

„Beacon of Faith,  
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

„Cathedral of the Plains,  
**THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS**

„Pearl of the Prairie,  
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



<b>Parish Office:</b>	601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 • 785-735-2777 • Fax: 785-735-2779 <b>Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00	<b>Catholic Faith Education Office:</b> 785-735-9244
<b>Gift Shop Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday: 8:30–noon and 1:00–4:30 Friday: 8:30–noon	<b>Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, In-Home Mass, Holy Communion to Homebound:</b> Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events.	<b>Morning Coffee:</b> Thursdays 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Office with the Pastor & friends
<b>St. Fidelis Thrift Shop:</b> Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00–2:00; Wednesday 10:00–3:30; Thursday 10:00–4:00 If these hours do not work to drop off donations, contact Jan at the Parish Office.		<b>St. Fidelis Food Pantry:</b> For residents of the tri-parishes. Call the Parish Office. Donations accepted.
		<b>BULLETIN ITEMS:</b> Deadline is <b>Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.</b> Please contact Connie at the Parish Office (sfttech@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](http://www.stfidelischurch.com) / [www.stbonifacevincent.com](http://www.stbonifacevincent.com)

## September 20, 2020 – 25th 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

#### Confessions:

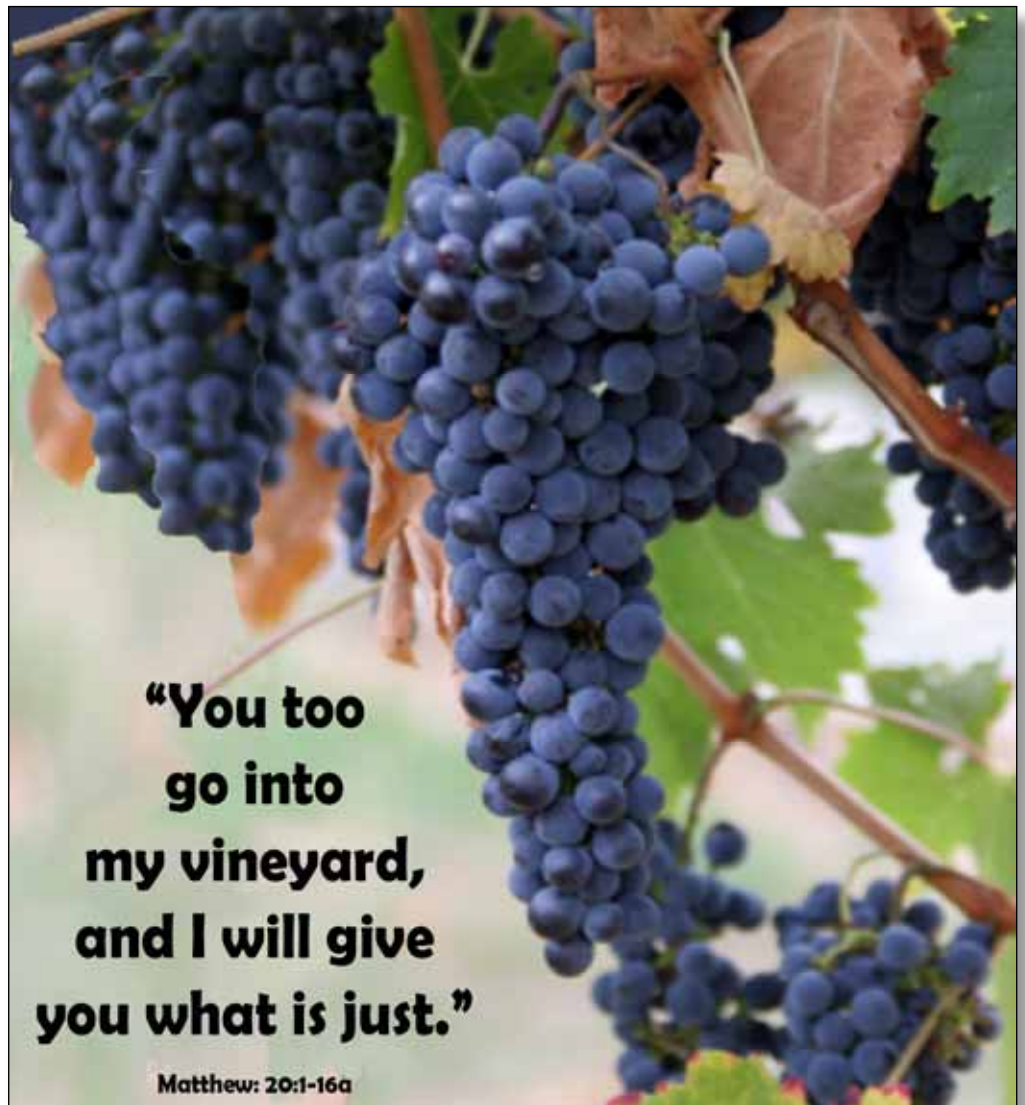
at St. Fidelis — Mondays — 7:30 pm  
or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

