

„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

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## March 29, 2026—PALM SUNDAY

### 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

### EUCCHARISTIC 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.)

### 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

**March 30-April 5**—Holy Week—see schedule  
**April 2**—Holy Thursday,  
**OFFICE CLOSED** at noon  
**April 3**—Good Friday, **OFFICE CLOSED**  
**April 5**—Easter  
**April 6**—Easter Monday, **OFFICE CLOSED**  
**April 6-10**—Capuchin Providence Assembly  
No weekday Mass  
**April 12**—Divine Mercy Sunday  
**April 16**—Liturgy Meeting, 5:45p.m.  
**April 19**—First Holy Communion  
**April 24**—Feast of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen  
**May 2**—D of I May Crowning  
**May 2-3** St. A/St. B Mass Time Changes  
**May 10**—VHS Graduation



### Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel concludes on Holy Thursday, April 2, at 6:30p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition in our Adoration Chapel stops on Holy Thursday at 6:30pm so that our prayer can then be centered in the Basilica with the Holy Triduum services on Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter weekend. Following the 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue at the side altar of the Basilica until 10:00pm.

Adoration in the Adoration Chapel will resume as usual on April 7th. You may want to close the Chapel doors as the Capuchins will be using the Basilica April 6-10.





**Fr. Curtis Carlson, OFM Cap.**

Families have various reasons for choosing cremation for their deceased loved one. For example, I understand that the cost is less than for a casket. Still, "although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites" (OCF, 413).

Keep in mind that "the cremated remains of a body must be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the cremated remains, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practices of dividing, commingling and scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased is not permitted" (OCF, 417).

Today, I want to emphasize this last sentence: "*keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased is not permitted*" when this is done over a longer period of months or years. It would be like keeping the *casket* in ones home for months or years. The deceased deserves a decent burial as soon as possible. We have pictures, keepsakes, personal belongings of the deceased loved one to keep in our home as memorial tokens. It is important for our grieving that we put to rest the body or the cremated remains, and thus we can work through our grief in a more healthy way.

"Three separate and sequential rites are proposed as the most fitting way to celebrate this pilgrimage of the deceased Christian: The Vigil for the Deceased (often referred to as the Wake), the Funeral Liturgy (or Mass of Christian Burial), and the Rite of Committal. The physical movement or procession from one place to another for the celebration of these rites can add to the sense of journey or pilgrimage and contribute to the experience of separation through which mourners must pass before they are able to re-center their lives after the death of a family member or friend" (Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, Bishop of Wilmington). When the Final Committal and burial are unduly delayed, this journey is incomplete and mourners are not able to re-center their lives.

Full use of these rituals, and the experience of them together, help us process grief and come to a sense of closure, and grow in our faith in Christ, even as we continue to miss our loved one.



## PARISH STAFF

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## CONTRIBUTIONS MAR 7-8

### **ST. FIDELIS:**

Loose 1296.00 Envelopes 2736.00  
Repair 300.00 Cemetery 100.00

### **ST. ANN:**

Loose 135.00 Envelope 395.00  
Catholic Relief 260.00

### **ST. BONIFACE:**

Loose 195.00 Envelopes 550.00  
Candles 15.00



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

**FINANCE COUNCIL**  
 Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7:00pm  
**LITURGY COMMITTEE**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 5:45 pm

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Every Other Month  
 Next Meeting: March 3

**\* Sunday Rosary Schedule \***  
 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 Committee

**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 \***

**HOLY THURSDAY, — APRIL 2**—Adult Choir (Kay)

**GOOD FRIDAY, — APRIL 3**—Adult Choir (Kay)

**SATURDAY, — APRIL 4**

8:30PM — Adult Choir (Kay)

**SUNDAY, — APRIL 5**

10:00 M — Jubilee Choir

**\* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS \***

**HOLY THURSDAY, — APRIL 2—ADULT CHOIR**

7:00PM—Anne Dinkel, Yvonne Braun,  
 Connie Windholz, Kenny & Bertha Brungardt

**GOOD FRIDAY, — APRIL 3—ADULT CHOIR**

1:00PM—Marla Robben, Kathy Kuhn,  
 Jane Wagner, Michelle Geist

**SATURDAY, — APRIL 4**

8:30PM — Carol Pfeifer, Diane Gross, Kathy Kuhn,  
 Jane Wagner, Keith Billinger  
 ADULT CHOIR

