# Beacon of Faith, St. Ann Catholic Church

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# THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

# . Rearl 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

## July 16, 2023—15th 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**

July 23 — World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

July 26-28 — Bishop's Year of Mercy visits to Walker, Vincent, Victoria

July 26 — Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne

Aug. 11-12 — Herzogfest

Aug. 15 — Assumption of the BlessedVirgin Mary (holy day of obligation)— PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Sep. 4 — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it..."

Matthew 13:1-23



#### Seed, Sower, and Soil

The parable of the sower in today's gospel is a multidimensional parable. So to fully appreciate this parable we need to view it from different perspectives. Too often we focus only on the soil on which the seed landed. That is a good message which challenges us to open our hardened hearts to the word of God that we may be more fruitful. But there is more to this parable.



If we focus on the sower, we gain an insight into the generosity of God who sows good seed not only on fertile soil, but also on less productive, even hostile ground. God makes poor investments in unworthy causes. He is willing to offer his grace even to rebellious hearts. In simple terms, God is a poor farmer, but a good Father.

Again, if we look at the parable from the perspective of the seed we learn the power of the word of God. Even in unfavorable circumstances the seed manages to take root and bear some fruit. The parable then makes clear that the faults of Christians are not a failure of the word of God.

Chesterton observed, "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult, and left untried."

This enduring power of the seed offers hope to all who must teach the message of the gospel, including parents training their children. The words of instruction and the deeds of good example you sow, despite lack of apparent success, may still bear

abundant fruit. God works wonders with the less than wonderful.

Finally, if we view the parable from the point of the harvest we find another message of hope. Harvests of thirty, sixty, or one hundred fold were unheard of in the agriculture of biblical times. The word of God produces fruit not only greater than our expectations, but in ways that we never expected. Our efforts are often rewarded with harvests rich in unexpected ways, in love and joy and peace. This parable reveals the generosity of God's grace.

The harvest is also an image of the second coming of Christ and the final judgement. The

effect of the word of God in our world and in our own life will be fully known only on that final day. The hidden goodness of many faithful people will be richly rewarded in the age to come. This parable of the sower of the seed, seen in all its dimensions, is a message of enduring hope. Mighty oaks from tiny acorns grow.

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Pray as if everything depended on God, work as if everything depended on you.

#### Parish Staff

#### Pastor:

Fr. Jim Moster, OFM, Cap.

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#### Secretary/Bookkeeper:

Andrea Schmidtberger email: fidelis@ruraltel.net

#### Catholic Faith Education Office:

Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/ Youth Minister

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#### Housekeeping/Sacristan:

**Darlene Dreiling** 

#### **Cemetery Groundskeeper:**

Wilmer Dinkel

<u>Maintenance</u>: Ken Pfeifer, Randy Leiker **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 Jul y 8-9, 2023

#### ST. FIDELIS:

<u>Envelopes</u> 2985.00 <u>Loose</u> 751.00 <u>Repair Fund</u> 10.00 <u>Mission</u> 120.00

#### ST. ANN:

Envelopes 455.00 Loose 216.00

#### ST. BONIFACE:

<u>Envelopes</u> 125.25 <u>Loose</u> 333.00 <u>Candles</u> 3.00 <u>Mission</u> 50.00

#### ~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

July 17 — Verda Werner, Bertha Brungardt

July 24 — Jerry Schmidtberger, Andrea Ottley

#### 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.

\* 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> - 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, JULY 22** 

5:00 PM — Brinley Lichter

**SUNDAY. JULY 23** 

10:00 AM — Pam Scheck

#### \*EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS\*

**SATURDAY, JULY 22** 

**5:00 PM** — Kathy Kuhn, Jane Wagner, Keith Billinger, and 1 VOLUNTEER

**SUNDAY, JULY 23** 

**10:00 AM** — Teresa Shepherd, Connie Braun, Colleen Kuhn and 1 VOLUNTEER

#### \*LECTORS\COMMENTATORS\*

**SATURDAY, JULY 22** 

5:00 PM — Connie Windholz

**SUNDAY, JULY 23** 

10:00 AM — Shanna Dinkel

#### \*HOMEBOUND MINISTERS\*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 — Kathy Kuhn

**SUNDAY, JULY 23** 

10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

#### \*MASS SERVERS\*

**SATURDAY, JULY 22** 

**5:00 PM** — Abby B., Myah and Grace Y.

**SUNDAY, JULY 23** 

**10:00 AM** — Wesley and Nicholas S., Graycee H.

#### **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

# Cookies, Please

Parishioners are asked to donate cookies to be served during the St. Fidelis Parish BBQ which will be held after the **6:00 p.m. Mass on Friday, July 28**, for the Year of Mercy event with Bishop Jerry Vincke.

The cookies can be brought to the Parish Office Tuesday, July 25, through Thursday, July 27.

Thank you for whatever you can provide, and please come and enjoy the various Year of Mercy events.

