

“Beacon of Faith,”
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

“Cathedral of the Plains,”
THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

“Pearl of the Prairie,”
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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| 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 |
| 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 3, 2023— First Sunday of Advent

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

Dec. 6 — Feast of St. Nicholas
Dec. 25 — Christmas Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Dec. 26 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas
Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve
Jan. 1 — Mary Mother of God (not a holy day of obligation)
 New Year's Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Jan. 15 — Martin Luther King Jr Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

**“Watch, therefore;
 you do not know when the
 lord of the house is coming . . .”**

Mark 13:33-37



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass will be celebrated
 at the Basilica of St. Fidelis on
Thursday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 8, 6:45 a.m.
 The Parish Office will be closed.





The Grinch Who Stole Advent

One of the despised villains in Dr. Seuss is *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*. The Grinch was "a bitter, angry creature with a heart two sizes too small." He tried to prevent Christmas from coming by stealing all the Christmas presents and the holiday decorations. Dr. Seuss asks, "Was there ever a creature so cruel?"

Christians might answer, "Yes, the Grinch who stole Advent." This Grinch doesn't pilfer presents or destroy decorations. He encourages haste and hurry and hype. He picks the fruit before it is ripe. He steals the wonder of waiting, the longing of the heart, the magic of dreams. He robs us of that quiet anticipation to prepare our hearts for a joyous celebration of the birth of Christ. He is busy already in the marketplace, the home place, even in some holy places.

Mothers warn children tempted to nibble before meals, "Don't spoil your appetite!" Don't spoil your spiritual appetite, that inner hunger for celebrating the birth of Our Savior. Wait. But how to wait? The Advent models of waiting for the birth of the Savior are Mary, the mother of Christ, and John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ.



During that first Advent Mary waited in awe of the divine child within her. Yet she was not preoccupied with her own concerns,

but found time for another. She went to help her cousin Elizabeth who was in need. The advent of Mary teaches us this Christian paradox: in helping another, we help ourselves; in making Christmas for others, we make Christmas for ourselves. During Advent watch as Mary watched, with an awe that inspired charity.



John the Baptist may be a less comforting model than Mary, but he is no less significant. John proclaimed the coming of the Lord with the same words as Christ himself, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." That is not a threat, but an opportunity. That the kingdom of God is at hand takes on special meaning during Advent. The Lord is near to us not only in the short time remaining before Christmas, but in the spirit of this season of joy and hope and peace.

The Grinch who stole Christmas did steal all the Christmas presents. But Christmas came just the same. He then came to realize that Christmas is more than just presents and tinsel, and "his heart grew three sizes larger." May our hearts grow steadily during this special season as we wait quietly with Mary and John the Baptist for the birth of our Savior.

... and mirth

If you've seen one Santa, you've seen a mall.

Parish Staff

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Contributions November 25-26, 2023

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 2230.00 Loose 784.00
Repair Fund 55.00 Cemetery 50.00
Thanksgiving Loose 307.00
Thanksgiving Envelopes 835.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 1265.00 Loose 60.00
Thanksgiving 20.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 35.00 Loose 25.00
Thanksgiving 5.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

December 4 — Mary Brungardt,
Janie Dinges

December 11 — Verda Werner,
Bertha Brungardt

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00 PM — Leroy Schmidtberger

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:00 PM — Trilogy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

10:00 AM — Sheila Stone

* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS *

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 — IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00 PM — Carol Pfeifer, Diane Gross, Anne Dinkel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 — IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

6:45 AM — Kathy Kuhn, Jane Wagner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:00 PM — Teresa Shepherd, Jane Wagner, Kathy Kuhn, Carol Pfeifer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 — (Jubilee Choir sings)

10:00 AM — Michelle Geist, Andrea Schmidtberger, Bertha R. and Kenny Brungardt, Jaquelyn Stoffel

* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS *

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 — IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00 PM — Becky Scheck

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 — IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

6:45 AM — Yvonne Braun

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:00 PM — Diane Gross

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

10:00 AM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger

* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS *

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 — Jane Wagner

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

10:00 AM — Bertha and Kenny Brungardt

* MASS SERVERS *

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 — IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00 PM — Dax L. and Ethan and Alice S.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:00 PM —

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

10:00 AM — Averi and Riley W. and Mason M.

