# Beacon of Faith, St. Ann Catholic Church

# "Cathedral of the Plains"

# THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

# Tearl 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 / www.stbonifacevincent.com

# July 9, 2023 — 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### 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

July 23 — World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

July 26-28 — Bishop's Year of Mercy visits to Walker, Vincent, Victoria

July 26 — Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne

Aug. 11-12 — Herzogfest

Aug. 15 — Assumption of the BlessedVirgin Mary (holy day of obligation)— PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Sep. 4 — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

# "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:25-30





#### **Yoked With Christ**

Christianity loves a paradox and today's gospel offers us a memorable image of the apparent contradiction of a paradox: "My yoke is easy and my burden is light." A yoke is a wooden frame placed on the shoulders of oxen to pull a plow. It is not only heavy but also chaffs, rightly a universal symbol of an oppressive burden.

Christ did not deny that his teachings are difficult. The difference is that his yoke is easy and his burden light, which is, of course, an apparent contradiction. A paradox. How can a

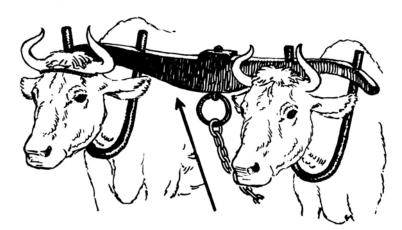
of Christian living, as the yoke of oxen, is easier when it is well worn. The more we practice our Catholic faith the more comfortable and rewarding it becomes.

The puzzling attraction of today's gospel is this apparent contradiction that a yoke limits freedom. How can less freedom be easier? Only the very immature understand freedom as a license to do as one pleases. An adult realizes that human freedom must be lived with responsibility. Unlimited freedom is a license to destroy others

and ultimately oneself. Ironically, unlimited freedom becomes the yoke, the heavy burden of chaos. It was only а life by of responsible freedom that the saints lived the gospel.

Finally, there is a subtle but

essential message in this image of a yoke. A yoke is for a team of oxen; it is made for two. When Christ said, "My yoke is easy." he invited us to share his yoke. Christian life is never a solo act. Christ has assured us in today's gospel that he is our partner in bearing the burdens of Christian life. When we are yoked with Christ we understand this gospel paradox, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light."



yoke be easy and a burden be light? The Christian yoke is easy because the gospel resonates with what is best in us. The Sermon on the Mount, the two great commandments, the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son are challenging. Yet we know that such is the way we should live. Even unbelievers find inspiration in the gospels. The Christian yoke fits our human nature well.

And a yoke is easier if it is well worn. Beginning any religious practice can be awkward and stiff, like a new pair of shoes. But fidelity to such practices brings both consolation and comfort. St. Francis said of his conversion, "What before seemed bitter was changed into sweetness." A well-worn yoke is more comfortable and makes the work easier. The yoke

## ... and mirth

Many people get *lost in thought* because it is unfamiliar territory.

#### Parish Staff

#### Pastor:

Fr. Jim Moster, OFM, Cap.

email: james.moster@capuchins.org

#### Secretary/Bookkeeper:

Andrea Schmidtberger email: fidelis@ruraltel.net

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Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/

Youth Minister

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#### Housekeeping/Sacristan:

**Darlene Dreiling** 

#### **Cemetery Groundskeeper:**

Wilmer Dinkel

Maintenance: Ken Pfeifer, Randy Leiker

<u>Organists</u>: Kathy Dreiling-Amrein Lou Ann Hammersmith

Choir Director: Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

Technology Coordinator:

Connie Windholz

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#### **Council Members**

#### St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

John R. Braun 735-2622 (Chair) Angie Roth 735-8035 (Vice-Chair) Ryan Lichter 650-7361 (Sec) Marilyn Braun 735-9265 Bertha R. Brungardt 735-4106

Patty Dreiling 735-4479 Curt Kuhn 735-8820

Rosie Kreutzer 656-3298

#### 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 July 1-2, 2023

#### ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 3408.00 Loose 1385.00 Repair Fund 180.00 Mission 252.00 Peter's Pence 309.00

