

Mar. 17 — St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 19 — Feast of St. Joseph Mar. 24 — Palm (Passion) Sunday 6:45 A.M. AND 6:30 P.M. AT THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS



#### Mardi Gras and Shrove Tuesday

Mardi Gras is regarded today as an opportunity for one final indulgence before the penitential season of Lent. Christianity has no difficulty with celebrating the good things of life. But long before the day preceding Lent was Mardi Gras, it was known as Shrove Tuesday. A proper understanding of both titles helps one to prepare better for Lent.

*Mardi Gras,* literally, Fat Tuesday, implies excess and indulgence. The origin of the term is quite different.



The final days before Lent were once a time to clean out the pantry of the rich food that was forbidden during Lent. Food that would spoil during the forty days of Lent had to be consumed. So the Tuesday before Lent became Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday. Items like pancakes and doughnuts and funnel cakes were popular, hence the pancake races.

Shrove Tuesday, the more traditional title for this special Tuesday, can help to put a better perspective on Mardi Gras. It might even correct our excesses. Shrove Tuesday means Confession Tuesday. To be shriven means to be absolved of one's sins in the Sacrament of Penance. Shrove Tuesday was the day to go to confession and accept the penance that one would do for Lent to atone for past sins. The Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday before Lent are traditionally known as *Shrovetide*, a time to reflect on our sinfulness and determine what Lenten penance would atone for those failings and help to strengthen our character.

Shrovetide invites Christians to prepare for the coming season of Lent. Proper planning is every bit as important as faithful observance. But human nature tends to avoid a serious confrontation with our weaknesses. It is easier to wait and to see what Lent brings, take it as it comes. But if we do,

> suddenly it is Holy Week and we realize that we have not done much of anything for Lent.

> The purpose of Shrove Tuesday, as well as Mardi Gras rightly observed, is to avoid an aimless Lent. This is the day, not Ash Wednesday, when

we should determine what kind of Lent we will have. Ash Wednesday has its own message. *Mari Gras*, Fat Tuesday, is the day to clean out the food pantry. *Shrove Tuesday*, Confession Tuesday, is the day to clean out the pantry of the soul, to acknowledge harmful habits that can diminish our life, and to remedy them with effective Lenten penance.

Enjoy a festive *Mardi Gras*. But also find a few quiet moments for a sober *Shrove Tuesday*. Your Lent will be more rewarding.

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If you failed to keep your New Year's resolution, Lent is a chance to fail at it again.

#### Parish Staff

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#### 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

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<u>St. Ann Pastoral Council</u> Bill Robben 806-669-5264 Patrick Zwenger 402-452-6253 Bob Brungardt 735-4410

#### Contributions February 3-4, 2024

**ST. FIDELIS:** <u>Envelopes</u> 3685.00 <u>Loose</u> 826.00 <u>Repair Fund</u> 256.00 <u>Cemetery</u> 30.00

**ST. ANN:** <u>Envelopes</u> 525.00 <u>Loose</u> 115.00

**ST. BONIFACE:** <u>Envelopes</u> 1220.00 <u>Loose</u> 147.00 <u>Candles</u> 19.00

February 12 — Brenda Dreiling, Sandra Dreiling
February 20 (Tuesday) — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt

Sunday Schedul e Rosary 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\*

**ASH WEDNESDASY, FEBRUARY 14** 6:30 PM — Meagan Wellbrock

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17** 5:00 PM — Jerry Schmidtberger and Rick Colmenero **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18** 10:00 AM — Sheila Stone

#### \*EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS\*

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

6:45 AM — Kathy Kuhn, Jane Wagner, Bertha R. Brungardt **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14** 

6:30 PM — Becky Scheck, Diane Gross, Teresa Shepherd, Jerry Schmidtberger

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

**5:00 PM** — Diane Gross, Kathy Kuhn, Deb Geschwentner, Becky Scheck

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel, Colleen Kuhn, Connie Windholz, Andrea Schmidtberger

#### \*LECTORS\COMMENTATORS\*

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14** 6:45 AM — Yvonne Braun **ASH WEDNESDASY, FEBRUARY 14** 6:30 PM — Allan Amrein

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

5:00 PM — Randy Leiker **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18** 10:00 AM — Marilyn Braun

#### \*HOMEBOUND MINISTERS\*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 — Diane Gross **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18** 10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel

#### \*MASS SERVERS\*

**ASH WEDNESDASY, FEBRUARY 14** 6:30 PM — Emma D., Riley and Liv W.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17** 5:00 PM — Emma D., Dax L., Hadley L. **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18** 10:00 AM — Graycee H., Emma D., Mya M.

#### Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 5:30 pm

#### FOR THE COMFORT OF DAILY MASS GOERS. ALL MASSES MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY ARE **CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN THE CHAPEL BEHIND** THE MAIN ALTAR.

#### ...... With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of Gladys V. Pfeifer, who passed away on Thursday, February 1, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, with burial in St. Ann Cemetery, Walker.