# Summer Lunch Program

St. Fidelis Church is sponsoring the Summer Lunch Program at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Lunch is served in the east room of the PAC from

11:00-11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday.

Anyone in the Victoria area (children or adults) is invited and encouraged to attend. There is no pre-registration or cost.

#### LUNCH PROGRAM MENU

Monday, July 17 — Chilidogs, Krinkle Cut Fries

Tuesday, July 18 — Nacho Cheese Dip

Tortilla Chips

Wed., July 19 — Hamburgers, Brats

Krinkle Cut Fries

Thursday, July 20 — Grilled Cheese Sandwich

**Tomato Soup** 

Friday, July 21 — Pizza

The main dishes are accompanied by a vegetable, fruit or other dessert, and a drink.

**NOTE:** The menu could change depending on supplies.

THE LAST WEEK FOR THE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM WILL BE July 24-July 28.

### Lost & Found

 A very nice navy and gray Adidas jacket, size large, was found in the Basilica of St. Fidelis possibly during Holy Week 2023 services. If unclaimed, we'll be sending it to the Thrift Shop.

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

# Year of Mercy Visits with Bishop Jerry Vincke

DUE TO CONFLICTS IN THE BISHOP'S SCHEDULE, IT WAS NECESSARY TO MAKE CHANGES TO HIS YEAR OF MERCY VISITS. THE ST. FIDELIS VISIT WILL NOW BE ON FRIDAY. PART OF ST. ANN'S VIST WILL BE ON THURSDAY MORNING.

# ST. ANN'S SCHEDULE Wednesday, July 26

- 5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions
- 6:00 p.m. Mass
- Immediately following Mass, Potluck in the Parish Hall **Thursday, July 27**
- 8:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. Farm visits and homebound visits. Times to be determined

# ST. BONIFACE'S SCHEDULE

## Thursday, July 27

- 12:30 p.m. Lunch with Bishop Vincke and Pastoral Council
- 1:30 p.m. Visit the homebound
- 5:30 p.m. Adoration with Confessions
- 6:30 p.m. Mass followed by playground dedication and a meal

# ST. FIDELIS' SCHEDULE

## Friday, July 28

- 7:00-8:30 a.m. Breakfast with Bishop Vincke @ PAC for Junior High and High School youth; youth may drop in any time to eat a hot breakfast 8:30 a.m. – Homebound visits
- 8:30 a.m. Homebound visits
- 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program with Kids at the PAC Lunch and ice cream
- 1:30 p.m. Farm visits: Jason Kippes, Sam and Marilyn Braun, Ron and Gloria Braun
- 4:00 p.m. Visits with available members of St. Fidelis Pastoral and Finance Councils
- 5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 6:00 p.m. Mass with Bishop Vincke
- Meal following Mass Parish BBQ outside behind the PAC (inside in case of inclement weather) Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Chips, Cookies, Bottled Water

#### THANK YOU!

The landscaping project around The Basilica of St. Fidelis began last week. A big thank you to the following for their help: Frank Dreiling, brought a truck and trailer; Curt Kuhn, brought his tractor; John Braun, Randy Leiker, Kenny Pfeifer, Fr. Jim Moster, and Wilmer Dinkel lent a hand with removing the old bushes.

Next, the big tree in the front of the church will be removed and grass will be seeded. Keep an eye on the process as more work is being done.

#### ST. ANN

A key was found in one of the returned Catholic Charities Baby Bottles at St. Ann Church. If you are missing a key, contact the Parish Office.

#### **POTLUCK**

The potluck that will be held after the 6:00 p.m. Mass on **Wednesday**, **July 26**, for the Year of Mercy event with Bishop Jerry Vincke will take the place of the one that had been planned for July 30 in honor of the Feast of Saints Joachim and Ann.

The meat will be provided for the potluck. Parishioners are asked to bring sides and desserts.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

### K. of C. Councils Hosting Larks Game

Ellis County Councils of the Knights of Columbus are hosting the Hays Larks baseball game Tuesday, July 25, at 7:00 p.m. Please join them at Larks Park (4th and Oak, Hays) for a night of fun and to encourage new membership. Admission is free courtesy of the K. of C. Councils.

#### **DIOCESE**

### **July Human Trafficking Alert**

Slavery persists throughout the world in various forms in developed and developing countries. Human trafficking (slavery) in the US is an active criminal business operative throughout the country. Work with us to stop it. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

### **RUNNIN' REVS**

Friday, August 11 | 6:00 P.M. TMP-M Al Billinger Field House, Hays

This is a free event to help support seminarians and promote vocations. All are encouraged to come out and show your support.







