



Don't Just Stand There!

After Christ had ascended to heaven the angel said to the stunned Apostles, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand there looking up at the skies?" In modern terms, "Don't just stand there. Do something." The Ascension of the Lord was a demanding transition for the Apostles and the early church.

Transitions are always a challenge. You might recall the uneasy feeling you had after a graduation, or a wedding, or a family funeral. You suddenly realized that you were now on your own. Responsibilities formerly borne by others, suddenly fell to you. You had to begin a career, a home, a family of your own.



Previous to his Ascension, Christ was physically present to the disciples. They could listen to him, ask him questions, follow his lead. But with the Ascension that all changed. The responsibility of the church was now theirs.

Every Christian inherits a similar challenge. There is such an *Ascension Moment* in the life of all believers when each one of us has to make our

inherited faith our own faith. You might recall such a moment in your own life — perhaps when you went away to school or moved away from home or the death of a parent. You suddenly realized that your faith was no longer supervised by others. The practice of your faith was now your own personal responsibility.

We have inherited a rich legacy of from our faith parents, our grandparents and our parish. But that inheritance is not automatic. Α transition moment comes. an Ascension Moment, when that heritage of faith must become our own. Yet we are not entirely alone nor abandoned.

We are supported by the example of others, especially those who gather in our parishes each week as we encourage each other.

Although Christ was no longer physically present to the Apostles after his Ascension, he was present in other ways: in the words of Scripture, in the grace of the sacraments, and above all by the gift of the Holy Spirit, the guiding light of the church. If the Ascension of the Lord was an unsettling challenge for the disciples, the promise of the Holy Spirit was a reassuring comfort.

This is the season of transitions: graduations, weddings, ordinations, and anniversaries. In the seasons of each life there are

many transitions in faith. The words of the Lord to his disciples before his Ascension offer us assurance as we face such challenges: "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

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"Conscience is where you are alone with God whose voice echoes in your depths." *Gaudium et Spes #16* Parish Staff

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Contributions May 13-14, 2023

ST. FIDELIS: Envelopes 2885.00 Loose 844.01 Repair Fund 10.00

ST. ANN: <u>Envelopes</u> 445.00 <u>Loose</u> 322.00

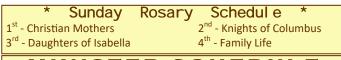
ST. BONIFACE: Envelopes 445.00 Loose 60.00 Candles 7.00

 MONEY COUNTERS ~
May 22 — Mary Brungardt, Janie Dinges
May 30 (Tuesday) — Verda Werner, Bertha Brungardt

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of William Dean "Bill" Jacobs of Pfeifer, Kansas, who passed away on Saturday, April 29, 2023. Funeral services were held at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Pfeifer, on Saturday, May 13, 2023, with inurnment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Pfeifer.

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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, MAY 27 5:00 PM — Becky and Jim Scheck SUNDAY, MAY 28 10:00 AM — John Braun

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MAY 27

5:00 PM — Carol Pfeifer, Keith Billinger, Jerry Schmidtberger

SUNDAY, MAY 28

10:00 AM — Connie Braun, Michelle Geist, Janine Kisner

<u>*LECTORS\COMMENTATO</u>RS*

SATURDAY, MAY 27 5:00 PM — Theresa Shepherd SUNDAY, MAY 28 10:00 AM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 — Carol Pfeifer SUNDAY, MAY 28 10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

<u>*MASS SERVERS*</u>

SATURDAY, MAY 27 5:00 PM — Easton W., Hadley L. SUNDAY, MAY 28 10:00 AM — Mya M., Graycee H., Emma D.

MONDAY, MAY 29 8:00 A.M. MASS AT ST. FIDELIS



VFW MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY VISITS

8:45 A.M. — ST. FIDELIS CEMETERY, VICTORIA 9:15 A.M. — SACRED HEART CEMETERY, EMMERAM 9:45 A.M. — ST. ANN CEMETERY, WALKER 10:15 A.M. — ST. BONIFACE CEMETERY, VINCENT 10:45 A.M. — HOLY CROSS CEMETERY, PFEIFER

V.F.W. and V.F.W. Auxiliary members will meet at the V.F.W. Hall after cemetery visits for lunch.

Summer Lunch Program

St. Fidelis Church will sponsor the Summer Lunch Program starting Monday, June 5, at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street.

Lunch will be 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.

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.

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.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

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.

