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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

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.

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www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

July 2, 2023—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses:

St. Fidel is, 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

July 23 — World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

July 25-27 — Bishop's Year of Mercy visits to Victoria, Walker, Vincent

July 26 — Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne

Aug. 11-12 — Herzogfest

Aug. 15 — Assumption of the BlessedVirgin Mary (holy day of obligation)— PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Sep. 4 — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



The Parish Office will be closed this Tuesday, July 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Mass will be at the Basilica of St. Fidelis at 6:45 a.m.

NO MEALS WILL BE SERVED FOR THE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM on TUESDAY, JULY 4.



The Paradox of Freedom

Freedom

This Fourth of July weekend we celebrate our nation's freedom and our personal freedom. The gospel reading today reminds us of the importance of using our freedom to make good choices. Consider this verse: "Whoever receives a righteous man, because he is a righteous man, will receive a righteous man's reward." Good choices are rewarding, they enrich our own life and that of others.

has corresponding responsibilities. Freedom is a virtue. Virtue requires discipline, the discipline of choosing the moral good. Doing whatever I desire at the moment ultimately leads to an abuse of freedom harming the

whole
community. The
responsible use of
freedom is freely
choosing to do the
right thing for
others as well as
myself.

Today we hear many advocates for the right to choose.

And the freedom to choose

is a good thing. But choice is not an absolute value. What is chosen gives the value to a choice. This is demonstrably true on the abortion issue. A prominent pro-life author exposed the stark reality of abortion in this bold statement: What goes out the back door of abortion clinics in plastic bags are not choices. What goes out the back door of abortion clinics in plastic bags are dead babies.

The freedom to choose, as freedom of speech, is not an absolute value. It is always limited by the rights of others as well as my own moral integrity. Freedom is perfected in freely choosing to do the right thing. Anything less is a path to the slavery of sin.

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Freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved.

The proper exercise of freedom benefits everyone, and the misuse of freedom diminishes the life of the community. Violent crime is an obvious illustration. But our own minor offenses also harm our own life and that of others. There is an inherent relationship between individual freedom and the welfare of the community. My personal freedom is always limited by the rights of others. old saying expresses graphically: "Your right to swing your fist stops where my nose begins!"

When Pope John Paul II visited the United States in 1999, he gave a speech that bewildered the secular media. He said: the commandments are the Magna Carta of human freedom. Only by honoring the commandments can we be truly free. Now, the ten commandments repeatedly prohibit — thou shalt not, thou shalt not, thou shalt not — yet they actually set us free. That is the paradox of freedom. Only restraining the use of our freedom are we truly free. Undisciplined freedom destroys freedom.

Freedom is a right and every right

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St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

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Contributions June 24-25, 2023

ST. FIDELIS:

<u>Envelopes</u> 3695.00 <u>Loose</u> 976.00 <u>Repair Fund</u> 250.00 <u>Mission</u> 418.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 1015.00 <u>Loose</u> 247.00 <u>Candles</u> 211.00

ST. BONIFACE:

<u>Envelopes</u> 775.00 <u>Loose</u> 301.00 <u>Candles</u> 5.00 <u>Mission</u> 40.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

July 3 — Stephanie Broyles, Ivan Werner

July 10 — Mary Brungardt, Janie Dinges

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 the Parish Office.

Fr. Jim will also come to your home and offer the anointing of the sick or confessions.

* Sunday Rosary Schedule

1st - Christian Mothers

2nd - 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, JULY 8

5:00 PM — Meagan Wellbrock

SUNDAY, JULY 9

10:00 AM — Christy Sander

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JULY 8

5:00 PM — Kathy Kuhn, Jane Wagner, Tom Tholen and 1 VOLUNTEER

SUNDAY, JULY 9

10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger, Bertha R. and Kenny Brungardt and 1 VOLUNTEER

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, JULY 8

5:00 PM — Marilyn Braun

SUNDAY, JULY 9

10:00 AM — Karen Nowak

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5 — Jane Wagner

SUNDAY, JULY 9

10:00 AM — Bertha R. and Kenny Brungardt

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, JULY 8

5:00 PM — Easton W., Myah and Grace Y.

