

“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

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

## March 3, 2024 – Third Sunday of Lent

### 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

**Mar. 10** — Girl Scout Sunday  
**Mar. 17** — St. Patrick’s Day  
**Mar. 19** — Feast of St. Joseph  
**Mar. 24** — Palm (Passion) Sunday  
**Mar. 28** — Holy Thursday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon  
**Mar. 29** — Good Friday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**Mar. 30** — Holy Saturday  
**Mar. 31** — Easter Sunday  
**Apr. 1** — Easter Monday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**Apr. 7** — Divine Mercy Sunday



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

Be sure to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour next Sunday morning, March 10.



## Temple Worship

Today's gospel about the cleansing of the temple has a message beyond the unusual behavior of Christ. The gospels tell us that the cleansing of the temple so angered the chief priests and the scribes that they plotted to destroy Christ. When they demanded proof of authority for his behavior, Christ replied, "Destroy *this* temple and in three days I will raise it up." He was referring to the temple of his body, to his death and resurrection.

Destroying the temple was one of the charges against Christ at his trial before the Sanhedrin. Witnesses accused Christ of saying "I will destroy the temple." What he actually said

was, "Destroy *this* temple." Elsewhere in the gospels Jesus did predict the destruction of the *physical* temple in Jerusalem which occurred in 70 AD.

Pope Benedict XVI wrote that the cleansing of the temple was not simply anger over conducting business in the temple. And it certainly was not an endorsement of violence for righteous causes. The essential message was that the form of worship in the Jerusalem temple was over, and a new era of worship is now in the temple of the Risen Body of Christ through the Eucharist.

The contrast of the worship in these two temples is essential in understanding our faith. At the crucifixion of Jesus the curtain in the

temple was torn in two, signifying the end of worship in that temple. The new temple is now the Body of Christ, the church, where his people gather and are united in the sacrament of his Body and Blood.

In the Jerusalem temple animals were sacrificed as sin offerings to God. But the New Testament Letter to the

Hebrew tells us: "It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. But we have been consecrated through the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ once for all. For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated." Our worship is now in the temple of the Risen Body of Christ which is the church.

Pope Benedict XVI's reflection on today's gospel story of the cleansing of the temple offers this Lenten message on the importance of the Eucharist in our Catholic worship: "The crucifixion of Jesus was the destruction of the form of worship in the Jerusalem temple. Our temple is the body of the Risen One, who gathers and unites his people in the Eucharistic, the sacrament of his Body and Blood."

## ... and mirth

You need only two tools: Duct Tape and WD-40. If it shouldn't move but does, use Duct Tape; if it should move but doesn't, use WD-40.



## Parish Staff

### Pastor:

Fr. Jim Moster, OFM, Cap.  
email: james.moster@capuchins.org

### Secretary/Bookkeeper:

Andrea Schmidtberger  
email: fidelis@ruraltel.net

### Catholic Faith Education Office:

Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/  
Youth Minister  
email: fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net  
Shirley Brungardt, RCIA Director/  
Sacramental Records  
email: sfreled@ruraltel.net

### 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: sfttech@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

### 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 February 24-25, 2024

### ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 3340.00 Loose 908.00  
Cemetery 70.00  
Repair Fund 3.00

### ST. ANN:

Envelopes 415.00 Loose 173.00  
Candles 127.00

### ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 235.00 Loose 138.00  
Candles 12.00

**March 4** — Stephanie Broyles,  
Bertha Brungardt

**March 11** — Jerry Schmidtberger,  
Andrea Ottley

# Communal Anointing of the Sick

will be administered after Mass  
at **St. Ann on Saturday, March 16**  
and at **St. Fidelis on Sunday, March 17.**

*Due to time constraints, there will not be anointing  
after the St. Fidelis Mass on Saturday or the  
St. Boniface Mass on Sunday.*

**\* Sunday Rosary Schedule \***

1<sup>st</sup> - Christian Mothers                      2<sup>nd</sup> - Knights of Columbus  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Daughters of Isabella                4<sup>th</sup> - 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](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, MARCH 9**  
5:00 PM — Christine Lang and Jackie Engel

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**  
10:00 AM — Jubilee Choir

**\* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS \***

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**  
5:00 PM — Kathy Kuhn, Carol Pfeifer, Diane Gross,  
Jerry Schmidtberger

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10 — (Jubilee Choir sings)**  
10:00 AM — Connie Windholz, Leroy Schmidtberger,  
Bertha and Kenny Brungardt, Andrea Schmidtberger

**\* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS \***

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**  
5:00 PM — Randy Leiker

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**  
10:00 AM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger

**\* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS \***

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 — Jane Wagner**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**  
10:00 AM — Bertha and Kenny Brungardt

**\* MASS SERVERS \***

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**  
5:00 PM — Brinly and Hadley L., Dax L.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**  
10:00 AM — Averi, Riley, and Liv W.

