

Parish Staff

Pastor:



I Call You Friends

This gospel is a rare instance of Christ referring to his followers as friends. He usually speaks of his disciples or his apostles. In this passage he says, "I call you friends."

The term *friend* is opposed to slave. A slave acts under duress, Christ expects His followers to act freely, out of love, as a friend. Christianity is not to be a slave-master relationship, but a friendship. We are to be motivated by love of God, not fear of punishment.

In the gospels Christ addressed only two individuals as friend. Surprisingly, not Peter, John the Baptist, or John the beloved disciple. The two referred to by Christ as friends were Lazarus Judas. and Lazarus whom Christ restored from death to life, and Judas who betrayed him.

There is a lesson in each instance. Lazarus, brother of Martha and Mary, was called a friend as a term of endearment, a reminder of how life is enriched by friends. When Christ was informed that Lazarus was dying, he said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, I am going to awaken him." They were friends, they shared life. Christ restored Lazarus to life, giving him a share in His own life, eternal life. Lazarus' friendship with Christ led to a fuller life, both here and hereafter.

The use of the title "friend" for Judas is quite the opposite, an insult. It indicates the deep pain inflicted by a failure in friendship. When Judas led the soldiers to arrest Jesus at Gethsemane, Judas greeted Christ with a kiss of betrayal. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Judas was offered friendship, but abused it. He was trusted, but was not trustworthy. No one can harm you more than those you trust. No one can disappoint you more than those you love.

The friendship of Christ is a consolation. It is also a commitment. That commitment is expressed by Christ in the memorable verse: "No one has greater love than this, to lay

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down one's life for one's friends." Christ's death was an expression friendship. The friendship of his disciples to be is marked by a commitment of similar depth.

> The friendship of Christ is a gift of grace from God. "I

no longer call you slaves. I call you friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you." Christ as your friend is a comfort and a commitment. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

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"I am ambivalent about heaven and hell; I have friends in both places." ~ Mark Twain

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Contributions April 27-28, 2024

ST. FIDELIS: Envelopes 2961.00 Loose 872.24 Repair Fund 300.00

ST. ANN: Envelopes 460.00 Loose 126.00 **Tourist Donation 20.00**

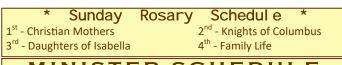
ST. BONIFACE: Envelopes 375.00 Loose 543.00 Candles 21.00

OOPS! Candle money was posted to the wrong Parish last week. \$190.00 should have gone to St. Ann instead of St. Boniface.

May 6 — Brenda Dreiling, Sandra Dreiling May 13 — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Terence Scott "Terry Klaus** of Victoria, Kansas, who passed away on Sunday, April 21, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Friday, April 26, 2024, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.



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, MAY 11
5:00 PM — Pam Scheck
SUNDAY, MAY 12 — Baccalaureate
10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MAY 11 5:00 PM — Kathy Kuhn, Jerry Schmidtberger, Teresa Shepherd, Deb Geschwentner

SUNDAY, MAY 12 — Baccalaureate

10:00 AM — Bertha R. and Kenny Brungardt, Yvonne Braun, Anne Dinkel

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, MAY 11
5:00 PM — Diane Gross
SUNDAY, MAY 12 — Baccalaureate
10:00 AM — VHS Seniors

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 — Diane Gross SUNDAY, MAY 12 — Baccalaureate 10:00 AM — Bertha and Kenny Brungardt

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, MAY 11
5:00 PM — Mason M., Dax L.
SUNDAY, MAY 12 — Baccalaureate
10:00 AM — Riley and Liv W.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm Sound System in Church Update

You may have noticed the temporary black speakers in the sanctuary. These will be used until we can replace the 15-year-old ones in our system, which have died. Hopefully, we will have the new ones in a few weeks.

NEEDED: ST. FIDELIS CHURCH HANDY MAN

A paid position for a parttime, hourly wage person is needed. This would involve changing light bulbs, mowing grass, helping with chores around the parish offices, and doing some minor repairs around church and PAC as needed. Flexible hours. If interested, please contact Fr. Jim.

Although we appreciate donations to the St. Fidelis Food Bank, we cannot accept food without knowledge of where it came from. Several times recently, food has been left at the kitchen door of the Parish Office without any note. Please leave a note or call the Parish Office to let us know you will be dropping some items at the door.

