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March 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday

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

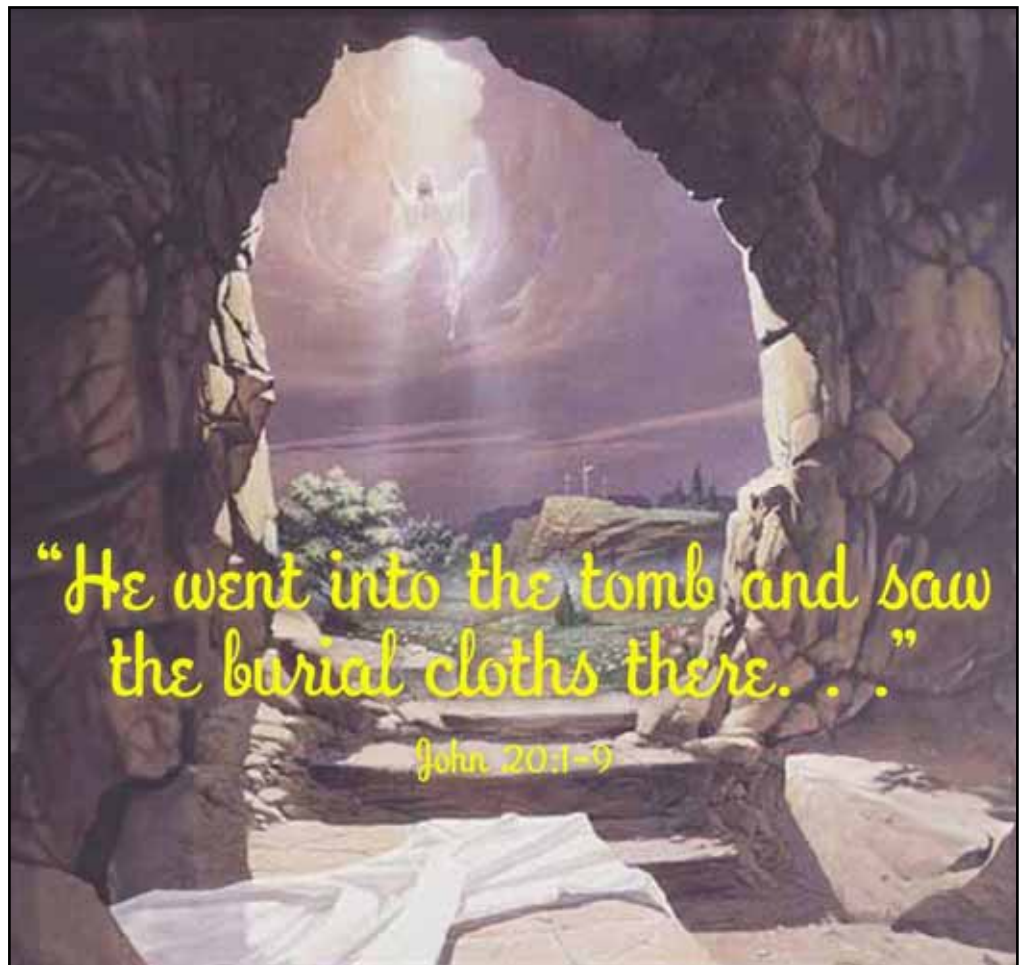
St. Boniface: Sundays 7:45-8:15 a.m. (Nov.-Apr.) After Mass (May-Oct.) or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

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

- Apr. 7** — Divine Mercy Sunday
- Apr. 14** — First Communion 10:00 am
Mass @ St. Fidelis
- Apr. 24** — Feast of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- Apr. 24** — Confirmation 6:00 p.m. @ St. Fidelis
- May 2** — National Day of Prayer
- May 12** — Mother’s Day
- May 12** — Ascension
- May 18** — Armed Forces Day
- May 19** — Pentecost Sunday



**The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow on
Easter Monday, April 1.**



The Stone

All four gospels tell us that on the first Easter morning the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. John's gospel says, "They saw that the stone was removed from the tomb." Luke wrote, "They found the stone rolled away from the tomb." Mark's gospel tells of the women asking, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" Matthew's gospel adds, "And behold there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it."

The stone at the tomb on Easter is the only detail of the resurrection in every gospel. The obvious message of a very large stone is that it required more than a human effort to remove. The resurrection of Christ was by divine power. Matthew tells of an angel from heaven to stress that the resurrection was an act of God.

