


“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 (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

February 14, 2021 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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:

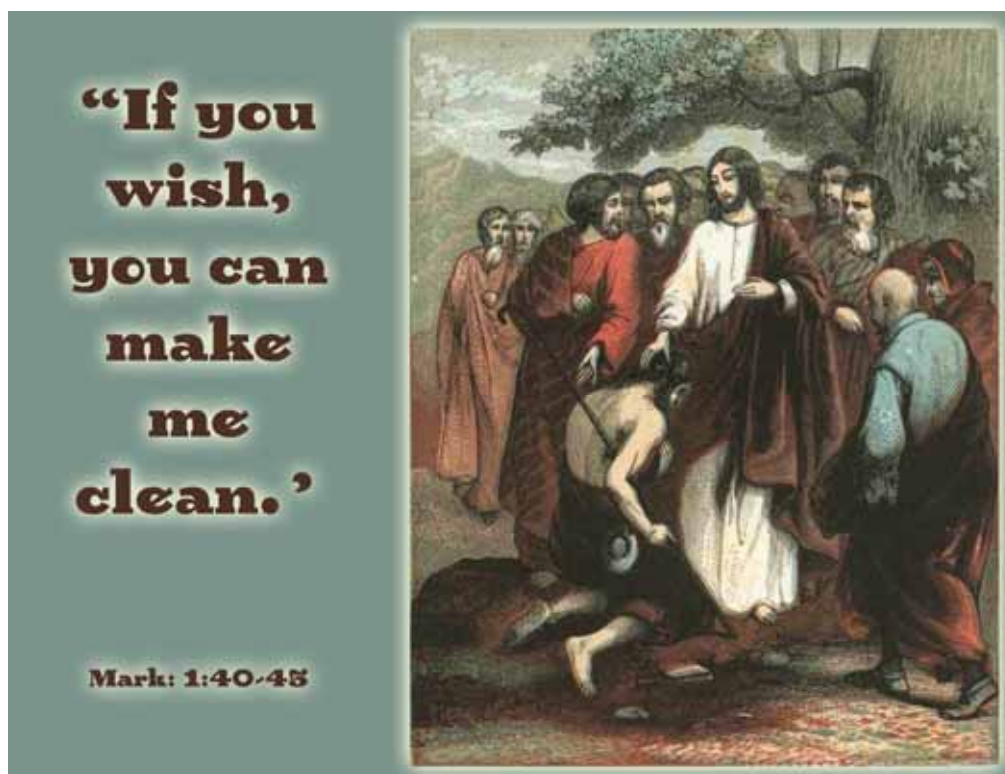
St. Fidelis: Mondays 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
St. Ann: Saturdays after Mass (Nov.-Apr.)
St. Boniface: Sundays 7:45-8:15 a.m. (Nov.-Apr.)
or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

Tri-Parish Prayer Line

Anyone wishing to request prayers for family or friends may call Teresa Shepherd (785-735-9576) to add their requests to the Prayer Line

Dates To Remember

Feb. 21 — First Sunday of Lent
Mar. 7 — Girl Scout Sunday
Mar. 14 — Daylight Savings Time begins—turn clocks ahead 1 hour
Mar. 13-14 — Anointing of the Sick
Mar. 15 — Lenten Communal Penance Service
Mar. 17 — St. Patrick’s Day
Mar. 28 — Passion (Palm) Sunday
Apr. 1 — April Fool’s Day
Apr. 1 — Holy Thursday—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ NOON

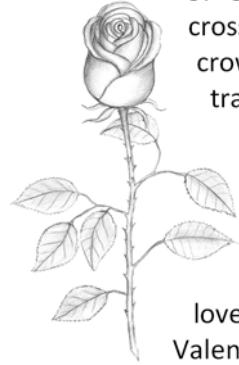


**The Parish Office will be closed
Tomorrow—Monday, February 15,
in honor of Presidents Day.**



Roses and Ashes

Valentine's Day this year falls on the final Sunday before Lent. This contrast of the joy of Valentine's Day and the penance of Lent is actually at the heart of the gospel message. The Paschal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ, which is the core



of our faith, sees the cross as the way to the crown. The rose is a traditional symbol of love, yet roses have thorns and Christ wore a crown of thorns.

