

“Beacon of Faith,”
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

“Cathedral of the Plains,”
THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

“Pearl 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
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ST. FIDELIS 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)

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www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

September 24, 2023— 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
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Dates To Remember Sep. 28-30 — Parish Directory pictures Oct. 4 — Feast of St. Francis of Assisi — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Oct. 9 — Columbus Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Oct. 17-18 — Parish Directory pictures Oct. 31 — Halloween Nov. 1 — All Saint’s Day (holy day of obligation) — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Nov. 2 — All Souls Day Nov. 5 — Daylight Savings Time Ends — Put clocks back 1 hour Nov. 7 — Election Day

“Thus, the last will be first
and the first will be last.”

Matthew 20:1-16a



Pay Day

This Sunday we read the parable of the workers in a vineyard. The part time workers were paid the same as the full time workers, who naturally resented the inequality. This is a troubling parable. We all want fair wages. If the going rate is ten dollars an hour, and you work for one hour you get ten dollars; two hours, twenty dollars; and so forth. Minus taxes, of course!

Employers as well as employees want equal pay for equal work. Wages should be fair. This parable seems unfair. Well, parables are meant to be unfair. They are to unsettle the complacent, to raise uncomfortable questions and to challenge our faith. Parables should disturb us and this one certainly does that.

How are we to understand this gospel? Well, it helps to remember that parables are not factual accounts. They are moral stories that use analogies. In this parable the wages are an analogy for the grace of God. Grace is a gift to which we have no right, a pure gift.

Okay, it is a gift, but should God not be just and fair in dispensing his gifts. Divine justice is not simply human justice purified. God's ways defy human wisdom. God's grace is not determined by legality but by largess. Without doing an injustice to those who serve him long and well, God reaches out to those who are faltering and failing. If we serve God on the basis of rules and regulations, merit

and reward, we will be troubled by this parable, and many others.

Today's parable teaches us that we do not work for God *by the hour*, we work for God *by the heart*. And each heart is known to God alone. This parable is also troubling because it exposes envy. Envy is one of the cardinal sins. To those who grumbled about their wages, the owner of the vineyard replied, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Generosity always troubles the envious.



Finally, this parable should remind us that we are the workers who began at a late hour. In certain aspects of the Christian faith we have all arrived late. We come to a fuller appreciation of our faith as the years pass. In some part of the spiritual life — prayer, charity, or forgiveness — we

are the workers who began at the last hour. So, we should not be troubled by this parable. We should rejoice in it, for it assures us that God is rich in mercy and forgiveness. And we are all in need of an unearned portion of God's loving mercy.

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Working hard for little pay makes no cents.

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Contributions September 16-17, 2023

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 3375.00 Loose 1347.00

Repair Fund 10.00

Candle 75.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 505.00 Loose 244.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 235.00 Loose 38.00

Candles 57.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

September 25 — Brenda Dreiling,
Sandra Dreiling

October 2 — Marilyn Braun, Kenny
Brungardt



Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer

will host a Mass to commemorate the feast of
**the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on
 Sunday, September 24, at 3:00 p.m.**

Bishop Gerald Vincke, Father Jim Moster, and Father Reggie Urban
 will be concelebrants.

Music will be provided by Trilogy. Seed wheat will be blessed.
 There will be a BBQ social following Mass.

Everyone is welcome.

* 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, SEPTEMBER 30

5:00 PM — Addison Ruder

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

10:00 AM — Sheila Stone

* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS *

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

5:00 PM — Jerry Schmidtberger, Teresa Shepherd,
 Carol Pfeifer, Becky Scheck

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

10:00 AM — Andrea Schmidtberger, Michelle Geist,
 Bertha A. Brungardt, Connie Windholz

* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS *

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

5:00 PM — Marilyn Braun

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

10:00 AM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger

* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS *

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 — Carol Pfeifer

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

10:00 AM — Cora Schulte and Kathy Amrein

* MASS SERVERS *

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

5:00 PM — Wesley and Nicholas S., Easton W.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

10:00 AM — Nicholas S., Mason M., Brody N.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council

4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee

2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Pastoral Council

1st Tuesday @ 7:00 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.

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.

HELP NEEDED

at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop

Do you like to meet new people?

Are you looking for some activity to keep you busy for a
 few hours a week?

Does volunteering give you a
 feel-good feeling?

How about volunteering for a shift at
 the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop?

If interested, please call the Parish Office at
 785-735-2777.



Christian Mothers/Altar Society

Meeting for Members and Inductees

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society members
 and inductees, please join us at Mass on **Monday,
 September 25, at 7:00 p.m.**, and then attend a short
 business meeting in the north sacristy immediately
 following. Refreshments will be served. If interested in
 becoming a member, or for more information, contact
 Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).



