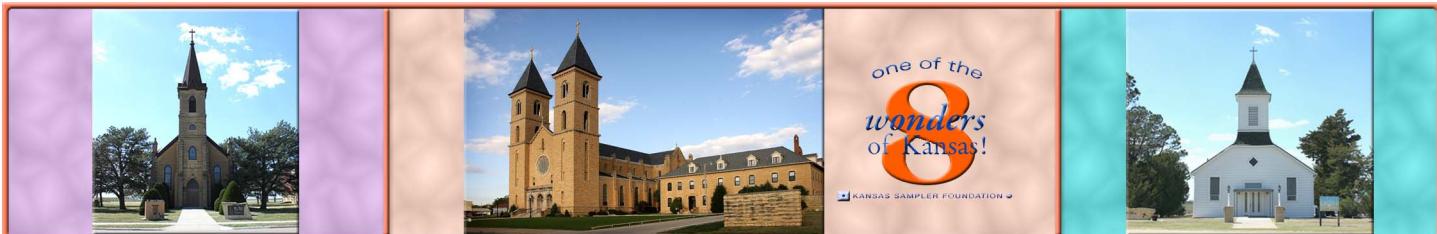


*Beacon of Faith,*  
**ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*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

ST. FIDELIS THRIFT SHOP — 503 MAIN STREET, VICTORIA

Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00-2:00; Wednesday and Thursday 10:00-3:30

ST. FIDELIS GIFT SHOP

Located in the Parish Office at 601 10th Street, Victoria

**THE BASILICA OF SAINT FIDELIS IS HOME TO A FIRST CLASS RELIC OF  
SAINT PADRE PIO PIETRELCINA.**

**BULLETIN ITEMS**

Deadline is **Tuesday by noon**. Please contact Kathy at the Parish Office.

**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

[WWW.STFIDELISCHURCH.COM](http://WWW.STFIDELISCHURCH.COM)

## December 28, 2025 — Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

**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

**EUCARISTIC ADORATION:**

**TUESDAYS 6:30 am thru FRIDAYS 6:30 am**  
*All are welcome from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.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 — PARISH  
OFFICE CLOSED

**Jan. 1** — New Year's Day

Mary the Mother of God (*Holy Day of  
Obligation*) — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

**Jan. 11** — Baptism of Our Lord

**Jan. 19** — Martin Luther King Jr Day

**Jan. 29** — Kansas Day

**Feb. 2** — Presentation of Our Lord.

**Feb. 8** — Super Bowl

**Feb. 16** — President's Day

**Feb. 18** — Ash Wednesday



*Our Holy Family*



## Fr. Curtis Carlson, OFM Cap.

The first Sunday after Christmas celebrates the Holy Family. Pope Leo XIII instituted this feast in 1892. He established this feast day to remind families of the sacredness of the family and to provide the laity with a model upon which to build their own families.

In 1974 Pope Paul VI wrote, in *Marialis Cultus*: "On the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Church meditates with profound reverence upon the holy life led in the house at Nazareth by Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Man, Mary His Mother, and Joseph the just man."

In meditating on the interior life of the Holy Family we find a model for family life that helps us see those areas of our family's life that need improving.

It is important to teach children about life issues from an early age. Without a good conscience and a solid foundation for understanding these issues, emotional stress can distort decisions they make in the future. We have to accept the responsibility for teaching our children the truths of abortion, contraception, euthanasia, and other such topics. Obviously, parents must use prudence in knowing when and how to speak to children about more sensitive topics. But even smaller children must learn basically what is right and wrong and that we respect and love other human persons. If children do not see sincere concern on our part, they are not likely to see the importance of these issues. So, we pray for these issues with our family, we look for ways to help with concrete needs, and we regularly speak of their importance to our children. This way children will be able to make conscientious choices now and later in life.

A culture of life begins in the home with children learning, understanding, and believing in that culture of life. Our homes must be the setting that rears faithful Catholic children. Our homelife teaches us to seek virtue and resist temptation. Our home is the place that strengthens our faith and guides us to heaven. In our home we have crucifixes and statues and images of Jesus, Joseph, and Mary. Bibles and good spiritual books are available. In the home we pray as a family and as individuals.

The home is an environment of unity, charity, mercy and forgiveness, and a patient interest in one another's lives. May the Holy Family be our example and sure support.



## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor:

Fr. Curtis Carlson, OFM, Cap.  
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Andrea Schmidtberger  
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Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/  
Youth Minister

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Peggy Fitzpatrick, Sacramental Records  
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### Housekeeping/Sacristan:

Darlene Dreiling

### Cemetery Groundskeeper:

Wilmer Dinkel; Kenny Pfeifer

### Maintenance:

Mark Kuhn

### Organists:

Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

Lou Ann Hammersmith

Choir Director: Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

### St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

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Brenton Hoffman 785-735-7090  
Michael Younger 785-735-5062  
Curt Kuhn 785-735-8820  
Ashley Urban 785-735-8208

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Frank Dreiling 785-735-8385  
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Ryan Lichter 620-786-0856

### St. Boniface Pastoral Council

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Curt Wellbrock 785-259-6564  
Kathy Huser 785-735-4193

### St. Ann Pastoral Council

Dan Schippers 785-650-1136  
Bob Brungardt 785-735-4410  
Terry Riedel 785-735-4143

## CONTRIBUTIONS DEC. 20-21, 2025

### ST. FIDELIS:

Loose 1117.00 Envelopes 4478.00  
Cemetery 280.00  
Retired Religious .8500

### ST. ANN:

Loose 45.00 Envelope 1820.00  
Retired Religious 335.00  
Cemetery 50.00 Candle 94.00

### ST. BONIFACE:

Loose 180.00 Envelopes 635.00  
Hall Rent 60.00 Candle 38.00



Scan the QR  
Code to go to  
our on-line  
Donate page.

<b>* Sunday Rosary Schedule *</b>			
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

<b>FINANCE COUNCIL</b>	
Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 7:00pm	
<b>LITURGY COMMITTEE</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 5:45 pm	

<b>PASTORAL COUNCIL</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday Every Other Month	
Next Meeting: Jan. 7	
	@ 7:00 pm

## **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](http://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\***

**WEDNESDAY, — DECEMBER 31 — NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**5:00 PM** — Pam Scheck  
**THURSDAY, — JANUARY 1 — NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
**10:00 AM** — John Braun  
**SATURDAY, — JANUARY 3**  
**5:00 PM** — Rick C & Jerry S  
**SUNDAY, — JANUARY 4**  
**10:00 AM** — Sheila Stone

### **\*EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS\***

**WEDNESDAY, — DECEMBER 31 — NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**5:00PM** — Jane Wagner, Kathy Kuhn, Jerry Schmidtberger, Carol Pfeifer, Connie Windholz  
**THURSDAY, — JANUARY 1 — NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
**10:00AM** — Leroy Schmidtberger, Teresa Shepherd, Michelle Geist, Kenny & Bertha Brungardt  
**SATURDAY, — JANUARY 3**  
**5:00PM** — Becky Scheck, Kathy Kuhn, Peggy Fitzpatrick, Diane Gross, Jody Dinkel  
**SUNDAY, — JANUARY 4**  
**10:00AM** — Kaylee Robben, Yvonne Braun, Michelle Geist, Jacquelyn Stoffel, Marla Robben

### **\*LECTORS/COMMENTATORS\***

**WEDNESDAY, — DECEMBER 31 — NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**5:00 PM** — Diane Gross  
**THURSDAY, — JANUARY 1 — NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
**10:00 AM** — LeeAnn Schmidtberger  
**SATURDAY, — JANUARY 3**  
**5:00 PM** — Randy Leiker  
**SUNDAY, — JANUARY 4**  
**10:00 AM** — Karen Nowak

### **\*HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES\***

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31** — Kathy Amrein  
**SUNDAY, — JANUARY 4**  
**10:00 AM** — Kathy Amrein  
**WEDNESDAY, — JAUNUARY 7** — Jane Wagner

### **\*MONEY COUNTERS\***

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 29 —**  
Wanda Karlin, Janie Dinges  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 5 —** Patty Dreiling, Anne Schmidtberger

### **\*MASS SERVERS\***

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 NEW YEARS EVE**  
**5:00 PM** — Claire S., Hadley L., Emma D.  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 1 NEW YEARS DAY**  
**10:00 AM** — Kyle H, 2 more volunteers appreciated  
**SATURDAY, — JANUARY 3**  
**5:00 PM** — Emma D., Luke T., Dalton S.  
**SUNDAY, — JANUARY 4**  
**10:00 AM** — Micheal S., Collin S., Ethan S.