#### ST. ANN:

Envelopes 605.00 Loose 214.00 Mission 45.00 Peter's Pence 154.00

#### ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 495.00 Loose 411.00
Candles 34.00 Mission 40.00
Peter's Pence 110.00
Hall Rent 50.00

#### ~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

July 10 — Mary Brungardt, Janie Dinges

July 17 — Verda Werner, Bertha Brungardt

#### **Pastoral Council Election Results**

Those elected in last weekend's St. Fidelis Pastoral Council Election were Michael Younger, Jeff Kisner, and Rose Ann Dreiling. They will serve a three-year term from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2026.

Thank you to all who ran for election to the Council and thank you to all those who took the time to vote.

#### Sunday

#### Rosary Schedul e

1<sup>st</sup> - Christian Mothers 3<sup>rd</sup> - Daughters of Isabella 2<sup>nd</sup> - Knights of Columbus

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.

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, JULY 15** 

**5:00 PM** — Trilogy

**SUNDAY, JULY 16** 

**10:00 AM** — Meagan Wellbrock

#### \*EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS\*

**SATURDAY, JULY 15** 

**5:00 PM** — Mary Brungardt, Andrea Schmidtberger, Becky Scheck and 1 VOLUNTEER

**SUNDAY, JULY 16** 

10:00 AM — Connie Windholz, Yvonne Braun, Bertha A. Brungardt and 1 VOLUNTEER

#### \*LECTORS\COMMENTATORS\*

**SATURDAY, JULY 15** 

5:00 PM — Theresa Shepherd

**SUNDAY, JULY 16** 

10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel

#### \*HOMEBOUND MINISTERS\*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 — Kathy Kuhn

**SUNDAY, JULY 16** 

10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel

#### \*MASS SERVERS\*

**SATURDAY, JULY 15** 

**5:00 PM** — Emma D., Dax L.

**SUNDAY, JULY 16** 

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

#### **Committee Meeting Dates**

Finance Council

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

## Basil ica Landscaping Project

St. Fidelis Parish has entered into an agreement with Darren's Lawn Care, LLC of Hays to provide new landscaping around the church. It will be according to the specifications of the Pastoral Council. Preliminary work of clearing the areas will be done by parishioner volunteers to save us monev.



#### ST. ANN

A key was found in one of the returned Catholic Charities Baby Bottles at St. Ann Church. If you are missing a key, contact the Parish Office.

#### **POTLUCK**

The potluck that will be held after the 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, for the Year of Mercy event with Bishop Jerry Vincke will take the place of the one that had been planned for July 30 in honor of the Feast of Saints Joachim and Ann.

The meat will be provided for the potluck. Parishioners are asked to bring sides and desserts.

## New Saint Ann Cemetery Guidel ines

The Saint Ann Pastoral Council members met with Father James Moster on May 17, 2023, to discuss the need for a policy regarding flowers and other items placed on or near headstones in the cemetery at Walker. The Council has approved the following policy for Saint Ann Cemetery. This policy will go into effect on July 1, 2023.

- Items placed on monuments or bases are acceptable and will not be removed.
- All items placed in or on the ground around monuments will be removed before each mowing. This will include mementos, flowers, and solar lights.
- No glass containers will be allowed.
- Plants and flowers growing in the ground will be mowed.
- No spraying of herbicides or chemicals is allowed.

Items removed will be placed in barrels near the walk-in gates on the east side of the cemetery

Thank you for your cooperation.

# Summer Lunch Program

St. Fidelis Church is sponsoring the Summer Lunch Program at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Lunch is served in the east room of the PAC from

11:00-11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday.

Anyone in the Victoria area (children or adults) is invited and encouraged to attend. There is no pre-registration or cost.