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Allen "Dennis" VonLintel**, who passed away on Sunday, November 19, 2023. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Saturday, November 25, 2023, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

Please Remember Your Parish ...

As we are approaching the end of the tax year, donations to your church can be claimed if you need a tax deduction.

Communal Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered on **Saturday, December 9, after the 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Ann** and on **Sunday, December 10, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Fidelis**.

"Those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament. ...A sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery. ...Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present."

[Pastoral Care of the Sick, nn. 8, 10-11]

Natural Family Planning Trainer

The Diocese of Salina FertilityCare Services Center and NFP Office is excited to announce our first Creighton Model FertilityCare Practitioner Education Program beginning March 9.

If anyone in the parishes with a minimum of an Associate Degree would like to look into the possibility of training to become a FertilityCare Practitioner, please contact Fr. Jim for further information.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council

4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee

2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm


Pastoral Council

1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Communal Penance Service

at the Basilica of St. Fidelis on

**Monday, December 18,
after the 7:00 p.m. Mass**

|  ADVENT CALENDAR 2023 | | | | | | |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| 3 The First Sunday of Advent Begin your Advent journey by blessing your Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle and sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." | 4 What can you do this Advent to prepare your heart and life for the coming of Christ? | 5 "The liturgical Season of Advent ... invites us to go to the encounter with the Lord who comes through prayer, penitence and works of charity. Prepare yourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus with assiduous listening to the Word of God and a generous response to his grace." Pope Francis, Audience, November 30, 2022 | 6 In honor of Saint Nicholas whose memorial we celebrate today, consider ways that you can share your time, treasure, and talent to assist those who are in need. | 7 On this Memorial of Saint Ambrose, a bishop and great teacher of the faith, pray for all clergy and others charged with forming others in the faith of the Church. | 8 Today is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States of America. It is a holy day of obligation. Offer your Mass intention today for the needs of the nation. | 9 Make plans to receive the gift of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance during this Advent season. |



The Diocese of Salina has renewed its subscription to FORMED.ORG, which it has subscribed to for several years. So as a parishioner of the tri-parishes, you can use FORMED for free. FORMED provides access to books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, and studies.

You can easily access FORMED by using the church's website at StFidelisChurch.com and select **FORMED Website** under the **Organizations-Links** tab. Just follow the instructions on that page.

Or do the following:

1. Go to FORMED.ORG.
2. If you have used FORMED, select SIGN IN.
3. Otherwise, select FORMED FOR PARISHES.
4. Select SIGN UP in the top menu bar.
5. In "Find Your Parish or Organization", type "67671" (as the parish zip code).
6. Select "St. Fidelis Catholic Church, 601 10th St Victoria KS".
7. Click NEXT.
8. You will need to provide your name and email.
9. Click SIGN UP.
10. Then browse to see all that you can watch.

The next time you go to FORMED.ORG, select SIGN IN. If you did not log out the last time you visited the site, it will take you directly to the site. If you did log out, you will need to provide your email address. FORMED will send you an email with a link to sign in. The link expires after 2 hours. Follow the steps to log back in.

Mark Your Calendar for "Mark"

Did you know The Gospel of Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels? Learn more about his writings which will be read on Sundays of the liturgical year beginning this Advent.

Join your fellow parishioners on **Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** in the North Sacristy of St. Fidelis Basilica.

This is a series, but there will be a short break during the holidays. Come share the Word of God and gain a better understanding of the Sunday Gospels.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Broyles (785-735-4747) or Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).