*Thank you to the all the Tri-Parish ministers who serve our Lord in various capacities—our Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Homebound Ministers, Lectors, Collection Counters, Adult and Jubilee Choirs, and all of our servers. We look forward to having you again in 2026!*

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>MONDAY.....</b>	<b>DECEMBER 29</b>
7:00 pm Shirley Weigel+	
<b>TUESDAY .....</b>	<b>DECEMBER 30</b>
6:45 am Joseph & Matilda Hammerschmidt Families living and deceased	
<b>WEDNESDAY .....</b>	<b>DECEMBER 31</b>
5:00 pm Kiley Goetz	
<b>THURSDAY..... HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.....</b>	<b>JANUARY 1</b>
10:00 am Robert VonLintel+ (anniversary)	
<b>FRIDAY.....</b>	<b>JANUARY 2</b>
6:45 am Linus Dreiling+	
<b>SATURDAY .....</b>	<b>JANUARY 3</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Eddie & Albina Miller Family living & deceased	
6:30 pm St. Ann Harold Schmeidler+ (anniversary) Family living and deceased	
<b>SUNDAY.....</b>	<b>JANUARY 4</b>
8:30 am St Boniface For the People	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Frank+ & Estelle+ (anniversary) Kuhn Family living and deceased	

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due to the New Year's holiday, items for the Jan. 4 bulletin are due by noon on Monday, Dec. 29. Thank you! Happy New Year!



### Two Missing Items:

Found outside Parish Office—

Gold oval charm with cross on a clasp. If this is yours, please claim at the office. 785-735-2777.



Small orange shoe from a doll found at the west entrance of the church.

To claim, -please call- the office  
785-735-2777

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



### Religious Education Class Schedule

There is no religious education classes on Wednesdays, December 24, and December 31.

Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 6, 2026 at 6:30p.m. as normal.

We look forward to seeing everyone in 2026!

## STAND STRONG, Saint Fidelis

"UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH" [MATTHEW 16:18]

### HELP US PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF OUR CHURCH

The exterior of our beloved church is in need of repair. This restoration project will help preserve the structure and beauty of our church for generations to come.



Mid-Continental Restoration Co., Inc. will be completing this work. The scope of the project includes:

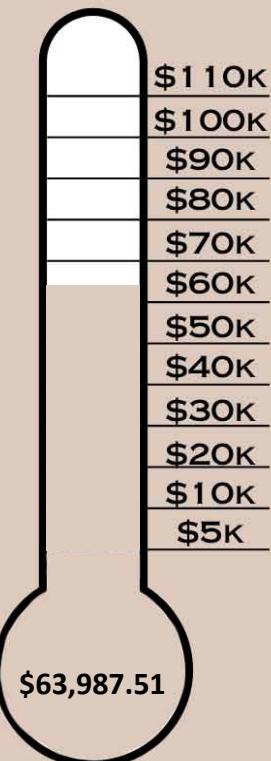
#### Sealant Application to Vertical Joints in Stone Caps & Bands

All vertical head joints between coping stones and stone bands will be cut back and cleaned of any loose or foreign debris. These joints will then be resealed with new sealant, tooled to a neat and uniform appearance, and color-matched as closely as possible to the existing material.

#### Tuckpointing Stone Mortar Joints

All mortar joints will be carefully inspected. Any that are found to be void, open, or defective will be repaired. All affected areas will be cleaned to remove any loose residue, and defective joints will be repointed using a non-staining, non-shrinking Type "N" masonry mortar. This mortar will be color-matched and tooled to blend seamlessly with the surrounding joints.

The total estimated cost for this vital work is **\$109,980**. We are asking for your generosity in helping us raise the necessary funds to complete these repairs. No amount is too small, and all donations are deeply appreciated. You can donate by dropping off at the Parish Office or by placing in the collection basket in a **separate envelope labeled "Building Repairs"**.



!! If using blue repair fund envelopes, please note Mid-Continental Restoration Inc (MCR) !!

**January 5, 2026, 6:00 p.m.  
VFW Hall**

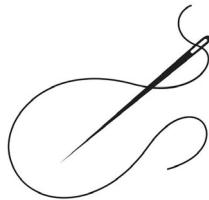
All funeral helpers,  
dessert providers,  
members of Christian Mothers,  
and A Stitch & a Prayer

are invited to enjoy an evening of food,  
fellowship, and fun for a soup and sandwich  
potluck.