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St. Fidelis Financial Summary				
INCOME	6/30/2023	<u>EXPENSES</u>	6/30/2023	
Bequests & Donations		Church Repair & Maintenance	\$1,110.65	
Church Tours	\$50.00	Clergy		
General Funds	\$1,800.00	Automobile Expense	\$1,060.00	
Memorials	\$110.00	Living Allowance	\$435.00	
Repair Fund	\$1,413.08	Salary	\$1,060.00	
Royalty	\$86.52	Stipends	\$600.00	
Tourist Donations	\$886.88	Employees		
Candles	\$198.00	Benefits	\$1,124.12	
Collections		Mass/Wedding Pay	\$110.00	
Diocesan - Mission Appeal	\$418.00	Payroll	\$15,847.23	
Envelopes	\$15,589.28	Facilities & Equipment		
Loose	\$4,015.90	PAC Maintenance	\$243.12	
Gift Shop	\$671.00	Pest Control	\$174.47	
Mission Parishes	\$2,000.00	Gift Shop	\$45.72	
Printing/Copying	\$27.44	Grounds, Landscaping	\$15.00	
Religious Ed Fees	\$70.00	Insurance	\$3,179.76	
TOTAL INCOME:	\$27,336.10	Office		
		Subscriptions	\$59.39	
		Postage, Mailing Service	\$391.95	
ROSARY TOTALS		Printing & Copying	\$1,049.62	
Income	\$ 3,278.00	Religious Education		
Expense	\$ 8,821.86	Textbooks/Curriculum	\$58.20	
	-\$5,543.86	Vacation Bible School	\$326.94	
		Sanctuary Supplies	\$182.10	
		Utilities		
Gross Income:	\$27,336.10	Church	\$2,084.64	
Total Expenses:	\$29,815.56	PAC	\$657.65	
Net Income:	-\$2,479.46	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$29,815.56	

St. Fidelis Cemetery Financial Summary					
<u>INCOME</u>	6/30/2023	<u>EXPENSES</u>	6/30/2023		
Bequests & Donations	\$25.00	Emmeram	\$219.96		
TOTAL INCOME:	\$25.00	Fence	\$11,290.00		
		Maintenance	\$1,075.39		
Gross Income:	\$25.00	Payroll	\$2,147.61		
Total Expenses:	\$14,732.96	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$14,732.96		
Net Income:	-\$14,707.96				

#### Commodities to Be Distributed

Commodities will be available for pickup on **Monday, July 24, 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.

## Charitable Fund Meeting

The Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund, Inc. will have its joint annual and semiannual meeting at **1:00** p.m. Sunday, July 30, at the Parish Activity Center in Victoria. Board of directors will be elected, the annual treasurer's report will be presented, and regular board business will be conducted. All members are invited to attend.

### Fort Hays State University Looking for Host Families for German Students

CBYX is a program of the U.S. Department of State and implemented by Cultural Vistas. German students who have already completed an apprenticeship in their field in Germany are personally selected by a German Member of Parliament to be a citizen ambassador to the U.S.A. Students are 18-24 years old and come from varied backgrounds and fields across Germany. Students receive a Fellowship from the United States Department of State to study and work in the United States for one year.

Hosts can be families, single adults, empty nesters, or young couples. They provide two meals per day and a private bedroom. Host families receive a monthly stipend of \$225 for the duration of the stay.

You can read more about this program by opening the PDF file on the NEWS tab of the parish website at StFidelisChurch.com. If you are interested but cannot access our website, you can contact the parish office and we can print the PDF information for you.

#### **VRC Walkers**

The Victoria Recreation Commission is looking for someone interested in leading a dedicated walking group for community members. They are looking to have a dedicated night where the community can meet at a designated location and go for a walk around town. This would be another great way to meet community members and to also get in some exercise. Contact Sean Rodger at 785-483-9229 to discuss potential ideas.

### **Adult Tennis Night**

Beginning Sunday, July 16, adult men and women can meet at the tennis courts to play pick up matches starting at 7:00 p.m. There will be a quick informational meeting the first night to see how exactly people would like to do it, but it will be a good way to meet people and play a lifetime sport. More information can be found on the Victoria Recreation Commission Facebook page soon.

Recognize in this bread what hung on the cross, and in this chalice what flowed from His side...whatever was in many and varied ways announced beforehand in the sacrifices of the Old Testament pertains to this one sacrifice which is revealed in the New Testament. He who is all-knowing knew of nothing more that he could give than the Eucharist. He who is all-powerful could not do any more than he does in sacrament and he who is all loving had nothing more than He could give. The Eucharist is a Divine storehouse filled with every virtue.

~ St. Augustine

#### A LITTLE CHUCKLE

#### The Bathtub Test

During a visit to the mental asylum, I asked the director, "How do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalized?"

"Well," said the director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No." said the director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

### 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.

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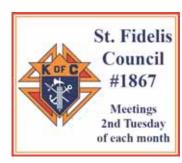
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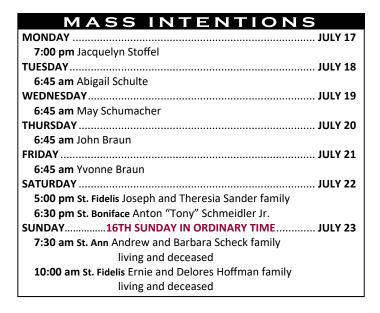












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