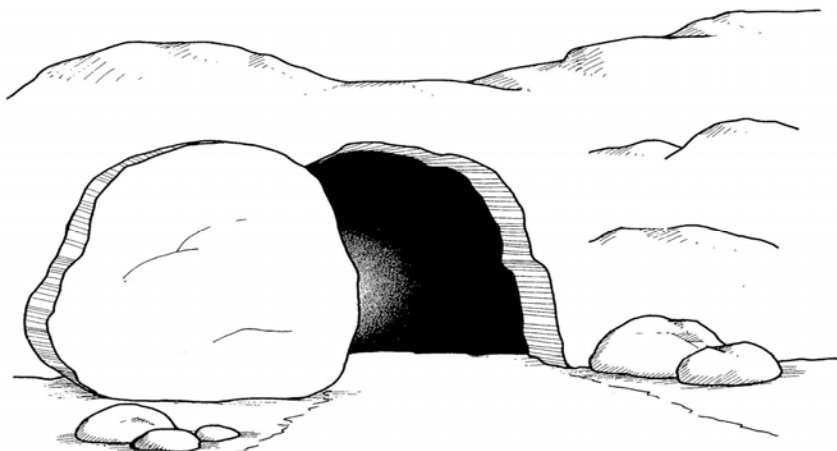
Stones can be obstacles. The stone at the tomb is symbolic of an obstacle to faith. Our modern world has many such obstacles. The stone was rolled back as an invitation to faith, not a conclusive proof that Christ had risen. Belief in the Resurrection is an act of faith, and the grace of God offers the means to such a commitment. There is no such thing as faith in an evident fact. Trust in God is an essential

element of a Christian life. God has promised through the prophets, "I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you." (Ez 36:26)

Finally, a stone endures. It survives the ravages of time and trauma and turmoil. It can be a monument to a life, to a love, to a faith. The stone at that tomb in the Easter garden is a permanent marker of the greatest event in history, the cornerstone of our faith, the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

The resurrection is not simply a wondrous historical event, like the explosion of a supernova. It is a glorious event in the life of Christ for us to celebrate, but it is also an invitation for us to share in that mystery of God's life. The Easter resurrection has meaning not only in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, but in our own life. That stone on Easter morning offers many insights into the cornerstone of our faith, but perhaps none greater than this: the stone was rolled back not simply to let Jesus out, but to let us in!

*Christ is Risen.
Christ is truly Risen!
Happy Easter.*



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Contributions March 23-24, 2024

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 4109.00 Loose 1171.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 710.00 Loose 87.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 415.00 Loose 249.00

Candles 38.00

April 2 (Tuesday) — Marilyn Braun,
Kenny Brungardt

April 8 — Mary Brungardt, Janie
Dinges

Emmaus and the Shroud of Turin

Take a walk on the road to Emmaus and then learn some amazing details about the Shroud of Turin.

On **Tuesday, April 9**, we will gather in the North Sacristy of The Basilica of St. Fidelis to take a closer look at Jesus' journey to Emmaus. The following week on **Tuesday, April 16**, we will view pictures of the Shroud and hear the scientific facts that support its authenticity.

Both sessions will start at **6:30 p.m.**

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *	
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, APRIL 6

8:30 PM — Pam Scheck

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

10:00 AM — John Braun

* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS *

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:30 PM — Jane Wagner, Diane Gross, Deb Geschwentner
VOLUNTEER

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

10:00 AM — Jacquelyn Stoffel, Bertha A. Brungardt,
Connie Braun, Connie Windholz

* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS *

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:30 PM — Randy Leiker

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

10:00 AM — Shanna Dinkel

* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS *

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 — Jane Wagner

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

10:00 AM — Kathy Amrein

* MASS SERVERS *

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:30 PM — Emma D., Brinly and Hadley L.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

10:00 AM — Brody and Broc N., Mason 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

There will be no Liturgy of the Word for Children TODAY—Easter Sunday, March 31.

Hearing Assists Available for Use During Mass in The Basilica

St. Fidelis has wireless hearing assists with adjustable volume that connect directly to the church's sound system.

If you are interested in trying one, come by the Parish Office, pay a small deposit, and keep your unit until you don't need it. We will refund your deposit once it is returned.

Coming 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

The 2025 Mass Intentions book will be opened on **Tuesday, October 1, 2024**, for the purpose of scheduling intentions for the year 2025. We will not schedule Masses for 2025 until that date.

