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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

March 10, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

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. 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

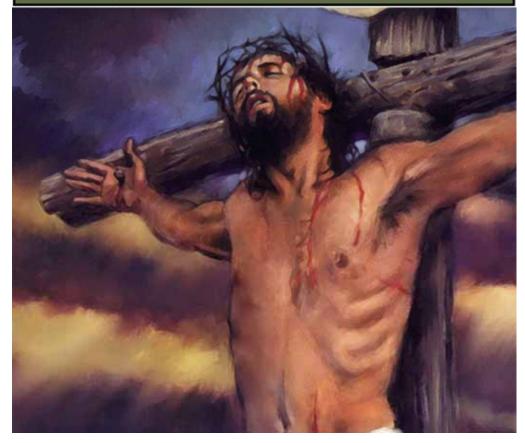
OFFICE CLOSED

Apr. 7 — Divine Mercy Sunday

Apr. 14 — First Communion 10:00 am

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

"...so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." John 3:14-21





God So Loved the World

In today's gospel Christ tells Nicodemus: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (Jn 3:16) That verse is often referred to as the gospel in miniature. It summarizes the message of all the gospels, but especially the gospel of John.

Nicodemus first encountered Jesus when he For God So sought him out one night to discuss his Loved the teachings. Later, **Nicodemus** reminded his colleagues in the Sanhedrin that the law requires that a person be heard before being judged. And finally, Nicodemus came forward after the crucifixion to assist Joseph of Arimathea in preparing the body of Jesus for burial.

Today's gospel reading is the account of the first meeting of Nicodemus with Christ. The gospel says that Nicodemus came at night. This suggests that it was to be private and unknown to his peers in the Sanhedrin. Nicodemus asked about the teachings of Christ, who told him that he must be "born from above." This confused Nicodemus. Christ explained that it was a "birth of water and the spirit," a reference to baptism and receiving the Holy Spirit.

Christ then told Nicodemus that the source of this life of grace would be his death and resurrection: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life."

And finally, the climax of their discussion: "God so loved the world that He gave His Only Son, that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."

God's love is further explained in the first epistle of John, "Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. God is

> love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God them."

> > Commenting on today's gospel reading, Pope **Francis** wrote:

"Nicodemus was an important member of the Sanhedrin, but he never stopped seeking God. Yet in speaking with Jesus, he comes to know that God has already sought him; that God

waits for him, that God loves him personally. 'God so loved the world that He gave His Only Son, that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.' This eternal life is the immeasurable and gratuitous love of the Father that Jesus gave on the cross, offering his life for our salvation."

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"If you always tell the truth, you don't need a good memory." ~ Mark Twain

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Contributions March 2-3, 2024

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 3888.00 Loose 886.00 Cemetery 50.00 Repair Fund 415.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 1295.00 Loose 153.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 415.00 Loose 59.00 Candles 17.00

March 11 — Jerry Schmidtberger, Andrea Ottley March 18 — Patty Dreiling, Anne

Schmidtberger

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

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

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



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGAN TODAY.

Did you remember to turn your clocks AHEAD one hour?

* Sunday Rosary Schedul e * 1^{st} - Christian Mothers 2^{nd} - Knights of Columbus 3^{rd} - Daughters of Isabella 4^{th} - 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, MARCH 16

5:00 PM — Sheila Stone

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

10:00 AM — John Braun

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

5:00 PM — Randy Leiker, Jane Wagner, Becky Scheck, Mary Brungardt

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel, Yvonne Braun, Colleen Kuhn, Teresa Shepherd

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

5:00 PM — Tamy Lichter

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

10:00 AM — Allan Amrein

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 — Diane Gross

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

5:00 PM —

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

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

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm 1st Tuesday
Liturgy Committee

2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS MONDAY...... MARCH 11 7:00 pm Doris A. Dinkel TUESDAY MARCH 12 **6:45 am** Tom Younger family WEDNESDAY...... MARCH 13 6:45 am Edwin F. and Lawrentine Schmidtberger and David Mindrup THURSDAY MARCH 14 6:45 am Arlyn and Kimberly Schumacher FRIDAY MARCH 15 6:45 am SATURDAY MARCH 16 5:00 pm St. Fidelis Francis and Estella Kuhn family 6:30 pm St. Ann Mary and Clara Mermis family living and deceased SUNDAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 17 8:30 am St. Boniface For the parishes 10:00 am St. Fidelis Oliver and Theresa Kuhn and Kathy Kuhn Thomas

ALL MASSES MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY ARE CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN THE CHAPEL BEHIND THE MAIN ALTAR.

Beginning Monday, March 18, weekday Masses (Monday through Friday) will be held in the main part of the church.

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.

SAVE THE DAY St. Fidelis Church Cleaning

Wednesday, March 27 starting at 6:30 p.m.

All parishioners are invited to help clean the church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, March 12**, at **7:30 p.m.** at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

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

Friday, March 15
5:00 until 7:00 p.m. or until the food is gone
at the Victoria VFW Hall

Peace begins with a smile.