**If you have a friend interested in joining any of  
the above activities, please invite them to join  
in on the fun.**

If you want to share what you plan to bring,  
please scan the QR code, enter your name and  
e-mail your planned food.

Please do not feel like you must commit by way  
of the code. Everyone is welcome  
without any  
commitment.



**Tithing Envelopes**

The 2026 tithing envelopes will be at entrances of  
the Tri-Parishes next week for those who have  
been using them in the past.

**You may not have the same number as last  
year, so please, starting in January, use the  
new envelopes only.**



For those who have not  
received tithing envelopes  
in the past but would like  
some, please contact  
Andrea at the Parish Office  
at (785-735-2777). She can  
arrange to get you some.



**St. Boniface Parish  
Fr Callistus' Nativity Scene**

Open for visitation:  
Thurs, Christmas Day, Dec. 25 from 1-5pm

625 Vincent Ave; Victoria  
For More Information,  
contact Randy @785-735-4836

**FYI:  
Victoria Finance Council Meeting  
Tuesday, December 30 at 7:00p.m.**

**FORMED.ORG**

All parishes in the Salina Diocese can take  
advantage of the one-year subscription to FORMED  
at no cost to the parish.

A quick way to access FORMED is to go to the  
our church website ([www.StFidelisChurch.com](http://www.StFidelisChurch.com)).  
Select the "Organizations-Links" tab at the top and  
then select "FORMED website". Follow the  
instructions on that page.

The FORMED website offers many interesting  
programs on bible study and the sacraments. It also  
has movies and documentaries. And so much more.

Depending on your type of TV streaming, you  
may also be able to download an app to access  
FORMED on your TV.



**St. Ann Winter Season  
Eucharistic Adoration  
Tuesday, 4-6p.m.**

**Adoration will continue to be  
held on Dec. 23.**

**All are welcome to attend.**

**Additional adorers/substitutes welcome  
Open to Tri-Parish Community**



**No Coffee & Rolls after Mass on  
Dec 27 & Jan. 3!**

**Refreshments resume on Jan 10.  
All are welcome!**

**Christian Mothers Lead the Rosary before Mass on  
the last Saturday/Sunday of every month.**

**All are welcome to join.**

May be said individually, together as a group, or with Pam/Myra. Please congregate in the north pews in the center where Pam/Myra sit.



**2026**

**Saturday's**

Dec 27, 2025  
Jan 31  
Feb 28  
March 25  
April 25

**Sunday's**

May 31  
June 28  
July 26  
Aug 30  
Sept 27  
Oct 25

#### St. Ann's Calendar

**Feb. 19, 2026:** Christian Mothers meeting 7:00pm  
Walker Parish Hall

**March 21, 2026:** Mass for living and deceased members  
of the St. Ann's Christian Mothers.

**June 11, 2026:** Christian Mothers meeting 7:00pm  
Walker Parish Hall

#### Walker Elves Christmas Goody Bag Project

The Christmas goody bag project was started over 40+years ago supplying a bag full cookies, snack mixes, puddings, soft drink coupons, sweet rolls, candy, prayer cards, etc. for new families who moved to the Walker area, an elderly resident, those with health concerns, and/or those who have lost a loved one in the last year. The purpose is to let those receiving a bag know that they are in our thoughts and prayers during the Christmas Holiday season.

The Goody Bag Project was a HUGE success as The Walker Elves packaged and delivered 16 goody bags on Tuesday, December 16. Recipients were thrilled that they have been thought of and prayed for over the Holiday Season!



*A special thank you to Linda Robben for all her hard work for the past years. She is the main organizer of this wonderful service. She was presented with a Christmas arrangement and a perpetual calendar—"The Power of a Praying Woman" by the Elves.*

2025 in  
Victoria



Pilsen



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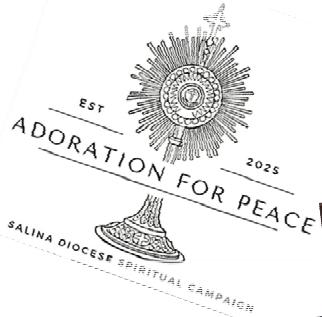
Angelus/Park Pilgrimage



Walker  
Elves  
Project



Herzogfest



Lenton Adoration



Padre Pio and  
Fr. Curtis



St. Boniface  
servers and young  
choir.



