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ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, In-Home Mass, Holy Communion to Homebound Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events.	Morning Coffee Thursdays 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Office with the Pastor & friends	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 Parish Office such as Herzog, 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

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August 29, 2021 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Anyone wishing to request prayers for family or friends may call Teresa Shepherd (785-735-9576) to add their requests to the Prayer Line

Dates To Remember

Sept. 6 — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Sept. 11—Patriot Day

Sept. 11-12 — Blessing of Seed Wheat at all Masses

Sept. 14 — Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sept. 17-18—VHS Homecoming

Oct. 4—Feast of St. Francis of Assisi — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Oct. 11 — Columbus Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

“Nothing that enters one from the outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.”

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



A Book by Its Cover

"You can't tell a book by its cover," is an ancient adage with modern wisdom. Today's gospel agrees, "Nothing from the outside can defile the person. The things that come from within are what defile."

This admonition of Christ was directed at the Pharisees who scrupulously washed dishes, but failed to clean their conscience. Christ did not condemn their customs, but the

promises and a prayer for God's grace to keep us faithful to those promises. We wear religious emblems and display them in their homes not to replace our Christian obligations but as a reminder to live the faith which they symbolize. And we are wisely cautioned that observing such externals without internal integrity is not only useless but destructive of faith. In the words of the prophet

Isaiah: "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

The message of this gospel is timely for modern Americans who spend billions on beauty cosmetics, designer clothing, and trendy

sportswear. These can be helpful and uplifting but it is what is on the inside that counts. "Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage" is an insightful verse from the English poet Richard Lovelace. "Clothes do not make the man" is a variation of the wisdom of the ancient monks: "The habit does not make the friar."

You can't judge a book by its cover. The inside is the heart of the book. St. Luke's gospel reminds us, "The good person brings good things out of the good treasure of her heart." St. Augustine said, "Love God, and then do whatever you will." The good heart will desire only the good.

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Marrying a woman for her looks is like buying a house for its paint job.



wrong use of those practices which were not only to maintain sanitary vessels, but also to emphasize the need for internal purity.

Christianity and all religions use similar practices. We do much the same in our secular lives. Externals remind us of our interior obligations. A timely example is the students returning to school with new books, new backpack, new clothing — all meant to give them a fresh start. But books do not ensure learning and clothes do not make a scholar. The student within determines success or failure.

This is not to deny that externals can help. Our Catholic faith is a sacramental faith replete with symbols. These do not replace the responsibility for our interior life, but they direct our attention to it. For example, we bless ourselves with holy water to remind us of our baptismal

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Contributions August 21-22, 2021

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 3196.00 Loose 623.00
Endowment 35.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 320.00 Loose 239.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 225.00 Loose 98.00
Candles 98.00 Herzogfest 24.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Aug. 30—Verda Werner, Bertha Brungardt

Sep. 7 (Tuesday) — Jerry Schmidtberger; Andrea Schmidtberger

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Elizabeth L. "Betty" (Weigel) Denning**, formerly of Victoria, who passed away on Thursday, August 19, 2021. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

Seed Wheat Blessing

Seed wheat will be blessed during all Masses the weekend of September 11-12. Please place your wheat on the Communion railing before Mass.



Restoration Fund Update

As of August 25, we have received \$323,379.10 towards the restoration fund for the Basilica of St. Fidelis. *Thank you for your generosity.*

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Monthly Meeting

Daughters of Isabella members will meet at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop on **Monday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m.** for a rosary. The meeting will follow at 7:30.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Rel Ed Raffle Tickets for Sale

The Knights of Columbus have Religious Education raffle tickets for sale. Prizes are 1-\$30,000, 1-\$10,000, 4-\$5,000, 8-\$2,000, and 8-\$1,000. Contact John Braun at 785-623-0680 or Harland Rupp at 785-623-1368 to purchase tickets.

Mass At Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer will host a Mass to commemorate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on **Sunday, September 12, at 3:00 p.m.** Celebrants will be Bishop Gerald Vincke and Father Reggie Urban. Music will be provided by Trilogly.

Seed wheat will be blessed.