The theme of love is common to both Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday, but from a different perspective. Valentine's Day stresses the joy of a commitment in love, rich in gratitude and generosity. Today we celebrate the loving relationships in our life and generously express our thanks for this blessing. The roses often given on Valentine's day are fitting symbols of love: beautiful, fragrant, and soft; but the thorns of roses remind us that enduring love often comes at a painful price.

Ash Wednesday focuses on the thorns of those roses of love, the sacrifices required of a loving commitment. Lent stresses the need to return to the first fervor of our faith by correcting mistakes and atoning for failures. Those three magic words that offended spouses want to hear from their partner are the same words that we penitents must say when receiving our Lenten ashes, "I was wrong."

Unfortunately there can be insincere tokens of love this Valentine's Day. Just going through the motions, doing what is expected, without a loving commitment. No follow up. The same formality might sadly be true of receiving ashes with

little or no intention of any recommitment to the practice of our faith. This is often not due to disinterest but to distraction. We're just plain too busy. So it is important to pause and reflect this Sunday and this Wednesday on the obligations of love, lest we simply go through the motions of Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday.

Roses and chocolates on Valentine's Day without respect and caring the following day is a hollow tribute that does not convey sincere love. Ashes and Lenten resolutions this Wednesday without daily fidelity to prayer, fasting, and charity lack the commitment of authentic faith. So give roses or chocolates today in gratitude for the love of those you treasure, and this Wednesday receive ashes with a



commitment to a better Christian life. Roses have thorns and ashes call us to repentance. Both are reminders of the ancient adage, "Love is as love does, not as love says."

... and mirth

All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then helps.



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Contributions February 6-7, 2021

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 3928.00 Loose 800.00
Repair Fund 664.00
Endowment 5.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 660.00 Loose 550.25

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 205.00 Loose 170.00
Candles 50.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Feb. 16 (Tuesday) — Verda Werner,
Bertha Brungardt

Feb. 22 — Jerry Schmidtberger,
Andrea Schmidtberger

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Julia (Brungardt) Weber**, who passed away on Monday, February 1, 2021. Services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Friday, February 5, 2021, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

St. Fidelis Ceiling and Painting Update

Since the letter went out, we have received \$7,815 towards the goal of \$145,000. With funds we received earlier for the project, we have a total of \$113,865 towards the cost of \$290,000. We have \$176,135 to go to reach our goal.

Please send or bring your donations to the Parish Office or place them in the collection basket in an envelope marked "**Ceiling and Painting Fund**".

We will also be doing some work to the pews and the floor when the ceiling and painting are finished. Any extra money received from the ceiling project will be used for those projects.

ST. BONIFACE

Parish Meeting

St. Boniface Parish will hold a parish meeting on **Sunday, February 21**, following Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Free Online Membership Extended

Men can continue to join the Knights of Columbus Order online for free by using the promo code MCGIVNEY2020 at kofc.org/joinus through June 30.

Drive-Thru Lenten Fish Fry

For anyone who purchased K. of C. Lenten Fish Fry tickets, remember to come by the V.F.W. Hall on **Friday, February 19, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.** to pick up your orders at the south door.



Thanks for your support. All proceeds go to local causes.



Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council
4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee
2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Pastoral Council
1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Lenten Scripture Study

The Gospel of Mark


Year B

Tuesday Evenings, 7:00 p.m.
February 23, March 2, 9, 16

Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life


Fr. Earl Meyer OFM Cap

Masks and Social Distancing



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:30 p.m.
Fridays of Lent starting February 19
The Basilica of St. Fidelis
No Stations on Good Friday.



TITHING ENVELOPES

Please do not use your envelopes from previous years.

Throw them away.

Use your envelopes from 2021 only.

Many of the numbers have changed. They change from year to year if someone leaves the parish or if we add new members to the parish.