**SUNDAY, — APRIL 5**

10:00AM — Sandy McAlonan, Jacquelyn Stoppel,  
 Bertha A. Brungardt, Andrea  
 Schmidtberger, Leroy Schmidtberger  
 JUBILEE CHOIR

**\* LECTORS / COMMENTATORS**

**TWO LECTORS FOR THE PASSION**

**HOLY THURSDAY, — APRIL 2**

7:00PM— Karen Nowak

**GOOD FRIDAY, — APRIL 3 TWO LECTORS**

1:00PM—Allan Amrein & Diane Gross

**SATURDAY, — APRIL 4**

8:30PM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger

**SUNDAY, — APRIL 5**

10:00AM— Karen Nowak

**\* MONEY COUNTERS \***

**MONDAY, MARCH 30**

Patty Dreiling, Anne Schmidtberger

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7**

Brenda Dreiling, Sandra Dreiling



*With Deepest Sympathy  
 from our Parishes*

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of Paul Schmidtberger of Russell Ks, who passed away on March 23, 2026.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on March 26, 2026 at the Basilica of St. Fidelis with burial at the St. Fidelis Cemetery.



**\* HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES \***

**WEDNESDAY, — APRIL 1** Jane Wagner

**SUNDAY, — APRIL 5**

10:00AM — Kathy Amrein

**WEDNESDAY, — APRIL 8** Diane Gross

**\* MASS SERVERS \***

**HOLY THURSDAY, — APRIL 2**

7:00PM—Dalton S., Broc N., Ethan S.

**GOOD FRIDAY, — APRIL 3**

1:00PM— Dax L., Luke T., Rhett H.

**SATURDAY, — APRIL 4**

8:30PM — Wes & Nick S., Brayden & Jackson S.

**SUNDAY, — APRIL 5**

10:00 AM — Ethan & Alice S.; Harper & Addy S.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY.....MARCH 30**

7:00pm Joseph+ Schmidtberger

**TUESDAY .....MARCH 31**

6:45am Elizabeth+ Birzer

**WEDNESDAY.....APRIL 1**

6:45am Padre Pio Intentions

**THURSDAY.....APRIL 2**

7:00pm Eddie+ & Albina+ Miller Family Living and Deceased

**FRIDAY.....APRIL 3**

1:00pm —

**SATURDAY..... APRIL 4**

8:30pm St. Fidelis —

6:30 pm St. Ann No Mass

**SUNDAY.....APRIL 5**

7:30am St. Ann Lloyd+ Schulte

8:30 am St Boniface Wilma+ VonLintel

10:00 am St. Fidelis John+ Braun, Sr.

\*L&D—Living and Deceased

# 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:

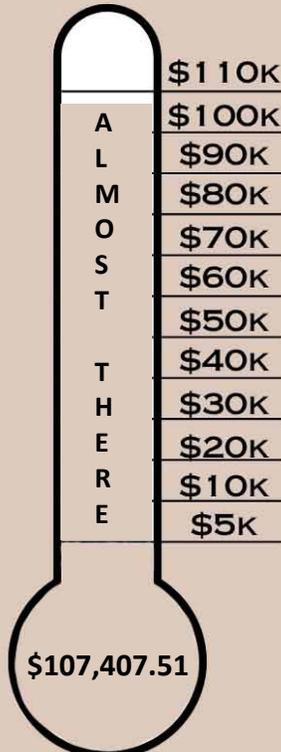
### Sealant Application to Vertical Joints in Stone Caps & Bands

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 notate Mid-Continental Restoration Inc (MCR) !!

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

### 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."



Please scan the picture below to join the Adoration GroupMe.

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.

SCAN ME!



