Beacon of Faith, St. Ann Catholic Church

"Cathedral of the Plains"

THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS











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. Fidel is 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

April 16, 2023 – Divine Mercy Sunday

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.

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

Apr. 23 — First Holy Communion

Apr. 24 — Feast of St. Fidelis of

Sigmaringen

7:45 pm Jason Evert talk at St. Fidelis

May 4 — National Day of Prayer

May 14 — Mother's Day

High School Graduation

May 20 — Armed Forces Day

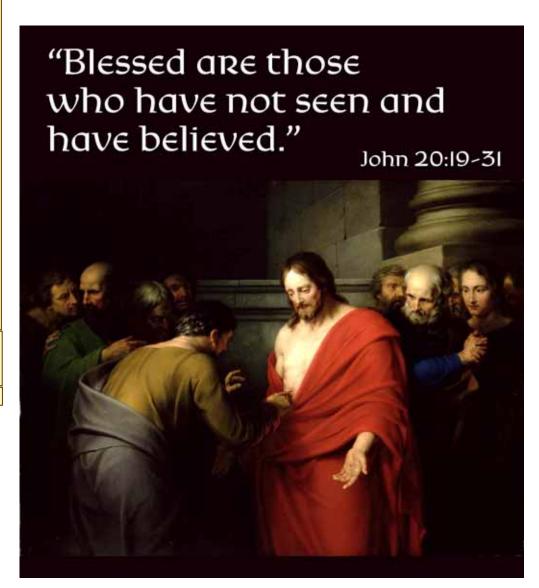
May 28 — Pentecost Sunday

May 29 — Memorial Day — PARISH

OFFICE CLOSED

June 3 — FIDELISFEST

June 5 — Feast of St. Boniface





Spiritual Twins

Today's gospel refers to the apostle Thomas as "Didymus," which is Greek for "twin." Thomas probably had a twin sister or brother. In the family of faith, we are all twins of the apostle Thomas. If you find it unflattering to be a twin of the *doubting Thomas*, it will be helpful to know more about this remarkable apostle.

The only thing that most people know about Thomas is that he was the stubborn hold-out who demanded



tangible proof. Our secular culture refers to a skeptic as a *Doubting Thomas*. However, the apostle Thomas has been the victim of a bad press.

In fairness, Christians should know the full story of the original *Doubting Thomas*. In addition to today's well-known passage, there are two other gospel stories involving Thomas. The first occurs when Christ says that he is going back to Bethany to comfort the grieving family of Lazarus. The apostles had just come from Bethany where a mob had tried to kill Jesus. All the other apostles protested that returning to Bethany would endanger them. Only Thomas spoke up and said, "Let us go along to die with him." This time

Thomas is again the odd man out, not in doubt, but in loyalty.

The other gospel story involving Thomas occurs when Jesus said that he must return to the Father. "I am going to prepare a place for you. You now the way that leads where I go." Thomas replied, "We do not even know where you are going; how can we know the way?" That is not a lack of faith, but an honest faith. His confusion is expressed as a desire to understand.

If we piece together all three accounts of Thomas in the gospels, we have not only the well-known doubting Thomas, but also the loyal Thomas, and the curious Thomas. Honest, loyal, yet questioning. Those are the qualities, not of a skeptical cynic, but of a sincere believer. Saint Gregory wrote, "Our faith owes more to the doubts of Thomas than to the faith of all the other apostles," meaning that our doubts must be faced if our faith is to grow.

An unexamined faith is not an authentic faith. Thomas is a model for modern Christians who raise honest questions, from the perspective of a sincere faith. Our consistent faith is more important than our occasional doubts, loyalty more important than lapses, strengths more important than weaknesses.

We should rejoice that we are twins of Thomas in faith, and proud to say along with him, "My Lord and my God."

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Wrinkles are something other people have, similar to my character lines.

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Contributions EASTER April 8-9, 2023

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 4056.00 Loose 1785.75 Repair Fund 50.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 1448.00 Loose 454.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 745.00 <u>Loose</u> 435.00 <u>Candles</u> 39.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

April 17 — Jerry Schmidtberger,
Andrea Ottley
April 24 — Bathy Droiling Appe

April 24 — Patty Dreiling, Anne Schmidtberger

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, APRIL 22

5:00 PM — Trilogy

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

10:00 AM — Jubilee Choir

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

5:00 PM — Tom Tholen, Debbie Staab, Jane Wagner **SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

10:00 AM — Kenny and Bertha R. Brungardt, Bertha A. Brungardt

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

5:00 PM — Marilyn Braun

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

10:00 AM — Dave Staab

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19— Kathy Kuhn

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

5:00 PM —

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

10:00 AM -

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council

4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Contributions Good Friday HOLY LAND April 7, 2023

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 676.00 Loose 294.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 190.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 65.00

On Monday, April 24, from 7:45 to 9:15 p.m.,

JASON EVERT will give a talk on

"Gender and the Theology of Your Body";

therefore, there will not be a

Mass or Confessions that evening
in the Basilica of St. Fidelis

Tickets for Jason Evert's talk can be purchased at the Parish Office for \$20.