SUNDAY, JULY 9

10:00 AM — Brinly and Hadley L., Ethan S.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Kathleen A. (O'Connor) Suppes** of Olmitz, Kansas, who passed away on Thursday, June 15, 2023. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Pfeifer, on Saturday, June 24, 2023, with inurnment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Pfeifer.

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of Elsie Jane (Holzmeister) Suppes of Otis, Kansas, who passed away on Thursday, June 22, 2023. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Pfeifer, on Monday, June 26, 2023, with burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Pfeifer.

St. Fidelis Pastoral Council Election

The St. Fidelis Pastoral Council election will be held THIS weekend — July 1-2, 2023.

Three members will be elected. You must be 18 years of age or older to vote.

Those who have agreed to run for the Council positions are Stephanie Broyles, Rose Ann Dreiling, Jeff Kisner, Ryan Lichter, Val Schumacher, and Michael Younger.

Those elected will start serving in July.

ST. ANN

New Saint Ann Cemetery Guidelines

The Saint Ann Pastoral Council members met with Father James Moster on May 17, 2023, to discuss the need for a policy regarding flowers and other items placed on or near headstones in the cemetery at Walker. The Council has approved the following policy for Saint Ann Cemetery. This policy will go into effect on July 1, 2023.

- Items placed on monuments or bases are acceptable and will not be removed.
- All items placed in or on the ground around monuments will be removed before each mowing.
 This will include mementos, flowers, and solar lights.
- No glass containers will be allowed.
- Plants and flowers growing in the ground will be mowed.
- No spraying of herbicides or chemicals is allowed.

Items removed will be placed in barrels near the walk-in gates on the east side of the cemetery

Thank you for your cooperation.

Summer Lunch Program

St. Fidelis Church is sponsoring the Summer Lunch Program at the Parish Activity Center, $601\ 10^{th}$ Street.

Lunch is served in the east room of the PAC from **11:00-11:30** a.m. Monday thru Friday.

Anyone in the Victoria area (children or adults) is invited and encouraged to attend. There is no pre-registration or cost.

LUNCH PROGRAM MENU

Monday, July 3 — Sliders

Tuesday, July 4 — NO MEAL Independence Day

Wed., July 5 — Biscuits & Gravy

Hash Brown Triangles

Thursday, July 6 — Texas Beef Skillet Friday, July 7 — Macaroni & Cheese

The main dishes are accompanied by a vegetable, fruit or other dessert, and a drink.

NOTE: The menu could change depending on supplies.

Basil ica Landscaping Project

St. Fidelis Parish has entered into an agreement with Darren's Lawn Care, LLC of Hays to provide new landscaping around the church. It will be according to the specifications of the Pastoral Council. Preliminary work of clearing the areas began at the end of June and will be done by parishioner volunteers to save us money.



The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life.

~ St. Thomas Aquinas

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

K. of C. Councils Hosting Larks Game

Ellis County Councils of the Knights of Columbus are hosting the Hays Larks baseball game Tuesday, July 25, at 7:00 p.m. Please join them at Larks Park (4th and Oak, Hays) for a night of fun and to encourage new membership. Admission is free courtesy of the K. of C. Councils.

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO JOIN IN THE ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY VISITS.

Year of Mercy Visits with Bishop Jerry Vincke

Bishop Vincke is visiting every parish in the Diocese throughout this year of mercy. The schedule for him to visit our Tri-Parishes follows.

Tuesday, July 25 — St. Fidelis Wednesday, July 26 — St. Ann Thursday, July 27 — St. Boniface

ST. FIDELIS' SCHEDULE

- * 7:00-8:30 a.m. Breakfast with Bishop Vincke @ PAC for Junior High and High School youth; youth may drop in any time to eat a hot breakfast (Please notice change made for time of breakfast.)
- * 8:30 a.m. Homebound visits
- * 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program with Kids at the PAC Lunch and ice cream
- * 1:30 p.m. Farm visits: Jason Kippes, Sam and Marilyn Braun, Ron and Gloria Braun
- * 4:00 p.m. Visits with available members of St. Fidelis Pastoral and Finance Councils
- * 5:00 p.m. Confessions
- * 6:00 p.m. Mass with Bishop Vincke
- * Meal following Mass Parish BBQ outside behind the PAC (inside in case of inclement weather)
 Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Chips, Cookies, Bottled
 Water