Cheer Squad & Track



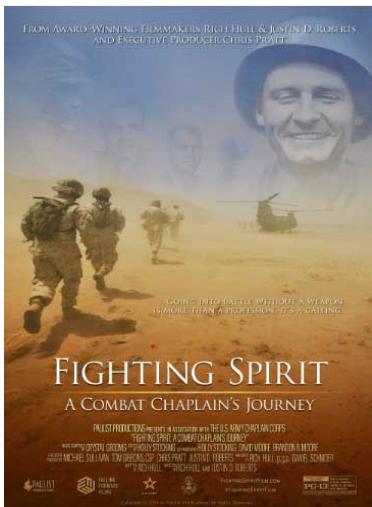
Volleyball



Brown Robe Benefit

**Movie Night!!**

Come Join! All are Welcome.  
**Thursday, January 8, 2026**  
**6:30p.m.**  
**Spiritual Life Center**  
**900 Cathedral**  
**(enter on east side of friary)**  
**Victoria, Ks**  
**FMI: contact Stephanie at 785-735-**

**Tuesdays with the Diocese****Adult Formation**

6:00-8:00pm

St. Boniface Parish Hall

**Feb 24 St. John Henry Newman: His Life & Influence**  
**Presenter: Trish Keller**

The doctor is in!! Pope Leo has proclaimed a new Doctor of the Church: St. John Henry Newman, the namesake of Newman University

-Understand Church doctors

-Meet Newman &amp; delve into his conversion story

-Engage &amp; reflect on Newman's writings.

**March 24 Pope Leo and the Poor**  
**Presenter: Fr. Frank Coady**

In his first apostolic exhortation, *Dilexi Te*, Pope Leo says that love of the poor is not an option for Christians. He calls on believers to express their love for the poor in large and small ways, in accordance with each one's possibilities. This must include confronting unjust structures that perpetuate poverty. Fr. Coady will summarize *Dilexi Te* and open a discussion about our response to the pope's teaching.

**April 7 Prairie Faith: Listening to the Spirit in Our 75 Years**  
**Presenter: Fr. Robert Schremmer**

Through images, memory, and shared reflection, we'll explore how the Spirit has guided our diocese through challenge and change— weaving together faith, resilience, and hope across generations

Participate all three evenings or one or two. Participate via Zoom on your own device or join for conversation as a group at St. Boniface.

For More Info, Contact Kathy at 785-735-4193.



Please scan the picture below to join the Adoration GroupMe.

**SCAN ME!**

This group will be used to announce closures and will also serve as a platform to request substitutes as needed. If you need assistance joining the group, please contact Andrea Schmidtberger at 785-656-2208.

If you would like assistance scanning/downloading the GroupMe app, please stop at the Parish Office.



Have you ever considered spending one hour a week in the adoration chapel?

Bring on an hour of peace to your heart during Eucharistic Adoration.

**Thoughts from our own parishioners:**

"I really enjoy going to adoration; my heart is filled with peace and comfort."

"It's my time to get off my phone i.e. Facebook/google and spend an hour with our Lord. Comfort and healing engulf my heart and soul."

"It's my special time to spend with Jesus, to pray, to reflect about how important God is in every aspect of my life. I have been very blessed, and need, as well as want, to spend time with our Lord acknowledging his presence in my life."

Contact the Parish Office 785-735-2777 or Jane Wagner to schedule a weekly hour, or feel free to stop at the chapel.

**Weekly Eucharistic Adoration**

Tuesdays, 6:30 a.m. through Fridays, 6:30 a.m.