Sponsored by the Family Life Committee.

Opportunity to View "The Chosen"

Family Life Committee is sponsoring an opportunity to view and discuss the series entitled "The Chosen". Season 3 will continue to be shown **Tuesday mornings starting at 7:30 a.m.** in the north sacristy of the church and will continue at that time on Tuesdays into December.

If not attending Mass, please enter by the northeast door. If interested in watching Seasons 1 and 2, please contact Stephanie Broyles (785-735-4747) or Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).

Tri-Parish Cards & Games Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 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
- Skip-Bo
- Phase 10
- Farkle
- Dominos
- Rummikub



Christmas Food Boxes

The Family Life Committee is preparing for the Tri-Parish Christmas Food Boxes for families in need.

If you wish to donate, we are asking for cash donations only. That way we can purchase the same food items for all the boxes.

You may drop your monetary donations in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the Parish Office. Please mark it as "Christmas Food Boxes".



Know Someone Who Needs a Food Box?

If you or someone you know would like one of these Christmas Food Boxes please contact the Parish Office at 785-735-2777

by December 16, 2022. This deadline is necessary for the team of volunteers to purchase the food, pack the boxes, and have them ready for pickup **on Wednesday, December 21.**

When you call in, you will be informed that these Christmas Food Boxes must be picked up the afternoon of Wednesday, December 21. A schedule of pickup times will be made in 10-minute increments for social distancing and confidentiality.



Advent Angels

THIS WEEKEND—December 2-3, the Tri-Parish Family Life Commission is sponsoring the Advent Angels project. Sign up sheets will be available in the tri-parish churches. A second collection will be held to gather the forms.

If you sign up, please remember to draw a name for your Advent Angel after Mass at the church entrances.

Please remember to pray for or do kind deeds for your secret family or person during the Advent season. It's nice to let them know on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day who has been praying for them.



Fort Hays State University Cathedral Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 10 | 3:30 p.m.

in the "Cathedral of the Plains"
The Basilica of St. Fidelis

Start the Advent/holiday season on a glorious note with the FHSU choirs: Fort Hays Singers, Concert Choir, and Smoky Hill Chorale at the annual Cathedral Christmas Concert in Victoria.

Hays High School Chamber Singers and Hillsboro Girl's Ensemble are the guest choirs.

Also appearing: FHSU Horn Ensemble; Tom Meagher, organ; FHSU Saxophone Quartet; several FHSU music faculty will perform, plus other members of the Music & Theatre Department.

The concert is free and open to the public.



How does an elf get to Santa's workshop?
By icicle.





Retired Fund for Religious

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

ST. BONIFACE

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration

A 24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration at St. Boniface Church will begin **Saturday, December 9, at 8:00 a.m.** and conclude **Sunday, December 10**, before the Year of Mercy Mass with Bishop Jerry Vincke at 8:00 a.m.

Year of Mercy Visit with Bishop Vincke

St. Boniface Catholic Church
Vincent

**Sunday, December 10
8:00 Mass**

(PLEASE NOTE: Mass will start 30 minutes early)

**CYO serving
BREAKFAST FOLLOWING MASS**

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.

DIOCESE

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 (laurie.trautwein@salinadiocese.org). This school year, over \$119,000 was awarded to schools for 96 students in the Salina Diocese.

ST. ANN

St. Ann women will do their annual cleaning of the church on **Saturday, December 9, @ 9:00 a.m.**



St. Ann's Christmas Potluck & Bingo SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023 after 6:30 p.m. Mass

Every family is asked to bring a bingo gift—the gift can be for any age level .