ST. ANN'S SCHEDULE

- * 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Farm visits
- * 1:00 2:00 p.m. Lunch for Bishop Vincke provided by a family of the Parish
- * 2:00 5:00 p.m. Visits to the homebound of the Parish
- * 5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions
- * 6:00 p.m. Mass
- * Immediately following Mass, Potluck in the Parish Hall

ST. BONIFACE'S SCHEDULE

- * 12:30 p.m. Lunch with Bishop Vincke and Pastoral Council
- * 1:30 p.m. Visit the homebound
- * 5:30 p.m. Adoration with Confessions
- * 6:30 p.m. Mass followed by playground dedication and a meal

Another Project Completed Emmeram Gemetery Fence



Recently, a lot of work was done on the fence surrounding the Emmeram Cemetery. The old steel posts around the cemetery were removed. Harland Rupp used his Bobcat and hydraulic posthole digger to dig holes for about 30 limestone posts donated by Steve and Mary Pfeifer. Wilmer Dinkel and Kenny Pfeifer then strung barbless wire between the posts. Cement was poured at the entrances to hold the wrought iron fence which was previously installed at the St. Fidelis Cemetery. New wrought iron is being designed for St. Fidelis. A little work still needs to be completed at the walk-in gates, but other than the Emmeram Cemetery is looking very well cared for.

St. Fidel is Food Bank

The St. Fidelis Food Bank is available during Parish Office hours to those in need of food. Please call the office at 785-735-2777 in advance so you won't have to wait while we prepare a box of food for you. Boxes can be picked up at the northwest door of the Parish Office. Donations of food or money are always welcome to help supply the Food Bank.

New Parishioners

If you would like to join one of the Tri-Parishes—
St. Fidelis, St. Ann, or St. Boniface—
Parishioner Forms are available at the
Parish Office, 601 10th Street, or on the Home Page
of our website: www.StFidelisChurch.com.

Tour Guides Needed

Tours of The Basilica of St. Fidelis are offered for groups of 10 or more and usually take place in the late morning or early afternoon.

We have a list of volunteers who already help with these tours, but we could use more volunteers.

We can provide you with a history book to get you started as a tour guide. You can also observe a current guide to help you learn the process; however, you are welcome to tell your own personal stories related to the church. The more you do the tours, the easier and more fun it can be.

If you are willing to help, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.

One of the most admirable effects of Holy Communion is to preserve the soul from sin, and to help those who fall through weakness to rise again.

It is much more profitable, then, to approach this divine Sacrament with love, respect, and confidence, than to remain away through an excess of fear and scrupulosity.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

DIOCESE OF SALINA

All those who minister to children or young people on a regular basis are to be educated about the nature of child sexual abuse, how to report it, and strategies for prevention.

The Diocese of Salina currently uses a program called CMGCONNECT, a web-based, on-line training program (along with an integrated background check) that specializes in helping churches, schools, and religious organizations create safe environments for children and youth. High School students in grades 9-12 who work with other minors on a regular basis will do their own training through CMGConnect, which covers safe and appropriate ways to interact with other children.

BEFORE beginning any ministry with children in your parish or school, you must have Safe Environment Training and it must be current (taken within the last 5 years).

For more information, and to get instructions on how to log into CMGConnect, please contact the Safety Coordinator of your parish or school.

"Pope Francis has made it clear that the Church must hold the protection of minors amongst her highest priorities." "Fr. Federico Lombardi, SJ

The Safety Coordinator of our Parish/School is:



Jeanette Brungardt
Office: 785-735-9244
Email: Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net



Did you know that the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal runs through January 2024? This allows members of our diocese to support the appeal at any point throughout the year, perhaps when it is most financially feasible for them to do so. Any gift, large or small, can help support the mission of our diocese and ensure that thousands across our diocese continue to encounter Christ.