Dear Parishioners,

This November, 28 youth and chaperones with St. Fidelis' CYO are making a pilgrimage to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indiana, the largest youth ministry event in the nation. The total cost for each person to attend is approximately \$900. It will cost about \$25,000 to get all 28 of them there!

For three days their faith will be energized by the Holy Spirit; they'll hear Him in the words of renowned Catholic speakers but also during the silence of awe-filled and breathtaking liturgies; Mass with tens of thousands of other youth plus hundreds of priests and other religious AND a breathtaking and Spirit-filled hour of Eucharistic Adoration, plus so much more!

If you would like to donate specifically to their pilgrimage to NCYC, please remit your donation with the form below and know that every bit helps them!

We thank you wholeheartedly for your support!



Check back in the bulletin for updates on how the CYO is progressing towards their goal.
Mark your calendars: St. Fidelis CYO is hosting a breakfast and bake sale at St. Fidelis Church on Sunday, October 8, from 8:30 A.M.—12 P.M.

NCYC Sponsorship Form

Please remit this receipt with your payment to Basilica of St. Fidelis Parish Office or you can drop the payment in the collection baskets at any of the tri-parish Masses. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanna Wellbrock at 785-259-6564. **Please make checks payable to St. Fidelis CYO.**

___ **Tier 1 \$150** Cost of transportation **Donor or business name:** _____

___ **Tier 2 \$300** Cost of lodging/hotel **Mailing address:** _____

___ **Tier 3 \$450** Cost of meals + lodging _____

___ **Tier 4 \$600** Remaining amount owed **Please initial here:** _____ **if you prefer your donation remains anonymous**

___ **Tier 5 \$900** Cost of one full sponsorship

___ **Other amount \$** _____ (Every donation helps! Thank you SO much!)

Basilica of St. Fidelis Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale

Hosted by CYO's NCYC attendees

Sunday, October 8th, 8:30 AM—12 PM

Victoria Elementary School Cafeteria

The bake sale will also return and include the delicious cinnamon rolls you couldn't get enough of last year!!

The CYO would like to serve you a warm breakfast while you enjoy fellowship and community. The option to take out will also be available. (All donations go to St. Fidelis CYO's pilgrimage to the National Catholic Youth Conference this November.)

For more information regarding the CYO's pilgrimage to NCYC, visit: <https://ncyc.us/>



Jubilee Choir

Jubilee Choir had their first practice on Monday, September 18; they will continue to meet every Monday morning from 7:00—7:45 A.M., with breakfast provided. Please reach out to Sheila Stone at 253-750-1313 if your child would like to join! All youth in 2nd grade and older are welcome! (Jubilee Choir will sing on Sunday, October 8,, during the 10:00 A.M. Mass.)

*Jubilee Choir will not meet to practice on Columbus Day, Monday October 9.



First grade families:

A guided Eucharistic Adoration service for 1st grade students and parents will be held during religion on Wednesday, September 27. Parents, please gather with your child in their classroom at the PAC at 6:30 P.M.

The Covenant Rite for
10th grade
Confirmation candidates will
be held Sunday, October 1,
during the 10:00 A.M. Mass



9th grade Confirmation Retreat
Sunday, October 1
12:00—4:30 P.M.

*Lunch is at 12:00 & retreat begins at 1:00 P.M.

St. Mary's Queen of Angels
in Russell, KS

Tri-Parish Directory

SIGNUP DATES IN CHURCH

For those unable to signup on-line, signup will be available at each of the tri-parish churches THIS weekend:

Saturday-Sunday, September 23-24

At the Basilica of St. Fidelis, signup will be available before and after Mass in the vestibule.

THE DATES PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN ARE:

Thursday, September 28

2:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, September 29

2:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 30

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17

2:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18

2:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**** September 28-30 pictures will be taken at the Parish Office.**

October 17-18 pictures will be taken in the north sacristy of The Basilica of St. Fidelis. **

PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR ANY CHANGES IN THE LOCATIONS.

The image shows a screenshot of the UCD website. At the top, it says 'UNIQUE CHURCH SOLUTIONS BY UCD' with the tagline 'Bringing Families Together' and the phone number '419-522-5011'. Below this is a navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT US, DIRECTORY PROGRAM, MINISTRY TOOLS, EMPLOYMENT, TESTIMONIALS, and CONTACT. The main heading reads 'We have the program for your Church.' followed by a list of benefits: '-Connect Members', '-Reactivate the Inactive', '-Grow Together', and '-Reach Your Community'. Below this, there is a call to action: 'Call Us Today To Find Out How To Get Your FREE Mobile Church App!'. The text continues: 'Stay connected with your church community all the time, anywhere with the MyUCD App at no cost.' There are several icons for app features: 'Watch Church Services Anytime, Anywhere', 'Announce Events & Programs', 'myUCD', 'Email Church', and 'Call or Message the Church'. A red circle highlights the 'Photography Appointment Scheduling Login' button. To the right of the button, there is a 'TIPS to prepare for your photography session' section and a 'Program Materials' section.



