Beacon of Faith, St. Ann Catholic Church

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THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

. Rearl 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

Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, Holy Communion to Homebound
Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events

ST. FIDELIS GIFT SHOP Located in the Parish Office at 601 10th Street, Victoria

BULLETIN ITEMS

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

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.

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www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

April 14, 2024 — Third Sunday of Easter

Masses:

St. Fidel is, Victoria

Saturday — 5:00 pm

Sunday — 10:00 am

Monday — 7:00 pm

Tuesday through Friday — 6:45 am

St. Ann, Wal ker

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. 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

High School Graduation

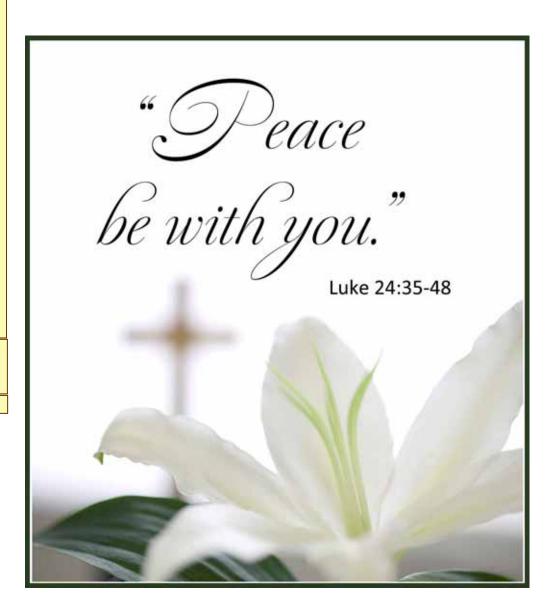
May 12 — Ascension

May 15 — 8th Grade Promotion

May 16 — Last Day of School

May 18 — Armed Forces Day

May 19 — Pentecost Sunday





The Prayer Book of the Bible

Be still & know that I am God. Less PSALM 46:10

When the risen Christ appeared to his apostles he explained the meaning of his death and resurrection with this very significant verse: "Everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and in the *psalms* must be fulfilled." (Lk 24:45) The *psalms* help us to understand the meaning of the life and death of Christ.

The significance of the psalms as prayer is evident in our liturgy. The book of psalms is the only book of the Bible from which we read at every Mass. There is a gospel reading at Mass, but from one of four gospels. At every Mass we pray a *Responsorial Psalm*, which is enhanced when it is sung. The word *psalm* is taken from the Greek word meaning *song*.

The psalms are Semitic poetry, different from our poetry, requiring some background to be appreciated. The literary technique of the psalms is parallelism, a rhyming of ideas rather than words. It is a way of delving deeper into a concept by looking at it from more than one perspective, from different angles.

The basic theme of the psalms is praising God, and rabbis refer to the psalms as the Book of Praises. There are different types of psalms: messianic, penitential, historical, etc. This wide variety offers a richness in prayer. There is a fitting psalm for every occasion. If you want to cry, there is a psalm; if you want to complain, there is a psalm; and if you

want to rejoice, there are many psalms.

The forcefulness of the psalms can be startling. Their vocabulary is often blunt, even challenging God about the injustices in our world. The psalms enter into the dynamic of faith and doubt. In the other books of the Bible, God speaks to us; in the psalms we speak to God, and He speaks back to us. They are dynamic prayers, a powerful exchange between the human and the divine.

Dorothy Day said, "My strength returns to me with a cup of coffee and praying the psalms." C.S. Lewis wrote, "The psalms express the same delight in God which made David dance." Billy Graham said, "I read the psalms every day because they teach me how to get along with God."

St. Ambrose said, "The psalms are the gymnasium of the soul." The psalms enrich your faith as well as your prayer life. They "will set your soul in silence and peace as a child rests in its mother's arms." (Ps 131:2)

... and mirth

"When I was a boy the Dead Sea was only sick." ~ George Burns

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Contributions April 6-7, 2024

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 3450.00 Loose 662.05 Easter 163.00 Good Friday 5.00 Repair Fund 136.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 600.00 Loose 180.00 Cemetery 50.00

ST. BONIFACE:

<u>Envelopes</u> 205.00 <u>Loose</u> 113.00 <u>Candles</u> 22.00

April 15 — Stephanie Broyles, Bertha Brungardt

April 22 — Jerry Schmidtberger, Andrea Ottley There will be no Liturgy of the Word for Children during Mass TODAY—Sunday, April 14, at
The Basilica of St. Fidelis.
First Communion will be held that day.