#### Tri-Parish Prayer Line

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

#### Dates To Remember

**September 25-26** — Victoria High School Homecoming  
**October 4** — Feast of St. Francis of Assisi  
**October 12** — Columbus Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**October 31** — Halloween  
**November 1** — Daylight Savings Time ends  
**November 2** — All Souls Day  
**November 3** — Election Day  
**November 11** — Veterans Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**November 25** — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon for Thanksgiving



**“You too  
go into  
my vineyard,  
and I will give  
you what is just.”**

**Matthew: 20:1-16a**



## Payday

Everyone looks forward to payday. The just reward for our labors. Today's gospel of the workers in the vineyard is about our eternal payday. And the message is, "Be prepared to be surprised!"

Since this story is about the worker's payday we assume that the moral of the story is about just wages and fair labor laws. But this is a parable. And a parable is a story about natural human things with a supernatural divine message. The story is about workers in a vineyard, but the moral of the story is not about farming, or finances, or fair wages. The message is the generosity of God's grace.



When the parable says that it was evening, it is using symbolic language referring to not the end of a day, but the end of the days of our life. The time of final judgement. All faithful workers get the full reward. There is no such thing as half-salvation.

The knockout punch of the parable is the question, "Are you envious because I am generous?" This is not the envy of the financial reward to the other workers, but the envy of God's generous grace to all people. God's

grace is offered fully to everyone, sinners as well as saints.

If we serve God on the basis of merit and reward, we will be troubled by this parable, and many other parables. God's grace is not determined by legality but by largesse. Without doing an injustice to those who serve him long and well, God reaches out to those who are faltering and failing. This parable teaches us that we do not work for God *by the hour*. We work for God *by the heart*. And each heart is known to God alone.

A subtle challenging message of this parable is that in some aspect of our spiritual life we have all arrived late. We may have been born and raised in the faith, cradle Catholics, regulars at Sunday Mass. But we have come to a full appreciation of our faith late in life. Regarding some spiritual value — prayer, or charity, or forgiveness — we are the workers who began at the last hour.

Rather than envious, we should be grateful for the generosity of God's mercy because in some manner we will all need it. Yet the parable also insists that we can never presume on the grace of God. As the workers in the gospel parable, we have all agreed on the usual daily wage. Death-bed conversions are dramatic. They are also rare. On that final payday may we rejoice with all who have received the full reward.

### ... and mirth

Comparison is the thief of joy.