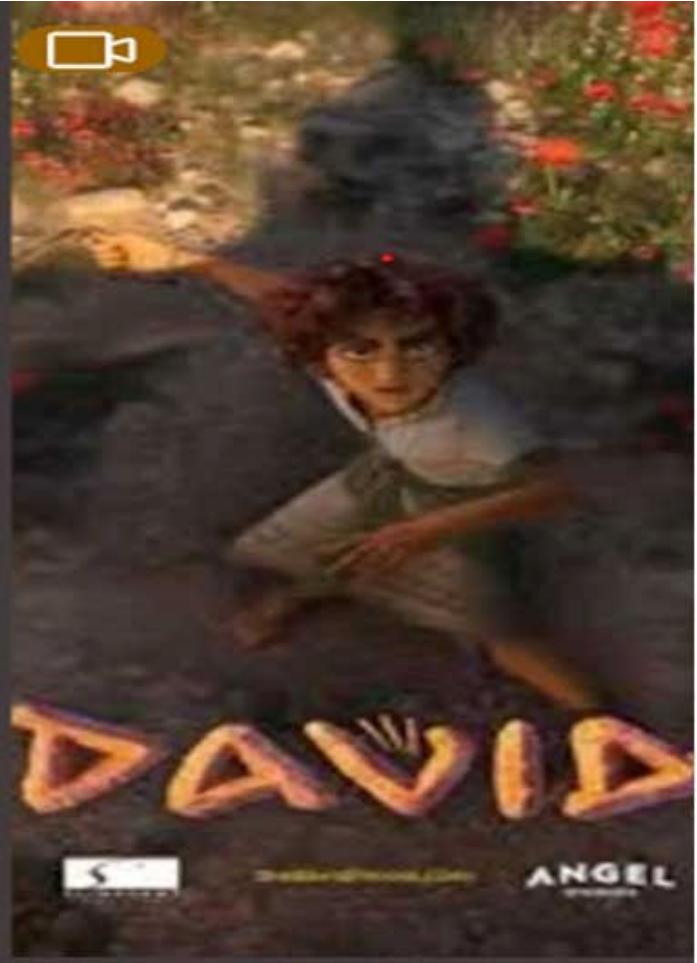
In St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar  
All are welcome from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE UNDER "MASS SCHEDULE" FOR CHANGES REGARDING WEATHER, HOLIDAYS, ETC.\***

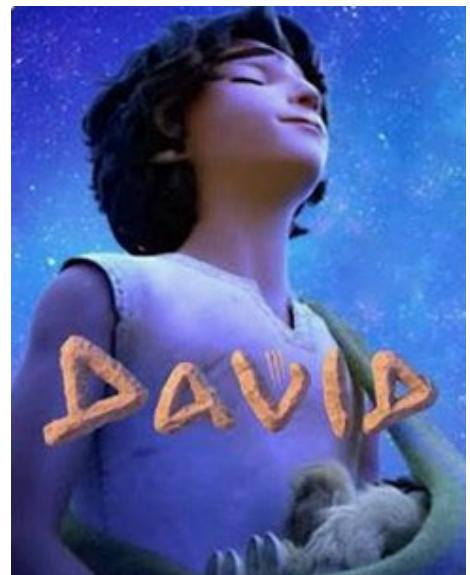
In a kingdom torn by fear and corruption, a shepherd boy is called to stand against a giant and the darkness behind him. With nothing but faith, courage, and a sling, he defies an empire and awakens the heart of a nation. From the quiet hills of Bethlehem to the roar of the battlefield, his journey will shape kings, test hearts, and reveal that the greatest strength is found in trust, not power.

[Read less](#)

**January 2-4 2026**  
**David PG**



**Russell, Ks Dream Theater**  
**629 N Main**  
**Jan 2-4, 2026**  
**Friday, Jan. 2 at 7:00p.m.**  
**Saturday, Jan. 3 at 7:00p.m.**  
**Sunday, Jan 4 at 2:00p.m. and 6:00p.m.**  
**Children (3-10) \$4**  
**Adults (11-59) \$6**  
**Seniors (60+) \$5**



## FROM THE DIOCESE

Jan. 22—**National March For Life**—Washington, D.C.  
—please pray for the pilgrims from our diocese attending!!  
Jan. 28—**Kansas March For Life**—Performing Arts Center  
—please consider attending and praying for those that do.

Infertility Support Group—Infertility is a vulnerable and challenging journey to navigate. The Natural Family Planning Office is now offering a virtual support group that will meet monthly January-June 2026.

FMI contact Linda Meyer @785-614-0831 or  
[lindy.meyer@salinadiocese.org](mailto:lindy.meyer@salinadiocese.org).

As we approach the end of the year, now is a wonderful time to support the ministries that shape our Catholic community. A gift to your parish, your Catholic school, the Bishop's Annual Appeal, or our seminarians makes a lasting difference. Your generosity helps our Church continue its mission today and for years to come. To learn more or make a gift, visit [givecfds.org](http://givecfds.org). Thank you for sharing your blessings!

### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS -

Great news for students in the Diocese of Salina!

