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Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00

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

St. Fidelis Food Pantry
For residents of the tri-parishes. Call the Parish Office.
Donations accepted.

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
Some items available at the Parish Office such as Die Herzoger, Cookbooks, Postcards, History Books.

BULLETIN ITEMS
Deadline is **Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.** Please contact Connie at the Parish Office (sftch@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

www.StFidelisChurch.com / www.StBonifaceVincent.com

December 25, 2022 – Christmas

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:

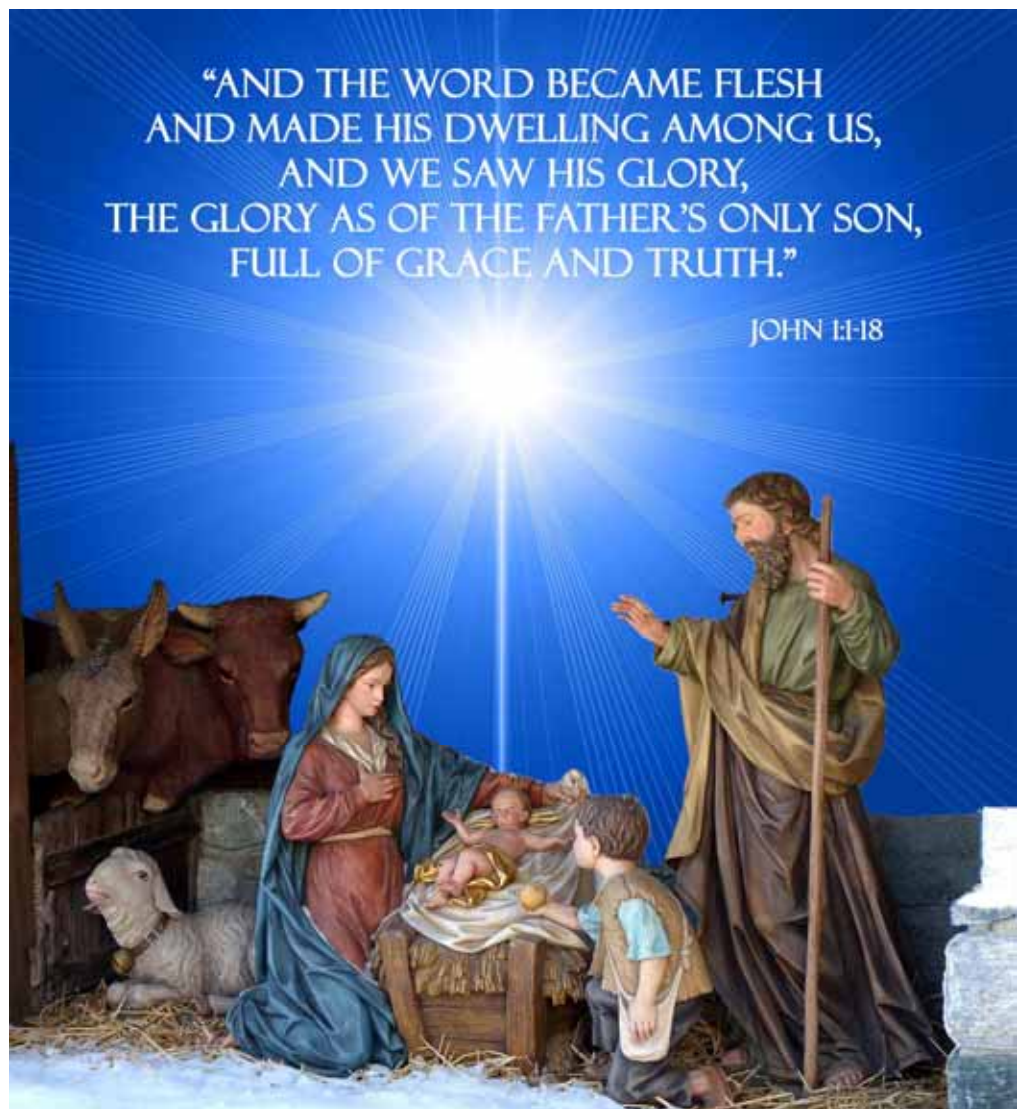
St. Fidelis: Mondays 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
St. Ann: After Mass
St. Boniface: Sundays 7:45-8:15 a.m.

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

Dec. 26 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED day after Christmas
Dec. 31 — New Year’s Eve
Jan. 1 — New Years Day
Mary, Mother of God
Jan. 2 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for New Year’s
Jan. 16 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 29 — Kansas Day (162 years)
Feb. 2 — Presentation of the Lord
Blessing of Candles



The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow—Monday, Dec. 26



The Christmas Creche

One of the enduring expressions of religious faith in our celebration of Christmas is the creche depicting the birth of Christ as told in the gospel of St. Luke. Despite many legal restrictions, it remains the most vivid public symbol of that first Christmas. Also encouraging is the tradition of publishing St. Luke's account of the birth of Christ (Lk 2:1-20) in many newspapers on Christmas Day.

The Christmas creche is a gift from St. Francis of Assisi. In 1223 at Greccio, Italy, he designed the first 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."

So St. Francis approached a pious man of Greccio by the name of John who was favorably disposed to the early friars. He asked him to help in this project and gave him the following directions: "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 child doll lying lifeless in the manger awoken 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 17-18, 2022

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 2862.00 Loose 2771.00
Repair Fund 325.00
Endowment 21.00
Retired Religious 145.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 815.00 Loose 246.00
Retired Religious 10.00
Cemetery 100.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 645.00 Loose 125.00
Candles 26.00

December 27 (Tuesday) — Mary Brungardt, Janie Dinges
January 3 (Tuesday) — Verda Werner, Bertha Brungardt

St. Fidelis 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.