## Parish Staff

### Pastor:

Fr. Jim Moster, OFM, Cap.  
email: james.moster@capuchins.org

### Bookkeeper/Minister to the Elderly and

### Homebound/Thrift Shop/Food Pantry:

Jan Brungardt  
email: fidelis@ruraltel.net

### Catholic Faith Education Office:

Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/  
Youth Minister  
email: fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net  
Shirley Brungardt, RCIA Director/  
Sacramental Records  
email: sfreled@ruraltel.net

### Housekeeping/Sacristan:

Darlene Dreiling

### Groundskeeper: Julius Dreiling

### Maintenance: Joe Brungardt

Organists: Kathy Dreiling-Amrein  
Lou Ann Hammersmith

### Choir Director: Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

### Technology Coordinator:

Connie Windholz  
email: sfttech@ruraltel.net

## Council Members

### St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

Peggy Fitzpatrick 735-8186 (Chair)  
Andy Kuhn 639-2156 (Vice-Chair)  
Janea Dinkel 735-9529 (RelEd)  
Doug Kuhn 650-1058 (Bldgs & Grounds)  
John Schulte 735-2444  
Deb Braun 735-7106  
Gina Oberle 735-8056  
Jacque Schmidt 735-5011

### St. Fidelis Finance Council

John R. Braun 735-2622  
Harland Rupp 735-2206  
Randy Leiker 259-1392

### St. Boniface Pastoral Council

Fred Tholen 735-4801  
Curt Wellbrock 259-6564  
Kathy Huser 735-4193

### St. Ann Pastoral Council

Terry Riedel 735-9375  
Jerry Nowak 637-5273  
Bill Robben 806-669-5264

## Contributions September 12-13, 2020

### ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 2633.00 Loose 1004.00

### ST. ANN:

Envelopes 710.00 Loose 147.00

### ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 320.00 Loose 135.00

### ~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

**Sept. 21** — Kenny and Bertha Brungardt

**Sept. 28** — Anita Braun, Marilyn Braun

## ST. FIDELIS HOURS

St. Fidelis Church including the chapel, church proper, sacristy & Bridal Room will be CLOSED to the public and utilized for Religious Education classes every Wednesday from 6 – 7:45 P.M. The doors will be locked to the public and access will be limited to only the catechists, students, and volunteers within the Religious Education program. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Jeanette Brungardt in the Religious Education Office at [Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net](mailto:Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net) or by cell phone at 785-639-5067.

## HELP WANTED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fr. Jim is looking for volunteers in many areas. Please consider thoughtfully and prayerfully any areas which you may feel called to serve **YOUR** parish: Fidelisfest committee, Herzogfest committee, Liturgy Committee, Parish or Finance Council, Building and Grounds committee, Homebound Ministry, Cemetery Committee. Contact Fr. Jim or Jan at the office 785-735-2777

## MEET FR. JIM

The St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society is sponsoring a "Meet and Greet" for Fr. Jim on Sunday, Sept. 20, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. It will be held outside of the main entrance to the church, weather permitting. Light refreshments will be shared. Stop by and welcome Fr. Jim.

## LITURGY COMMITTEE

There will be a Liturgy meeting on September 29, at 5:30 at the PAC.

Anyone willing to serve on the committee is also invited to attend.

## ROSARY RALLY

Rosary Rally, Saturday, October 10 at noon. It will take place at the PAC at 601 10th Street, Victoria. Please gather at the Blessed Mother Statue in front of the PAC. For more information, call Jeanie at 785-735-2393.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Knights Raffle for Religious Education

The State Knights of Columbus 2020 Religious Education Fund Raffle Tickets are now for sale. There are only a limited number of tickets sold at \$100 each. Grand Prize is \$30,000. Proceeds come back to our local parishes to fund Religious Education programs. Contact John Braun 785-623-0680 or Harland Rupp 785-623-1368 for tickets.

## DIOCESE

### 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal



#### PLEGDED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGDED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	14,700.00	14,685.00	12,460.00	70
Vincent	400.00	2,130.00	1,629.98	9
Walker	7,200.00	9,385.00	7,718.32	12

As of September 1, 2020, \$1,661,498.54 has been pledged and \$1,520,202.68 has been received toward the \$1.6 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

## SEPTEMBER HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

Not all children are starting school; some in the world are trafficked for sex and labor. Together we can work to stop this assault on the dignity of children.