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

**What is Eucharistic Adoration? We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring Jesus face-to-face, who is truly present, body, blood, soul and divinity, in the Blessed**



*St. Fidelis has 1 adorer opening that needs filled. If interested or have questions, please contact Jane Wagner at 785-735-7029.*

Times needed:

**Wednesdays 2:30am-3:30am**

*Substitutes are needed as well. Substitutes are not a full time commitment but are very much appreciated. If interested in subbing, please contact*

*Jane Wagner at 785-735-7029.*



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

**All are welcome to attend. Additional adorers/ substitutes welcome Open to Tri-Parish Community**

## Lenten and Easter Schedule



### Holy Week March 30th-April 5th

Monday	St. Fidelis	7:00p.m.
Tuesday	St. Fidelis	6:45a.m.
Wednesday	St. Fidelis	6:45a.m.
Holy Thursday	St. Fidelis	7:00p.m.
Good Friday Service	St. Fidelis	1:00p.m.

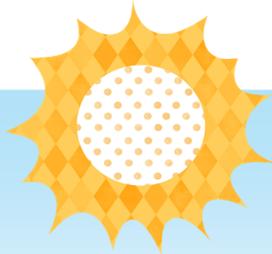


### EASTER

Easter Vigil Sat, April 4th St. Fidelis 8:30p.m.

Easter Sunday Sun, April 5th

St. Ann	7:30a.m.
St. Boniface	8:30a.m.
St. Fidelis	10:00a.m.



## **Victoria Community Easter Egg Hunt**

Hosted by the Basilica of St. Fidelis' Office of Religious  
Education and Youth Ministry

Age groups: 0-1 years; 2-3 years; 4-5 years;  
6-7 years; 8-9 years

**Where: Meet in the St. Fidelis Church parking lot  
between St. Fidelis Church and Victoria Elementary School**

**Time: 1:00 P.M.**

**Date: Saturday, April 4, 2026**

**Parents don't forget your cameras! A special photo op will be  
available for our little ones, ages 0-1, as this is their  
First Easter!**

# Jubilee Choir

**Practice dates:**

January 7 & 28  
February 4 & 25  
March 4 & 25\*

\*Brief practice on March 25th following religion, with adult choir in choir loft.

**April 1, 8, and TBD\***

\*TBD Practice date and time during the week of April 13 - 17.



**Singing dates:**

January 11  
February 8  
March 8  
March 29  
April 5

\*Jubilee Choir will not sing on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

April 19

The children's choir is for any child in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and older. By singing in the Jubilee Choir children participate fully in the Mass and help our parish encounter Christ with joy and faith. Please contact Jeanette to sign your child up & to receive the detailed parent letter issued to choir families regarding the upcoming practice and singing times and dates. The invitation for them to join is always open!

Jeanette Brungardt cell: 785-639-5067  
reledyouth@stfidelischurch.com

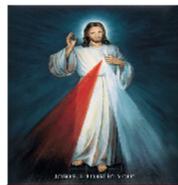


**The Rescue Project**  
St Boniface Hall  
6:30pm-8:00pm (ish)  
Begins Wednesday,  
April 15 thru May 13.

Be prepared to be  
totally captivated!  
(through video education)

## Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday

Prayer Service  
3 p.m. - Sunday - April 12  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church - Hays  
Confessions begin at 2 p.m.



Novena begins  
**Good Friday**  
Sponsored by: *Divine Mercy*  
105.7 HAYS

"The soul that will go to Confession and receives Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins."

The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers and meditation. Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930's.

**Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday.**

Join us to celebrate a joyful Palm Sunday

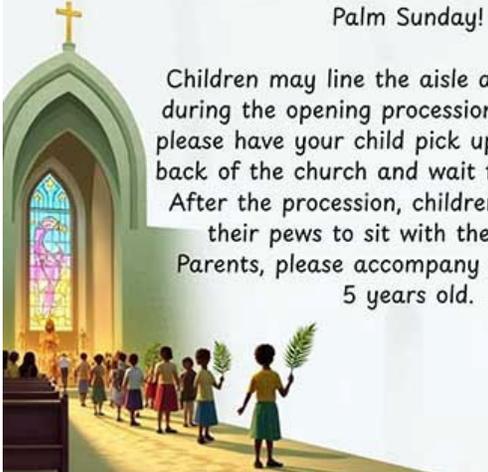
## Palm Sunday Mass

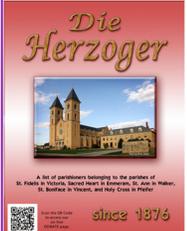
Sunday, March 29, 2026,  
10:00 A.M. Mass

Basilica of St. Fidelis Catholic Church  
Victoria, Kansas

All children are invited to help celebrate Palm Sunday!

