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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

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

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

December 31, 2023— The Holy Family

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

Jan. 15 — Martin Luther King Jr Day —
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Feb. 2 — Presentation of the Lord,
Blessing of Candles

Feb. 2 — Groundhog Day

Feb. 3 — Feast of St. Blaise

Feb. 4 — Boy Scout Sunday

Feb. 14 — Ash Wednesday

Feb. 14 — Valentine’s Day

Feb. 18 — First Sunday of Lent

Feb. 19 — President’s Day — PARISH
OFFICE CLOSED



“Behold,
this
child is
destined
for the fall
and rise of
many in
Israel . . .”

Luke 2:22-40

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.



Your Holy Family

The Sunday following Christmas is the Feast of the Holy Family. It is fitting that during this holiday season of family gatherings the holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is offered as a model for life in our own homes.

Some might dismiss this as irrelevant piety. As much as we treasure our own family, the word *holy* might not seem quite accurate to describe our life together. Adjectives like rowdy, rough, and rambunctious more readily come to mind.

The word *holy* does mean pious and reverent, but it also means whole and happy. Whole in the sense of sharing the same heritage, and happy as brimming full of life. Because life is sacred, our very imperfect families, which share life, are truly holy.

This year the gospel tells of Joseph and Mary presenting the infant Jesus in the temple, much as parents today bring their infant to church for baptism. Simeon prophesied that the child was destined for the fall and rise of many and that a sword would pierce his mother's heart as children of every age bring both joy and sorrow to their parents. The prophetess Anna, however, offered the dominant parental sentiment as she gave thanks to God for the newborn infant.

Next year the gospel for the feast will be the story of Jesus' parents finding their lost child in the temple. The sentiments of finding a lost child on a family outing is expressed well by Mary, "Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." When the teenage Christ replied that he must be in his Father's house, the gospel records the confusion of the

parents of every teenager, "They did not understand what he said to them."

The following year the gospel will tell of the flight into Egypt to avoid



King Herod's massacre of the Holy Innocents. Immigrant and refugee families are a painful reality in every age. Parents go to great lengths to protect their children from illness, injury and all harm. When the holy family returned safely to Nazareth the gospel tells us that "the child grew in wisdom and age and grace before God and man." That is the dream of all parents for their young children.

These gospel stories are relived by families of every age: in the anxious hope that a missing or wayward child will return; in the separation of families by difficult social circumstances; and in dreams for the success of young children. The feast of the holy family is the celebration of the joys and sorrows of your family.

... and mirth

At Christmas all roads lead to home.

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Contributions December 23-24, 2023

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 2,659.00 Loose 836.00
Solemnity of Mary 10.00
Immaculate Conception 25.00
Retired Religious 275.00

SST. ANN:

Envelopes 1,110.00 Loose 121.00
Solemnity of Mary 100.00
Cemetery 500.00

SST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 355.00 Loose 158.00
Candles 113.00

Christmas December 24-25, 2023

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 19,096.00 Loose 5,395.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 965.00 Loose 1,107.00

SST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 420.00 Loose 211.00

* 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 ***

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 AM —

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

5:00 PM — Brinley Lichter

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger

*** EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ***

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 AM — Kathy Kuhn, Jane Wagner

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun, Colleen Kuhn, Connie Braun,
 Bertha A. Brungardt

*** LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS ***

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

5:00 PM — Randy Leiker

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

10:00 AM — Shanna Dinkel

*** HOMEBOUND MINISTERS ***

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 — Jane Wagner

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

10:00 AM — Kathy Amrein

*** MASS SERVERS ***

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 AM —

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

5:00 PM — Dax L., Easton W.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

10:00 AM — Broc & Brody N., Mason M.

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

January 2 (Tuesday) — Brenda Dreiling, Sandra Dreiling

January 8 — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council

4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee

2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Pastoral Council

1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Please Remember Your Parish ...

As we approach the end of the tax year, donations to your church can be claimed if you need a tax deduction. Donations need to be received by the church by December 31 or postmarked in 2023. Backdating a check does not qualify.

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 2 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.

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.

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. ANN

Change to Refreshments After Mass

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

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.

COMMUNITY

New Year's Eve Dance

Sunday, December 31 | 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Rose Garden Ballroom, 230 E. 8th, Hays

Music provided by

The Hot Shots Band

Cost: \$8.00 | Snack bar included

Open to the public.