**U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** ([www.sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://www.sistersagainstrafficking.org)). \*\*USCSAHT is a 501(c)3 organization. 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131

Wednesday, September 30  
Catechesis for the whole family

Parents/families please keep your calendar open for an evening of fellowship with your children & other families.

Details are pending but will be shared ASAP via your child's

Religious Ed Seesaw Journal and the Basilica of St. Fidelis Religious Education FB page.

**9th grade parent & student orientation**

**Wednesday, September 23rd**

**6:30—7:30 P.M.**

Gather on the 2nd floor of the Spiritual Life Center

For all parents and student's to attend to prepare and receive information regarding the 2 year Confirmation prep.

**Entrance & Covenant Rites ~ Sacrament of Confirmation**

**Sunday, October 4, 2020**

**10:00 A.M. Mass at St. Fidelis Church**

Confirmation candidates in both 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade will be presented to St. Fidelis Parish by his/her sponsor.

Confirmation Retreat to follow. Details TBA. Parents, please keep an eye on your child's Religious Ed Seesaw journal and your private e-mail for updates regarding this Rite and the retreat.

**Religious Education and Youth Ministry Calendar of Events**

**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

**Sunday, September 20**

Catechetical Sunday—Blessing of Catechists and Parents

**Wednesday, September 23**

Religious Ed Classes Grades 1 – 12

6:30 -7:30 P.M.

9<sup>th</sup> grade (Confirmation Preparation)

parent and student meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Spiritual Life Center

\*Please bring completed Confirmation Sponsor form to meeting.

**Wednesday, September 30**

Religious Ed Classes Grades 1 – 12

6:30 -7:30 P.M.

\*Whole Family Catechesis\* — Details

TBA

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*Looking Ahead ~ Month of October*

**OCTOBER CALENDAR**

**Sunday, October 4**

10:00 A.M. Mass – Entrance / Covenant Rites for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade confirmandi & sponsors

Retreat to follow. Details TBA.

**Tuesday, October 6**

6:00 P.M. – Religious Education

Committee Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Spiritual Life Center

**Wednesday, October 7**

Religious Ed Classes Grades 1 – 12

6:30 -7:30 P.M.

\*In-home faith formation: UNIT 1 Test and assignment due.\*



Sunday,  
September 20,  
Catechetical Sunday

Thank you, with the deepest gratitude, to all of our catechists, paras, youth ministry sponsors, children's ministry leaders, and all of those who have invested in the ministry of Religious Education and offered their gifts, prayers, and time in service to and sharing the Good News with our children and families.

*On this day all of us are called, by virtue of Baptism, to hand on the faith and be a witness to the Gospel and all are invited to rededicate themselves to this mission of handing on the faith and sharing the Good News with others.*

Parents and guardians are entrusted with the primary role as "catechist" and have a very unique responsibility in forming their children in the faith. Let us pray for them:

## Blessing of Parents

God our Father,  
let your peace settle within the hearts of these mothers, fathers, and guardians.  
Give them strength and wisdom as they care for their children.  
Show them how to raise their families with patience and tenderness.  
Give them strength during the times of greatest difficulty and help them recognize the little joys that are part of each day.  
May they grow in wisdom, understanding, and grace. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.



## Blessing of Catechists

Lord God, source of all wisdom and knowledge, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to live among us and to proclaim his message of faith, hope, and love to all nations.

In your goodness bless our brothers and sisters who have offered themselves as catechists for your Church.

Strengthen them with your gifts, that they may teach by word and by example the truth that comes from you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Mass on St. Fidelis Youtube Channel

Go to [www.StFidelisChurch.com](http://www.StFidelisChurch.com)  
and click the link on the *Home Page* or  
the *Mass Schedule Page* to view a Mass.

### COMMUNITY

#### NOTICE CHANGES TO THE BOOKMOBILE'S

↓ LOCATION, TIME, AND DAY ↓

**Hays Public Library**  
**Bookmobile**  
in the Church Parking Lot  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month  
from 3:00-5:00 p.m.