Children may line the aisle and wave palms during the opening procession. Before Mass, please have your child pick up a palm in the back of the church and wait for instructions. After the procession, children will return to their pews to sit with their families. Parents, please accompany children under 5 years old.





From the Die Herzoger Volga-German Traditions:

**Gott und gute Menschen sind ueberall zu finden.**

God and good people can be found everywhere.

## ST. ANN



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

*All are welcome to attend.  
Additional adorers/  
substitutes welcome  
Open to Tri-Parish Community*

**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



<u>Saturday's</u>	<u>Sunday's</u>
Dec 27, 2025	May 31
Jan 31	June 28
Feb 28	July 26
March 25	Aug 30
	April 25

### St. Ann Calendar

Christian Mothers Meetings: Thurs, June 11 at 7pm  
Tues, Oct 20 at 7pm

April 15—Spring Walker Elves Project—details to follow

April 25—Potluck after Mass—time change celebration

June 11—Christian Mothers Meeting, 7pm, Walker Hall

July 26 — Tri-Parish art contest Grades Pre-K thru 12  
— Mass honoring St. Ann & Joachim—potluck

July 26-Augst 30—Tri-parish coloring/drawing/essay  
contest for grades Pre-K through 12. Details to  
follow.

Sept 15—Mass at St. Fidelis at 6:45am in honor of  
OUR LADY of SORROWS; possible guest speaker  
for Tri-Parish women that evening—details to  
follow

Oct 31—potluck after Mass to celebrate change in Mass  
times to evenings

## LOST/FOUND



Bluish-green rosary found at the north  
entrance of St. Fidelis.  
To claim, call or stop at the parish  
office. 785.735.2777  
601-10th Str

## CAPUCHINS

# JOB OPENING



The Capuchins at  
St. Fidelis Friary  
seek a paid cook with  
negotiable hours for the friary.

**You cook!  
The friars shop & do the  
dishes!**

Position to begin May 1, 2026.  
Please call  
Fr. Curtis at 785-735-2777.

## COMMUNITY

Tri-Parish

# Cards & Games Party

**Sunday, April 12 ~ 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.*

### LET'S PLAY!

- Pinochle
- Farkle
- Dominos
- Phase 10 and more

THE VICTORIA COMMUNITY COALITION INVITES EVERYONE  
TO COME TOGETHER WITH NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS TO

## 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.

PLEASE USE THE NORTH LOBBY ENTRANCE.

# UNDERSTANDING THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

THE THREE DAYS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

The Paschal Triduum is the heart of the Church's liturgical year—the sacred three days that draw us into the very mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. From the evening of Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday, we do not simply recall events of long ago; we enter into them. These days form one continuous celebration of Christ's saving work, the center of our faith and the summit of our worship.