The Ultimate Sacrifice

Come examine the parallel between God's call to Abraham to sacrifice Isaac and that of the sacrifice of Jesus. On the following Tuesdays, February 20, March 5, and March 19, Angel Studios production "His Only Son" will be viewed and discussed with corresponding bible readings. Add some prayerful reflection to your Lent. Meetings will be at 7:30 a.m. in the north sacristy. of the church. For more information, please contact Stephanie Broyles (785-735-4747) or Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).

Sponsored by the Family Life Committee.

# It's Not Too Late

The study of the Gospel of Mark is ongoing with seven more sessions. It's never too late to better understand the Gospel used throughout this liturgical year. Add an evening of prayerful reflection to your Lenten practices. Meetings are held each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the north sacristy of the church. For more **Broyles** information, please contact Stephanie (785-735-4747) or Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).

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MASS INTENTIONS
MONDAY FEBRUARY 12
7:00 pm Floris and Bernie Dome and Brenda Dome Luff
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13
6:45 am
WEDNESDAYASH WEDNESDAY/VALENTINE'S DAY FEBRUARY 14
6:45 am
6:30 pm
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15
6:45 am
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16
6:45 am
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Leland and Marlene Dinkel
6:30 pm St. Ann Norma (anniv) and Harold Schmeidler and family
SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 18
8:30 am St. Boniface For the parishes
10:00 am St. Fidelis Norbert, Laurine, and Loren Dreiling
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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS with Benediction

5:30 p.m. Fridays of Lent starting February 16 The Basilica of St. Fidelis NO STATIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY.



**NOTE:** Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 8, will begin at 5:00 p.m. due to a wake service.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Fourth Degree K. of C. Meeting

The bi-annual business meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus will be held on **Wednesday**, **February 21, at 8:00 p.m.** at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop on Main Street.



# Victoria Knights of Columbus Fish Fries



Dine-in or carry-out service available.

Serving:

Deep-fried Pollock, Fried Noodles and Beans, Coleslaw, Baked Potatoes, Bread, and Drink

\$15 for adults | \$5 for children ages 5-12

Fridays — February 16, March 1, March 15 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. or until the food is gone at the Victoria VFW Hall

#### MONTHLY MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m.** at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

#### **Membership Drive**

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way.

The local St. Fidelis Council #1867 will hold a membership drive at Masses this weekend—**February 3 and 4**—followed by an exemplification on **February 18**.

If you would like to join today, simply go to <u>KofC.org/</u> joinus and enter council #1867 for local information. Or contact John Braun at 785-623-0680.

## FAMILY LIFE

#### Meeting

The Tri-Parish Family Life Committee will meet at **5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12**, at the Parish Office.

#### ST. BONIFACE

### 7-Week Study 'Jesus and the Eucharist'

St Boniface will host a 7-week study on "Jesus and the Eucharist" on Wednesday evenings from **January 3 through February 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Boniface Parish Hall. They will not meet on February 14 due to Ash Wednesday. All are welcome to attend.

#### ST. FIDELIS ADULT CHOIR

#### **Choir Practice**

The St. Fidelis Adult Choir will practice every Wednesday through Holy Week at 7:30 p.m.

#### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Daughters of Isabella VALENTINE SOUP SUPPER



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 7:00 P.M. St. Fidelis Thrift Shop Meeting to follow. Chair: Primrose Hockersmith

Co-chair: Doreen Koerner

#### Christian Mothers/Altar Society

#### 2024 Membership Dues

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society 2024 membership dues of \$5.00 are now due and payable using the envelope included in your tithing box. You may also mail dues to Teresa Shepherd, P.O. 324, Victoria, KS 67671. If your membership has lapsed, simply pay this year's dues for full reinstatement.

If you are interested in joining this organization or have questions as to your membership, please contact Jane Wagner (785-735-2587) or Teresa Shepherd (785-735-9576).

	St. Fidelis Financial Summary		
INCOME	<u>1/31/2024</u>	EXPENSES	<u>1/31/2024</u>
Bequests & Donations		Business	\$40.00
General Funds	\$3,148.51	Clergy	
Repair Fund	\$3,525.56	Automobile Expense	\$1,076.00
Royalty	\$136.71	Living Allowance	\$450.00
Tourist Donations	\$110.74	Salary	\$1,076.00
Bulletin Ads	\$600.00	Employees	
Candles	\$1,086.71	Benefits	\$953.07
Collections		Payroll	\$14,732.65
Envelopes	\$19,176.00	Facilities & Equipment	
Loose	\$2,978.00	Church Repair & Maintenance	\$1,986.46
Gift Shop	\$30.00	Janitorial Supplies	\$54.19
Rosarys/Rosary Cases	\$0.00	Liturgical Furniture	\$381.79
Miscellaneous	\$94.15	PAC Maintenance	\$22.08
TOTAL INCOME:	\$30,886.38	Pest Control	\$918.06
		Gift Shop	\$4.75
		Grounds, Landscaping	\$1,730.00
		Insurance	\$3 <i>,</i> 938.83
		Office	
		Subscriptions	\$59.39
		Postage, Mailing Service	\$152.45
		Religious Education	
		Stipends	\$400.00
		Sales Tax	\$152.96
		Utilities	
Gross Income:	\$30,886.38	Church	\$1,223.33
Total Expenses:	\$29,989.74	PAC	\$637.73
Net Income:	\$896.64	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$29,989.74