As of now, due to one Mass intention being rescheduled, there is one weekend Mass available at St. Ann (on Saturday, April 27, 2024). There are no weekend Masses in 2024 available at St. Boniface or St. Fidelis.

However, there are a number of weekday Masses at St. Fidelis available for scheduling intentions in 2024.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	EASTER MONDAY	APRIL 1
7:00 pm	Elizabeth Birzer (anniv)	
TUESDAY		APRIL 2
6:45 am	Tom Younger family	
WEDNESDAY		APRIL 3
6:45 am	Ralph, Betty, and Joseph Schmidtberger	
THURSDAY		APRIL 4
6:45 am	Clarence Braun Jr.	
FRIDAY		APRIL 5
6:45 am		
SATURDAY		APRIL 6
5:00 pm	St. Fidelis Rick Scheck	
6:30 pm	St. Ann Isabelle and Severin Scheck and family	
SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	APRIL 7
8:30 am	St. Boniface For the parishes	
10:00 am	St. Fidelis Ruth Marcotte and family	

2024 DAILY LENTEN OFFERINGS

EASTER SUNDAY — DAY 47

Gospel reading: Luke 24:13-35

“It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.”

(Luke 24:34, NIV)

MY OFFERING TO GOD: Glory be to God for my heart burns with love for the Risen Christ!

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Tri-Parish Cards & Games Party

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 • 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
- Skip-Bo
- Phase 10
- Farkle
- Dominos
- Rummikub



Spam Warning Again

There have been recent reports of people receiving texts or email messages supposedly from Fr. Jim Moster or Parish staff.

Please be aware that these could be fake messages asking you to click on a link. **DO NOT CLICK ON ANY LINKS.**

If you are unsure, please call the parish office to verify that the text or email or any phone message that may have been left is legit.

This is true for any text, email, or phone message you may receive from anyone. Always verify with the individual before clicking on a link, even if it looks like it came from someone you know.

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.



ST. BONIFACE

Special Mass for Rain/Favorable Weather

St. Boniface Church

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

Meal following Mass.

Life is too short to waste time hating or envying anyone.

Palm Sunday at The Basilica March 24, 2024



**Children of the tri-parishes
helped celebrate
Palm Sunday
at The Basilica of St. Fidelis
by waving palms
during the procession
at the beginning of Mass.**

**ABOVE: Fr. Jim Moster sprinkles the
faithful with Holy Water.**

**RIGHT: Altar Servers lead the
procession.**



COMMUNITY

We would like to thank each and everyone of you for all that you have done for us since our fire in January! The kindness and generosity that has been shown to us has been truly amazing! It has been a humbling experience!

We would like to especially thank the Victoria firefighters and the surrounding firefighters for working so hard on a very cold night to save what they could of our house! They are true heroes! Thanks to all our neighbors, friends, family that brought blankets, enclosed trailers, stood with us throughout the night, and were just there whenever we needed them.

A special thank you to St. Boniface Parish and all that they have helped us through.

Mostly, we thank God for guiding us out of our house that night! We will never be able to repay everyone, but know each and everyone of you hold a special place in our heart!

Rick and Janice Braun

Bookmobile in Town



The Hays Public Library's Bookmobile will be in Victoria on **Monday, April 8, from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** at the Victoria Elementary School.

Groundbreaking Celebration for Phase I Apartments at St. John's Place

Please join the **VICTORIA COMMUNITY COALITION** in celebrating the start of construction on 12 apartments in the former rest home. This is VCC's first step in placing this wonderful property back into service for the community.

11:30 A.M. | SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

Groundbreaking will be followed by a small picnic lunch.

The community is invited to tour the building before and after the groundbreaking.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Come check out the interior demolition already completed. See the plans for new apartments.

And **CELEBRATE** with them!

VCC is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization with a mission to grow and sustain the Victoria Community.

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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.**

April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Did you know... Child abuse comes in many forms. Most people identify child abuse as physically hitting a child. Neglect is also a form of abuse. Failing to provide a child with proper nutrition, housing, and supervision can cause irreparable harm. Expectations that a child be an active participant in the care of home and family, or even age-appropriate jobs, is a part of healthy development. But excessive demands can cross into a form of servitude that is beyond the societal norms. Child pornography is a form of sexual abuse, with real victims in every image. The viewing of these images is an offense against the human dignity.

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. CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2:00 p.m. This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio.



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