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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 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

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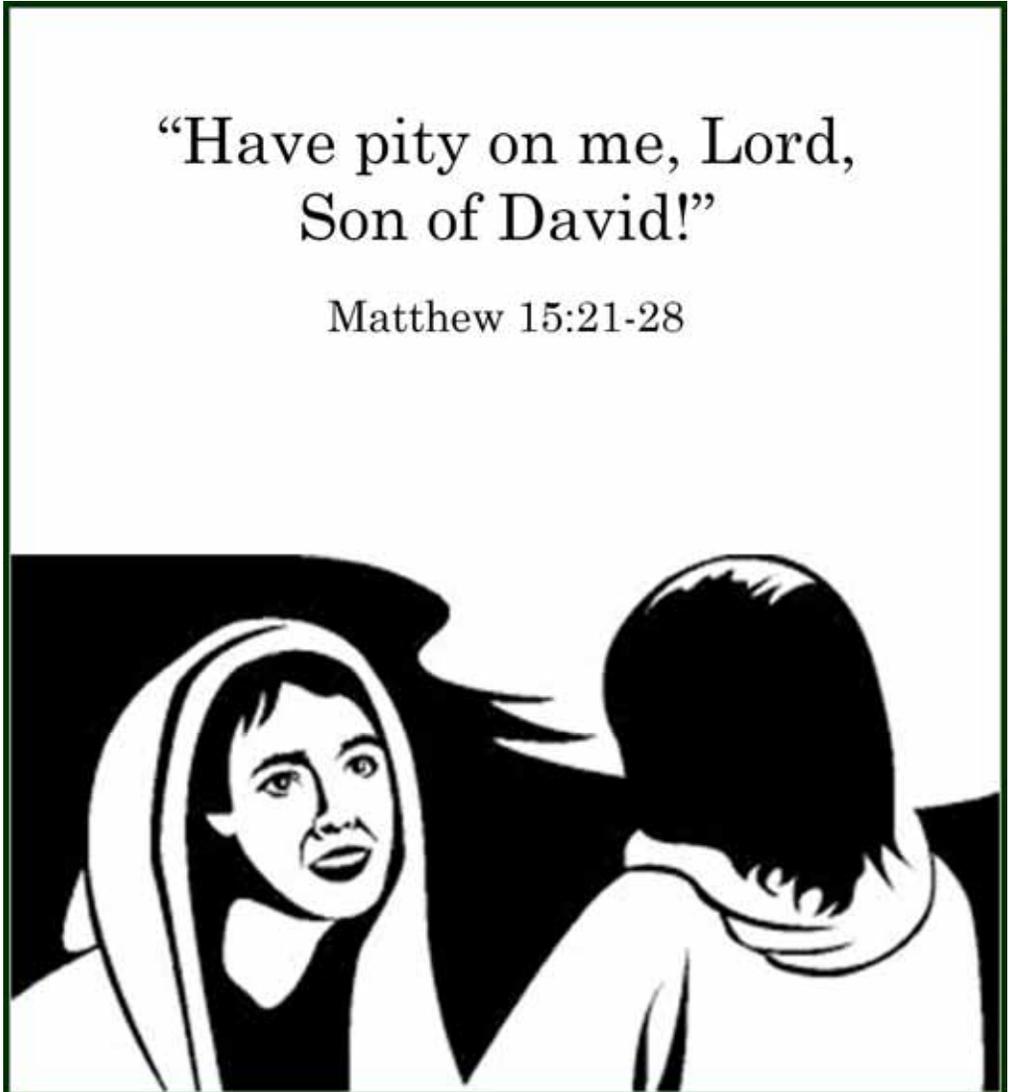
August 20, 2023— 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
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
Sep. 4 — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Sep. 9-10 — Blessing of seed wheat
Sep. 14 — Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sep. 16 — VHS Homecoming
Mass @ 4:00 pm; No 5:00 pm Mass
Sep. 17 — Catechetical Sunday
Sep. 24 — Mass at Holy Cross 3:00
Sep. 28-30 — Parish Directory pictures
Oct. 4 — Feast of St. Francis of Assisi — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Oct. 9 — Columbus Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED





The Woman Who Corrected Christ

When the Pharisees, Sadducees, or high priests debated Christ they always lost. But the Canaanite woman in today's gospel argued with Christ and won. Her winning zinger was, "Even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

Canaanites and Israelites were bitter enemies. It took courage and humility for the Canaanite woman to ask a favor of Christ, a Jew. He rebuffed her plea. When she persisted, his rejection was even sharper. "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." *Dog* was the Israelites' term of derision for Canaanites and other foreigners. Such a harsh response by Christ to a plea for mercy shocks us.

Those rough words of Christ to the Canaanite woman might be described as tough love, confronting people we sincerely care about for their own benefit. If Christ's use of tough love was to challenge her faith, it backfired. The woman humbly accepted the rebuff without returning an insult. "Please Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." She turned the tables on Christ, reminding him of his own teaching to love your enemies and be good to those who hate you.

It is significant that the woman's sick daughter was not present. There are only two miracles of Christ curing the sick who are absent. All others were restored in his presence, often with a healing touch. The Canaanite

woman's daughter was cured while far away at home. The other such miracle was the servant of the Centurion who said, "I am not worthy that you should enter my house. Say but the word and my servant will be healed."

These were cured at a distance not because foreigners were unworthy of a personal visit from Christ. Rather, he was reaching out to those of a different religion who were of good faith. The Canaanite woman and the Roman Centurion did not ask for a favor for themselves.

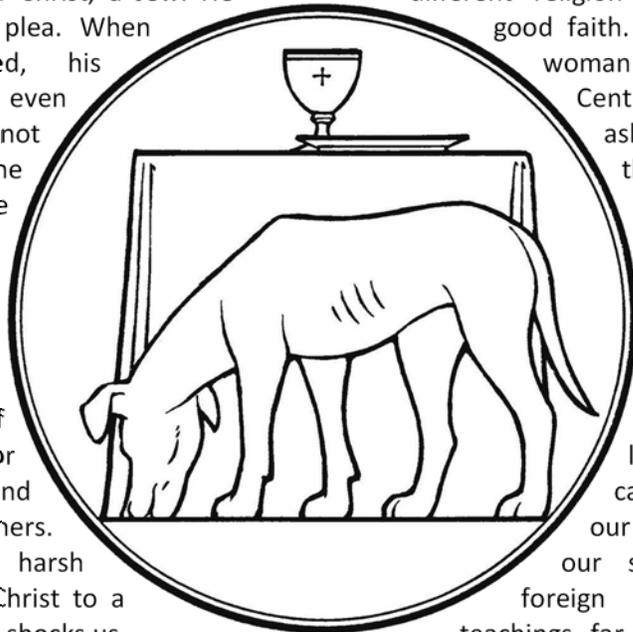
Their primary concern was the plight of another. They were unselfish.

Even we loyal Christians can be far from our faith. A part of our spirit may be foreign to gospel teachings, far from the ideals

of Christ — perhaps we neglect social justice, or personal morality, or forgiveness. But the grace of God comes to us *at a distance*, often in the challenging moments of life, inviting us to a fuller faith. The humility of the Canaanite woman might also be correcting us.

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A thief broke into our house looking for money, so I searched with him.



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Contributions August 12-13, 2023

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 1280.00 Loose 670.00
Repair Fund 550.00
Catholic Charities 211.00
Herzogfest Mass 1259.31

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 125.00 Loose 161.00
Catholic Charities 70.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 25.00
Catholic Charities 25.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

August 21 — Stephanie Broyles, Ivan Werner

August 28 — Mary Brungardt, Janie Dinges

St. Fidelis 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.