You can return your pledge card anytime in the offertory basket; mail it to Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1696, Salina KS 67402; or give online at join.salinadiocese.org.



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

Report allegations of the abuse of a minor to the Department of Children and Families 800.922.5330
KBI Crime Hotline 800.572.7463

If you suspect abuse of a minor by church or school personnel, in addition to contacting civil authorities, the diocese provides a confidential

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Hotline: 866.752.8855 ext.1067
Website: reportandprotect.com
Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org
Reports will be responded to promptly by the
Victim Assistance Coordinator

To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Bishop or Religious Superior currently or in the past, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Services provides a confidential

> Hotline: 800.276.1562 Website: reportbishopabuse.org

The Diocese of Salina complies with Kansas laws regarding reporting suspected abuse to civil authorities and cooperates with civil authorities investigating reports of suspected abuse by all persons, including but not limited to Church Personnel.



Questions regarding reporting should be directed to the Safe Environment Office Diocese of Salina -785.827.8746

"God is light; and in him there is no darkness. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another." 1 John 1:5-7



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When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence..

~ St. Francis de Sales

Tour die Kapellen Bike Ride

The Tour die Kapellen is a benefit bike ride for four of the Ellis County churches to be held on **July 8, 2023**.

A bus tour for non-cyclists is also available: The tour travels from Municipal Park in Hays to Catherine church, then to the Basilica in Victoria, on to Holy Cross Church

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in Pfeifer, stopping in Munjor to visit St. Francis Church, wrapping up back at Municipal Park. At each of these stops, the participants will get refreshments, a mini concert from Hays Symphony musicians, and historical information

regarding each church.

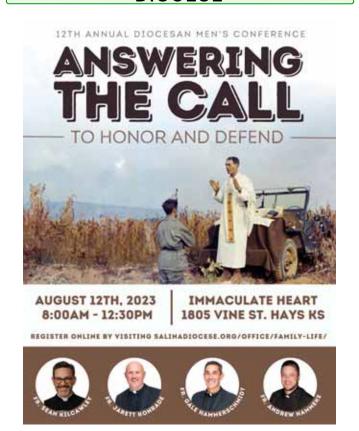
The tour ends back at Municipal Park, with a meal prepared by Karla Rohleder. Music will be provided from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. by the Joe Dolezal Polka Band.

This is the fourth year for the Tour die Kapellen. The Hays Area Bicyclists have donated more than \$25,000 to the churches in the past 3 years.

Please consider supporting the efforts of this organization by volunteering, donating, or by registering for the bike ride or bus tour (limited availability!).

Most importantly, we ask all drivers to be courteous to the cyclists on the road. They are riding for a good cause! For more information, visit www.tourdiekapellen.com.

DIOCESE





Mowing at St. Joseph Cemetery, Hays

On account of the rains that we have been having, the St. Joseph Cemetery, Hays, maintenance staff asks that all items not attached to monuments, please be picked up by this **Tuesday**, **July 4**, so that the staff may begin mowing the cemetery. Any items left and not attached to a monument will be picked up and placed behind the storage shed at the cemetery. Thank you for your cooperation.

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

Gotta Listen to the Doctor

The doctor prescribed a man a standing desk for back pain. He told the man to stand at least 3 hours a day—which should reduce the symptoms—and to come back in a month.

A month passes and the doctor is seeing the man again. He asks if the symptoms have improved.

The man says, "No, but I've only been standing for one hour a day."

The doctor says he "under - stood."

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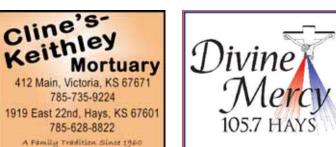
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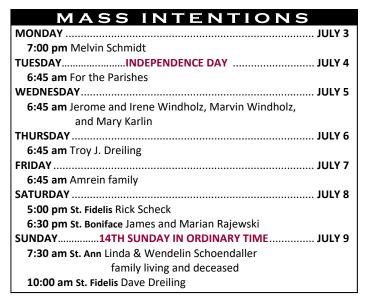
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