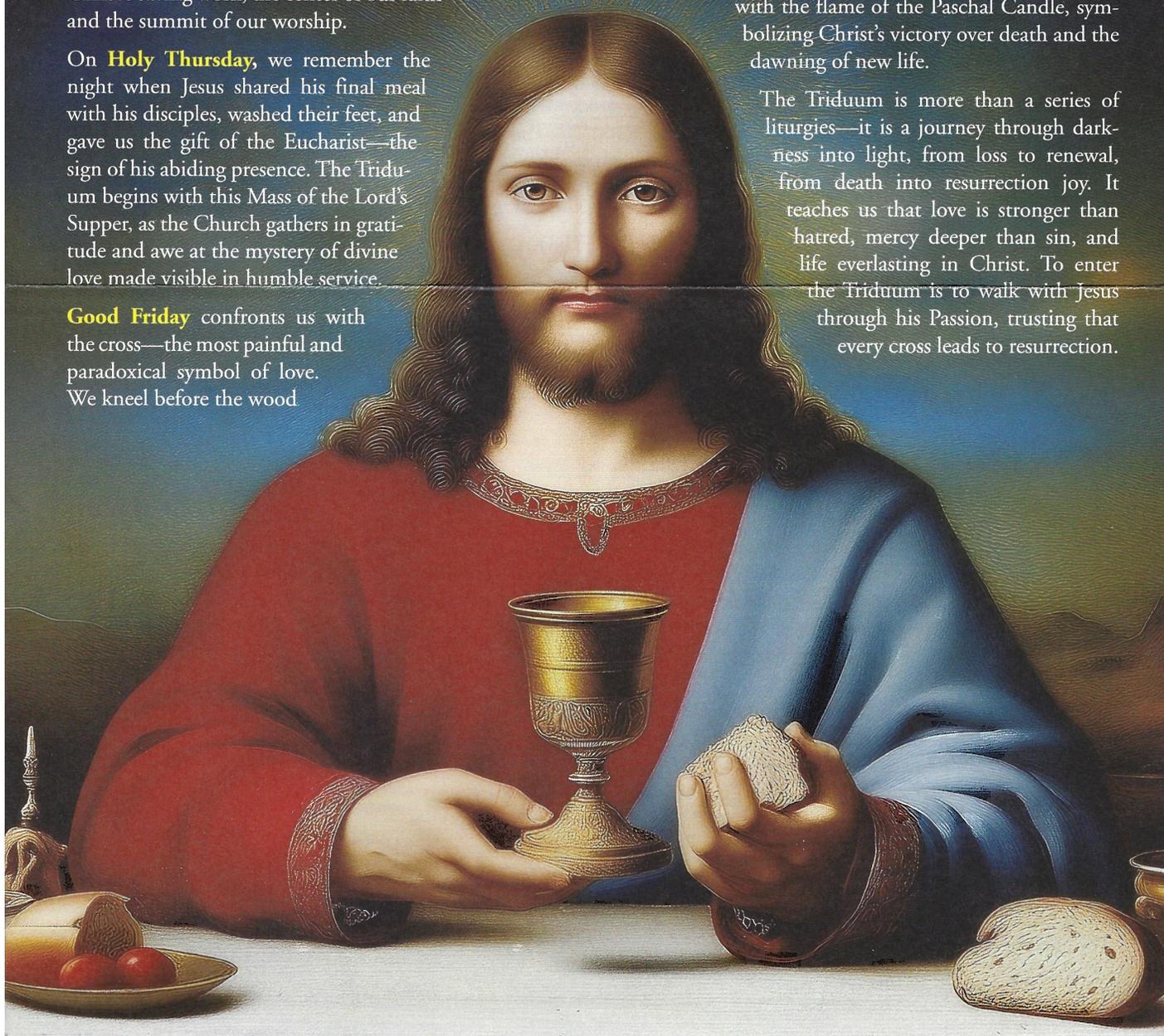
On **Holy Thursday**, we remember the night when Jesus shared his final meal with his disciples, washed their feet, and gave us the gift of the Eucharist—the sign of his abiding presence. The Triduum begins with this Mass of the Lord's Supper, as the Church gathers in gratitude and awe at the mystery of divine love made visible in humble service.

**Good Friday** confronts us with the cross—the most painful and paradoxical symbol of love. We kneel before the wood

that bore our salvation, knowing that through Christ's suffering and death, sin and death themselves are conquered. This is not a day of despair, but of solemn hope.

Then, in the deep silence of **Holy Saturday**, the Church waits in vigil, keeping watch beside the tomb. As night falls, light pierces the darkness. The Easter Vigil begins with the flame of the Paschal Candle, symbolizing Christ's victory over death and the dawning of new life.

The Triduum is more than a series of liturgies—it is a journey through darkness into light, from loss to renewal, from death into resurrection joy. It teaches us that love is stronger than hatred, mercy deeper than sin, and life everlasting in Christ. To enter the Triduum is to walk with Jesus through his Passion, trusting that every cross leads to resurrection.



## THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM: MEANING AND SYMBOLS

The *Paschal Triduum*—from the Latin for “three days”—is the summit of the Church’s liturgical year. It begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, and concludes with Easter Sunday. Though it spans parts of four calendar days, it is one continuous celebration of Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection—the central mystery of our faith.

