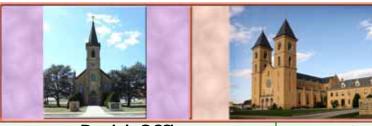
# THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS





Parish Office and Cathol ic 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 / www.stbonifacevincent.com

# January 21, 2024 – 3rd 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**

**Feb. 2** — Presentation of the Lord, Blessing of Candles

Feb. 2 — Groundhog Day

Feb. 3 — Feast of St. Blaise

Feb. 4 — Boy Scout Sunday

Feb. 14 — Ash Wednesday

Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day

**Feb. 18** — First Sunday of Lent

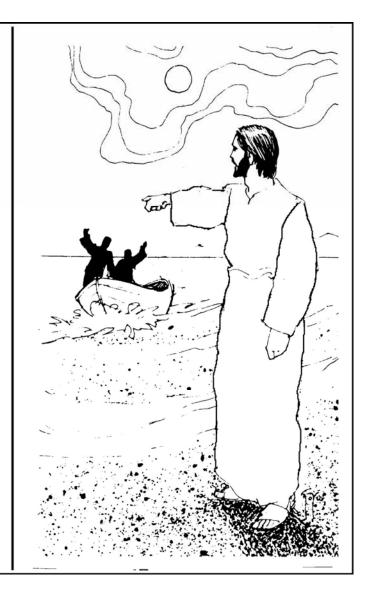
**Feb. 19** — President's Day — PARISH

OFFICE CLOSED

 ${\bf Mar.\,1}-{\bf World\,Day\,of\,Prayer}$ 

"Jesus said to them,
'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.'"

Mark 1:14-20





#### Fishers of Men

G.K. Chesterton once remarked that he was blessed with a faith so secure that he believed all the gospel miracles despite the fact that they were told to us by fishermen. Despite the legendary mendacity of fishermen, there are helpful reflections on why Christ, in today's gospel, chose

ordinary fishermen to be "fishers of men."

In gospel times, fishermen were rugged, uneducated laborers with few social graces and fewer

communication skills. There were many priests, rabbis and elders trained in religious matters, yet Christ by-passed those well qualified candidates and

chose twelve simple fishermen.

Why? Perhaps the fishermen had no preconceived ideas about the Messiah, unlike the rabbis and priests who thought they knew everything about the promised Savior. Their lack of religious training and communication skills illustrates that the spreading of the gospel does not depend upon their ingenuity or talents, but on the grace of God acting through them. The spread of Christianity has defied all the odds. It still amazes historians.

There is also the analogy between fishing and faith. Landing fish and leading people to God follow similar patterns. The fish are hidden from view, as is the human soul; the net must be cast to gather the fish, as the word of God must be spread to the people. The fish are lured with bait, as the truth of the gospel attracts the spiritually hungry.

There are lessons here for modern Christians. Many today have a religious inferiority complex, a low religious self-esteem. Too many sell themselves short spiritually. They feel that their lack of formal religious training disqualifies them from engaging their faith more seriously, both in

developing their own faith and in using their gift of faith in service of others. Consequently, many enriching

opportunities are lost: lay ministries, Bible study, renewal programs, and parish activities. The selection of apostles from common fishermen reminds us that Christian ministry, as well as Christian life, is for all

the baptized.

Consider this interesting hypothesis: if Christ came again to choose anew his apostles, whom would he select? If today's gospel is any indication, the most likely candidate would not be a bishop nor a priest nor a deacon, but you. In a very real sense, every baptized Christian is an apostle.

You were chosen not only to live the gospel, but also to offer it to others in the ordinary circumstances of daily life. You are called to be a fisher of souls. Not a stereotypical fisherman who tells tall tales, but one who lives and speaks the truth of the gospel.

#### ... and mirth

Fishing is the fine art of drowning worms.

#### 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: sftech@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 January 13-14, 2024

#### ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 1485.00 Loose 375.00 Repair Fund 75.00 Cemetery 60.00

#### ST. ANN:

Envelopes 100.00 Loose 0.00

#### ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 50.00 Loose 20.00

January 22 — Stephanie Broyles, Bertha Brungardt January 29 — Jerry Schmidtberger, Andrea Ottley

# With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Paul F. Urban**, who passed away on Saturday, January 6, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, on Friday, January 12, 2024, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery.

