

Mar. 1 — Wold Day of Player
Mar. 5 — St. Ann Year of Mercy visit with Bishop Vincke (tentative)
Mar. 6 — St. Fidelis Year of Mercy visit with Bishop Vincke (tentative)
Mar. 10 — Girl Scout Sunday
Mar. 17 — St. Patrick's Day
Mar. 19 — Feast of St. Joseph
Mar. 24 — Palm (Passion) Sunday
Mar. 28 — Holy Thursday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon

Mar. 29 — Good Friday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED The Parish Office will be closed Tomorrow—Monday, February 19, in honor of Presidents Day.



Lenten Temptations

The gospel for the first Sunday of Lent is always about Satan tempting Christ in the desert. This year we read this brief account from the gospel of Mark: "He was in the desert forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts and the angels ministered to him."

The gospels of Matthew and Luke,

in contrast to Mark, present scriptural а debate between Christ and devil with three specific temptations: to turn stone to bread, to leap from temple, and to rule the world. Despite these

difference the fundamental idea in all three gospel accounts is the same: the Son of God overcame testing by Satan before he began his public ministry.

This year's reading from Mark offers these specifics: *in the desert*; *forty days; tempted by the devil; among wild beasts; and angels ministered to him.* The wilderness was probably the Judean desert where John the Baptist had been active. A desert experience is the traditional image of a purifying spiritual struggle to overcome sin and grow in God's grace.

The *forty days* recall the Exodus of the Old Testament when Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years on their way to the promised land. It also evokes the forty day testing of Moses (Exodus 34:28) and of Elijah (Kings 19:8).

Satan's temptation of Christ is unspecified, the fundamental struggle

between good and evil. This is the biblical image of Satan as the leader of all opposition to God's kingdom.

The *wild beasts* that Mark refers to are not mentioned in Matthew or Luke. It is from this reference that the lion has been designated as the symbol for Mark's gospel. Christ among wild beasts is an allegory of the struggle of

> his followers in the midst of a corrupting society.

The angels ministering to Christ when he was subjected to temptation is a reminder of God's grace strengthening Christians in their struggle to live free of sin. This

contrast of wild beasts and ministering angels is an image taken from Psalm 91. "He will command his angels to guard you in all your ways; the lion and the adder you will trample under foot."

Satan tempting people to sin is a concept alien to our secular culture. But Christians are reminded on this first Sunday of Lent that as Christ was tempted by the devil his followers should expect the same. Yet we are also reminded that amid the wild beasts and the temptations by the devil *angels ministered to him.* In our struggles with the devil, the angels are on our side.

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The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking spaces.

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Contributions February 10-11, 2024

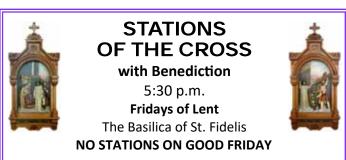
ST. FIDELIS: <u>Envelopes</u> 2986.00 <u>Loose</u> 754.00 <u>Cemetery</u> 61.00 <u>Repair Fund</u> 230.00

ST. ANN: <u>Envelopes</u> 235.00 <u>Loose</u> 122.00 <u>Cemetery</u> 50.00

ST. BONIFACE: <u>Envelopes</u> 690.00 <u>Loose</u> 157.00 <u>Candles</u> 11.00

 February 20 (Tuesday) — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt
 February 26 — Mary Brungardt, Janie Dinges





NOTE: Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 8, will begin at 5:00 p.m. due to a wake service.

Sundav Rosary Schedul e 1st - Christian Mothers nd - Knights of Columbus 3rd - Daughters of Isabella 4th - Family Life MINISTER SCHEDULE The Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Homebound, and Cantor schedules can be found on the Mass Schedule page of the church website at StFidelisChurch.com.

Please contact Diane Gross (785-735-4804) with any questions about the schedule for the Eucharistic or Lector ministries or if you are willing to volunteer for those ministries.

CANTORS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 5:00 PM — Christie Sander **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25** 10:00 AM — John Braun

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 5:00 PM — Tom Tholen, Jane Wagner, Teresa Shepherd, **Carol Pfeifer**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

10:00 AM — Bertha A. Brungardt, Connie Braun, Yvonne Braun, Jacquelyn Stoffel

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 5:00 PM — Tammy Lichter SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 10:00 AM — Shanna Dinkel

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 — Kathy Kuhn **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25** 10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 5:00 PM — Wesley and Nicholas S., Devyn H. **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25** 10:00 AM — Gracyn and Claire S., Abby B.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

The Ultimate Sacrifice

Come examine the parallel between God's call to Abraham to sacrifice Isaac and that of the sacrifice of Jesus. On the following Tuesdays, February 20, March 5, and March 19, Angel Studios production "His Only Son" will be viewed and discussed with corresponding bible readings. Add some prayerful reflection to your Lent. Meetings will be at 7:30 a.m. in the north sacristy. of the church. For more information, please contact Stephanie Broyles (785-735-4747) or Jane Wagner (785-735-2587). Sponsored by the Family Life Committee.