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

30 Days of Cash Giveaway Winners

Winners of the 2023 Knights of Columbus 30 Days of Cash Giveaway thus far are (the first 25 winners receive \$100 a day):

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| 1. Kami Weber | 17. Ronald Braun |
| 2. Anita Braun | 18. Joe Roth (Russell) |
| 3. Betty Younger | 19. Brian Kuntz |
| 4. Angie and Steve Dorzweiler | 20. Brent Schippers |
| 5. Joe Roth (Russell) | 21. Heather Schlochtermair |
| 6. Lane Kisner | 22. Amy Schaffer |
| 7. Ethel Younger | 23. Kassi Weber |
| 8. Armella Schippers | 24. Dave Kisner |
| 9. Jerry Brungardt | 25. Lana McClenahan |
| 10. Vera Gallart | 26. Dale Pfeifer (\$250) |
| 11. Patrick Zwenger | 27. Sophia Sanders (\$250) |
| 12. Michael K. Brungardt | 28. Kassi Weber (\$500) |
| 13. Jared Windholz | 29. Kamryn Bliss, Keira Wagstaff, Dawson Schmidtberger, Hudson Schmidtberger(\$750) |
| 14. Curtis Wellbrock | |
| 15. John Schippers | |
| 16. Chad Hammerschmidt | |

Advent Family Challenge from the Diocese

The Salina Diocese will do their second annual Advent Family Challenge. Please make sure you are keeping an eye on their website and social media for more information. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life/advent-family-challenge/>

- 1) Pick one night a week during Advent for a family night. Clear your schedule, put the phones in the other room, turn off the TV, make and share a meal together, and then play a game as a family or watch something together from Formed.org.
- 2) Pray the Novena for Marriage and Families with us. Each day (December 22nd – December 30th), we will send out the daily prayer through social media and on our website so your family can join with families all over our diocese praying together for marriages and families.
- 3) Go to Mass together as a family on the Feast of the Holy Family (December 30th)

From the Salina Diocese Office of Rural Life:

SOIL HEALTH U: The Rural Life Commission is participating in the Soil Health U, January 18-19, in Salina. Soil Health U is a two-day event providing high-quality instruction to teach farmers and ranchers how to sustainably maximize profit from every acre of land. Check the diocese website for more info.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: Save a spot on your calendar for Thursday, February 29, 2024, for the Catholic Rural Life Centennial Celebration—Rural Life: Tending the Land, Mind & Spirit. The celebration will be at St Isidore Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m., followed by a welcome and invocation by Bishop Vincke, as well as Kansas Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Beam. A meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the Keynote Speaker, Catherine DiNuzzo, will speak on rural life mental health.

ST. ISIDORE'S DAY: will be May 15 in Russell in the West Central Deanery. Prior to St. Isidore's Day the diocese will sponsor the St. Isidore's Novena. There will be a Mass and lunch. After lunch there will be special rural presentations, blessing of fields and flocks, and activities unique to the hosting parish. For additional information, please contact Fr. Richard Daise (785-625-7356).

Career Opportunity: CEO Catholic Foundation

The Catholic Foundation will begin a search for a new CEO. Katie Platten, current CEO, will be retiring this coming summer.

This Executive role is hired by the Diocese and works at the direction of the Board of Directors of the Foundation. The CEO is the principal advisor to the Bishop.

Motivated by enhancing the mission of the Church, the executive will work to set the strategic direction for development efforts, cultivate major relationships, and offer planned giving opportunities, as well as managing foundation operations and foundation employees.

This person is an active practicing Catholic living a life in accord with Church teaching. If you know someone who may be interested or you'd like more information about this exciting opportunity, please call Kim Hoelting, HR Director, Diocese of Salina at 785-342-0819 or email [kim at kim.hoelting@salinadiocese.org](mailto:kim@kim.hoelting@salinadiocese.org) for copy of the job description or other information.

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.

Sunday, December 3, 2023, the second grade class celebrates the Sacrament of Reconciliation

May you always rejoice in the peace of Jesus.