THANK YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS	5
MONDAY	
7:00 pm Christian Mothers	
TUESDAY	MAY 7
6:45 am Alphonse, Dorothy, Gary and Elaine Shotkoski	
WEDNESDAY	MAY 8
6:45 am	
THURSDAY	MAY 9
6:45 am Catherine (anniv) and Joseph Weigel	
family living and deceased	
FRIDAY	MAY 10
6:45 am	
SATURDAY	MAY 11
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Val Schumacher	
6:30 pm St. Boniface For the parishes	
SUNDAYASCENSION OF THE LORD	MAY 12
7:30 am St. Ann Norma Schmeidler, Germaine Dechant,	and
Emma Schmeidler	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Arlene M. Jones	

Liturgy Committee 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

$\mathcal N$ ictoria, Kansas



воттом Row: Pastor Father James Moster, OFM Cap., Hailey Anderson, Shelby Dorzweiler, Abigail Bronson, and Bishop Gerald Vincke.

SECOND Row: Catechist Yvonne Braun, Emma Dinkel, Caidyn Dinkel, Claire Schippers, Wesley Sander, and Brinly Lichter.

THIRD ROW: Wyatt Schmidtberger, Emma Schmidtberger, Myah Younger, and Samuel Windholz. Top Row: Aiden Dinkel, Kyle Huser, Cody Schmidtberger, Ethan VonLintel, and Jaxon Stoffel.

YOUTH MINISTRY/CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

A special thank you to Ms. Yvonne Braun



Ms. Yvonne has served the youth and families at the Basilica of St. Fidelis for thirty-five years. Of those thirty-five years, she has been a sophomore catechist for twenty-two years. This will be her final year as a catechist as she is retiring. We are forever grateful for her witness to Christ's abiding love and the virtues of faith, hope, and courage! Because of her courageous "yes" to teaching, loving, and ministering to our children and youth, we have been blessed by the light of Christ, shown through her deeds and words. Ms. Yvonne, you have touched the lives of many; students, parents, fellow catechists, friends, and parishioners alike! God Bless you and thank you!

In Christ, Jeanette Brungardt Basilica of St. Fidelis Church Office of Religious Education

Wishing all of the families, youth, and volunteers a beautiful summer! "Bless the year for who you have become. Even more, bless the God in whose hands all our years unfold." St. Fidelis Office of Religious Education

Hearing Assists Available for Use During Mass in The Basilica

St. Fidelis has wireless hearing assists with adjustable volume that connect directly to the church's sound system. If you are interested in trying one, come by the Parish Office, pay a small deposit, and keep your unit until you don't need it. We will refund your deposit once the unit is returned.

If you already have personal Bluetooth hearing aids that are controllable from your cell phone, you can download an app on your cell and hear in church through your hearing aids. Just download the WaveCAST



Audio Receiver app by Williams Sound LLC from the Apple App Store on i-phones or from Google Play or Play

Store on android phones.

While in church when the sound system is turned on, click the WaveCAST icon and select the church's "HearingAid" wi-fi option to connect to the system. The password is also "hearingaid".



You will then control the volume, etc. from your individual hearing aid program already on your phone.

ST. BONIFACE

Mowing at St. Boniface

Mowing for St. Boniface Church and Cemetery began May 1, weather permitting. Thank you to those who donate their time and resources to keep up with the mowing of our church and cemetery

Church, Chat, and Coffee



Come by the north sacristy **Tuesday**

mornings following Mass for a cup of Joe, and if you can, stay and chat. If time does not permit you to visit, just grab a cup to go. Coffee will be ready and to-go cups available. We look forward to sharing some Java and conversation together.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Mother Daughter Mass and May Crowning

The St. Fidelis Daughters of Isabella want to notify members that the Mother-Daughter Mass and May Crowning has been moved to Sunday, May 19. It had originally been scheduled for May 5.

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

Mass and Meeting

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society will meet after Mass on Monday, May 6, in the north sacristy. Since May is the month of Mary, please join us in the front pews for the 7:00 p.m. Mass to honor and pray for Mary's guidance for us to be loving and patient women, filled with faith, hope, and joy!

Any woman that would like to join us as a prospective member, please know that you are welcome!

YOUTH MINISTRY/CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION



Totus Tuus is an opportunity for youth in grades 1-12, during the upcoming school year of 2024-2025, to partake in fellowship and faith activities! (Totus Tuus' day program will be held in lieu of the annual Vacation Bible School.)