St. Fidelis Financial Summary			
INCOME	4/30/2023	EXPENSES	4/30/2023
Bequests & Donations		Advertising & Promotions	\$129.37
Church Decoration Fund	\$273.65	Church Repair & Maintenance	\$54.86
Easter Egg Hunt	\$75.00	Boilers	\$577.50
General Funds	\$9,424.12	Painting	\$2,300.00
Repair Fund	\$901.00	Clergy	\$2,555.00
Royalty	\$93.11	Diocesan Collection	\$995.00
Tourist Donations	\$341.72	Employees	
Bulletin Ads	\$100.00	Benefits	\$764.20
Candles	\$285.00	Mass/Wedding Pay	\$255.00
Collections		Payroll	\$15,476.92
Diocesan - Good Friday	\$995.00	Facilities & Equipment	
Envelopes	\$13,579.00	Church Decorations	\$488.12
Loose	\$4,989.00	Cleaning Supplies	\$58.57
Gift Shop	\$204.00	PAC Maintenance	\$17.38
Mission Parishes	\$2,000.00	Pest Control	\$174.47
Printing/Copying	\$4.00	Security	\$4,829.80
Refunds & Reimbursements	\$643.90	Sound System	\$294.37
Use of Buildings	\$750.00	Gift Shop	\$376.30
TOTAL INCOME:	\$34,658.50	Insurance	\$3,722.00
		Music Ministry	\$10.00
		Office	
		Business Expense	\$140.00
		Subscriptions	\$57.23
		Supplies	\$93.84
		Printing & Copying	\$1,239.25
		Religious Education	
		Gifts	\$64.80
		Easter Egg Hunt	\$232.85
		Events	\$270.68
		Stipends	\$3,765.00
		Supplies	\$73.20
		Vacation Bible School	\$139.97
		Sales Tax	\$487.98
		Sanctuary Supplies	
		Candles/Votives	\$30.40
		Utilities	
Gross Income:	\$34,658.50	Church	\$2,632.84
Total Expenses:	\$43,142.96	PAC	\$836.06
Net Income:	-\$8 <i>,</i> 484.46	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$43,142.96

St. Fidelis Cemetery Financial Summary				
INCOME	<u>4/30/2023</u>	EXPENSES	<u>4/30/2023</u>	
Bequests & Donations		Grave Staking	\$150.00	
Holy Thursday	\$600.00	Maintenance	\$791.52	
Grave Staking	\$150.00	Payroll	\$492.49	
TOTAL INCOME:	\$750.00	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$1,284.01	
Gross Income:	\$750.00			
Total Expenses:	\$1,284.01			
Net Income:	-\$534.01			

YOUTH MINISTRY/CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION





Scan QR code. Register your child as a participant or volunteer by June 16th.

Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments Vacation Bible School

Current pre-K through 4th graders are invited to attend St. Fidelis' VBS this summer located in Victoria, Kansas

July 17 - July 21 from 8:30-11:30 A.M. daily

FAITH—GAMES—SNACKS—MUSIC—CRAFTS & more!

<u>Registration deadline is June 16th</u>, any registrations submitted following June 16th will be accepted based on availability of resources.

Cost is \$10 per child and children of adult volunteers are free!

Parents must also register any child wanting to volunteer (currently in 5th grade and older). Please use the same QR code/registration form. Youth volunteers will be accepted on an as needed basis. Adult volunteers should contact Jeanette B. directly.

Questions? Please contact Jeanette Brungardt, VBS Coordinator, on her cell phone at 785-639-5067 or by e-mail at Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net ~ St. Fidelis Parish Office: 785-735-2777

FIDELISFEST MEAL TIGKETS are available at the Parish Office

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

The meal will be served on Saturday, June 3, 4:00 –7:00 pm—Victoria Elementary School Gym

FIDELISFEST SATURDAY, JUNE 3



The Fidelisfest Committee is asking parishioners to provide



DESSERTS for the Fidelisfest German Wedding Dinner AND we will also need BAKED GOODS for the Bake Sale.



(A sign-up sheet for DESSERTS and BAKED GOODS can be found at the church entrances.)

DESSERTS & BAKED GOODS can be brought to the Grade School kitchen the morning of Fidelisfest or you can call Patty Dreiling @ 785-735-4479 to make arrangements for pickup.

FIDELISFEST SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Sign-up sheets

to help in the KITCHEN GYM COUNTRY STORE: (KEEPSAKE & BAKE SALE BOOTHS) and OUTSIDE

> on Thursday, June 1

and/or Saturday, June 3 are at the entrances to the Basilica.

Please be generous with your time so we can have a fun and profitable fundraiser for our parish.

THANK YOU!

There will be some seating available outside but you are welcome to bring your own lawn chairs to sit in while enjoying the outdoor entertainment FIDELISFEST — SATURDAY, JUNE 3 You are also welcome to take your German Wedding Meal outside to eat if you wish to enjoy a beer with your meal.

COMMUNITY

American Red Cross

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

Victoria V.F.W. Hall Go to www.RedCross.org to make an appointment. Search for zip code 67671.

TAPS ACROSS AMERICA

The community is invited to be part of "Taps across America" sponsored by the Victoria Community Coalition on **Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, at 2:45 p.m.** at City Park. You are encouraged to wear your patriotic colors, bring a lawn chair, bring a friend and spend some time honoring our veterans and enjoying time to visit. There will be music and refreshments.