#### LUNCH PROGRAM MENU

Monday, July 10 — Soft Shell Tacos
Tuesday, July 11 — Tater Tot Casserole
Wed., July 12 — Pancakes, Waffles

Scrambled Eggs, Link Sausage

Thursday, July 13 — Chicken Nuggets, Tater Tots Friday, July 14 — Sloppy Joes, Curly Fries

The main dishes are accompanied by a vegetable, fruit or other dessert, and a drink.

**NOTE:** The menu could change depending on supplies.

## Lost & Found

- Gold rosary found in the Basilica of St. Fidelis in the front pews on the south side on Saturday, July 1, 2023.
- A very nice navy and gray Adidas jacket, size large, was found in the Basilica of St. Fidelis possibly during Holy Week 2023 services. If unclaimed, we'll be sending it to the Thrift Shop.

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

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

#### MONTHLY MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday**, **July 11**, **at 7:30 p.m.** at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

#### K. of C. Councils Hosting Larks Game

Ellis County Councils of the Knights of Columbus are hosting the Hays Larks baseball game Tuesday, July 25, at 7:00 p.m. Please join them at Larks Park (4th and Oak, Hays) for a night of fun and to encourage new membership. Admission is free courtesy of the K. of C. Councils.

# Year of Mercy Visits with Bishop Jerry Vincke

DUE TO CONFLICTS IN THE BISHOP'S SCHEDULE, IT WAS NECESSARY TO MAKE CHANGES TO HIS YEAR OF MERCY VISITS. THE ST. FIDELIS VISIT WILL NOW BE ON FRIDAY. PART OF ST. ANN'S VIST WILL BE ON THURSDAY MORNING.

# ST. ANN'S SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 26

- 5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions
- 6:00 p.m. Mass
- Immediately following Mass, Potluck in the Parish Hall **Thursday, July 27**
- 8:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. Farm visits and homebound visits. Times to be determined

# ST. BONIFACE'S SCHEDULE

## Thursday, July 27

- 12:30 p.m. Lunch with Bishop Vincke and Pastoral Council
- 1:30 p.m. Visit the homebound
- 5:30 p.m. Adoration with Confessions
- 6:30 p.m. Mass followed by playground dedication and a meal

# ST. FIDELIS' SCHEDULE Friday, July 28

- 7:00-8:30 a.m. Breakfast with Bishop Vincke @ PAC for Junior High and High School youth; youth may drop in any time to eat a hot breakfast 8:30 a.m. – Homebound visits
- 8:30 a.m. Homebound visits
- 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program with Kids at the PAC Lunch and ice cream
- 1:30 p.m. Farm visits: Jason Kippes, Sam and Marilyn Braun, Ron and Gloria Braun
- 4:00 p.m. Visits with available members of St. Fidelis Pastoral and Finance Councils
- 5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 6:00 p.m. Mass with Bishop Vincke
- Meal following Mass Parish BBQ outside behind the PAC (inside in case of inclement weather) Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Chips, Cookies, Bottled Water

#### DIOCESE

#### **SDCCW Board Meeting in Osborne**

All ladies of parishes in the West Central Vicariate (of which our Tri-Parishes are members) are invited to the upcoming Salina Diocese Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) Board Meeting. It will be held at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church in Osborne on Wednesday, July 12, beginning at 9:45 a.m. with worship in the church. A meeting will follow during which plans will be made for the next women's convention in August 2024. There will be vicariate and commission reports and a program on estate planning presented by Nadine Sigle. The ladies of St Aloysius will serve lunch.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and experience fellowship with Catholic women from across the Salina diocese. For more information, please contact Tammy Steeples, West Central Vicariate contact person, 785-737-8899 (text or talk).

#### **FertilityCare Services Center**

The Salina Diocese Fertility*Care* Services Center has nine Fertility*Care* practitioners, available to provide instruction in the Creighton Model Fertility*Care* System in-person and virtually, to women and couples. In addition to providing couples with a morally acceptable means of fertility appreciation, this method provides a means of monitoring, evaluating, and treating various reproductive health issues. Learn more about the Creighton Model and our Fertility*Care* practitioners by visiting salinafertilitycare.org.