Addelyn Anderson
Luke Brungardt
Gracyn Dreiling
Katelyn Hartman
Brynn Herl
Brielle Hoffman
Rhett Hoffman
Bo Pfeifer
Owen Pfeifer

Collin Schippers
Dawson Schmidtberger
Brigg Schumacher
Jackson Stone
Luke Tholen
Ann Wellbrock
Elizabeth Wellbrock
Vivian Windholz

Congratulations to the children and their families. Special thanks to Mrs. Jeanna Wellbrock & Mrs. Jana Fross—the second grade catechists—for your dedication, support, and wholehearted investment in each child's religious education.

Jubilee Choir Holiday Schedule 2023

Practice Dates:

All practices are from 6-6:30 P.M. unless listed otherwise.

Wed., November 29th

Wed., December 6th

Wed., December 13th – NO practice*

Wed., December 20th

Sun., December 24th from 3:45 – 4:30 P.M.

Wed., December 27th

Wed., January 3rd

Singing Dates:

Sunday, December 10th at 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Eve
Mass at 5:00 P.M.





Adopt a family for

CHRISTMAS

Sponsored by Basilica of St. Fidelis Church, St. Ann
& St. Boniface

01 Contact the parish office

Parish Office number is 735-2777
Ask for Jeanette or Andrea
Jeanette: Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net / 785-639-5067
Andrea: Fidelis@ruraltel.net / 785-656-2208





02 How to sponsor a family

There are two ways to sponsor a family. One, you can request a list to shop for the family. Two, you can donate monetarily and we will shop for you. The families are anonymous either way.

03

Return gifts to PAC by Dec. 6th

Gifts and any monetary donations should be returned to the parish office by Wednesday, December 6th (hours: 8:30 A - 12 & 1-4:30 P). We are happy to meet you after hours as well, if needed.



Stewardship for Children Week 7

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4: 10

My Gift of Talent

Stewardship is: our belief that all we have and all we are comes from God. These are called gifts.

What are talents?

A talent is something you are really good at doing. It is a special blessing you have received. Most people have more than one talent. Sometimes it takes time, education, and hard work to help our talents grow.

READ Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus tells the “Parable of the Talents”

**It doesn’t matter how many talents you have —
what matters is what you do with them!**

Example of Talents:

A doctor uses his talents to help people get better.

Someone who likes to draw pictures can do so and mail or take to a friend who is not feeling well.

Someone who is a good student can help another who is having trouble learning a subject.

Every Steward should thank God for his *GIFTS* and tell others:

These are my blessing!

At home activity: Parents: talk to your children and ask questions to help them find their talents:

What talents do you think you have? What do your teachers and friends say you are good at? What do you like to do?

Encourage children to pray daily!

Thank you Jesus for my life and for giving me every day to work and play. Please teach me to give and to share with others the gifts you have given me. May I always do all I do the way you would have me do it. Amen.

With Christmas just around the corner, consider visiting the

St. Fidelis Gift Shop

in the Parish Office.

There are a number of great gifts to choose from including the Basilica Rosaries, 3 different Parish Cookbooks, Die Herzoger, the Basilica Christmas Ornament, and more.

Basilica Rosaries

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| Dark Brown Oval Wood Beads | \$55 |
| Light Brown Rectangular Wood Beads (only 1 left) | \$55 |
| Faceted Clear Glass Beads 6mm | \$60 |
| Faceted Blue Glass Beads 6mm | \$60 |
| Borealis Clear Glass Beads 7mm | \$60 |
| Borealis Blue Glass Beads 7mm | \$60 |
| Rosary Cases.....Small \$5 ⁰⁰ | Large \$6 ⁰⁰ |

ALSO,

don't forget to visit the **St. Fidelis Thrift Shop** to find some great gift ideas.

COMMUNITY



ROAD TO ROAM RAFFLE

Capuchin Province of Mid-America
3613 Wyandot St. Denver, CO 80211

Purchase Tickets



Buy your tickets today!