Tour Guides Needed

Spring and Summer are approaching. That means more people wanting to tour the Basilica.

Tours are offered for larger groups and usually take place in the late morning or early afternoon.

We can provide you with a history book to get you started as a tour guide. You can also observe a current guide to help you learn the process; however, you are welcome to tell your own personal stories related to the church. The more you do the tours, the easier and more fun it can be.

If you are willing to help, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.

ST. BONIFACE

Mass for Rain and Favorable Weather ST. BONIFACE CHURCH Tuesday, April 18 6:30 P.M.

Hamburgers and Brats in the Parish Hall following Mass.

Free Will Offering Accepted

The evening will conclude with a rosary for rain after the meal.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Lenten Cross Removal

The Knights of Columbus will remove Lenten Crosses on the **weekend of April 15-16**. Please have all decorative items removed from the crosses no later than Thursday, April 13. The proceeds from this fundraiser were donated to the St. Fidelis Community Assistance Fund. Thank you to all who participated.

Contributions Holy Thursday CEMETERY FUND April 6, 2023

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 530.00 Loose 20.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 175.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 5.00

Saturday, June 3, 2023

Get ready to enjoy an old-fashioned

FIDELISFEST

Including KIDS' GAMES, KEEPSAKE STORE, BAKE SALE and GERMAN WEDDING DINNER which includes:
Wedding Roast, Stewed Ghicken & Noodles,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, 2 Vegetables, Roll, and Dessert

FIDELISFEST MEAL TICKETS

will be sold at the 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses Saturday & Sunday, April 29 & 30 and Saturday & Sunday, May 6 & 7

Adults \$15 | Ages 6-12 \$7 | Under 5 FREE

Meal will be served on Saturday, June 3, 4:00 -7:00 pm—Victoria Elementary School Gym

Tickets also available at the Parish Office

Tickets for the Jason Evert talk can be purchased at the Parish Office



Tickets can be purchased online or in person at the parish office. Please visit https://chastity.com/events/ or scan the QR code.

www.stfidelischurch.com

St. Fidelis Parish Office 601 10th St., Victoria, KS 67671

It can't happen here! Yes, it can

HUMAN TRAFFICKING is HUMAN SLAVERY



When: May 3, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Victoria High School

Auditorium

Presenter: Sr. Margaret Nacke,

CJS Ed.D

All high school students and adults are welcome.

Speaker Margaret Nacke, a Sister of St. Joseph of Concordia, KS., founded U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking ten years ago. It is a faith-based national network that offers education, supports access to survivor services, and engages in advocacy to end modern-day slavery. Recently Sister received the Radical Abolitionist Award from the S.O.A.P. project (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution), a project committed to a survivor-centered approach to ending human trafficking. Sister Nacke has educated the public about the way people are bought, sold, and discarded as human beings.

(Free will offering.)

Sponsors: St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society Knights of Columbus St. Fidelis Council #1867

Tri-Parish Cards & Games Party

** **TODAY** ** SUNDAY, APRIL 16 ● 2:00 — 4:00 p.m.

Parish Activity Center (north entrance)

Everyone is invited. Pick up a friend and come join the fun!

You are welcomed to bring a snack of any kind for everyone to enjoy.



LET'S PLAY!

- Pinochle
- Farkle
- Skip-Bo
- Dominos
- Phase 10
- Rummikub

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.

DIOCESE

April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Throughout the year, especially during this month of April, all are asked to increase awareness, to educate ourselves and the community, and to seek healing for those who have been so tragically impacted by child abuse. We must heed God's call to care for the most vulnerable among us and continue our efforts as we promise to protect, pledge to heal.

April Human Trafficking Alert

Slavery is not a relic of the past. It is alive today and generates billions of dollars while at the same time ruining the lives of those involved. Learn more about human trafficking. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time.

Retreats for: post-abortive women and men, couples, grandparents, former abortion workers, anyone affected by the pain of abortion. **Next retreat June 2-4, 2023**. Confidential, email rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org or call 1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383).

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.

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.

DIOCESE



Registration Required
May 6-14, 7:00 PM
Scan the QR for Information
or contact the Rural Life Office
edell.david@gmail.com or 785.952.9002

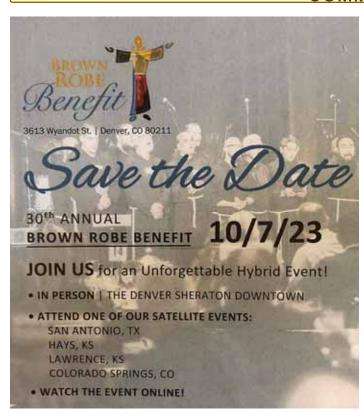




PICTURED (FROM LEFT): Yvonne Braun, RCIA catechist; Shirley Brungardt, RCIA catechist; Kaylee Robben, Kac'Rae Patterson, Tiffany Robben, and Fr. Jim Moster, pastor.