It's Not Too Late

The study of the Gospel of Mark is ongoing with seven more sessions. It's never too late to better understand the Gospel used throughout this liturgical year. Add an evening of prayerful reflection to your Lenten practices. Meetings are held each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the north sacristy of the church. For more information, please contact Stephanie Brovles (785-735-4747) or Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).

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ST. FIDELIS ADULT CHOIR

Choir Practice

The St. Fidelis Adult Choir will practice every Wednesday through Holy Week at 7:30 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY PRESIDENTS' DAY FEBRUARY 19		
7:00 pm Tom Younger		
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20		
6:45 am		
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21		
6:45 am		
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22		
6:45 am		
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23		
6:45 am Louise and Jonah Schmidtberger and family		
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24		
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Isidore and Rose Leiker and Lee Leiker		
6:30 pm St. Ann Mary and Clara Mermis		
SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT		
8:30 am St. Boniface For the parishes		
10:00 am St. Fidelis Pat Jacobs		

FOR THE COMFORT OF DAILY MASS GOERS. ALL MASSES MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY ARE CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN THE CHAPEL BEHIND THE MAIN ALTAR.

HOSTED BY ST. FIDELIS CYO St. Fidelis Parish **Breakfast**

Sunday, February 25 Location: Victoria 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Elementary School

COST: FREE WILL DONATION ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE TRI-PARISH CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (CYO)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Victoria VFW is selling tickets for the **STARS AND STRIPES BREAKFAST**

Sunday, March 10 — 7:30 to 12:00 at the Hays VFW

Advance tickets \$11.50 | At the Door \$12.00 Children 5 - 12 yrs Advance \$6.50 | At the Door \$7.00 Children under 5 years FREE

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE FIRST TWO K. OF C. FISH FRIES AT THE VICTORIA VFW.

Otherwise, please contact the following for Advance tickets: Doug Kuhn @ 785-650-1058 Chris Brungardt @ 785-735-4252 Marion Miller @ 785-735-9353 Harland Rupp @ 785-623-1368 John Braun @ 785-623-0680 Dave Richardson @ 785-806-6095

Purchasing tickets in Advance will help the VFW reach their goal of selling all of their tickets and the funds will be used to help repair entrance doors.

Fourth Degree K. of C. Meeting

The bi-annual business meeting of the $\mathbf{4}^{\text{th}}$ Degree Knights of Columbus will be held on Wednesday, February 21, at 8:00 p.m. at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop on Main Street.





Dine-in or carry-out service available. Serving:

Deep-fried Pollock, Fried Noodles and Beans, **Coleslaw, Baked Potatoes, Bread, and Drink**

\$15 for adults | \$5 for children ages 5-12

Fridays — February 16, March 1, March 15 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. or until the food is gone at the Victoria VFW Hall

2021 DAILV LENTEN DEEEDINGS

2024 DAILY LENIEN OFFERINGS		
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — DAY 5 Gospel reading: Mark 1:12-15 "'The time has come,' He said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'" (Mark 1:15, NIV) MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will reflect on my sins and how to be more like Christ.	MONDAY — DAY 6 Gospel reading: Matthew 25:31-46 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me."" (Matthew 25:40, NIV) MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will show love to a neighbor in need.	TUESDAY — DAY 7 Gospel reading: Matthew 6:7-15 "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." (Matthew 6:14, NIV) MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will forgive others who have wronged me to honor the Lord.
WEDNESDAY — DAY 8 Gospel reading: Luke 11:29-32 "For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so also will the Son of Man be to this generation." (Luke 11:30, NIV) MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will pray in thanks to God for the strength He gives me.	THURSDAY — DAY 9 Gospel reading: Matthew 16:13-19 "Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'" (Matthew 16:16, NIV) MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will read my Bible to better understand the wondrous love of Jesus.	FRIDAY — DAY 10 Gospel reading: Matthew 16:13-19 "Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'" (Matthew 16:16, NIV) MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will read my Bible to better understand the wondrous love of Jesus.
SATURDAY — DAY 11 Gospel reading: Matthew 5:43-48 "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:44-45, NIV) MY OFFERING TO GOD: I will pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world.	T	T

ST. BONIFACE

7-Week Study 'Jesus and the Eucharist'

St Boniface will host a 7-week study on "Jesus and the Eucharist" on Wednesday evenings from January 3 through February 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Boniface Parish Hall. They will not meet on February 14 due to Ash Wednesday. All are welcome to attend.

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

2024 Membership Dues

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society 2024 membership dues of \$5.00 are now due and payable using the envelope included in your tithing box. You may also mail dues to Teresa Shepherd, P.O. 324, Victoria, KS 67671. If your membership has lapsed, simply pay this year's dues for full reinstatement.

If you are interested in joining this organization or have guestions as to your membership, please contact Jane Wagner (785-735-2587) or Teresa Shepherd (785-735-9576).

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

The Lonely Frog

lonely frog telephoned Α the psychic hotline and asked what his future holds.

His personal psychic advisor tells him: "You are going to meet a beautiful young girl who will want to know

everything about you.