There are three scholarship opportunities available for the 2026-2027 school year. The application process is online and opened on Nov. 1, 2025. Students are encouraged to apply by March 1st, 2026 at [givecfds.org/scholarships](http://givecfds.org/scholarships). •

Monsignor Clement A. Kruse Scholarship - Applicant must be an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. These scholarships are approximately \$500.  
• Marymount Memorial Educational Trust Scholarship - Applicant must be attending an accredited Catholic College as a full-time student and an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. These scholarships vary but range from \$1,000-\$3,000. •

Susie Deges Scholarship - This scholarship is specifically for high school seniors in the diocese who are active in their local CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). This scholarship is \$1,000.

### Bishop's Annual Appeal 2026

Kick-off Weekend is Feb 7-8

Participation Weekend is Feb 21-22.

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS (SAVE THE DATE) - We are excited to welcome the Together in Holiness initiative from the St. John Paul II

Foundation to our diocese! This inspiring marriage enrichment program offers couples a meaningful opportunity to grow together in holiness and to embrace their vocation to family life. Rooted in the beauty of the Catholic vision for marriage, Together in Holiness is more than a single event—it is a movement that supports couples in living out their faith, empowers parents as the primary evangelizers of their children, and helps build vibrant communities of faith-filled families across our parishes. At the heart of this initiative is the one-day Together in Holiness Conference, a grace-filled experience designed with busy families in mind. Featuring dynamic Catholic speakers, time for prayer and reflection, the sacraments, and even on-site childcare, the conference offers couples a rare and valuable opportunity to step away from the demands of daily life, encounter Christ together, and be renewed in their sacred vocation. We are confident that this day of formation and fellowship will bear lasting fruit in the lives of couples and the life of our diocese. More details to come, but save the date -

Saturday, April 18th, IHM Parish (Hays)

## A Different Mindset

ASSOCIATION

Dementia & Alzheimer's

# Caregiver Support Groups

## Zoom Meetings

2nd Thursday of every month

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Contact Micki at [maacarmstrong@gmail.com](mailto:maacarmstrong@gmail.com) for Zoom link info

## In-Person Meetings

4th Thursday of every month

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Center for Health Improvement 2500 Canterbury Dr. Hays, KS

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*All tickets have been sold. Thank you to all who purchased tickets and all who worked the sales.*

*Drawing starts Dec. 26 —watch website for winners!*

## 12 Days of Christmas Cash Giveaway



**December 26, 2025 - January 6, 2026**

**The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, KS**

December 26 - January 2-----2 winners/day @ \$100 each  
January 3-----2 winners/day @\$250 each  
January 4-----2 winners/day @\$500 each  
January 5-----2 winners/day @\$750 each  
January 6-----2 winners/day @\$1,000 each

One can WIN multiple times - Winners will be notified by phone and posted on the website.

Every raffle ticket will be included in ALL 12 DAILY Drawings

Donations will be used for the restoration and maintenance of The Basilica of St. Fidelis.



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God Bless You All during the  
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## ST. JOHN'S PLACE

### GAME DAYS

**2ND & 4TH MONDAYS OF THE MONTH**  
PLAY CARDS OR BOARD GAMES

AND ENJOY SOME FRIENDLY CONVERSATION.  
**2:00 - 4:00 PM (OR LATER)**

### ~~COFFEE TIME GATHERINGS~~

~~1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH~~  
~~10:00 - 11:00 (OR LATER)~~  
~~ENJOY SOME COFFEE AND FRIENDLY CONVERSATION.~~

**Coffee Time Gathering on January 1, 2026**  
has been cancelled. Once the holidays are over,  
the gatherings for Games and Coffee will return  
at their regular times and all are invited to



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For more information and help with applying for the credits, contact Marilyn Braun at 785-735-4968.



**Hays Public Library**  
**Bookmobile**

**Monday, January 12**

**Victoria Elementary School**

**2:45-4:00p.m.**



**Knock Knock.**  
**Who's there?**  
**Razor.**  
**Razor who?**  
**Razor glass & toast to a Happy New Year!**



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## Give the Gift of Membership

This December,  
invite a Catholic Man  
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**Thomas More Prep-Marian Junior High**

**Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**7:55 AM - 12:30 PM**

Come join us for the morning to learn what the school has to offer! Lunch is included. Transportation provided upon request.

**REGISTER NOW**

Please contact Brenda Rose

(785) 625-6577

[roseb@tmpmarian.org](mailto:roseb@tmpmarian.org)



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