Committee Meeting Dates	
Finance Council 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm
Liturgy Committee 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 5:30 pm	

# COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

**Monday, March 18 | 7:30 p.m.**

(after the 7:00 p.m. Mass)  
at **The Basilica of St. Fidelis**

**With Sympathy**

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Clarence Braun Jr.**, who passed away on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Monday, February 26, 2024, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

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The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Norman Dale Rajewski** of Cheney, Kansas, who passed away on Friday, February 16, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Mt. Vernon, Kansas. Graveside services and inurnment were held on Monday, February 26, 2024, with burial in St. Boniface Cemetery, Vincent. Norman was the son of Albertine Rajewski and the late Eugene Rajewski of St. Fidelis Parish.

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The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Karen D. Schueler Sander**, who passed away on Thursday, February 22, 2024. Funeral services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 4</b>
7:00 pm Christian Mothers	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 5</b>
6:45 am Mark Rome	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 6</b>
6:45 am Bernie and LaVerne Younger family living and deceased	
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 7</b>
6:45 am Bernie and Jean Roth	
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 8</b>
6:45 am Dr. Joe Brungardt (anniv)	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 9</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Rocky Yoder	
6:30 pm St. Ann Linda and Wendelin Schoendaller and family	
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 10</b>
8:30 am St. Boniface For the parishes	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Everett Schrant	

**FOR THE COMFORT OF DAILY MASS GOERS,  
ALL MASSES MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY ARE  
CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN THE CHAPEL BEHIND  
THE MAIN ALTAR.**

On Monday, March 4, Mass will be in the main part  
of the Basilica of St. Fidelis at 7:00 p.m.  
due to needed space for the  
Christian Mothers/Altar Society gathering.





### K. of C. Regional Free Throw Competition

On Sunday, February 18, the St. Fidelis Knights of Columbus Council #1867 had three kids that won the local competition place at the regional competition in Tipton, Kansas.

Kasen Truan took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 9-year-old boys' division, Aria Haselhorst took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 11-year-old girls' division, and Gianna Haselhorst took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 13-year-old girls' division.

**Pictured left to right:** Kasen Truan, Gianna Haselhorst, and Aria Haselhorst.

### ST. FIDELIS ADULT CHOIR

#### Choir Practice

The St. Fidelis Adult Choir will practice every Wednesday through Holy Week at 7:30 p.m.

### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

#### Membership Dues Are Due

Yearly Daughters of Isabella membership dues of \$20 are now due. Please make checks payable to Daughters of Isabella. Send payment to Kathy Kuhn, PO Box 375, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

#### 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 4:00-5:00 p.m. on the **Fridays of March 1 and March 15.**



### 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 — February 16, March 1, March 15**

**5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. or until the food is gone**  
at the Victoria VFW Hall

The Victoria VFW is selling tickets for the

### STARS AND STRIPES BREAKFAST

**Sunday, March 10 — 7:30 to 12:00**

**at the Hays VFW**

Advance tickets \$11.50 | At the Door \$12.00  
Children 5 - 12 yrs Advance \$6.50 | At the Door \$7.00  
Children under 5 years FREE

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE FIRST TWO**

**K. OF C. FISH FRIES AT THE VICTORIA VFW.**

**Otherwise, please contact the following for Advance tickets:**

Doug Kuhn @ 785-650-1058  
Chris Brungardt @ 785-735-4252  
Marion Miller @ 785-735-9353  
Harland Rupp @ 785-623-1368  
John Braun @ 785-623-0680  
Dave Richardson @ 785-806-6095

*Purchasing tickets in Advance will help the VFW reach their goal of selling all of their tickets and the funds will be used to help repair entrance doors.*

# 2024 DAILY LENTEN OFFERINGS

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — DAY 19

Gospel reading: John 4:5-42

“Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”  
(John 4:14, NIV)

**MY OFFERING TO GOD:** I will thank Jesus for the gift of eternal life.

## MONDAY — DAY 20

Gospel reading: Luke 4:24-30

“Truly I tell you, He continued, ‘no prophet is accepted in his hometown.’”  
(Luke 4:24, NIV)

**MY OFFERING TO GOD:** I will pray for a calm heart when faced with injustice, as well as the grace to speak God’s truth.