Each day reveals a different facet of that mystery. On Holy Thursday, the **washing of feet** and the **Eucharist** express love in humble service. On Good Friday, the **cross** becomes a sign not of defeat but of victory, as Christ’s sacrifice conquers sin and death. On Holy Saturday, the Church waits in silence until the **Easter Vigil**, when light pierces the darkness and the **Paschal Candle**—symbol of the Risen Christ—is lit.

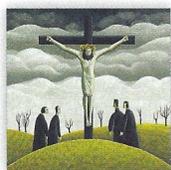
Throughout the Triduum, the Church’s symbols speak deeply: fire and water, bread and wine, darkness and light. Together they proclaim that the journey from death to life is at the heart of Christian faith. The Triduum invites us to walk with Christ through these sacred days and to share in the joy of his Resurrection.

### THE LITURGIES OF THE TRIDUUM

The Triduum is unique in that its liturgies flow seamlessly into one another, forming one great act of worship.



The **Mass of the Lord’s Supper** on Holy Thursday recalls the institution of the Eucharist and the washing of feet, symbols of Christ’s humility and love. The altar is stripped afterward, and the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession to a place of repose for silent prayer.



On **Good Friday**, the Church celebrates no Mass. The faithful gather for the **Celebration of the Lord’s Passion**, which includes the reading of the Passion, the solemn intercessions, and veneration of the Cross. Holy Communion, consecrated the evening before, may then be distributed, linking this day to the unity of the Triduum.



**Holy Saturday** is a day of quiet reflection until the **Easter Vigil**, the “mother of all vigils.” The Vigil begins in darkness, then the Paschal Candle is lit, and the Exsultet is sung. Scripture readings recount salvation history, new members are baptized, and the Resurrection is proclaimed in joy.

Together, these liturgies form one act of worship, leading us from the table of the Last Supper to the Cross and the empty tomb—through death into new life, the heart of the Church’s faith and joy.

## THE HISTORY OF THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Paschal Triduum has ancient roots in the earliest centuries of Christianity. From the beginning, the Church gathered yearly to celebrate the Lord’s Pasch—the mystery of his death and resurrection, the central mystery of faith. By the second century, Christians were observing a solemn remembrance of Christ’s Passion on Friday and rejoicing in his Resurrection on Sunday, often preceded by a night-long vigil of prayer.

By the fourth century, the celebration of these sacred days had developed into a distinct liturgical structure in Jerusalem and spread throughout the Christian world. Pilgrims such as the Spanish nun **Egeria**, who recorded her travels around A.D. 380, described in detail the early Holy Week and Easter observances in Jerusalem—the washing of feet on Thursday, veneration of the Cross on Friday, and the solemn Easter Vigil beginning at nightfall on Saturday.

In the Middle Ages, the Triduum’s rich symbolism deepened, though its structure varied between regions. The modern form took shape after the **liturgical reforms of Pope Pius XII in the 1950s**, which restored the Easter Vigil to its rightful nighttime setting and emphasized the unity of the three days as one continuous celebration.

Today, the Triduum stands as the high point of the Church’s year—the summit of the liturgical calendar and the foundation of all Christian worship. These ancient days, preserved and renewed through centuries, invite us to enter again into the saving mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection.



## Dementia & Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Groups

### Zoom Meetings

2nd Thursday of every month  
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 Contact Micki at [maacarmstrong@gmail.com](mailto:maacarmstrong@gmail.com) for Zoom link info

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<b>Monday, April 13</b>	<b>Victoria Elementary</b>	<b>3:00pm-4:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday, April 18</b>	<b>Victoria Park</b>	<b>11:30am-12:30pm</b>
<b>Monday, May 4</b>	<b>Victoria Elementary</b>	<b>2:45pm-4:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday, May 16</b>	<b>Victoria Park</b>	<b>11:30am-12:30pm</b>

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- January 15<sup>th</sup>
- February 19<sup>th</sup>
- March 19<sup>th</sup>
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>
- May 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>
- June 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>
- August 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>
- October 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>
- November 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>
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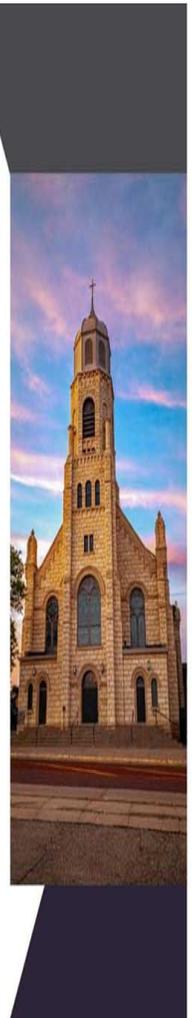
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**Ordinations of the Salina Diocese  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Salina, Ks**