# Job Postings Licensed Therapist — Hays

Catholic Charities is hiring a Licensed Therapist at their Hays location. This exciting role encompasses both therapy duties and pregnancy and adoption case management. They are looking for a compassionate, driven, and organized individual to support those in need across northern Kansas. To learn more and apply, visit ccnks.org/careers.

#### **Emergency Assistance Coordinator — Manhattan**

Catholic Charities is hiring an Emergency Assistance Coordinator at their Manhattan location. This role serves as the initial contact for guests of the Manhattan office. They are looking for a competent, detail oriented, and positive individual to fill this role. To learn more and apply, visit ccnks.org/careers.



# Message from the Diocese of Salina Rural Life Office Co-Chairs David and Linda Edell

by Linda Edell

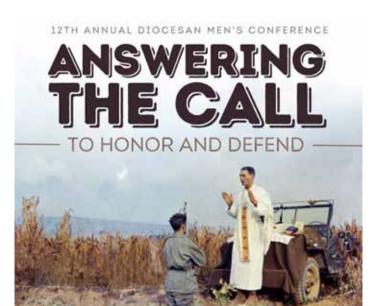
David asked me a question today. He asked with which hand I received the Eucharist. This started me thinking of the many misconceptions that people often have about the Catholic Church; the biggest being that we have so many "rules" in our doctrine.

Our faith is not based on "what we cannot do" but on expanding our love for God and our neighbor. Recent Popes have been highlighting the importance of showing that the Catholic life is not one of toil and drudgery but of joy and fulfillment.

Because mistakes, missteps, and sin are part of the human condition, rules were established by religions to help give guidance. The Catholic Church, because of this, is often seen as a "rules obedience" organization. Today's church does not throw this out, it has become more of a personal growth through faith organization.

The Scriptures are interpreted with an eye on humility, generosity, tolerance, justice, and love. Instead of highlighting what will "get you into Hell," today's priests stress those actions that will expand the characteristics mentioned above—much the same way Jesus preached during his lifetime. Practicing these "commandments" in our daily lives can result in a much more full faith life. God Bless!

#### **DIOCESE**



AUGUST 12TH, 2023 8:00AM - 12:30PM IMMACULATE HEART 1805 VINE ST. HAYS KS

REGISTER ONLINE BY VISITING SALINADIOCESE.ORG/OFFICE/FAMILY-LIFE/



## **July Human Trafficking Alert**

Slavery persists throughout the world in various forms in developed and developing countries. Human trafficking (slavery) in the US is an active criminal business operative throughout the country. Work with us to stop it. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

#### **Green Tie Celebration**

Catholic Charities' Annual Fundraiser Green Tie Celebration takes place **Saturday**, **July 29**, at the Salina Country Club. The Green Tie Celebration honors Catholic Charities' mission to provide compassionate service to those in need throughout the 31 counties of Northern Kansas that they serve.

The color green represents hope, signifying renewal, and everlasting faith. They strive to provide God's hope to all those we are so privileged to serve.

To learn how you can support this year's Green Tie Celebration contact Eric Frank at 785-825-0208. To purchase event tickets or donate visit www.ccnks.org/greentie.

Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

#### DIOCESE



The Bishop's Annual Appeal — Call to Share — is the primary way we fund the mission of the Diocese of Salina, which is to help other people encounter the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

If you have already given, thank you. We couldn't do it without you. If you have not yet given, we invite you to consider making a gift by visiting join.salinadiocese.org

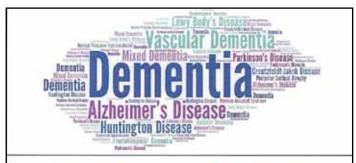
As of June 23, 2023, the Bishop's Annual Appeal has raised \$1,736,351, with a goal of \$2.4 million.

#### COMMUNITY



#### V.F.W. Meeting

Victoria V.F.W. members will meet on **Thursday, July 13, at 7:30 p.m.** at the V.F.W. Hall.