## Victoria Schools Calendar



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

#### Monday — September 21

Lunch Menu: chicken breast, hand-tossed bun, chicken flavored rice, green beans, pears, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study

#### Tuesday — September 22

Lunch Menu: Cheeseburger pocket, steamed peas, fruit cocktail, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study

4:00 pm HS volleyball @ Kinsley with Ness City. Depart 3:00 pm

#### Wednesday — September 23

Lunch Menu: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, orange slices, dinner roll, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study

#### Thursday — September 24

Lunch Menu: Mexican chicken, black bean salsa with chips, applesauce, cinnamon bread, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study

4:30 pm JH Volleyball vs Ness City

4:30 pm Cross country @ Hill City

6:30 pm JH football @ Ness City

#### Friday — September 25

Lunch Menu: Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, cole slaw, cantaloupe, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study

4:00 pm Homecoming parade

4:30 pm Pep rally in front of high school

6:30 pm Crowning ceremony

7:00 pm HS football vs. Sylvan Grove (Homecoming)

#### Saturday — September 26

9:00 am HS varsity tennis @ Trego. Depart 7:00 am

## Guidelines for Masses

(Still Observing Social Distancing)

### EXEMPT FROM ATTENDING

*You are still exempt from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, so if you are sick or feel uncomfortable attending in crowds, you are encouraged to remain at home and observe the Mass on Internet or television.*

### CAUTIONARY GUIDELINES

Cautionary guidelines due to the Coronavirus will be in effect at Masses. Participants are asked to help wipe down the pews after each Mass at St. Fidelis to prepare it for the next Mass. Disinfectant supplies will be provided. Please observe social distancing.

### HOLY COMMUNION

Please follow Fr. Jim's instructions for Communion at each Mass since they may be different at each church.

### MISSALETTES

Missalettes will still not be available at the Masses held at St. Fidelis.

### TITHING

If donating at a parish other than your own, please circle your parish's name or somehow make your envelope stand out from the other parish envelopes to help the money counters sort the envelopes properly.

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>SEPTEMBER 21</b>
7:00 pm JoAnn Billinger	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>SEPTEMBER 22</b>
6:45 am Leo F Brungardt family	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>SEPTEMBER 23</b>
6:45 am For the homebound	
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>SEPTEMBER 24</b>
6:45 am Art Wagner family	
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>SEPTEMBER 25</b>
6:45 am Steve Pfannenstiel	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>SEPTEMBER 26</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Peter J. and Alice Braun family Joe Rose, and Don Pfeifer, Charles Guercio, and LeRoy Simoneau	
6:30 pm St. Boniface For the parishes	
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ..... SEPTEMBER 27</b>
7:30 am St. Ann Wendelin and Linda Schoendaller	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Willie and Bertha Pfeifer family	

September 14, 2020

To all involved in the faith formation and children's ministries at St. Fidelis - parents, catechists, volunteers:

St. Fidelis Church is in a unique position in that we serve families within our tri-parishes of St. Fidelis, St. Ann and St. Boniface as well as outlying parishes that do not have a faith formation program. We also serve youth who attend public school within our own school district as well surrounding school districts. This year is very unique in that we have families who have chosen to homeschool their children for public school but are sending them to religion classes on Wednesday evenings. We also have families who are sending their child to public school and are excited to share their faith at home, with the mother and father as lead catechist. Since enrollment and the many conversations shared there are two words that come to mind: blessing and heartache. I have been blessed beyond measure to see so many of you and hear how you and your families have been. It has been a joy to see you all! My heart has also broken to hear the anxiety, frustrations, and fears we share. Thank you for sharing your hearts and lives so openly, thank you for praying with me and please don't stop praying for our president as well as local governing officials, Bishop Vincke, our USD 432 Board of Education, Religious Education committee members, pastor, myself, our parish staff and anybody else that is in a position of service and decision making.