Scan the QR Code above or go to UCDIR.com to schedule your photo appointment.

Once on the website, click the button circled at left. It will take you to the list of days and times available.

To login, use the following:
Church Code = KS155
Password = photos

Any parishioner who has their picture taken will receive a free 8x10 photo and a parish directory.

Spread the word and let's get every parishioner's picture in the directory.

SIGN UP NOW!

If you would like help signing up, please call or come in to the Parish Office and we can help you select a date and time for your picture appointment.

ST. BONIFACE

invites you to attend the 2nd Annual

BUFFET-STYLE GERMAN MEAL

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT; QUARTS AVAILABLE

\$15/adult (14 & up); \$8/ 6-13 yr old; 5 & under FREE

Menu and Country Store:

Galuskies | Sausage & Kraut | Creamed Dumplings with Potatoes
Fried Noodles/Cooked Beans | Cole Slaw | Cake | Drink

Sunday, October 15

10:30 am - 1:30 pm

(or until food is gone)

St. Boniface Parish Hall

Proceeds will go towards upkeep of church & grounds

RSVP appreciated but not required by 10/7/2023

Karen 785-735-4682 (text or call)

Teri 785-735-7097 (text or call)

Edie 785-735-4238 (call only)

Commodities to Be Distributed

Commodities will be available for pickup on **Monday, September 25, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Parish Office, 601 10th Street. Please use the north entrance.

REMINDER: Commodities are on a **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.

Meet Your School Board Candidates

Everyone is invited to come and meet the candidates running for the Victoria School Board on **Sunday, October 22, at 11:00 a.m.** in the elementary school cafeteria. Coffee and rolls will be available. The event is sponsored by the Victoria Community Coalition.

St. Joseph Fraternity of Secular Franciscans

Invite you to join them for the
Transitus of St. Francis
Tuesday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m.
San Damiano Chapel
Spiritual Life Center, Victoria



Transitus - Latin word for passage or crossing, commemorates the completion of St. Francis' earthly life, and his passage through death into eternal life.

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September Human Trafficking Alert

Children make up a quarter of people in forced labor. Millions of children around the world will never go to school because they are working to help provide for their families. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

30th Annual
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Saturday, October 7, 2023
at the Sheraton Denver Downtown

VIRTUAL SATELLITE EVENT
connected to the main event in Denver
beginning at 7:00 p.m.
in The Venue at Thirsty's Brew Pub and Grill
2704 Vine Street, Hays

Tickets: \$50 per person
includes dinner, dessert, and two drinks

If you would like to attend this fundraiser, please contact Mary Kay Schippers at 785-650-3050.

Seating is limited; reserve your seats today!
More information is available at BrownRobe.com

St. Mary's Church of Ellis 29th Annual Parish Auction

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

St. Mary's School Gym, Ellis

4:00 p.m. Mass

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for Silent Auction

This event is open to anyone 21 years of age and older.

All proceeds raised are used to finance mainly their school and then their church's needs.

You are invited to join them for an evening filled with a dinner, open bar, silent and live auction, games, and raffles.

Tickets: \$60 per person (price will increase after October 1).

Raffle tickets to Cash Raffles are also available.

Call St. Mary's Parish Office at **785-726-4522** to reserve your seat and/or purchase raffle tickets

or visit their auction website at

<https://charityauction.bid/stmarysauction2023>

to view the auction items and to purchase admission tickets and raffle tickets.

There will not be any weekday Masses from Monday, October 2, through Friday, October 6, and Monday, October 9, through Friday, October 13. Mass intentions for those days will be rescheduled. Fr. Jim will be on vacation during this time.

Thank you for advertising in our bulletin!

MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 25
7:00 pm Christian Mothers	
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 26
6:45 am Jacob and Eve Rome	
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 27
6:45 am Bethany Weber	
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 28
6:45 am Willie and Bertha Pfeifer family living and deceased	
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 29
6:45 am Oliver and Theresa Kuhn and Kathy Kuhn Thomas	
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 30
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Alfred J. and Tillie Kuhn family	
6:30 pm St. Boniface Jacy Braun	
SUNDAY	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 am St. Ann Bill, Germaine, and Larry Dechant and Harold and Norma Schmeidler	OCTOBER 1
10:00 am St. Fidelis Gene (anniv) and Joan Wellbrock family	

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