ST. FIDELIS ADULT CHOIR

Choir Practice

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

ST. BONIFACE

Special Mass for Rain/Favorable Weather

St. Boniface Church

Friday, April 12 | 6:30 p.m.

Meal following Mass.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Monthly Meeting

Daughters of Isabella members will gather at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop on **Monday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m.** for a rosary. A meeting will follow at 7:30. Chairperson is Rosie Kreutzer; co-chair is Diane Cohan.

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 4:00-500 p.m. on the **Friday**,

March 15.

2024 DAILY LENTEN OFFERINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — DAY 26

Gospel reading: John 3:14-21
"For God so loved the world that He gave
His one and only Son, that whoever
believes in Him shall not perish but have
eternal life."
(John 3:16, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will spend quiet time with Jesus today.

WEDNESDAY — DAY 29

Gospel reading: John 5:17-30
"By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but Him who sent me."

(John 5:30 NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: In all situations today, I will lean on my trust in the Lord.

SATURDAY — DAY 32

Gospel reading: John 7:40-53
"On hearing His words, some of the people said, 'Surely this man is the Prophet.'"

(John 7:40, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: Today, I will reflect on the authority of God's word.

MONDAY — DAY 27

Gospel reading: John 4:43-54
"Then the father realized that this was
the exact time at which Jesus had said to
him 'Your son will live.' So, he and his
whole household believed."
(John 4:53, NIV)

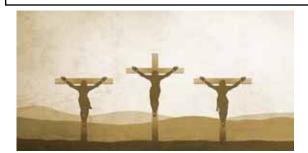
MY OFFERING TO GOD: Today, I will surround myself with others who love Jesus.

THURSDAY — DAY 30

Gospel reading: John 5:31-47

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life." (John 5:24, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will strengthen my faith and commitment by studying the words and deeds of Jesus.



TUESDAY — DAY 28

Gospel reading: John 5:1-16
"Then Jesus said to him, 'Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.' At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked."

(John 5:8-9, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will bring the Lord's compassion to someone in need of comfort.

FRIDAY — DAY 31

Gospel reading: John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

"At this they tried to seize Him, but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come." (John 7:30, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: I

will put my trust in the Lord and His plan for me.

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.

Chrism Mass

The annual Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Salina will be held on **Thursday, March 21**, at **11:30** a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. Oils for all the parishes of the Diocese will be blessed at this Mass.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

Hmmm?

Three men are on a boat. They have four cigarettes, but nothing to light them with.

So they throw a cigarette overboard and the whole boat becomes a cigarette lighter.

(Get it? One cigarette lighter?)

Gatholic Relief Services Gollection



This week we take up The Relief Catholic Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for and reconciliation peace

among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at 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 (tour #40920) or visit the Marymount College of Kansas Alumni page on Facebook for more information.



COMMUNITY

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 or drop off a resume at 215 W. 13th Street, Hays. Priority deadline: Friday, March 15, 2024. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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 this 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

COMMUNITY



V.F.W. Meeting

Victoria V.F.W. members will meet on Thursday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall.

VCC Holding Forum for Phase 2 of St. John's Place

The Victoria Community Coalition invites the community to a forum to be held on Tuesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW.

The goal is to gain citizens' input into Phase 2 of St. John's Place, including possible daycare space, a community center, or other possible purposes.

The event will be facilitated by Betty Johnson of the Dane Hansen Foundation and will include refreshments and door prizes.

Please come and be part of the conversation.

Bookmobile in Town



The Hays Public Library's Bookmobile will be in Victoria on Saturday, March 16, from 1:00-2:30

p.m. at the Victoria City Park.

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@cflehope.org.

2024 Heartland Parishes' Lenten Mission Featuring

Cy Kellett of Catholic Answers
March 18, 19, & 20
7:00-8:30pm

Hosted by St. Joseph Parish, 215 W. 13th St., Hays

Mission topics include:

- . The Cycle of Christian Life
- Truly Human Lives
- St. Peter, A Model for Christian Lives





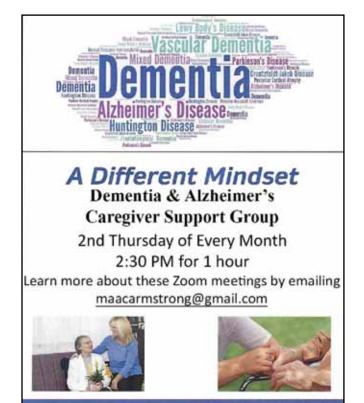
St. Francis of Assisi
Knights of Columbus Council 11492
ANNUAL FISH FRY

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



Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service

The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at **3:00** p.m., Sunday, April **7**, at St. Joseph Church in Hays. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers, and meditation.

Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina on April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church.

Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are in the brochure rack of St. Joseph Church. <u>CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2:00 p.m.</u> This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio.

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