If you do not have envelopes for 2021 and would like some, let Jan at the parish office know. If you have envelopes, please use them.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Lent is a time of grace and renewal for the entire Church, especially for the catechumens and candidates preparing for initiation during the Easter Triduum. The three traditional ascetical practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are important pillars for a faithful experience of Lent.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics (for those age 18 until age 59). In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from eating meat (for those age 14 and over). When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY:

6:45 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M.

AT THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

CHANGES MADE TO THE WAY ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED

During this time of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Holy See has modified the method of distributing ashes. The priest will say the prayer for blessing the ashes. He will sprinkle the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he will address all those present and only once will say the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return".

The priest will then cleanse his hands, put on a face mask, and distribute the ashes to those who come forward. He will take the ashes and sprinkle them on the head of each person without saying anything.

These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact between minister and recipient and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity to the recipient.

It is good to note that many countries have always sprinkled the ashes in this manner. We might be more in sync with the rest of the Church by doing this. The Old Testament describes various instances where people put on sackcloth and sat in ashes or poured ashes over themselves (see Jonah 3:5; Esther 4:1; Job 2:8 and others).

FEBRUARY HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

February 8 is the feast day of ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children.

ONE CHILD TRAFFICKED IS ONE TOO MANY.

Pray for children today. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (www.sistersagainstrafficking.org) is a 501(c)3 organization. 2039 N. Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

BELOVED SEMINAR

Engaged Couples Marriage Prep Saturday, February 20, 2021

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Office
1805 Vine St, Hays

Registration required by Friday, February 12

To register, call 785-625-7339 or email:

Nancy Urban - nurban76@gmail.com

Susan Kisner - skisner@ihm-church.com

World Marriage Sunday/National Marriage Week

National Marriage Week-USA is slated for **February 7-14** and culminates in World Marriage Sunday on **February 14**.



Marriage, as a Sacrament instituted by Christ, has many values beyond the obvious. Research shows that marriage adds years to your life as married couples live 2 to 10 years longer than singles.

Statistically, married couples are healthier both physically and mentally and are less likely to develop mental problems, such as depression. Married people recover more positively from surgery and injury and even sleep better.

Married couples tend to act more responsibly in avoiding risky behavior as they want to stay alive and well for their spouse and children. Researchers agree marriage has demonstrable benefits for children that grow up in a healthy marriage and for society in general.

Happy Valentine's Day

DIOCESE



Last week, we listened to the Bishop kick-off the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal—Call to Share.

You can get more information by going to the following page on the Salina Diocese's website:
<https://salinadiocese.org/office/development/bishops-annual-appeal/>



On this site there is a video concerning the Call to Share and also a way you can donate on-line. You can choose which parish should get credit for your donation.

I DO ALL THIS FOR THE *sake of the gospel,*
 THAT I MAY SHARE IN *its blessings.* 1 CORINTHIANS 9:23