#### \* 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>

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, JANUARY 27** 

5:00 PM — Christine Lang and Jackie Engel

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28** 

10:00 AM — Hannah Schmidt

#### \*EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS\*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27** 

**5:00 PM** — Teresa Shepherd, Jane Wagner, Keith Billinger, Randy Leiker

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28** 

**10:00 AM** — Colleen Kuhn, Anne Dinkel, Yvonne Braun, Andrea Schmidtberger

#### \*LECTORS\COMMENTATORS\*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27** 

5:00 PM — Diane Gross

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28** 

10:00 AM — Karen Nowak

#### \*HOMEBOUND MINISTERS\*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 — Carol Pfeifer

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28** 

10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

#### <u>\*MASS SERVERS\*</u>

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27** 

5:00 PM — Emma D., Devyn H., Dax L.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28** 

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

#### **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

#### **Minister Schedules**

Printed schedules for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors can be found at the north entrance of The Basilica of St. Fidelis.

That schedule and the Cantor schedule can also be found on the church's website StFidelisChurch.com on the Mass Schedule page.

## **Tithing Envelopes**

Tithing envelopes for 2024 have been placed at all of the tri-parishes. If you do not see your name and would like a box, contact the parish office at 785-735-2777. Any boxes left after January 28<sup>th</sup> will be brought to the parish activity center to be picked up from there.

PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR OLD ENVELOPES FOR YOUR 2024 TITHING. YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER MAY HAVE CHANGED.

## It's the Shortest

The study of the shortest of all four Gospels of Mark will continue each Tuesday to finish the series. Meetings are held in the north sacristy of the church and begin at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of fellowship as together we better understand the Gospel of Mark. For more information, please contact Stephanie Broyles (785-735-4747) or Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).

Sponsored by the Family Life Committee.

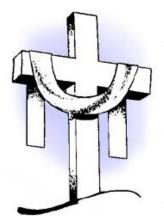
## MASS INTENTIONS

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

10:00 am St. Fidelis Thomas James Dreiling

# LIFT HIGH THE CROSS LENTEN YARD CROSS PROGRAM

The Knights of Columbus will be providing wooden crosses in the yards of people that would like to have one during the Lenten season.



At a cost of \$20, the Knights will install and remove the cross.

Crosses will be installed on Saturday morning, February 10, prior to Ash Wednesday. If you choose, you may decorate the cross with a ribbon or cloth, but nothing that would permanently mark or damage the cross.

Crosses will be removed

on the Saturday after Easter, the morning of April 6.

The Knights will install crosses in the county as well as the City of Victoria.

#### ST. ANN

#### **Christian Mothers Dues**

St. Ann's Christian Mothers dues of \$5.00 are due and payable to Lou Ann Hammersmith, Box 163, Gorham, Kansas 67640. *Please make checks payable to: Christian Mothers*.

#### ST. BONIFACE

## 7-Week Study 'Jesus and the Eucharist'

St Boniface will host a 7-week study on "Jesus and the Eucharist" on Wednesday evenings from January 3 through February 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Boniface Parish Hall. They will not meet on February 14 due to Ash Wednesday. All are welcome to attend.

#### A LITTLE CHUCKLE

What did our parents do to kill boredom before the internet?

I asked by 18 brothers and sisters, and they didn't know either.

If you are interested, please contact John Braun (785-735-2622), Harland Rupp (785-623-1368), or Leroy Schmidtberger (785-639-3570) or pick up a sign-up slip and a flag in the west vestibule of the Basilica of St. Fidelis. You are asked to place the flag in your yard where you want the cross installed.

The sign-up slips and payment can be given to one of the Knights listed above or brought into the Parish Office at 601 10<sup>th</sup> Street. All proceeds will go towards the Parish's Community Assistance Fund.

#### K. of C. Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of January 1) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship to be held **Sunday**, **January 28**, at the Victoria High School Gymnasium. The gym will open approximately at noon, and the contest will start at 1:00 p.m.

Participants are required to furnish written parental consent and proof of age (a copy of birth certificate). Entry forms will be distributed by the school. For additional forms or information, contact Troy Schippers at 785-735-4625.

All Knights of Columbus are invited/encouraged to attend the competition.

#### ST. FIDELIS ADULT CHOIR

#### **Choir Practice**

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

#### Christian Mothers/Altar Society

#### 2024 Membership Dues

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society 2024 membership dues of \$5.00 are now due and payable using the envelope included in your tithing box. You may also mail dues to Teresa Shepherd, P.O. 324, Victoria, KS 67671. If your membership has lapsed, simply pay this year's dues for full reinstatement.

If you are interested in joining this organization or have questions as to your membership, please contact Jane Wagner (785-735-2587) or Teresa Shepherd (785-735-9576).

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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 at 785-735-2777.

Fr. Jim will also come to your home and offer the anointing of the sick or confessions.

# Lost & Found

- A black-gray rosary case with rosary inside. Found in north pews up front in the Basilica of St. Fidelis possibly on Saturday, December 30, 2023.
- Ball cap found in pews on south side weekend of December 30-31, 2023.