RCIA candidates were a big part of the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass. Kac'Rae celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Joining her in the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation were Kaylee and Tiffany.

COMMUNITY



A LITTLE CHUCKLE

Why "Iron-Man" and not "Fe-Male"?

Get it?



All events/activities are subject to change.

Monday - April 17

FCCLA State Leadership Conference—Wichita-April—17-18
7th and 8th Grade Math Assessments—April 17-19
FHSU College of Health and Behavioral Sciences Day
8:45 am 3rd Grade KAP math — April 17-18
5:00 pm JH cheer tryout practice
6:30 pm—Play practice

Tuesday — April 18

4th Grade KAP ELA — April 18-19
3:00 pm HS track @ Plainville
4:00 pm Softball vs Minneapolis
4:00 pm Russell/Victoria baseball @ Russell vs Minneapolis

Wednesday — April 19

10th Grade KAP Assessments — April 19-20 FHSU HS Art Day

Livestock judging—Fort Hays State University, Hays

Thursday — April 20

4th Grade KAP math — April 20-21 Victoria FFA petting zoo—weather permitting 9:00 am MS track @ LaCrosse 6:30 pm Play practice

Friday — April 21

Victoria FFA petting zoo—backup date 12:30 pm 5th Grade Famous Figures-VES cafeteria 4:00 pm HS softball vs Ellis 4:00 pm Russell/Victoria Baseball @ Russell vs Ellis

Saturday — April 22

School play

State powerlifting @ Claflin

A Very Important Project CHILD CARE

The Victoria Community Coalition, Inc. (VCC) is now moving forward on the Child Care portion of the St. John's Project. We are in need of volunteers who would be willing to work with the officers to gain more information from local and state Child Care affiliates regarding child care provision and requirements. We have a grant due on May 15, 2023, and your help is needed. If you have any interest at all in the well-being, growth, and care of the children in our community, please contact Nancy Piatt, committee chairperson, at 785-656-2793.



"Holiness is not for wimps"

Tune into Divine Mercy Radio's spring care-a-thon
April 25-28 where we will celebrate Mother Angelica –
born 100 years ago on April 20.
Of particular interest for the tri-parishes of
St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and ST. Boniface are:

Tuesday, April 25

7 am – Fr. Fred Gatschet 8 am – Fr. Andy Hammeke – Pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago

10 am – Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe – Stories of Mother Angelica 1 pm – Doug Keck – Mother Angelica & My Role at EWTN

Wednesday, April 26

9 am – Dave Vangeresse – My Life with Mother Angelica 5 pm – Goeff Andrews – Update on Salina Diocese' Catholic Schools

Thursday, April 27

7 am - Bill Meagher

Friday, April 28

3 pm - Bishop Gerald Vincke

Full schedule at dymercy.com.
For trivia and pledges call 785.621.4110.
Listen on radio, computer, phone app or Alexa.
Live on Rumble, Facebook and YouTube.

Garage Sale - May 6 FAST APPROACHING

Victoria Community Coalition, Inc. (VCC) is still taking any used items for the garage sale at St. John's Place for the weekend of May 6th. We thank those who have already donated their used items and would like to encourage any others who would like to help us raise funds for the project to give us a call. Items from St. John's will be sold that day as well. A list of items will be up coming.

Call Jeff at 913-904-8618, Jim at 785-766-3666, Nancy at 785-656-2793, Brenda at 785-735-4141 and Marilyn at 785-735-4968.

We appreciate our community and the help we are receiving.

Divine Mercy Sunday

A Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday**, **April 16**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 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 can be found at the entrances of the tri-parish churches. Confessions will be heard at St. Mary's beginning at 2:00 p.m. This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio.

The Sunflower Polka Club is hosting a

Free Dance for All Members

Sunday, April 30 - 2:00-5:00 p.m. Hays VFW Hall

WES WINDHOLZ BAND

Open to Public | \$10 for non-members

For more info, call Don Dolecheck at 620-923-7558 for more information.

No Drinks Allowed!

THANK YOU!

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all who helped make our Holy Week and Easter services so beautiful for all of us. It took teamwork, dedication, talent and devotion to God and our parishioners to make it what it was in all the Tri-parishes.

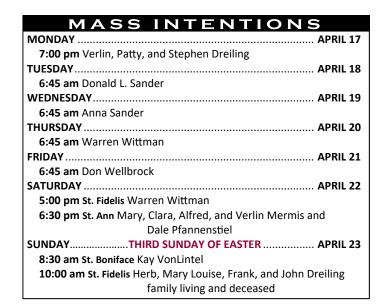
Many contributed in various ways.

Musicians, singers, ushers, decorators, altar servers, readers, eucharistic ministers, donors, and behind the scenes planners and workers, as well as every parishioner and visitor who attended.

This kind of thing does not just happen. It requires a great cooperative effort that results from faith and devotion.

May God bless and reward each of you for sharing in something beautiful for Him.

Fr. Jim



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