Sponsored by The Sunflower Polka Club



Bookmobile in Town

The Hays Public Library's Bookmobile will be in Victoria on **Monday, January 8, from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** at the Victoria Elementary School.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY.....	NEW YEAR'S DAY	JANUARY 1
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD		
9:00 am St. Fidelis Anita Lang and deceased family		
TUESDAY.....		JANUARY 2
6:45 am		
WEDNESDAY.....		JANUARY 3
6:45 am		
THURSDAY.....		JANUARY 4
6:45 am Francis and Estella Kuhn family		
FRIDAY.....		JANUARY 5
6:45 am		
SATURDAY.....		JANUARY 6
5:00 pm St. Fidelis For the parishes		
6:30 pm St. Ann Harold (anniv) and Norma Schmeidler and family		
SUNDAY.....	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	JANUARY 7
8:30 am St. Boniface Anton (anniv) and Anna Schmeidler and family		
10:00 am St. Fidelis Lance Lang		

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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 501 c (3) organization**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

From the Diocese: "Win-Win" Ways to Donate to the Parish

APPRECIATED INVESTMENTS: Transferring investments directly to a parish can save donors from taxes on the appreciated value of their investments. This can save the donor money and increase the amount available to the parish.

SENIORS WITH IRAs: Seniors (OVER 70-1/2 years of age) can donate directly from their IRA to the parish and not have to claim income on the IRA distribution. This is referred to as a QCD, qualified charitable distribution.

DONATION DEADLINE: To qualify as a donation in 2023, the gift must be received by the parish by December 31 or it must arrive, post December 31, in an envelope postmarked in 2023. Backdating a check to December does not qualify as a 2023 donation.

† This Tax Refresher Bulletin is intended as a simple summary and reminder of year-end tax issues. No portion of this information is intended as tax advice for any individual, donor or donation. Individuals and donors should consult their own tax advisor when considering the legal or tax implications of a donation.

Pastoral Ministry Formation

An important course offering this semester is “Roots and Wings – Source and Summit.” During this time of deepening our appreciation for the Eucharist, this course will point out the connection between Christian Eucharist and Jewish Passover. The students will be encouraged to consider the bishops’ invitation to reconsecrate themselves to the source and summit of our faith, moving from the “Last Supper” to the “Supper of the Lamb,” moving from offering a sacrifice to becoming a living sacrifice. This is a one-hour course that may be taken either for credit or for personal enrichment. It is available on a Zoom platform.

A one-session course, “Why Did We Renew the Liturgy, Anyway?,” will be offered on Tuesday, March 5. This course will look at Vatican II’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy and evaluate what led up to the change, what the change actually entails, and how the liturgy has been celebrated since then. Available on Zoom. To register for either of these courses, contact Coleen Stein: cstein@dcdioocese.org (620- 227-1538).

Tax Credit Scholarship

The Scholarship Granting Fund for the Catholic Diocese of Salina is accepting donations and is able to offer a 75% tax credit. Please email Laurie Trautwein, data specialist for the Catholic Foundation, at laurie.trautwein@salinadiocese.org. This school year, over \$119,000 was awarded to schools for 96 students in the Salina Diocese.

National Catholic Schools Week

January 28 – February 3 is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States that was started in 1974. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, assemblies, and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members to celebrate. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation. This year’s theme is Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.

Bishop’s Annual Appeal 2023

Any gifts received until January 31, 2024, will be counted towards the 2023 appeal.

The kick-off weekend for the 2024 appeal will be February 10-11.

College Scholarships

Great news for students in the Diocese of Salina! Here's a summary of the three scholarships available for the 2024-2025 school year. The application process for these scholarships has transitioned to an online format. Students are encouraged to apply online at these links by March 1st, 2024.

Diocese of Salina Scholarships:

<https://salinadiocese.typeform.com/scholarship2024>

- 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.

Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina Scholarship:

<https://salinadiocese.typeform.com/CFscholarship24>

- 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.

Job Opportunities

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR — SALINA: The Development Coordinator will support the creation and execution of comprehensive fundraising initiatives, including events, donor solicitation and stewardship, recurring giving program(s) and sponsor recruitment, all of which will help support Catholic Charities during its next chapter of growth. This role will be cross trained to manage the donor database and assist with various correspondence related to development. This position requires a highly organized, creative, detail-oriented, and self-motivated person to assist multi-channel revenue generation, donor stewardship and sponsorship. To apply, visit www.ccnks.org/careers

LICENSED THERAPIST — HAYS — PART TIME: Catholic Charities is hiring a Licensed Therapist at our Hays location. We are looking for a compassionate, driven, and organized individual to provide affordable mental health care to those in need across northern Kansas. To learn more and apply, visit www.ccnks.org/careers.

Happy New Year

Have a blessed 2024



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2nd Tuesday
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