*** 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, DECEMBER 31

5:00 PM — Megan and Leroy Schmidtberger

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00 AM — Christy Sander

*** EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ***

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:00 PM — Diane Gross, Jane Wagner, Teresa Shepherd

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00 AM — Connie Braun, Kenny and Bertha R. Brungardt

*** LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS ***

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:00 PM — Kathy Kuhn

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00 AM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger

*** HOMEBOUND MINISTERS ***

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 —Carol Pfeifer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00 AM — Cora Schulte and Kathy Amrein

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	DECEMBER 26
7:00 pm Oliver and Theresa Kuhn and Kathy Kuhn Thomas	
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 27
6:45 am Mary Dreher	
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 28
6:45 am Bernie and Jean Roth family	
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 29
6:45 am Roger Richards	
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 30
6:45 am Donald J. Sander	
SATURDAY	NEW YEAR'S EVE.....DECEMBER 31
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Kiley Goetz and Hubert and Jo Sander and Pete and Tina Braun and Bill Geist	
6:30 pm St. Ann For the parishes	
SUNDAY	NEW YEAR'S DAY..... JANUARY 1
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	
8:30 am St. Boniface Howard and Aquina Rajewski	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Anita J. Lang and deceased family	

2023 Tithing Envelopes

can be picked up at the entrances of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface Churches. Please discard envelopes dated for previous years.

**The January-February 2023
Lector and Eucharistic Minister Schedules**

can be found at the north entrance of The Basilica of St. Fidelis.

ST. BONIFACE

Special Collection

St. Boniface will hold a special collection on Sunday, January 8, for the Ukrainian couple that visited us in mid-December.

ST. ANN

A big
THANK YOU
 to all of the St. Ann ladies who cleaned the church.
 And to everyone for the great Christmas Party and Food Bingo.

Blessings for a
Merry Christmas.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council 4 th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm
Liturgy Committee 2 nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm	



Christmas Greetings from the Capuchins

During this very holy Season of **Christmas**, and in gratitude for your friendship and generosity, the Capuchin Friars of St. Conrad wish to assure you of our prayers on behalf of your families and all of your intentions.

Thank you for all that you do to support the growing number of men in our formation program and for collaborating with us to bring the Good News of **Christmas** to the poor and neglected.

Merry Christmas!

Your brother in Christ
Br. Mark Schenk, OFM Cap.
Provincial Minister

“The Chosen” Bible Study

Have you heard of "The Chosen," a TV and movie series based on the lives of Jesus and his disciples? Maybe you have watched an episode or two.

Family Life is sponsoring an interactive bible study over the first series of "The Chosen" beginning **Tuesday, January 10, at 9:30.**

For more information
contact
Jane Wagner 785-735-2587
or
Stephanie Broyles 785-735-4747.



Everyone is welcome to attend all or any session.

A LITTLE CHUCKLE



Holiday Mass Schedule

NEW YEAR'S EVE

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31, 2022

BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS, Victoria

5:00 p.m.

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Walker

6:30 p.m.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (New Year's Day)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH, Vincent

8:30 a.m.

BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS, Victoria

10:00 a.m.

The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, January 2,
for the New Year's holiday.

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December Human Trafficking Alert

A gift to US Catholic Sisters can make a difference in our efforts to confront the Human Trafficking pandemic. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501c(3) organization**, 2039 N. Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131. (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

ST. BONIFACE

St. Boniface Nativity "Little Town of Bethlehem"

The "Little Town of Bethlehem" nativity at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Vincent will be open for visitors December 11, 18, and 25 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Appointments can also be made at any other time by calling Carol at 735-9282.

This is the 96th year of the nativity, begun by Fr. Callistus Rectenwald in 1927.

Over the years, the nativity has become a worldwide representation of Christmas. Rocks from all 50 states and 105 countries surround the scene, in particular rocks from the Cave of Lourdes and the Sea of Galilee. Infant Jesus is from Spain, and Mary, Joseph, and the Three Kings are from Germany.

A special section of the Nativity is dedicated to our veterans who could not be home for Christmas over the years, featuring rocks from Germany, Vietnam, Korea, Japan, Wake Island, and Christmas Island to name a few.



The Nativity has had special lighting effects added the last few years — a color changing rock show and a neon blue-lit sky in the background. Four trickling waterfalls, animals, and shepherds dot the scene surrounding the Bethlehem Inn and the stable made from a nearby pear tree in 1927.

St. Boniface Church is located 5.5 miles south of Victoria and two miles east.

New Gothic-style Chairs and Kneelers Add to the Beauty of The Basilica of St. Fidelis



Over a year ago, around the time The Basilica of St. Fidelis was undergoing some updating — new paint, flooring, etc. — an ad hoc committee discussed purchasing new chairs and kneelers for the servers and lectors in the sanctuary.

They hoped to find some with a Gothic look to match the rest of the church structure and furnishings.

After approval from the St. Fidelis Pastoral and Finance Councils, heavy, solid wood chairs and kneelers were purchased for a little over \$4,000 from Autom, a company that sells Catholic merchandise.



It took over a year to finally receive the items. The kneelers arrived first—sometime in October. Our church maintenance crew assembled them so they could be set in place by mid-November. Then in early December the chairs arrived. They were assembled last Monday and put in place this past week.

Meal Site Delivery Help Needed

The Victoria Meal Site is in need of someone to help deliver meals on Thursday mornings. Please call Darlinea Dinkel at 785-735-4876 if you are able to help.



****All events/activities are subject to change.****

Monday, December 26, through Tuesday, January 3
Christmas Break—No School

MONARCH FOR A DAY

5TH - 8TH GRADE

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