Before going any farther I ask for you to bring your attention to the COVID-19 Safety Practices and the updates made to it, effective Monday, September 14, 2020. These updated guidelines can be found below. These clarifications affect all who minister/serve in the children's ministries: Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Liturgy of the Word for Children, Jubilee Choir, and adult faith formation such as Baptismal preparation classes and RCIA. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Father Jim with any questions or concerns. Our contact information is located at the bottom of the COVID-19 Safety Practices.

To the parents, please know that you have been gifted with a role that only you were created to completely fulfill. You are the primary catechist and teacher - you are modeling the faith and teaching your children how to serve and love others on a daily basis. Bless your children, pray with your children, play with your children and encourage them! Engage in the sacraments, yes even Reconciliation ☺, and include them, too. Also, allow them to pray for you and encourage you during this time.

Parents, we will love every minute we have with the children on Wednesday's! We will laugh and joke, we will pray, we will relish in the opportunity to share the faith and offer community and connection for as long as God's willing. And if it comes to pass that we must move to virtual learning, we will be eager to continue to make connections and pray with and for you each. If that day of virtual learning does not come to pass we will rejoice even more!!! Please accept the Bishop's invite during this time to fast on Friday's, say a daily rosary, and attend one hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Oh Holy Spirit, Come!

*"There is a terrible hunger for love. We all experience that in our lives – the pain, the loneliness. We must have the courage to recognize it. The poor you may have right in your own family. Find them. Love them." Blessed Mother Teresa*

In Christ,  
Jeanette Brungardt

Coordinator of Religious Education & Youth Ministry

\*SEE BACK SIDE FOR UPDATES TO COVID 19 SAFETY PRACTICES 9-14-20\*

## Post-exposure incident recovery plan

[“Individuals” is referring to students, catechists, employees, visitors, and all volunteers during Religious Education classes. It does not pertain to individuals whose only attendance to a closed school or place of employment has been from a remote location.]

If an individual becomes symptomatic, within 48 hours following the gathering or children’s ministry, which results in a positive COVID-19 test: please notify the pastor or Coordinator of Religious Education (notify the pastor directly if exposure did not occur at a religious education or youth ministry activity). Any concerns or questions regarding self-isolation or quarantine should be directed to the Ellis County Local Health Department: 785-628-9440

How does the Religious Education program decide when or if to move to a distant learning program for my child(ren)?

Note: The following policies/protocols do NOT affect the reception of any sacraments. The below only applies to the participation of in-person faith formation classes or other in-person children’s ministries. This does not exclude any individual from receiving the sacraments, or additional faith formation preparation/classes in-person with the parent and Religious Education Coordinator and/or pastor.

Whether or not the Religious Education program moves from in person to distant or hybrid learning will be cohesive with the response/actions taken by the public or private school in which your child attends.