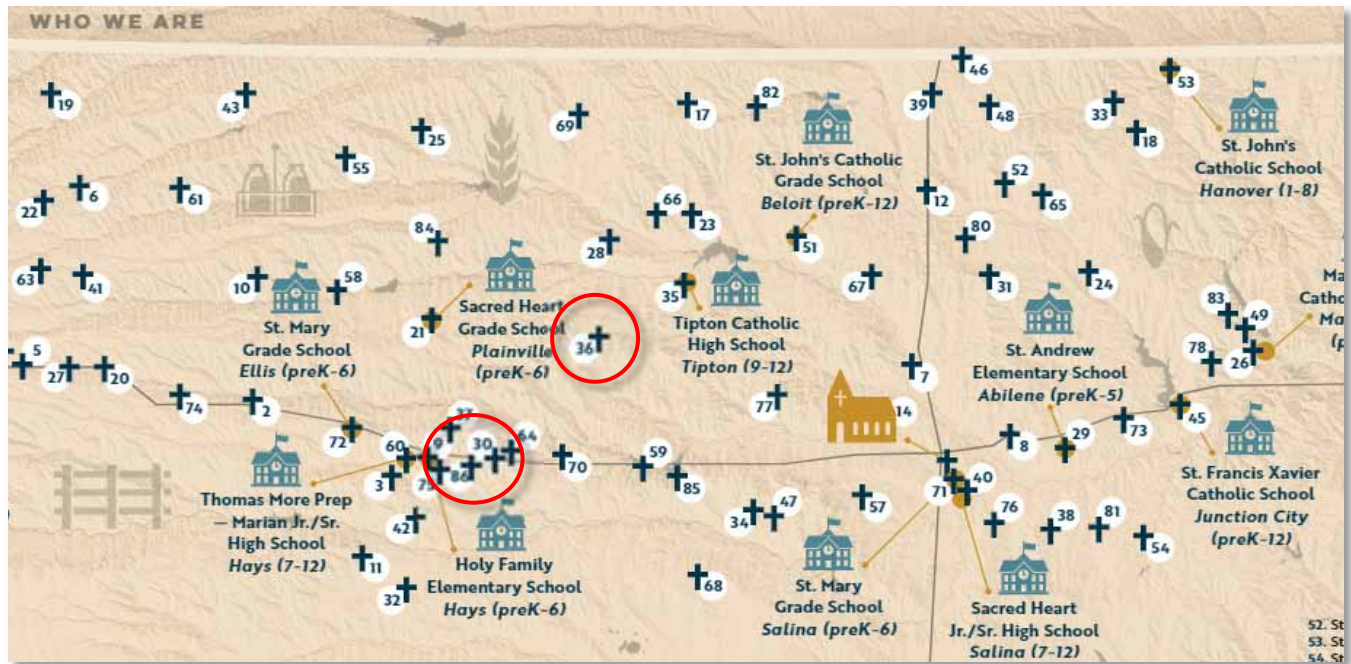


Where in the World Is Vincent, Kansas?

Apparently, it's a good place for Waldo to hide.

Has anyone noticed that Google Maps has the town of Vincent located north of Luray, Kansas, instead of south of Victoria.

I first noticed this a few years ago while watching a weather forecast for severe storms. The weatherman pointed to Vincent up north. In the current FAITH magazine, if you check for St. Boniface Church, Vincent, on the map they have on pages 4 and 5, you will find Vincent up north near Luray, east of Plainville.

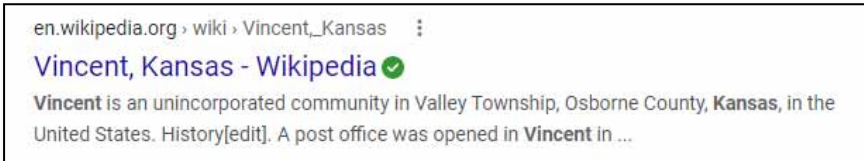


TOP and LEFT: Map and Legend taken from the FAITH magazine sent to all households from the Diocese of Salina.



I sent a location correction request to Google Maps. I got a response that they are reviewing my email and will notify me if a change is made. Their notification method doesn't let you notify them the way I wanted to, so in the field where they wanted me to put the "correct address" I typed "You have the whole town in the wrong location, Vincent KS 67671, United States". For some reason they have Luray's zip code (67649) associated with Vincent.

Maybe there are two towns in Kansas named Vincent? The Wikipedia article did say a post office opened in Vincent in 1878, and remained in operation until it was discontinued in 1901. If anyone has the answer to this puzzle, please let me know?



LEFT: One result of a Google search on the internet.

First Call for Help Oh Snap! Pandemic Photo Frenzy!

WHEN: Saturday, March 6, 2021
TIME: 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.
REGISTER: Call FCFH 785-623-2800
ENTRY FEE: \$20 - Adult; \$15 - 12 & under
WHY: First Step Housing Fundraiser



Take part in First Call for Help's first photo shoot scavenger hunt! Receive the clues, find the locations, and snap a pic with your team. Send the photos back and earn points for correct answers. Highest score wins!