Visit: RoadtoRoamRaffle.com

or call 720-607-7826

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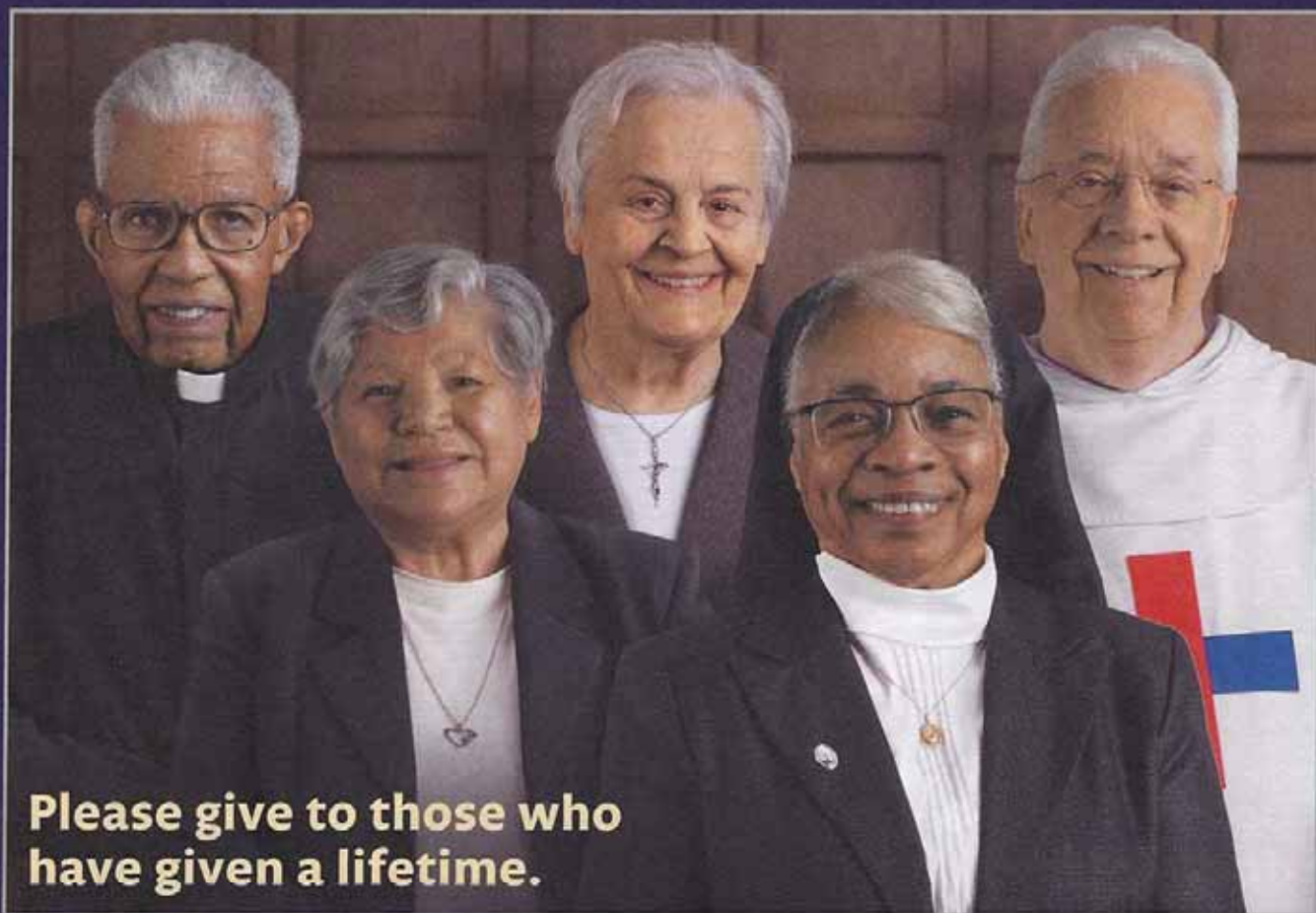
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