The frog is thrilled and says, "This is great. Will I meet her at a party?"

"No," says the psychic, "in biology class."





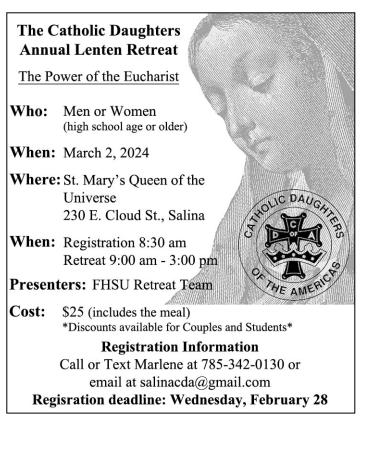
Next weekend—February 24-25—is in-pew weekend for the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Pledge cards will be available at all Masses. You can complete the pledge card and return it to the offertory at any time or give online at appeal.salinadiocese.org. We prayerfully ask

that you consider supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal as gifts support ministries and programs across the diocese, including members of our parish. Your gift—no matter how large or small-can make a appeal



difference right here in the tri-parishes of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface.

Our parish goals for 2024 are \$21,600 for St. Fidelis, \$1,300 for St. Boniface, and \$18,500 for St. Ann.



February Human Trafficking Alert

February 8—Feast of St. Josphine Bakhita. In least developed countries, 1 in 4 children ages 5-17 are engaged in labor detrimental to their health and development. Forced labor of children is also in the USA. Pray for these children. Alliance to End Human Trafficking—Founded and supported by U.S. Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave. 1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.

Synod Listening Sessions

Synod Listening Sessions are scheduled at several locations throughout the diocese including at St. Nicholas Parish Hall in Hays on Sunday, March 10, at 3:00 p.m.

Here are the questions to be discussed:

1. Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church's structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?

2. How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

Catholic Rural Life Celebrating 100

On Thursday, February 29, the St. Isidore Catholic Center on the campus of Kansas State University will play host to a 100-year celebration of Catholic Rural Life.

Catherine DiNuzzo, MA, a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice will be the keynote speaker. DiNuzzo also operates Sacred Heart Mental Wellness, as well as being the author of the book "The Catholic Guide Through Anxiety."

Also speaking will be Bishop Gerald Vincke; Mike Beam, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture; and Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt, Chaplin of St. Isidore's. The evening will be a celebration of the Catholic faith and its role in agriculture and ranching.

Please RSVP by Thursday, February 22, to ensure the capacity to seat all guests for dinner.

SalinaDiocese.org/office/ Visit rural-life for more information or to register or call Sienna Wingerson at 785-282-8048.

You can scan the QR code at right to access the website page.



When arguing with a fool, be sure he's not doing the same thing.

Did You Know ?

In 1885 President George Washington's birthday— February 22—was designated as a federal holiday in recognition of the first president of the United States. In 1971, the celebration was moved to the third Monday in February and became known as Presidents' Day in order to create more 3-day weekends for America's workers. It is now viewed as a way to honor all U.S. presidents both past and present.

COMMUNITY

Retreat Offered for Children Dealing with Grief

Registration is open for the Healing Kids' Hearts Retreat for children who have lost a loved one.

The free event for children ages 6 to 12 will take place from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 23**, at the Hays Senior Center, 2450 E. Eighth St. Lunch will be provided.

The retreat is sponsored by the Center for Life Experience in Hays. Laura Allen, executive director of the center, said adult volunteers are needed to help at the retreat. Registration for both children and volunteers is available by calling Laura at 785-259-6859 or by emailing laura@cflehope.org.

Hospice Volunteer Training Wednesday, March 13, 2024 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. HaysMed, 2220 Canterbury, Hays Registration is due by Friday, March 1.

Learn about the history and philosophy of Hospice, advance directives, care of the dying person, spirituality, and the role of the volunteer. **Contact Hospice of Hays Medical Center at 785-623-6200 or 800-248-0073** for further information. This Hospice serves Ellis, Rush, Russell, and Rooks Counties.

2024 Heartland Parishes' Lenten Mission Featuring **Cy Kellett of** *Catholic Answers* March 18, 19, & 20 7:00-8:30pm

Hosted by St. Joseph Parish, 215 W. 13th St., Hays

Mission topics include:

- The Cycle of Christian Life
- Truly Human Lives
- St. Peter, A Model for Christian Lives





Lenten Retreat Saturday, March 2 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Fr. Reggie Urban Price: \$50 (includes lunch)



Where: Heartland Center for Spirituality 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, Kansas

Walking in the Footsteps of St. Paul until Pentecost

Join Father Reggie Urban at Heartland Center for a mid-Lent day of reflection. He will take a reflective look at the 7 authentic letters of St. Paul, using them as a guide for the rest of Lent as well as the Easter season. Please bring your bible.

To register online visit their website at <u>www.heartlandspiritulity.org</u> and click on upcoming retreats.

To register by phone or email contact Ann Axman at 620-792-1232 or ann.axman@heartlandspirituality.org.

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