Dec. 28 — Mary Brungardt, Det Younger

Jan. 4 — Jerry Schmidtberger, Andrea Schmidtberger

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Daniel J. Billinger** of Hays, who passed away on Thursday, December 17, 2020. A private family Mass was held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Monday, December 21, 2020, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

Tithing Envelopes

The 2021 tithing envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. Please take your envelopes and if you do not have a box in church, contact Jan at the Parish office. You will need to begin using the new envelopes on January 1, 2021. Some of your numbers have changed since last year. That is the only way I can record your tithing. Thank you, Jan.

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 Jan at the Parish Office.

Fr. Jim will also come to your home and offer the anointing of the sick or confessions. Contact Jan at the Parish Office.

2021 Calendars

The 2021 Calendars are at the entrances of each church. Please only take one per family.

COMMUNITY

Commodities to Be Distributed

Government surplus commodities will be distributed on **Tuesday, December 29**, at 1:30 p.m. at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street.



Christian Mothers / Altar Society

Asking for Prayers for Protection from COVID-19

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society is asking everyone to say some extra prayers on **Friday, January 1**, for protection from the COVID-19 virus for our students, teachers, and school personnel. Our teachers and students are coping with an unusual year, and our prayers can be helpful.

The organization asks that you do this on the first of every month. There will be a reminder in the bulletin.

The Year Ahead

May God make our year a happy one!
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making our path easy,
But by making us sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from us,
But by taking fear from our heart;
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making our life always pleasant,
But by showing us when people and their causes need us most,
and by making us anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope, and joy to us for the year ahead.

~Author Unknown; adapted by Debra Mooney

BULLETIN DEADLINE



January 3, 2021, bulletin deadline
10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 29

Items can be brought into the Parish Office
or contact Connie at 785-735-2777.

Thank you!

Mass Schedules and other events can be
found on the Basilica of St. Fidelis website
www.StFidelisChurch.com
on the Mass Schedule page.

**No Eucharistic Adoration
on Thursday, December 31
at St. Fidelis, Victoria**

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Mary, Mother of God

(NOT a Holy Day of obligation THIS YEAR)

Thursday, December 31 — New Year's Eve

5:30 p.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

Friday, January 1 — New Year's Day

9:00 a.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

(No 6:45 a.m. Masses on December 31 and January 1)

ST. ANN

Thank You

to the Christian Mothers
who cleaned St. Ann Church
on Saturday
and to Mary and Frank Mermis
for decorating the hall for Christmas.

There will be NO Coffee & Rolls on
Saturday, December 26, after Mass.

The St. Fidelis Eucharistic Minister and Lector Schedule
can be found on the Mass Schedule page of StFidelisChurch.com

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

1st - Christian Mothers

2nd - Knights of Columbus

3rd - Daughters of Isabella

4th - Family Life

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Thursday, Dec. 31, 5:30 PM —

Friday, Jan. 1, 9:00 AM —

Saturday, Jan. 2, 5:00 PM —

Sunday, Jan. 3, 10:00 AM —

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Thursday, Dec. 31, 5:30 PM — Tina Braun

Friday, Jan. 1, 9:00 AM — Michelle Geist

Saturday, Jan. 2, 5:00 PM — Teresa Shepherd

Sunday, Jan. 3, 10:00 AM — Janine Kisner

LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS

Thursday, Dec. 31, 5:30 PM — Diane Gross

Friday, Jan. 1, 9:00 AM — Cora Schulte

Saturday, Jan. 2, 5:00 PM — Kathy Kuhn

Sunday, Jan. 3, 10:00 AM — Shanna Dinkel

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

Sunday, Jan. 3, 10:00 AM — Cora Schulte, Kathy Amrein

Mass on St. Fidelis YouTube Channel

Go to www.StFidelisChurch.com

and click the link on the *Home Page* or
the *Mass Schedule Page* to view a Mass.

**CURRENTLY, Sunday Mass is uploaded to YouTube along with
some weekday Masses that are recorded when possible .**

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	DECEMBER 28
7:00 pm Lucille Kuhn	
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 29
6:45 am Mary and Lee Burton family	
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 30
6:45 am Dorothy Hoffman	
THURSDAY.....	NEW YEAR'S EVE
5:30 pm St. Fidelis Joe Brungardt	DECEMBER 31
FRIDAY.....	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
9:00 am St. Fidelis For the parishes	JANUARY 1
SATURDAY.....	JANUARY 2
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Gilbert and Mary Jane Miller family	
6:30 pm St. Ann Harold and Norma Schmeidler family	
SUNDAY.....	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.....
8:30 am St. Boniface Robert and Amelia VonLintel family	JANUARY 3
10:00 am St. Fidelis Frank and Estella Kuhn	