## A Different Mindset

Dementia & Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

2nd Thursday of Every Month 2:30 PM for 1 hour

Learn more about these Zoom meetings by emailing maacarmstrong@gmail.com





#### COMMUNITY

#### Items of Interest from the Victoria Recreation Commission



## Victoria's Greenway Walking Trail

Did you know that Victoria has a walking trail in town and off the beaten path? With permission from the City of Victoria, USD 432, and St. John's Place, a 2.20-mile trail was created to give the community a place to walk, run, or hike.

This path is mowed shorter than the grass around it and marked with white arrows and dashes to try to make it as easy as possible to follow. The "Trailhead" starts and ends at the tennis courts east of Victoria Elementary.

See the map at left for details and use your phone to scan the QR Code (at the tennis courts) to use the "Check In" feature so use of the trail can be tracked. Leave a comment or suggestion as well. It only takes a couple of minutes, but goes a long way in helping build a more recreation-oriented community!

#### **VRC Walkers**

The Victoria Recreation Commission is looking for someone interested in leading a dedicated walking group for community members. They are looking to have a dedicated night where the community can meet at a designated location and go for a walk around town. This would be another great way to meet community members and to also get in some exercise. Contact Sean Rodger at 785-483-9229 to discuss potential ideas.

#### **Adult Tennis Night**

Beginning Sunday, July 16, adult men and women can meet at the tennis courts to play pick up matches starting at 7:00 p.m. There will be a quick informational meeting the first night to see how exactly people would like to do it, but it will be a good way to meet people and play a lifetime sport. More information can be found on the Victoria Recreation Commission Facebook page soon.

# **Jackie Stiles Basketball Camp**

Sponsored by Victoria Recreation Commission

Thursday, July 20, 2023 | Victoria High School Gym, 1107 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Victoria

#### **Session ONE:**

11:00 am - 2:00 pm for boys & girls 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**REGISTRATION FORMS** are available at Victoria City Hall, Color Pallet in Victoria, St. Fidelis Parish Office, or from Sean Rodger, 1215 Squires Ave, 785-483-9229.

Forms are due July 11.

COST: \$55 Per Child

\*Financial assistance is not available through VRC for this camp

Make check payable to: JACKIE STILES

Drop your check at Victoria City Hall, 1005 4th Street

(Attn: Sharon Bleske or Sean Rodger)

Or

Mail to: VRC, PO BOX 304, Victoria, KS 67671

Attendance is limited to the first 90 students in each session. Sessions may change due to attendance – stay tuned to Victoria Rec's Facebook page.

#### **Session TWO:**

2:30 - 5:30 pm for boys & girls 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### ABOUT JACKIE (from www.jackiestiles.com):

Jackie Stiles is one of the most renowned basketball players in the history of the women's game. From her roots in Claflin, Kansas, she led the country in scoring. Then to Southwest Missouri State University, she rewrote the NCAA women's basketball record books enroute to leading the Lady Bears to the 2001 Final Four. Finally, to a professional career in the WNBA, Jackie has inspired and impacted millions.

Boys & Girls attending the Jackie Stiles Basketball Camp must bring their own basketball.

For more information, like and follow Victoria Recreation Commission on Facebook. or contact Sean Rodger, 785-483-9229, sean\_rodger@yahoo.com

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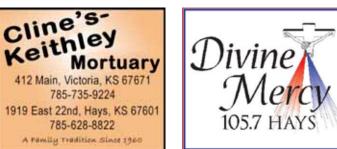




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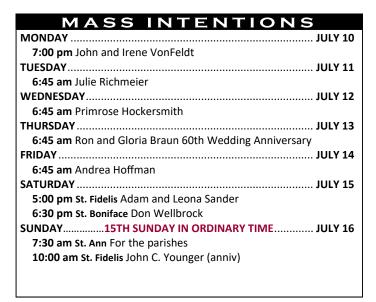








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