St. Fidelis Cemetery Financial Summary					
INCOME	<u>1/31/2024</u>	EXPENSES	<u>1/31/2024</u>		
Bequests & Donations	\$1,000.00	Maintenance	\$197.12		
Envelopes	\$160.00	Payroll	\$41.99		
Memorial	\$2,260.00	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$239.11		
TOTAL INCOME:	\$3,420.00				
Gross Income:	\$3,420.00				
Total Expenses:	\$239.11				
Net Income:	\$3,180.89				

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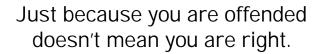
This week is the kick-off for the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. It is through this appeal that we can help support the mission of the diocese and help others encounter Christ. Every year, important diocesan and parish programs are supported by the annual appealincluding seminarian tuition, clergy health and retirement, youth ministry, and religious education for all ages—just to name a few. Please prayerfully consider supporting the goals of our tri-parishes with a gift.



- Return your pledge card at any time in the offertory.
- Mail your pledge card/gift to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1696, Salina KS 67402.
- Give online at appeal.salinadiocese.org (you can scan the QR code to reach this site).

Our parish goals for 2024 are \$21,600 for St. Fidelis, \$1,300 for St. Boniface, and \$18,500 for St. Ann.

## The Catholic Daughters **Annual Lenten Retreat** The Power of the Eucharist Who: Men or Women (high school age or older) When: March 2, 2024 Where: St. Mary's Queen of the Universe 230 E. Cloud St., Salina When: Registration 8:30 am Retreat 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Presenters: FHSU Retreat Team Cost: \$25 (includes the meal) \*Discounts available for Couples and Students\* **Registration Information** Call or Text Marlene at 785-342-0130 or email at salinacda@gmail.com **Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 28**



## $\mathcal{N}$ ational $\mathcal{M}$ arriage $\mathcal{W}$ eek IS FEBRUARY 7-14

It culminates on Sunday, February 11,

which is WORLD Marriage SUNDAY,

a day of prayer, support, and promotion of marriages and families.



#### Synod Listening Sessions

Synod Listening Sessions are scheduled at several locations throughout the diocese including at St. Nicholas Parish Hall in Hays on Sunday, March 10, at 3:00 p.m.

Here are the questions to be discussed:

1. Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church's structure(s)/ organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?

2. How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

# Catholic Rural Life Celebrating 100

On Thursday, February 29, the St. Isidore Catholic Center on the campus of Kansas State University will play host to a 100-year celebration of Catholic Rural Life.

Catherine DiNuzzo, MA, a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice will be the keynote speaker. DiNuzzo also operates Sacred Heart Mental Wellness, as well as being the author of the book "The Catholic Guide Through Anxiety."

Also speaking will be Bishop Gerald Vincke; Mike Beam, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture; and Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt, Chaplin of St. Isidore's. The evening will be a celebration of the Catholic faith and its role in agriculture and ranching.

Please RSVP by Thursday, February 22, to ensure the capacity to seat all guests for dinner. Visit SalinaDiocese.org/office/rural-life for more

information or to register or call Sienna Wingerson at 785-282-8048.

You can scan the QR code at right to access the website page.





#### Tri-Parish Cards & Games Party \*TODAY \*SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 • 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. LET'S PLAY! • Pinochle • Skip-Bo

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.







# hosted by st. fidelis cyo St. Fidelis Parish Breakfast

Sunday, February 25 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Location: Victoria Elementary School

COST: FREE WILL DONATION ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE TRI-PARISH CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (CYO) I survived yesterday. I am alive today. With God's help I can face tomorrow and whatever may come my way.

## COMMUNITY



## Bookmobile in Town

The Hays Public Library's Bookmobile will be in Victoria on

Saturday, February 17, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the Victoria City Park.

2024 Heartland Parishes' Lenten Mission Featuring **Cy Kellett of** *Catholic Answers* March 18, 19, & 20 7:00-8:30pm

Hosted by St. Joseph Parish, 215 W. 13th St., Hays

Mission topics include:

- The Cycle of Christian Life
- Truly Human Lives
- St. Peter, A Model for Christian Lives





## COMMUNITY

Lenten Retreat Saturday, March 2 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Fr. Reggie Urban Price: \$50 (includes lunch)



Where: Heartland Center for Spirituality 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, Kansas

#### Walking in the Footsteps of St. Paul until Pentecost

Join Father Reggie Urban at Heartland Center for a mid-Lent day of reflection. He will take a reflective look at the 7 authentic letters of St. Paul, using them as a guide for the rest of Lent as well as the Easter season. Please bring your bible.

To register online visit their website at <u>www.heartlandspiritulity.org</u> and click on upcoming retreats.

To register by phone or email contact Ann Axman at 620-792-1232 or ann.axman@heartlandspirituality.org.

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