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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 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

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December 24, 2023— Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Dec. 31 — New Year’s Eve
Jan. 1 — Mary Mother of God (not a holy day of obligation)
New Year’s Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Jan. 15 — Martin Luther King Jr Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



**The Parish Office will be closed on
Christmas Day, December 25,
and on Tuesday, December 26.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS



The Christmas Creche

Most families celebrate Christmas with their own traditions to enrich their family life and their faith. The Franciscan family reflects on how Saint Francis observed Christmas.

One year Christmas fell on a Friday and a friar insisted that meat may not be eaten on that day. "If it is Christmas it is not Friday," replied Saint Francis. "If the walls could eat meat, I would give it to them today. And if I were the Emperor, I would order that on this day all people scatter corn to the birds, especially to our sisters the larks, and that everyone who has a beast in the stable should give it a special feeding for love of the Child Jesus born in a manger. On this day the rich should feast all the poor."

The most memorable Christmas for Saint Francis was in 1223 at Greccio where he designed the first crèche, a live nativity scene. "I want to celebrate Christmas night in a special way. I wish to do something that will recall to memory the little Child who was born in Bethlehem and set before our bodily eyes in some way the inconveniences of his infant needs, how he lay in a manger upon the hay where he had been placed with an ox and an ass standing by."



"In the woods by the cloister you will find a cave, and there you should arrange a manger filled with hay. There must also be an ox and an ass, just as at Bethlehem. I want to celebrate visibly the coming of the Son of God upon earth and see with my own eyes how poor and humble he wished to be for our sakes.

"The friars prepared the cave with a manger and the ox and the ass, as Francis had requested. Mass was celebrated over the manger and Francis sang the gospel and preached about the birth of the poor king in the little town of Bethlehem. Some saw the doll lying in the manger come alive, as if from a deep sleep. This was a fitting vision, for in the hearts of many the child Jesus had been forgotten, but now, through his servant Francis, he had been brought back to life and held in loving reverence.

"A church was later built over that manger so that where animals once had eaten hay, the faithful could be nourished by the Body and Blood of our Lord, who through such great love has become one with us on Christmas and in the Eucharist."

*"A child is born to us, a son is given to us.
They will name him Prince of Peace." (Is 9:4,5)*



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Contributions December 16-17, 2023

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 3925.00 Loose 681.75
Repair Fund 355.00
Immaculate Conception 20.00
Retired Religious 50.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 1300.00 Loose 198.00
Immaculate Conception 100.00
Retired Religious 100.00
Cemetery 25.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 435.00 Loose 517.00
Christmas 10.00
Candles 28.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

December 27 (Wednesday)— Patty Dreiling, Anne Schmidtberger
January 2 (Tuesday) — Brenda Dreiling, Sandra Dreiling

Please Remember Your Parish ...

As we are approaching the end of the tax year, donations to your church can be claimed if you need a tax deduction.

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

1st - Christian Mothers
3rd - Daughters of Isabella

2nd - Knights of Columbus
4th - Family Life

MINISTER SCHEDULE

* CANTORS *

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

5:00 PM — John Braun

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:00 AM — Becky and Jim Scheck

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 AM —

* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS *

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

5:00 PM — Jane Wagner, Kathy Kuhn, Diane Gross,
Keith Billinger

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:00 AM — Andrea Schmidtberger, Anne Dinkel,
Michelle Geist, Connie Windholz

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 AM — Kathy Kuhn, Jane Wagner

* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS *

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

5:00 PM — Teresa Shepherd

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:00 AM — Karen Nowak

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS *

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 — Carol Pfeifer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:00 AM — Kathy Amrein

* MASS SERVERS *

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

5:00 PM — Myah and Grace Y., Easton W.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:00 AM — Wesley S., Michael S., Emma D.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council
4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee
2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Pastoral Council
1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Tithing Envelopes

Tithing envelopes for 2024 have been placed at all of the tri-parishes. If you do not see your name and would like a box, contact the parish office at 785-735-2777. Any boxes left after January 28th will be brought to the parish activity center to be picked up from there.

Bags of Rice

We have 3 large (10-pound) bags of Basmati Rice here at the Parish Office that are available for FREE on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Anyone wanting a bag for yourself or to share with others should pick it up at the office or call 785-735-2777 to see if it is still available.

Explore the Gospel of Mark

The study of the Gospel of Mark will break for the holidays. The meetings will resume on **Tuesday, January 9**, and continue each Tuesday to finish the series.

Meetings are held in the north sacristy of the church and begin at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of fellowship as together we better understand the Gospel of Mark.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Broyles (785-735-4747) or Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).

Sponsored by the Family Life Committee.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Meeting Notice

The next Liturgy Commission meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.** at the PAC. Members are asked to bring their copies of the minutes and the December Agenda that were mailed to them in early December.

ST. ANN

Change to Refreshments After Mass

Mass on **Saturday, December 23**, and on **Saturday, December 30**, at St. Ann Church will be at **6:30 p.m.** as usual; however, there will be no refreshments afterwards.

ADVENT CALENDAR 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>24</p> <p>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p>This year, the Fourth Week of Advent lasts only one day. Light all three violet candles and the rose candle on your Advent wreath and prepare to celebrate the birth of the Lord.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>"Jesus is born in our midst; he is God with us. He comes to accompany our daily lives, to share with us in all things: our joys and sorrows, our hopes and fears. He comes as a helpless child. He is born in the cold night, poor among the poor. In need of everything, he knocks at the door of our heart to find warmth and shelter."</p> <p>Pope Francis, <i>Urbi et Orbi</i> Blessing, December 25, 2022</p>					



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ST. BONIFACE

St. Boniface "Little Town of Bethlehem" Nativity

The "Little Town of Bethlehem" nativity at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Vincent will be open for visitors **Sunday, December 24, and Christmas Day from 1:00-5:00 p.m.**

Appointments can also be made at any other time by calling Carol at 785-735-9282.

This is the 97th year of the nativity, begun by Fr. Callistus Rectenwald in 1927.



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.

Please remember your **ADVENT ANGEL** in your prayers throughout the season of Advent.



January 1, 2024, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.
 Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.
 There will NOT be a 7:00 p.m. Mass and no scheduled Confessions.
 THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.

COMMUNITY

New Year's Eve Dance
Sunday, December 31 | 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS		
MONDAY.....	CHRISTMAS DAY	DECEMBER 25
	8:30 am St. Boniface James and Marian Rajewski	
	10:00 am St. Fidelis Arlyn and Kimberly Schumacher	
TUESDAY		DECEMBER 26
	6:45 am Ambrose and Adelia Brungardt	
WEDNESDAY		DECEMBER 27
	6:45 am Ruth and Frank Polika	
THURSDAY		DECEMBER 28
	6:45 am I.A. Stramel family	
FRIDAY		DECEMBER 29
	6:45 am Edwin F. and Lawrentine Schmidtberger and David Mindrup	
SATURDAY		DECEMBER 30
	5:00 pm St. Fidelis Kiley Goetz (anniv) and Hubert and Jo Sander	
	6:30 pm St. Ann For the parishes	
SUNDAY ...	HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH ...	DECEMBER 31
	NEW YEAR'S EVE	
	8:30 am St. Boniface Kenneth Robben family	
	10:00 am St. Fidelis Ronald Leiker, Alfred and Regina Leiker, Peter and Alice Braun, and Donnie and Darlene Braun	
MONDAY.....	NEW YEAR'S DAY	JANUARY 1
	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	
	9:00 am St. Fidelis Anita Lang and deceased family	

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Luke 2:1-14

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