**Diaconate Ordination  
April 11, 2026  
10:00a.m.**



**Priest Ordination  
June 12, 2026  
2:00p.m.**



**CALL TO share** Bulletin Announcements  
Kick-off Weekend  
February 7-8, 2026

Here are bulletin announcements that you can use for Bishop's Annual Appeal 2026. If you have any questions or need additional/specific announcements, please contact [torrie.gregg@salinadiocese.org](mailto:torrie.gregg@salinadiocese.org).

QR Code where parishioners can make their gift online



[appeal.givecfds.org](https://appeal.givecfds.org)

**Option 1 -**

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the mission of the Church beyond what any single parish can do alone. Through the Appeal, ministries that pass on the faith to our youth, support and care for our clergy, and strengthen families across the diocese are made possible. Our parish is asked to take part in this shared mission with a goal of \$\_\_\_\_\_. We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Give online at [appeal.givecfds.org](https://appeal.givecfds.org).

**Option 2 -**

Each year, our parish joins with others across the diocese to support the ministries made possible through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. These ministries help form the faith of our youth, support and care for our clergy, and strengthen families throughout our diocesan community. Our parish goal this year is \$\_\_\_\_\_. We invite you to take part in this shared effort by supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Give online at [appeal.givecfds.org](https://appeal.givecfds.org).

**Option 3 -**

Your generosity through the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps carry out the mission of the Church across our diocese. Through your support, faith is passed on to the youth of our diocese, our clergy are strengthened, and families are supported at every stage of life. These ministries help form disciples, support parish life, and serve communities across north-central and northwest Kansas. We invite you to join the mission by supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Give online at [join.givecfds.org](https://join.givecfds.org).

**2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

These are the tri-parish totals collected as of March 24 towards the 2026 Annual Appeal goal of \$2.5 million.

As of 3/24/26	Goal	Received	# of Donors
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St. Ann	\$18,500	\$7,845	11
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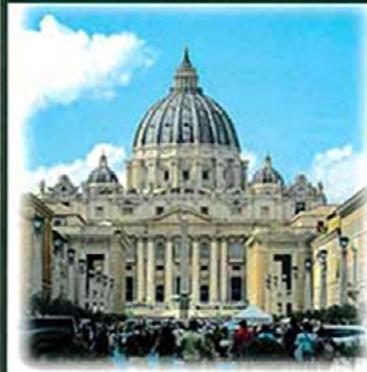
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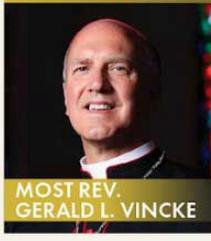
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Early Registration (by March 10)	\$45	\$20
Regular Registration (Mar 11-April 10)	\$50	
Late Registration (after April 10)	\$55	

Make checks payable to **Thomas More Ladies**  
 Memo: Women’s Conference.

Mail registration forms to:  
 Women’s Conference  
 2900 Kimball Ave.  
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The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Women’s Spirituality Conference is held at the St. Thomas More Parish Center located at 2900 Kimball Ave., Manhattan. 785-776-5151 Sponsored by the Women’s Groups of St. Thomas More and Seven Dolors Catholic Churches

**Schedule for the Day-Saturday, April 18, 2026:**  
 Continental Breakfast /Gather 8:30a.m. – 9:00a.m.  
 Introduction and Presentation 9:00a.m. to Noon.  
 Lunch Break Noon to 1:00p.m.  
 Presentation resumes 1:00p.m. to 2:30p.m.



Parish Center is behind the Church. Drive to the BACK parking lot.

**Registration DEADLINE: April 10, 2026**

Questions? Email :  
 Rosie Rundell at [kansas.rosie@yahoo.com](mailto:kansas.rosie@yahoo.com) or  
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