## TUESDAY — DAY 21

Gospel reading: Matthew 18:21-35

“Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”  
(Matthew 18:21, NIV)

**MY OFFERING TO GOD:** I will forgive someone who wronged me.

## WEDNESDAY — DAY 22

Gospel reading: Matthew 5:17-19

“...whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”  
(Matthew 5:19, NIV)

**MY OFFERING TO GOD:** I will practice Christ’s teachings in my daily life.

## THURSDAY — DAY 23

Gospel reading: Luke 11:14-23

“Whoever is not with Me is against Me, and whoever does not gather with Me scatters.”  
(Luke 11:23, NIV)

**MY OFFERING TO GOD:** As I stand with Jesus, I will be strong in my faith.

## FRIDAY — DAY 24

Gospel reading: Mark 12:28-34

“To love Him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”  
(Mark 12:33, NIV)

**MY OFFERING TO GOD:** I will share God’s love with others through my actions.

## SATURDAY — DAY 25

Gospel reading: Luke 18:9-14

“For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”  
(Luke 18:14, NIV)

**MY OFFERING TO GOD:** I will perform an act of kindness today.



## The Ultimate Sacrifice

Come examine the parallel between God’s call to Abraham to sacrifice Isaac and that of the sacrifice of Jesus. On the following **Tuesdays, February 20, March 5, and March 19**, Angel Studios production "His Only Son" will be viewed and discussed with corresponding bible readings. Add some prayerful reflection to your Lent. Meetings will be at **7:30 a.m.** in the north sacristy of the church. For more information, please contact Stephanie Broyles (785-735-4747) or Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).

*Sponsored by the Family Life Committee.*



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

with Benediction

5:30 p.m.

on the Fridays of Lent

The Basilica of St. Fidelis

**NO STATIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY.**

**NOTE:** Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 8, will begin at 5:00 p.m. due to a wake service.

## It’s Not Too Late

The study of the Gospel of Mark is ongoing with seven more sessions. It’s never too late to better understand the Gospel used throughout this liturgical year. Add an evening of prayerful reflection to your Lenten practices. Meetings are held **each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.** in the north sacristy of the church. For more information, please contact Stephanie Broyles (785-735-4747) or Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).

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## Christian Mothers/Altar Society

### Meeting after Mass

The St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society will meet in the north sacristy, **Monday, March 4, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass** which will be held in the Basilica. Prospective members are always welcome. Please join us in the front pews. If you have not paid your dues, you may do so at the meeting or use the envelope from your tithing box. Dues are \$5.00, payable to St. Fidelis Christian Mothers, and can be dropped in the collection basket or sent to Teresa Shepherd, PO Box 324, Victoria, Kansas 67671. If interested in joining the organization or for more information, call Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).

While looking for something to fill this page and researching church history, I found information that said Joe T. Pfeifer donated money in 1984 to have the “domes” or “towers” atop the Mother of God and Sacred Heart altars in The Basilica of St. Fidelis “restored to their original size and shape” according to the March 25, 1984, bulletin. Parish Council minutes from February 13, 1984, said a motion was made to replace “the domes over two of the side altars.”

I haven't found any other information as to why the domes were removed or needed fixing. Notice that the domes on the undated pictures of the Mother of God and Sacred Heart altars were shaped differently than the ones in the pictures dated 2011. If anyone knows the history of this, I'd appreciate a call to the parish office so I can get it recorded in the church history. ~ Connie Windholz 785-735-2777 or stop by the office.



LEFT: Main altar 1961



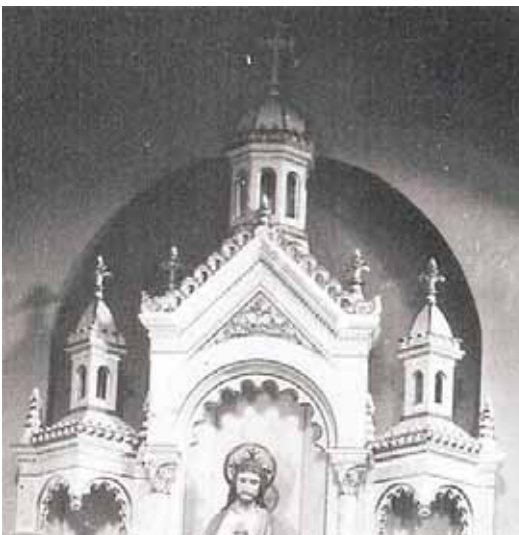
RIGHT: Main altar 2011



LEFT: Mother of God altar (undated)