Totus Tuus calls upon college students and seminarians from across the United States to inspire young people to the call of holiness! These young men and women are hired for their energy, enthusiasm, love of the Faith, commitment to spiritual growth, ability to work with a team, and a desire to work with youth. Totus Tuus — a Latin phrase meaning "Totally Yours" - was the motto of Blessed John Paul II. Through the Totus Tuus teams examples of joy and service, the youth see that these men and women are on fire with the Catholic Faith and long for the same thing in their lives!

Mark your calendar! Registration is open NOW through June 28, 2024

Day program— Grades 1—6 ('24-'25): Monday, July 22—Friday, July 26: 9 A.M.—3 P.M. daily

Evening program— Grades 7–12 ('24-'25): Sunday, July 21—Thursday, July 25 7:30—9:45 P.M. daily

Come one, come all

Everyone who has given so generously of their time and energy is invited to a potluck dinner on **Tuesday**, **May 7, at 6:30 p.m.** This includes all Christian Mothers/



Altar Society members, funeral workers and dessert providers, and A Stitch and a Prayer group.

Weather permitting, we will be under the new awning at the back of the PAC. If Mother Nature

doesn't cooperate, we will move inside.

Bring your favorite dish and enjoy good food, good friends, and a good time. Coffee and tea will be provided. For more information, please call Jane Wagner at 785-735-2587.

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.

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Prayer for Mothers

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you...

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit-Amen

It's Getting Closer to Summer Lunch Time at the PAC

Summer will be here before we know it. Kids will be out of school and will want a delicious meal to satisfy their noon appetites.

The Summer Lunch Guys (Jerry and Leroy Schmidtberger) are already thinking about what they will need for the meals they will be cooking and serving.

Last year, they served approximately 130 pounds of ground beef in the various meals they made.

If you are willing to donate ground beef or

money towards its purchase and other supplies for the Summer Meal Program, please contact the Parish Office at 601 10th Street or call 785-735-2777.





You can't truly refer to yourself as an adult until you catch yourself getting really angry when the grocery store changes their layout.



Prayer for Fathers

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty.

You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you.

You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them.

You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother.

Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

Amen

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SAVE THE DATE **SDCCW Meeting at Grinnell**

The Salina Diocese Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) Bi-Annual Convention is scheduled for Saturday, August 24, at Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Grinnell, Kansas.

Keynote speaker is author Kathryn Whitaker, renowned Catholic author and blogger. A meal is included as well as a raffle and door prizes. Details about registration will be forthcoming in the near future.

MAY Human Trafficking Alert

Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal industries in the world even though it is illegal in every country of the world. It is a multi-billion-dollar business sustained by greed and pleasure. Alliance to End Human Trafficking—Founded and supported by U.S. Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave. 1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.



Father, you are Love and Life.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love.

Grant that your grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all the families in the world.

Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love.

Grant that love, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of marriage, may prove mightier than all the weakness and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family and through the family.

Through Christ our Lord, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for ever and ever. Amen (Prayer from St. Pope John Paul II)





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Catholic Charities 13th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign



Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas will conduct their 13th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign from Mother's Day weekend, May 11-12, to Father's Day weekend, June-15-16. This campaign provides support to mothers in our communities facing economic struggles, giving them access to critical resources so they can provide for their babies.

Your contributions support pregnancy services that include emergency assistance, counseling support, and adoption guidance.

Several other options are also available to participate:

- Mail a check to Catholic Charities, C/O Baby Bottle Campaign, P.O. Box 1366, Salina, KS 67402-1366
- Donate via Venmo by visiting our Venmo account at @catholiccharitiesofnk. Please be sure to include "Baby Bottle 24" in the description of your transaction.
- Give online at ccnks.org/babybottle.

All money stays local and helps people who need our services the most. Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas – serving those of ALL faiths for over 60 years!

Green Tie Celebration

Catholic Charities' Annual Fundraiser — the Green Tie Celebration — takes place **Saturday, July 13**, at the Salina Country Club.

The Green Tie Celebration is our annual fundraiser that sustains our mission to provide compassionate service to those in need throughout the 31 counties of Northern Kansas.

Purchase tickets at www.ccnks.org/greentie. To learn how you can support his year's Green Tie Celebration, contact Jessica Allen at 785-825-0208.