The "Taps across America" program was designed to encourage Americans to pause for a duration of one minute at 3:00 p.m. local time to remember those who died in military service to the United States. The moment was first proclaimed in May 2000 and was put into law by the US Congress in December of that year. This will be the second year for this event to be observed in Victoria.

At 3:00 p.m. thousands of participants will be spread out across our nation playing the 24 notes of our most solemn bugle call. Our Victoria bugler has been registered on the national website along with the hundreds of others who choose to participate.

A Big Thank You !!

The Victoria Community Coalition would like to thank all those who contributed items for the Garage Sale fundraiser on May 6 at St. John's Place. The weather was beautiful, the crowd was steady, and we made \$2,121. We are still a long way from the goal of \$650,000, but we will work hard to make progress at moving that mountain. Please continue your generous support ! \$!

Commodities to Be Distributed

Commodities will be available for pickup on **Monday, May 22, 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.

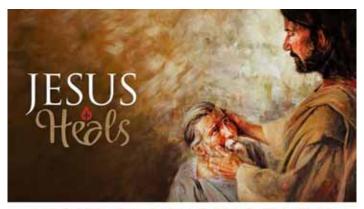


St. Joe Knights of Columbus Fundraiser

The St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council #1325, Hays, is sponsoring their annual 31 Days of Cash Giveaway fundraiser from July 1-31. A \$25 donation per ticket and only 400 tickets will be sold. One ticket will be drawn every day in July. Winners will be notified daily. Every ticket will be included in all drawings. You could win multiple times!

Cash payouts will be: July 1-28, \$125 each day; July 29, \$250; July 30, \$350; and July 31, three \$500 winners.

For tickets, please contact Irvin Leiker (785-628-1984), Roger Rife (785-623-1852), or the St. Joseph Parish Office, 215 W. 13th, Hays.



NIGHT OF HEALING FAITH

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. *James 5:14-16*

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023

Father Rich Daise with Father Leo Blasi and Priests from the Diocese of Salina St. Joseph Catholic Church - 215 W. 13th Street, Hays, KS 67601

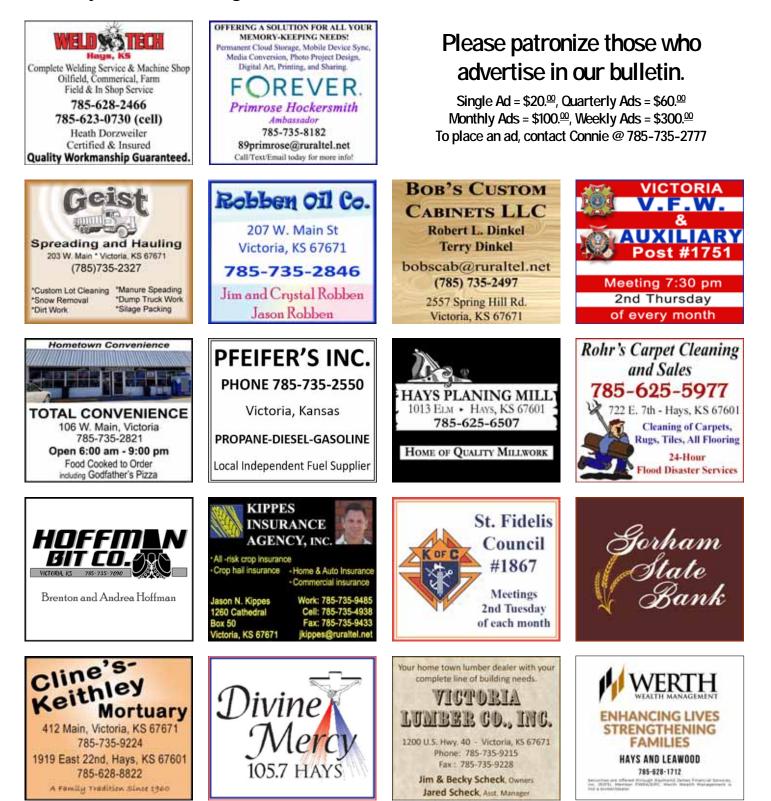
6:00 PM Exposition and Adoration / Confessions / Rosary 7:00 PM Reposition and Healing Service for the Sick and those in Physical, Emotional, or Spiritual Need

Light Refreshments and Conversation to Follow

For more information, call (785) 625-7356

Three positions on the St. Fidelis Pastoral Council need to be filled prior to July 1, 2023. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.

Thank you for advertising in our bulletin!



MASS INTENTIONS

DUE TO THE CAPUCHIN ASSEMBLY, THERE WILL NOT BE ANY MASSES AT THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS FROM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, MAY 22-26

SATURDAY MAY 27

SUNDAY...... PENTECOST SUNDAY...... MAY 28

5:00 pm St. Fidelis Don J. and Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Pfeifer

6:30 pm St. Boniface For the Parishes

7:30 am St. Ann Elmer and Edna Schulte family 10:00 am St. Fidelis Gene and Joan Wellbrock family