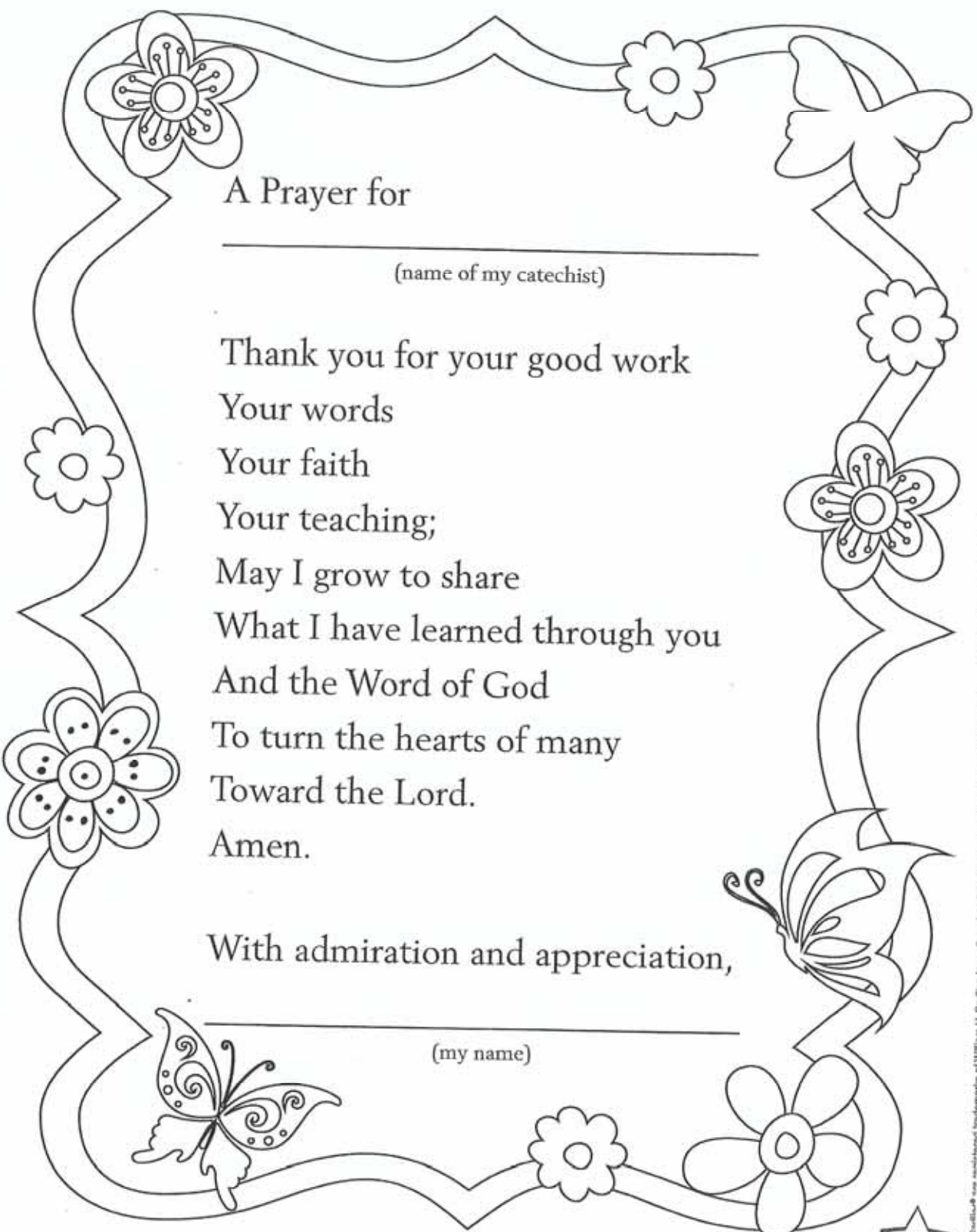
- Full school closure: If your child attends public or private school within a school or district that has been closed than all affected children and staff attending the closed school(s) will be moved to remote learning for religion class, until A) the school returns to in-person learning or B) 10-14 days have passed since the school closure and no symptoms of illness has arose.
- Partial school closure: If only a portion of the school is closed (for example: a school or classroom) than only those within that affected group of individuals will be asked to move to remote learning for religion class.

I am an employee, catechist, para and/or participate/serve in other voluntary positions within the parish. Where I work (in-person) or attend school (in-person) has closed, may I still participate in-person within the ministries at the parish including: Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Liturgy of the Word for Children, Jubilee Choir, Adult Choir, etc.?

No. The same policy above that affects our children also affects all other individuals.

Father James Moster, O.F.M. Cap St. Fidelis, St. Ann, St. Boniface Catholic Church <a href="mailto:james.moster@capuchins.org">james.moster@capuchins.org</a> Work phone: 785-735-2777	Jeanette Brungardt Coordinator of Religious Education <a href="mailto:fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net">fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net</a> Work phone: 785-735-9244
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A Prayer for

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(name of my catechist)

Thank you for your good work

Your words

Your faith

Your teaching;

May I grow to share

What I have learned through you

And the Word of God

To turn the hearts of many

Toward the Lord.

Amen.

With admiration and appreciation,

\_\_\_\_\_

(my name)