In-Kind Donations Welcome

Did you know that Catholic Charities gladly accepts in-kind donations? Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of those we serve. Every donation is valued and appreciated. Learn more at www.ccnks.org/inkind. Thank you for your support!

St. Isidore's Day Mass

St. Isidore's Day will be celebrated this year on **Wednesday, May 15**, at St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish in Russell. Mass begins at 11:00 a.m.

Bishop Vincke's 25th Jubilee

Please join us **Sunday, June 9**, to celebrate Bishop Gerald Vincke's 25th Jubilee.

Mass will be held at 3:00 p.m. at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria. An open house reception will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Victoria Elementary School gymnasium.

RSVP to corrina.hudsonpillar@salinadiocese.org or 785-639-2100. We hope you can join us for this celebration. All are welcome.

Memorial Mass for Those Who Have Lost a Child

Registration for the Memorial Mass for parents who have lost a child is now open. Masses will be held on **Tuesday, May 7, at 2:00 p.m.** at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan and on **Wednesday, May 8, at 2:00 p.m.** at Sacred Heart Parish in Plainville.

Please register for this event on the diocese's website: https://salinadiocese.org/events. A reception will follow both Masses.

Update Total on Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thanks to the generosity of donors across the diocese, we have surpassed \$1,493,296 in funds raised for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. This is a testament to the dedication and commitment of all to supporting the vital ministries and programs of our Diocese. However, our work is far from over. The second appeal letter will be sent out soon to homes.

The funds raised through this appeal directly support essential initiatives enabling us to continue our mission of "together being disciples of Jesus on mission". Every donation, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

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

St. Fidelis Financial Summary					
INCOME	4/30/2024	EXPENSES	<u>4/30/2024</u>		
Bequests & Donations		Clergy			
General Funds	\$1,058.75	Automobile Expense	\$1,076.00		
Memorials	\$125.00	Living Allowance	\$450.00		
Religious Education	\$100.00	Salary	\$1,076.00		
Repair Fund	\$556.00	Diocesan Collection	\$1,002.00		
Royalty/Oil	\$163.90	Employees			
Tourist Donations	\$780.00	Benefits	\$953.07		
Bulletin Ads		Mass/Wedding Pay	\$150.00		
Candles	\$3,135.15	Payroll	\$13,855.26		
Collections		Facilities & Equipment			
Diocesan - Good Friday	\$1,002.00	Church Repair & Maintenance	\$174.13		
Envelopes	\$17,831.00	Janitorial Supplies	\$147.06		
Loose	\$5,084.72	PAC Maintenance	\$54.2		
Gift Shop	\$194.75	Pest Control	\$192.00		
Rosarys/Rosary Cases	\$965.00	Gift Shop	\$8.57		
Mission Parishes	\$4,000.00	Grounds, Landscaping	\$589.74		
Printing/Copying	\$2.00	Insurance	\$3,938.83		
Use of Buildings	\$1,500.00	Music Ministry	\$24.98		
TOTAL INCOME:	\$36,498.27	Office			
		Equipment	\$77.99		
		Subscriptions	\$59.39		
		Supplies	\$100.28		
		Postage, Mailing Service	\$3.50		
		Printing & Copying	\$516.45		
		Religious Education			
		Background Checks	\$57.00		
		Easter Egg Hunt	\$76.56		
		Stipends	\$3,745.00		
		Sanctuary Supplies	\$269.66		
		Special Events	\$346.57		
		Utilities			
Gross Income:	\$36,498.27	Church	\$2,001.20		
Total Expenses:	\$31,905.25	PAC	\$959.76		
Net Income:	\$4,593.02	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$31,905.25		

St. Fidelis Cemetery Financial Summary							
INCOME	4/30/2024	1	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>4/30/2024</u>			
Bequests & Donations	\$100.00		Equipment	\$26.99			
Envelopes	\$300.00		Maintenance	\$252.35			
Holy Thursday			Office/Record Keeping	\$289.37			
Envelopes	\$785.00		Payroll	\$1,141.95			
Loose	\$260.00		TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$1,710.66			
Plots	\$600.00						
TOTAL INCOME:	\$2,045.00						
Gross Income:	\$2,045.00						
Total Expenses:	\$1,710.66						
Net Income:	\$334.34						

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 at 785-735-2777.

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

COMMUNITY

Bookmobile in Town

The Hays Public Library's BOOKHOBILE Bookmobile will be in Victoria on Monday, May 6, from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

at the Victoria Elementary School.