Time heals almost everything. Give it time.

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, APRIL 20

5:00 PM — Jerry Schmidtberger and Rick Colmenero

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

5:00 PM — Kathy Kuhn, Mary Brungardt, Jane Wagner, Deb Geschwentner

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel, Yvonne Braun, Jacquelyn Stoffel, Janine Kisner

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

5:00 PM — Tammy Lichter

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

10:00 AM — Allan Amrein

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 — Kathy Kuhn

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

5:00 PM — Brinly and Hadley L.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

10:00 AM — Gracyn and Claire S., Mya 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

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Patricia "Patty" (Schrant) Anschutz** of Walker, Kansas, who passed away on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Ann Catholic Church, Walker, on Saturday, April 6, 2024, with burial in St. Ann Cemetery, Walker.

You Asked for It

Everyone enjoyed the last potluck so much we decided to do it again. A spring potluck is being planned for **Tuesday**, **May 7**, with time and place to be announced. All members of the Christian Mothers, A Stitch and a Prayer, and all funeral helpers including those who provide desserts are invited. Save the date and watch the bulletin for more information closer to the date. We look forward to another evening of fun and fellowship.

Mass Intentions Book for 2025 Opening October 1

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.

There are no weekend Masses in 2024 available at St. Boniface or St. Fidelis. 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 still a number of weekday Masses at St. Fidelis available for scheduling intentions in 2024.

MASS INTENTIONS MONDAYAPRIL 15 7:00 pm Frank and Twila Brungardt TUESDAY......APRIL 16 6:45 am WEDNESDAY......APRIL 17 6:45 am Donald L. Sander THURSDAY......APRIL 18 6:45 am Dan and Angie Billinger and family living and deceased FRIDAYAPRIL 19 6:45 am Alfred J. and Tillie Kuhn family SATURDAYAPRIL 20 5:00 pm St. Fidelis Kenny Robben 6:30 pm St. Ann Paul and Bill Schrant SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERAPRIL 21 8:30 am St. Boniface For the parishes 10:00 am St. Fidelis Ernest and Dolores Hoffman family living and deceased

Tri-Parish Cards & Games Party

TODAY — 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.

- Pinochle
- Farkle
- Skip-Bo
- Dominos
- Phase 10
- Rummikub



Although we appreciate donations to the St. Fidelis Food Bank,

we cannot accept food without knowledge of where it came from.

Several times recently, food has been left at the kitchen door of the Parish Office without any note.

Please leave a note or call the Parish Office to let us know you will be dropping some items at the door.

THANK YOU!

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 the unit is returned.

If you already have personal bluetooth hearing aids that are controllable from your cell phone, you can download an app on your cell and hear in church



through your hearing aids. Just download the WaveCAST Audio Receiver app by Williams Sound LLC

from the Apple App Store on i-phones or from Google Play or Play Store on android phones.

While in church when the sound system is turned on, click the WaveCAST icon and select the church's "HearingAid" wi-fi option to connect to the system. The password is also "hearingaid".



You will then control the volume, etc. from your individual hearing aid program already on your phone.

Church, Chat, and Coffee



Come by the north sacristy Tuesday

mornings following Mass for a cup of Joe, and if you can, stay and chat. If time does not permit you to visit, just grab a cup to go. Coffee will be ready and to-go cups available. We look forward to sharing some Java and conversation together.

The Shroud of Turin

On Tuesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m., we will meet in the North Sacristy of The Basilica of St. Fidelis to view pictures of the Shroud of Turin and hear the scientific facts that support its authenticity. Everyone is invited to share the evening.

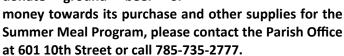
It's Getting Closer to **Summer Lunch Time at the PAC**

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 Lerov 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



NEEDED: ST. FIDELIS CHURCH HANDY MAN

A paid position for a part time—hourly wage person is needed. This would involve changing light bulbs, mowing grass, helping with chores around the parish offices, and doing some minor repairs around church and PAC as needed. Flexible hours. If interested, please contact Fr. Jim.

ST. ANN

St. Ann Christian Mothers Meeting

St. Ann Christian Mothers will meet after Mass on Saturday, April 20. Dues of \$5.00 are due to LuAnn Hammersmith.

Potluck after Mass

St. Ann Christian Mothers will sponsor a potluck after the 6:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 27. This is before the Mass time changes to Sunday mornings on May 5.

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 at 785-735-2777.

Fr. Jim will also come to your home and offer the anointing of the sick or confessions.

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.

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.