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

1st - Christian Mothers
2nd - Knights of Columbus
3rd - Daughters of Isabella
4th - 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, AUGUST 26

5:00 PM — Trilogy

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

10:00 AM — Sheila Stone

* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS *

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

5:00 PM — Carol Pfeifer, Debbie Staab, Tom Tholen
Kathy Kuhn

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

10:00 AM — Connie Braun, Bertha A. Brungardt
Connie Windholz, Janine Kisner

* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS *

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

5:00 PM — Allan Amrein

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

10:00 AM — Karen Nowak

* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS *

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 — Kathy Kuhn

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

* MASS SERVERS *

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

5:00 PM — Abby B., Myah and Grace Y.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

10:00 AM — Brody and Broc N., Mya M.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council

4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee

2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Pastoral Council

1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

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.

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

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

Attention Funeral Helpers

Everyone who has helped with funeral dinners either in the kitchen or by providing desserts, join us for refreshments

and camaraderie

*Monday, August 21,
at the Victoria VFW Hall
from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.*

*Come and go as your schedule allows.
Looking forward to sharing time together
and showing our appreciation.*

Pray for our Youth

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society asks everyone to pray for our students as they return to school.

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. Send your Spirit upon these students and fill them with Your wisdom and blessings.

Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to You, the source of all knowledge.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(usccb.com)

RCIA

Each year, many adults are called to join the Catholic faith. How does someone join the Catholic Church? Through a process called the RCIA. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults become full, participating members of the Catholic Church. Participants, known as catechumens go through a process of studying the Gospel, nurturing their relationship with God, becoming familiar with the Catholic teachings and practices, professing their faith in Jesus and the Church, and receiving the sacraments of initiation: **Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation.**

Who can join?

The Church extends an invitation to all who wish to become members of the Catholic faith. Those who go through the RCIA process fall under one of the following categories:

- Someone who has never been baptized.
- Someone who is of another faith and wishes to convert to Catholicism.
- An individual who was baptized in another Christian denomination and wishes to become a member of the Catholic faith.
- Someone who was baptized in the Catholic Church, but never received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.

RCIA classes begin on **Sunday, September 24, 2023**, at the Parish Activity Center in Victoria. If you are thinking about joining the Catholic faith, you are most welcome to join the class. There is no obligation or cost. **Please be assured that you will never be quizzed or tested on class material.** If you are interested or would like information, please call Father Jim Moster or Shirley Brungardt as soon as possible at 785-735-2777.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

K. of C. Raffle Tickets for Religious Ed

The Knights of Columbus Charities Foundation has their Kansas State Religious Education Fund 2023 Raffle Tickets for sale again. The local Knights have 12 tickets for sale at \$100 each.

Prizes are: one \$30,000 prize, one \$10,000 prize, five \$5,000 prize, eight \$2,000 prize, and seven \$1,000 prizes. Need not be present to win.

For tickets, contact Harland Rupp at 785-623-1368.

Knights to Honor Jamey Roth

At the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, August 26, the Knights of Columbus will recognize Jamey Roth for his accomplishments as Past State Deputy and for his current position of Supreme Director.

The mass will be attended by State Officers and other Knights of Columbus dignitaries.

Most Reverend John B. Brungardt, Bishop of the Diocese of Dodge City, will preside.

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.



Tri-Parish Directory

The Tri-Parish Councils of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface have decided it is time for a new Tri-Parish Church Directory.

They are working with Unique Church Solutions to take photos of all parishioners and create the directory. In the upcoming weeks, you will see information in the bulletin and on posters displayed in each church, but you can go online now to schedule your appointment.

Later, there will be in-person paper sign up at each church for those not wanting to sign up online. Dates and times for the paper sign ups will be forthcoming.

The dates pictures will be taken are:

Thursday, September 28

2:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, September 29

2:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 30

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17

2:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18

2:00 - 8:30 p.m.



Scan the QR Code above or go to UCDIR.com to schedule your photo appointment.