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

# HELP NEEDED at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop

Do you like to meet new people?



Are you looking for some activity to keep you busy for a few hours a week?

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.

#### **FORMED.ORG**

We are excited to announce that *all* parishes in the diocese of Salina will once again receive a one-year subscription to FORMED at no cost to the parish.

FORMED will have opportunities for study during Lent and Easter seasons, as well as movies and other options.

A quick way to access FORMED is to go to the church's website at www.StFidelisChurch.com. Select the "Organizations-Links" tab at the top and then select "FORMED website". Follow the instructions on that page.

#### COMMUNITY

### **Charitable Fund to Hold Meeting**

Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund will meet for their semi-annual meeting at **8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 25,** at the PAC. Regular business will be discussed. All members are welcome.

## Soup Luncheon

Sponsored by Gorham Parish Daughters of Isabella

## Sunday, January 28 | 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Senior Center, Gorham
Eat in or take out

Homemade Soups:

Chili, Green Bean & Dumpling, Chicken & Noodle Homemade Bread, Pies, and Desserts

\$8 per person | 5 and under Free | \$13 quart
All Welcome

Don't forget to stop by and check out the Country Store

#### Commodities to Be Distributed

Commodities will be available for pickup on **Monday, January 22, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Parish Office, 601 10th Street. Please use the north entrance.

REMINDER: Commodities are on first-come, first-served basis. According to Government commodity regulations we are not allowed to hold boxes back for specific individuals.



However, we do have a Food Bank and can provide food boxes through that. We just ask that you call ahead for Food Bank boxes so you do not have to wait while we prepare a box for you. Contact us at 785-735-2777 for a Food Bank box.





Some of the beautiful decorations that have been appearing in The Basilica of St. Fidelis due to the generous work of volunteers.
These were from the Fall/Thanksgiving of 2023 and Christmas of 2023.





## **January Human Trafficking Alert**

How much do you know about human trafficking in your state? This crime operates in every state and could show up in your local community. Education is a key factor in reducing publish ignorance. Alliance to End Human Trafficking—Founded and supported by U.S. Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

#### **Catholic Rural Life Centennial Observance**

Catholic Rural Life is observing 100 years of service during 2024. Observances will be in four different dioceses around the country.

The first observance will be in the Diocese of Salina on **Thursday, February 29**, at St. Isidore's Parish in Manhattan. The Event will begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00.

Distinguished guests include Fr Gale Hammerschmidt, Bishop Gerald Vincke, Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam, and the Keynote Speaker Katherine DiNuzzio.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Check the diocesan website under Rural Life for reservations and tickets. **Ticket sales will be ending on or about January 20, 2024.** 

For additional information please contact Fr Rich Daise 785-625-7356.

## **SDCCW Winter Workshop**

All ladies of the Diocese are invited to the Salina Diocese Council of Catholic Women's (SDCCW) Winter Workshop to be held **Sunday**, **January 28**, **from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** at the St. Agnes Parish Center in Grainfield. Sign-in will be at 12:30, and light refreshments will be served by the Grainfield hostesses.

The program will include a talk by Past Director of the Kansas Catholic Conference Chuck Weber about the upcoming elections. At 2:00, a panel of "Moms of Religious" will tell about the journeys of their sons or daughters who have chosen, or are discerning, the priesthood or religious life.

Care packages for them will be assembled at 3:30 p.m. and closing prayer will be at 4:00 p.m.

#### Vacancy, CEO

Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Salina Together, let us be disciples on mission.

Sharing the love of God is core to this opportunity. As a CEO, you will be the driving force in advancing the mission of the Catholic Diocese of Salina.



Have you been praying about your career? Looking for something that leverages your ability to build trust and relationships?



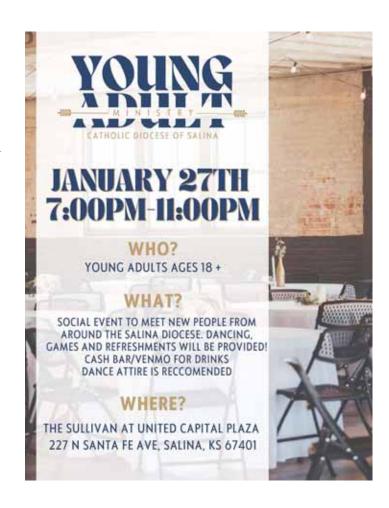
Have you had thoughts about making a career change, but haven't seen clearly where that path is yet? Do you have a conviction about our faith and some awareness of our needs?



Do you recognize that you do have the gifts and skills to help move the mission forward? Are you optimistic about the Diocese of Salina and its future?



Call the Chancery and learn more about this opportunity at 785-342-0819. Talk to Kim about this transformational possibility.



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