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April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Did you know... Hope is rising. Throughout scripture there is evidence that we are called to be ambassadors of hope and healing. Did you know children of abuse long to hear this message of hope? Victims of crime, their family, and loved ones need to know that their voices are heard. Organizations throughout the nation are striving to share the message that He has risen and there is hope. Each of us has a unique ability to support individuals who are hurting, to promote healthy relationships, and to build communities that are safe from those who may want to do harm. How has He called you to be an ambassador of hope and healing?

APRIL Human Trafficking Alert

There is no more pernicious abuse of power than human trafficking. This modern-day slavery is a crime that takes all of us, working together, to eradicate. Alliance to End Human Trafficking—Founded and supported by U.S. Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave. 1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.



YOUTH MINISTRY/CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Thank you to the Jubilee Choir for sharing your angelic voices today. The Jubilee Choir is directed by Ms. Sheila Stone with Mrs. Becky Scheck accompanying at First Communion, and pianist Mrs. Kathy Amrein. We are so grateful for their service; the opportunity they give the children to serve in a joyful and meaningful way at Mass. We love hearing their voices as they sing and pray twice! Thank you ladies and thank you children!



"May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His life within you."

Thank you to our second grade catechists, Mrs. Jeanna Wellbrock and Mrs. Jana Fross, for being so excited about sharing their love for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and especially the Eucharist!

Parents, we thank you for your active participation in your child's faith formation along with your participation in the parent meetings and retreats. Your role will always be of the utmost importance in your child's faith formation, relationship with Jesus, and love for the Sacraments. No children's ministry or faith formation class is a comparable substitute for the catechesis and discipleship you provide at home.

The Office of Religious Education wishes you all a blessed and joyful summer!







Addelyn Anderson
Luke Brungardt (received First Communion
at St. Ann 4-6-24)

Gracyn Dreiling
Katelyn Hartman
Brynn Herl
Brielle Hoffman
Rhett Hoffman
Bo Pfeifer
Owen Pfeifer
Collin Schippers
Dawson Schmidtberger
Brigg Schumacher
Jackson Stone
Luke Tholen
Ann Wellbrock

Elizabeth Wellbrock (Ann & Elizabeth received First Communion at St. Boniface 4-7-24)
Vivian Windholz

The second grade class received the Sacrament of First Communion today, April 14, 2024, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis Church, presided by Father James Moster, OFM Cap.

Bookmobile in Town



The Hays Public Library's Bookmobile will be in Victoria on Saturday, April 20, from 1:00-2:30

p.m. at the Victoria City Park.

Writing with Scripture Workshop

Heartland Center for Spirituality in Great Bend will present a workshop, "Writing with Scripture", on Saturday, May 4, from 9:00 - 3:00. During this workshop you will explore how scripture touches you on a personal level. Bible verse will be used as prompts for writing. You will explore how to connect with God's word in a personal way as well as explore your thoughts and feelings as God's word speaks to your heart.

The workshop will be held at the Great Bend Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, Kansas. The fee is \$50 (includes lunch) or join via Zoom for \$40. Registration deadline is April 26.

For more information or to register contact Ann Axman at ann.axman@heartlandspiritulaity or visit our website at https://heartlandspirituality.org/scripture-writing/.



Now Hiring in Junction City

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church is seeking a full-time ministry leader for K-12. Experience preferred, but not required. Must be self-motivated, have a good rapport with young people and parents. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing.

Please email resume to Fr. Joseph Kieffer at frJosephkieffer@gmail.com or send resume to Fr. Joseph Kieffer, 307 E 5th St, Concordia, KS, Phone: 785-243-1099.



"Come, Follow Me"

Tune into Divine Mercy Radio's Spring Care-a-thon April 30 - May 3 where we will learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Of particular interest for our Tri-Parishes will be Thursday's event with Jacob Schroeder:

Tuesday, April 30

7:00 am – Ethan Lang 8:00 am – Fr. Fred Gatschet 1:00 pm – Corrina Hudsonpillar & Katie Platten 2:00 pm – Dr. Nick Compagnone

Wednesday, May 1

7:00 am – George Toman 4:00 pm – Bishop Gerald Vincke

Thursday, May 2

7:00 am Jacob Schroeder

Friday, May 3

8:00 am – Bill Meagher 4:00 pm – Sr. Mary Agnes & Sr. John Marie

Full schedule at dwmercy.com. For trivia and pledges, call 785.621.4110. Listen on radio, computer, phone app, or Alexa. Live on Rumble, Facebook, and YouTube.

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