There will be a social in the school building following the Mass.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



ADULT CHOIR

Practice Begins

The St. Fidelis Adult Choir will have practice on **Wednesdays, September 8 and September 15**, at 8:45 p.m. in the choir loft. They will sing for the Victoria High School Alumni Mass at 4:00 p.m. on **Saturday, September 18.**

YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Religious Education and Children's Ministry Schedule

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday., September 1

2:20—4:00 P.M.—Altar Servers
Training for NEW servers only
(St. Fidelis Church)

Wednesday., September 1

5:30 P.M.—Altar Servers refresher
training course—returning
servers (St. Fidelis Church)

Wednesday., September 8

6:30—7:30 P.M.—First night of
religious ed classes

Sunday., September 12

10:00 A.M. Mass—First Sunday of
Liturgy of the Word for Children

Wednesday, September 15

5:15—6:15 P.M.—Jubilee Choir
practice in St. Fidelis Church

6:30—7:30 P.M.—Religious Ed
classes

8th grade: "Catholic Morality &
Ethics" parent and student
orientation

Sunday., September 19

10:00 A.M. Mass—Jubilee Choir
sings & Catechetical Sunday

Wednesday, September . 22

6:30—7:30 P.M.—Religious Ed
classes

9th grade Confirmation—parent
and student orientation

Wednesday, September 29

6:30—7:30 P.M.—Religious Ed
classes

AUGUST HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

THERE IS NO TIMEOFF FOR TRAFFICKERS. THEIR NETWORKS ARE ALWAYS ALIVE LEARNING BETTER WAYS TO BUY AND SELL PEOPLE.

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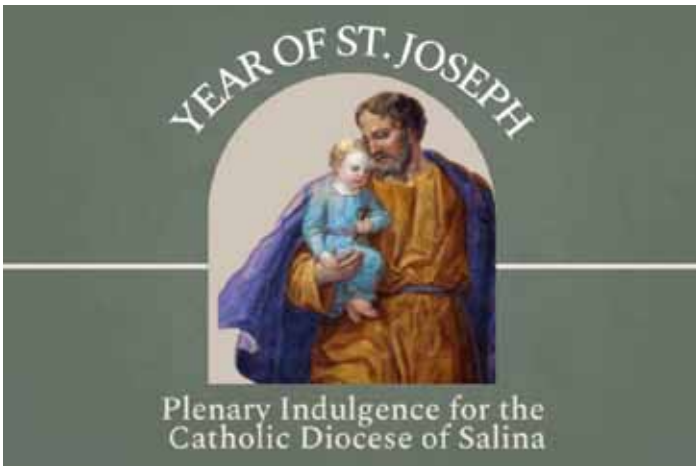
2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEGGED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGGED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Walker	5,000.00	15,325.00	15,325.00	12
Vincent	2,000.00	750.00	750.00	7
Victoria	15,000.00	17,190.00	14,600.00	56

As of August 24, 2021,
\$1,829,999.46 has been pledged and \$1,708,625.83 has been received toward the \$1.85 million goal of the Annual Appeal.



In our diocese, we have seven Churches named after St. Joseph. The year of St. Joseph ends on December 8, 2021, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Vincke invites the people of the diocese to make a pilgrimage to any number of the seven Churches named after St. Joseph. With it comes a plenary indulgence.

The seven parishes are in Bird City, Brookville, Damar, Dorrance, Hays, New Almelo, and Oakley.

Go to SalinaDiocese.org/news-and-updates for more information and to download a booklet explaining the requirements for the plenary indulgence.

Engaged Couples Marriage Prep

BELOVED, a one-day seminar, offers engaged couples a look into the long-term commitment of marriage and working through challenges as a couple. It explores the spiritual and eternal reality behind "I Do."

The next seminar is **Saturday, September 11, 2021, from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. Pre-registration is required.

Contact Nancy Urban at nurban76@gmail.com or Susan Kisner at skisner@ihm-church.com or 785-625-7339.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL DAY OF REFLECTION WITH RICK BINDER

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA CATHOLIC CHURCH
2901 E. 13th Street, Hays**

To register, contact Rachel Elsen
rachelelsen518@gmail.com OR 785-738-2889

9:30 Registration
10:00 Guest Speaker Rick Binder
11:00 Adoration
Noon Lunch
1:00 Guest Speaker Rick Binder
2:00 Closing Prayer

Hosted by Salina Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

WARNING to all parents:

Immediately stop feeding your kids Rice Krispies. It is not absorbed in your body in a healthy manner. It is stored in your body and the effects become visible when you are older.

I used to eat Rice Krispies and now that I am older I can testify to the effects of this. Every morning when I wake up and get out of bed, everything in my body snaps, crackles, and pops. Pass this message on to everyone to stop this from happening at their old age.