RIGHT: Mother of God altar 2011



LEFT: Sacred Heart altar (undated)



RIGHT: Sacred Heart altar 2011





## MEMBERSHIP

Mater Dolorosa Guild

Passionist Nuns

*Saint Fidelis Parish at the  
Basilica of Saint Fidelis  
Victoria, Kansas*  
Will be remembered for all time

in all the Holy Masses, Communions,  
prayers, Good Works, Joys and Sacrifices  
of the Nuns and in  
the Chanting of the Liturgy  
of the Hours day and night.

Recently, St. Fidelis Parish received the card pictured above from the Passionist Nuns in Ellisville, Missouri. This is where Sister Mary Elizabeth lives and works.

They make the hosts that are used at Mass in our tri-parishes.

Sister Mary Elizabeth is the daughter of Margaret "Mag" Brungardt of Victoria.

## It's Getting Closer to Summer Lunch Time at the PAC

Summer will be here before we know it. Kids will be out of school and will want a delicious meal to satisfy their noon appetites.

The Summer Lunch Guys (Jerry and Leroy Schmidtberger) are already thinking about what they will need for the meals they will be cooking and serving.

Last year, they served approximately 130 pounds of ground beef in the various meals they made.

**If you are willing to donate ground beef or money towards its purchase and other supplies for the Summer Meal Program, please contact the Parish Office at 601 10th Street or call 785-735-2777.**

It's not too early to start preparing for the program. And as they age, these two Summer Lunch Guys need more time to get organized.



## The Canopy Goes Upsy Daisy

Back in November 2023, a cement slab was poured on the north side of the Parish Office with the intention that it would be the home to picnic tables acquired by the parish for use during the Summer Meal Program and other activities.

On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, Fr. Jim Moster noticed out

his office window that a crew from Jason Luecke's Storage Solutions of Hays had arrived to install a canopy / carport over the cement slab (see photo above). They had it installed within a couple of hours. Then on Friday, February 16, the brother duo of Buddy and Curt Kuhn used their manpower to move seven heavy picnic tables to their final resting place on the cement slab.

Buddy acquired 5 round tables from Sonic Drive-In of Wichita which was getting rid of them for free. Buddy delivered them to the Parish Office grounds last summer. Two rectangular picnic tables were donated by Carolyn VonLintel. The carport/canopy was donated by the family of the late Francis and Estella Kuhn, including Francis "Buddy" and Curt Kuhn and their sisters Rose Ann Dreiling and Brenda Dreiling (see photo below).







## **ST. FIDELIS CEMETERY GATE**

You may have noticed some changes up at the St. Fidelis Cemetery. Back in July of 2023 Kenny Pfeifer and Wilmer Dinkel (see picture below) worked at removing the old gate which was rusted and falling apart. They said different sized bolts and lots of wire were used to keep the lettering and wrought iron designs in place. In October 2023 Bob Schmidtberger poured cement footings so it would be ready for the new entrance gate. Wilmer supplied limestone posts that needed to be shortened, and Kenny worked at completing the structural uprights of the gate using parts from the original gate.

On January 31, 2024, Jared Scheck with Victoria Lumber Company brought his forklift to help lift the new structural uprights into place (see top photo). Those were powder coated by Leon's Welding of Hays.

The Applied Technology class at Fort Hays State University is cutting out the new lettering that will stretch across the entrance. Since this is a class project, the St. Fidelis parish will only need to pay for the metal used in the lettering.

More pictures to come when the project is completed.



## NEED SPECIAL HEARING HELP AT MASS IN THE BASILICA?

St. Fidelis Parish now has individual hearing aids for those who may wish to check one out. Individual loudness is adjustable to suit yourself. They are wireless and connect you directly to the church's sound system. If you are interested in trying one, just come by the parish office, pay a small deposit, and keep your unit until you don't need it. We will refund your deposit.

Coming very soon, if you already have personal hearing aids that are controllable from your cell phone, you will be able to download an app on your cell and hear in church through your hearing aids. We will publish the app for your phone when that feature is operative.