Once on the website, click the button circled at left. It will take you to the list of days and times available.

To login, use the following:
Church Code = KS155
Password = photos

Any parishioner who has their picture taken will receive a free 8x10 photo and a parish directory.

Spread the word and let's get every parishioner's picture in the directory.

SIGN UP NOW!

If you would like help signing up, please call or come in to the Parish Office and we can help you select a date and time for your picture appointment.

Opening Mass for Religious Education

Religious Education Opening School Year Mass

Wednesday, August 30th

St. Fidelis Church Mass at 6:30 P.M.

Family, friends & parishioners: please join!

Followed by a blessing of our schools: VES, VHS & the PAC.



The children's choir welcomes Sheila Stone as director and Kathy Amrein as pianist! We are so thrilled to have them leading this children's ministry. Practice dates and times will be announced in the near future! (The children's choir is for youth in 2nd grade and older.)

Religious Education calendar:

Wed., August 30th

6 P.M.—7th grade parent & student orientation—St. Fidelis Church chapel

6:30 P.M.—Opening Year Mass followed by Blessing of Schools

Wed., September 6th—6:30 –7:30 P.M. First night of Religious Ed classes, grades 1—12

Wed., September 13th

1:20—2:30 P.M.—Kindergarten gathering

6:30—7:30 P.M.—Rel Ed classes for grades 1—12

Wed., September 20th

6:30 P.M.—9th grade parent & student orientation—St. Fidelis Church chapel

6:30—7:30 P.M. Rel Ed classes for grades 1—12

Wed., September 27th

6:30 P.M.—1st grade guided Eucharistic Adoration with parents

6:30—7:30 P.M.—Rel Ed classes for grades 1—12

Seventh grade
Religious Ed
Parent and student
orientation:
CHANGE IN DATE & TIME:
Wednesday, August 30th at
6 P.M
Meet in St. Fidelis Church
chapel, prior to Opening Year Mass

Ninth grade
Confirmation prep
Parent and student
orientation:
Wednesday, September 20th
6:30—7:30 P.M.
Meeting location: St. Fidelis Church
chapel

Dear Parents,

We can't believe it's already here and summer is over! Soon Wednesday evenings will be bustling and we are all looking forward to it!

This past week the tri-parish Religious Education Committee met and presented ideas for this upcoming year. One addition we are making is to include a youth Mass on the same Sunday each month that Jubilee Choir sings. The youth and families will be invited to greet, bring forward gifts, collect money, serve and sing in the choir. Each month a different class will be invited to participate and children can select what role they volunteer in. The Mass time and liturgy will remain unchanged. Information will be shared in the near future as the first youth mass will be September 10th.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share, too, the different ways individuals or families can serve on a regular basis: greeting patrons and parishioners prior to Mass, money collections during Mass, lector (reading during Mass), choir (adult and children's choir), altar serving, Eucharistic Minister (offering the Body of Christ during communion). If you'd ever like more information on these ministries and are unsure who to contact please reach out and I'll be happy to assist you. Thank you kindly in advance for your stewardship, acts of service and charity. Wishing you a beautiful school year!

In Christ, Jeanette B.

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MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY	AUGUST 21
7:00 pm	Katy and Leroy Windholz
TUESDAY	AUGUST 22
6:45 am	Helen and Clifford Werth
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 23
6:45 am	W. Pat Dreiling
THURSDAY	AUGUST 24
6:45 am	Charles Brungardt
FRIDAY	AUGUST 25
6:45 am	Clete and Rose Younger
SATURDAY	AUGUST 26
5:00 pm	St. Fidelis Don J. and Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Pfeifer
6:30 pm	St. Boniface For the parishes
SUNDAY	21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 27
7:30 am	St. Ann Landry Robben and Virgil and Wilma Staab
10:00 am	St. Fidelis Rich and Barbara Weber

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St. Fidelis Council #1867
Meetings
2nd Tuesday
of each month

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