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 Jan at the Parish Office. Fr. Jim will also come to your home and offer the anointing of the sick or confessions. Contact Jan at the Parish Office.



Labor Day
Monday,
September 6, 2021
The Parish Office will be closed.

Check out the **NEWS** page
on the Basilica's website
www.StFidelisChurch.com

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council
4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Pastoral Council
1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee
2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

COMMUNITY



More 2 Life

Take 2 with Jerry & Debbie is a unique live daily call-in show. Hosts Jerry Usher and Debbie Georgianni share from their hearts and personal experiences, focusing closely on their listeners and helping them become aware of their tremendous worth and potential. Taking a fresh look at personal, spiritual, and cultural issues, their ultimate desire is to bring others to a realization of how much God loves them and has a beautiful plan for their lives. Tune in at 11:00 AM on weekdays. The call-in number is 833-288-3986.

V.F.W. and Auxiliary Meetings



Victoria V.F.W. members and V.F.W. Auxiliary members will meet on **Thursday, September 9, at 7:30 p.m.** at the V.F.W. Hall.



Annual Appreciation Banquet

Divine Mercy Radio's 11th Annual Appreciation Banquet will take place in two locations: **6:00 p.m. Saturday, September 11**, at The Strand Event Center, Hays, and **6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 12**, in the Hall of Bishops, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina.

Cost is \$55 if purchased before Friday, August 20. After August 20, if tickets are still available, the cost is \$60. The cost includes appetizers and adult beverages. This is a sit down, served banquet with a great speaker, Father John Riccardo, who will be talking about *What Do We Most Need Now?*

To purchase tickets send your check, along with which banquet you will attend (Hays or Salina) and your meal choice (steak or chicken) to: Divine Mercy Radio, 108 E. 12th St., Hays, KS 67601.

For more information, call 785-621-4110.

Victoria Rest Home Community Meeting - 6:30 pm Tuesday, September 14, 2021

The new owner of the Victoria St. John's Rest Home will hold an open house and public meeting to gain community input on use of the building and grounds. Jeff Pfeifer will open the rest home to the public at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, for anyone interested in walking through the facility. The community meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. at the rest home.

Mr. Pfeifer wants input on potential uses for the property, concerns regarding needed changes to the property, and unique features of the property that should be preserved.

Participants will have the opportunity to provide input on prioritization of the suggestions received during the meeting. Comments and input can also be provided by messaging or posting on Facebook @savetheresthome or by emailing to 006pfeifer@gmail.com or sending them to: Save the Rest Home LLC., P.O. Box 94, Victoria, KS 67671.

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

1 st - Christian Mothers	2 nd - Knights of Columbus
3 rd - Daughters of Isabella	4 th - Family Life

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, Sep. 4, 5:00 PM — Hannah Schmidt
 Sunday, Sep. 5, 10:00 AM — Becky & Jim Scheck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, Sep. 4, 5:00 PM — Tina Braun
 Sunday, Sep. 5, 10:00 AM — Joan Wellbrock

LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS

Saturday, Sep. 4, 5:00 PM — Allen Amrein
 Sunday, Sep. 5, 10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

Wednesday, Sep. 1 — Jane Wagner
 Sunday, Sep. 5, 10:00 AM — Cora Schulte and Kathy Amrein

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, Sep. 4, 5:00 PM — Easton W., Jillian & Jarron S.
 Sunday, Sep. 5, 10:00 AM — Ethan S., Wesley & Nicholas S.
 Saturday, Sep. 11, 5:00 PM — Emma D. Mackenzie H., Harper T.
 Sunday, Sep. 12, 10:00 AM — Averi & Riley W., Ryker K.

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 Eucharistic or Lector ministry.

MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY.....	AUGUST 30
7:00 pm Bernice Birzer	
TUESDAY.....	AUGUST 31
6:45 am For the Parishes	
WEDNESDAY.....	SEPTEMBER 1
6:45 am Rich Haas	
THURSDAY.....	SEPTEMBER 2
6:45 am	
FRIDAY.....	SEPTEMBER 3
6:45 am	
SATURDAY.....	SEPTEMBER 4
5:00 pm St. Fidelis For the parishes	
6:30 pm St. Boniface Howard and Aquina Rajewski family	
SUNDAY.....	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 5
7:30 am St. Ann Wilfred and Viola Robben and Jim and Jane Robben	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Steve J. Schumacher	

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