## Bishop's Year of Merch Visits

As of the printing of this bulletin, we have not received any information from the Diocese concerning the Year of Mercy visits with the Bishop to St. Ann or St. Fidelis this coming Tuesday and Wednesday, March 5 and 6.

If we do receive word, an announcement will be made during Masses this weekend.

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**In a world where you can be  
anything, be kind.**

## DIOCESE

### Gatholic Relief Services Collection



Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

### Trip to France

Join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, Kansas, friends, family, former students, parish friends, and alumni from Marymount College on a 12-day journey to France, September 20 – October 1, 2024! We are bringing together those that have a special place in their heart for Marymount and the Sisters.

We'll be visiting beautiful French cities, along with LePuy, where the Sisters of St. Joseph began their spiritual journey. Scan the QR code or visit [www.pentecosttours.com](http://www.pentecosttours.com) (tour #40920) or visit the Marymount College of Kansas Alumni page on Facebook for more information.



### MARCH Human Trafficking Alert

Pray for families who have to sell their children to be able to eat and for those who are tricked into sending their children with traffickers with the promise of education and a better life. **Alliance to End Human Trafficking**—Founded and supported by **U.S. Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave. 1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.**

### Synod Listening Sessions

Synod Listening Sessions are scheduled at several locations throughout the diocese including at **St. Nicholas Parish Hall in Hays next Sunday, March 10, at 3:00 p.m.**

Here are the questions to be discussed:

1. Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church's structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
2. How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND**

### Tax Credit Scholarship

The Scholarship Granting Fund for the Catholic Diocese of Salina is accepting donations and is able to offer a 75% tax credit. Please email Katie Platten, CEO for Catholic Foundation [katie.platten@salinadiocese.org](mailto:katie.platten@salinadiocese.org) for more information. This school year, over \$119,000 was awarded to schools for 96 students in the Salina Diocese.



St. Francis of Assisi  
 Knights of Columbus Council 11492  
**ANNUAL FISH FRY**  
 Friday, March 22 | 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
 Munjor School

Menu: Beer-battered fried fish,  
 Homemade fried noodles and beans, Grebel

**FREE WILL DONATION**

All proceeds benefit the Diocesan Seminarian Fund

**Parish Job Opportunity – St. Joseph’s, Hays**

St. Joseph Parish is looking for a full-time Maintenance Supervisor. The person in this position manages operations and repair for the rectory, church campus, buildings, and cemeteries. The Supervisor oversees two team members.

Normal hours for this position are 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with occasional night and weekend hours required. Applicants will be subject to a background check.

To request a full job description or to learn more about its accompanying salary and benefits, contact Ann Pfeifer, Parish Business Administrator, at 785-625-7356. You can email a resume to Ann directly at [stjoffice@stjoehays.com](mailto:stjoffice@stjoehays.com) or drop off a resume at 215 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Hays. Priority deadline: Friday, March 15, 2024. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

St. Nicholas Ladies Guild  
**BINGO and RAFFLE**  
 Sunday, March 3 | 1:00 p.m.  
 St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall  
 2901 East 13<sup>th</sup> St., Hays

**Bookmobile in Town**



The Hays Public Library’s Bookmobile will be in Victoria on **Monday, March 4, from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** at the Victoria Elementary School.

**Holocaust Survivor to Share Her Story with Community at High School**

The community is invited to a special presentation by author Mildred Schindler Janzen of Ellsworth, a Holocaust survivor and author of the book *Surviving Hitler, Escaping Stalin*.

On **Tuesday, March 5, at 10:00 a.m.** at Victoria High School, she will share some of her story and answer questions from the students who read her book in Kim Nowak’s eighth grade language arts class.

Mrs. Janzen is 95 years old and is still a dynamic speaker. She donated the books to the class as a means to encourage them to learn about the history of that time. She does not accept any kind of stipend for her presentation, but a free-will offering will be accepted to enable her to purchase more books for more classrooms.

**Retreat Offered for Children Dealing with Grief**

Registration is open for the Healing Kids’ Hearts Retreat for children who have lost a loved one.

The free event for children ages 6 to 12 will take place from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 23**, at the Hays Senior Center, 2450 E. Eighth St. Lunch will be provided.



The retreat is sponsored by the Center for Life Experience in Hays. Laura Allen, executive director of the center, said adult volunteers are needed to help at the retreat. Registration for both children and volunteers is available by calling Laura at 785-259-6859 or by emailing [laura@cflhope.org](mailto:laura@cflhope.org).

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