**Register before Tuesday, March 2,
and receive a Swag Bag!**

Schmidt Foundation will match funds!

Alternate Date: Saturday, March 13, if inclement weather.

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

On HGTV, people can flip a whole house in a month. Meanwhile, I've been "getting ready to vacuum" for a week now.

FAMILY LIFE

Separated Faithful

**Divorced or separated Catholics
who remain faithful to marriage**

Catholics who were reluctantly divorced or separated can continue to fulfill their marriage mission – to sanctify themselves and their spouse. Discuss the ongoing seven stages from the book, [“The Gift of Self, A Spiritual Companion for Separated and Divorced Faithful to the Sacrament of Marriage”](#) (in the on-line version of this bulletin you can click the link above or type the following address in your browser for more information:)

<https://marysadvocates.org/resources/gift-of-self-book/>

You can see a United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) review of this book [on USCCB](#) (click to go to the site or type in the following address:)

<https://www.foryourmarriage.org/blogs/the-gift-of-self-a-spiritual-companion-for-separated-and-divorced-faithful-to-the-sacrament-of-marriage/>

Conference calls are scheduled monthly on the second-Monday at 9:00 pm. Contact SeparatedFaithful@outlook.com, with your name, parish, city.



BLESSED ART INC.

Blessed Art had planned to be here last weekend but was unable to because a snowstorm in Omaha. They will try to arrange a time to visit after Easter.



One Body Show

The One Body show, stewarding God's creation, features different local guests each week. Tune in to 105.7 FM, online at dvmercy.com, or on the free phone app at noon on Fridays and 9:00 AM on Saturdays. This show is locally produced and past episodes can be found on our website at dvmercy.com and on the phone app. Other show times are 11:00 PM on Saturdays, 1:00 AM on Wednesdays, and 10:00 PM on Wednesdays.

Victoria Schools Calendar



****All events/activities are subject to change.****

Monday — February 15 — No School

6:30 am—HS girls basketball practice
 5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice
 7:00 pm Board of Education meeting

Tuesday — February 16

Lunch Menu: Corn dog, curly fries, mixed vegetables, peaches, apple crisp, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — grade check
 4:00 pm HS basketball @ Kinsley. Depart 2:00

Wednesday — February 17

Lunch Menu: Pizza, potato triangle, Pacific blend, honey dew, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study
 3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
 5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

Thursday — February 18

LifeTouch spring pictures today in the auditorium
 Lunch Menu: Chicken fajita, steamed potatoes, green beans, orange slices, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study
 3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
 5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

Friday — February 19

Lunch Menu: Macaroni and cheese, tater tots, baked beans, pears, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study
 4:00 pm HS basketball @ Ness City. Depart 2:00 pm

The St. Fidelis Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and Cantor Schedules 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

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7:00 PM — Marilyn Braun
Saturday, Feb. 20, 5:00 PM — Meagan Wellbrock
Sunday, Feb. 21, 10:00 AM — Pam Scheck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7:00 PM — Tina Braun
Saturday, Feb. 20, 5:00 PM — Kathy Kuhn
Sunday, Feb. 21, 10:00 AM — Michele Geist

LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7:00 PM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger
Saturday, Feb. 20, 5:00 PM — Allen Amrein
Sunday, Feb. 21, 10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

Sunday, Feb. 21, 10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel
Sunday, Feb. 28, 10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

Mass on St. Fidelis YouTube Channel

Go to www.StFidelisChurch.com

and click the link on the *Home 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 FEBRUARY 15
7:00 pm For the parishes
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16
6:45 am MaryLou Wherry
WEDNESDAY ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17
6:45 am Fred and Edna Dreiling family
7:00 pm For the parishes
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18
6:45 am Marlene Dinkel
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19
6:45 am Donnie Dinkel
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Alfred L. Kuhn
6:30 pm St. Ann Paul Flax
SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 21
8:30 am St. Boniface For the parishes
10:00 am St. Fidelis Eddie and Clara Mermis family

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