

“Beacon of Faith,”
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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



Parish 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

Catholic Faith Education Office
785-735-9244

Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, Holy Communion to Homebound
Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events.

St. Fidelis Food Pantry
For residents of the tri-parishes. Call the Parish Office.
Donations accepted.

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
Some items available at the Parish Office such as Die Herzoger, Cookbooks, Postcards, History Books.

BULLETIN ITEMS
Deadline is **Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.** Please contact Connie at the Parish Office (sftch@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

January 8, 2023 – Epiphany of the Lord

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.

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

Jan. 16 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day —
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Jan. 29 — Kansas Day (162 years)

Feb. 2 — Presentation of the Lord
Blessing of Candles
Groundhog Day

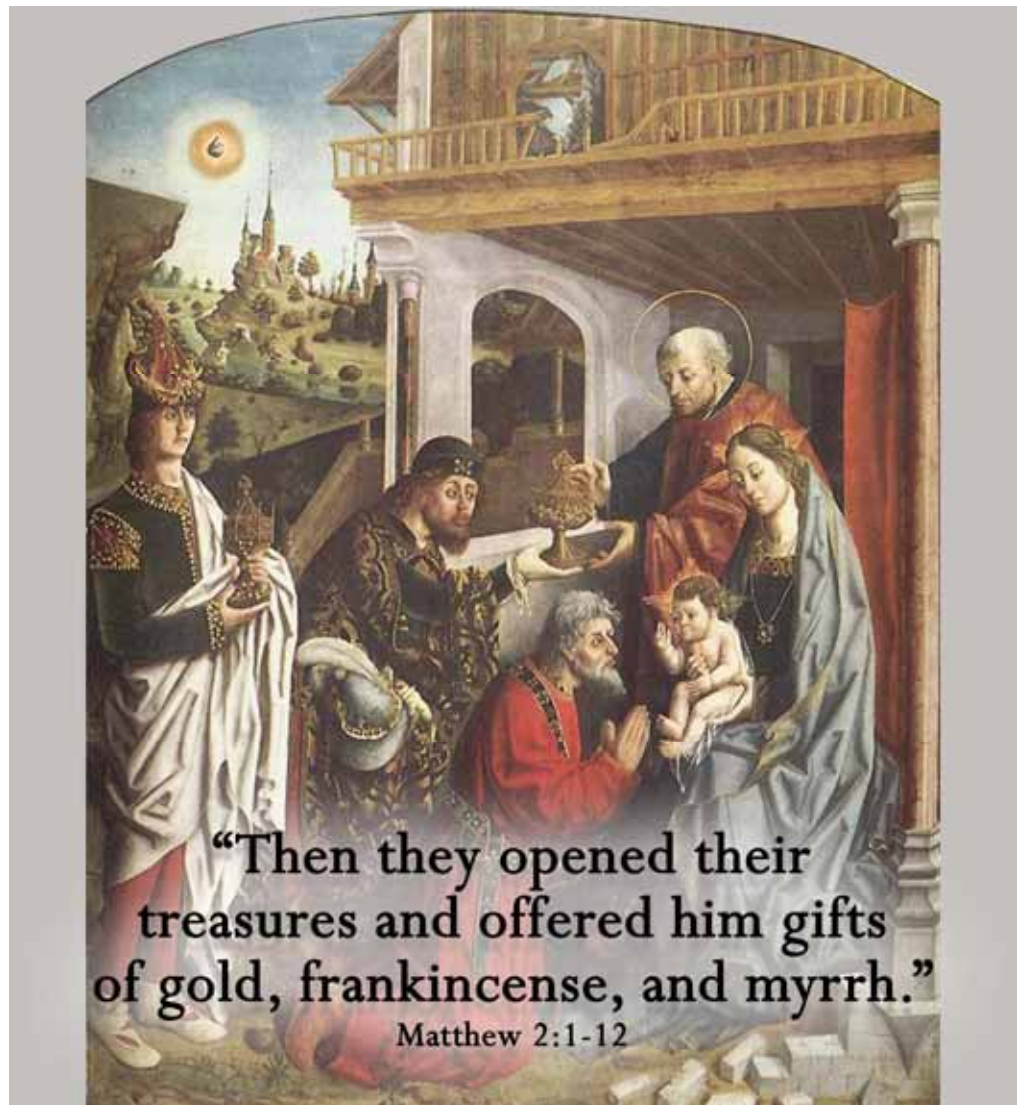
Feb. 3 — Feast of St. Blaise/Blessing of Throats

Feb. 4-5 — Blessing of Throats after all Masses

Feb. 5 — Boy Scout Sunday

Feb. 12 — Card Party @ PAC

Feb. 14 — Valentine’s Day





The Wise Still Follow His Star

The astronomer Johannes Kepler was so intrigued by a rare alignment of the planets at Christmas in 1604, that he calculated a similar conjunction of planets had occurred in 6 BC. That is still the dominant theory of the Star of Bethlehem among astronomers. This may disappoint those whose image of the Christmas Star is a brilliant diamond in the sky. Yet, whatever the star of Bethlehem was, it was something that only a few astronomers noticed.

Today we celebrate the coming of the Magi on the feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany means *manifestation*. God manifests himself in many ways. The Magi were astronomers, and God led them to Himself by their study of astronomy. It was their profession, their daily work, that led them to God.

It is evident to Christians that God comes to us in church and at prayer. The Magi remind us that He comes to us also in our daily work, our profession. He comes to us by the tools and talents of the craftsman, the pots and pans of the cook, the paper and pencil of the student. The Magi were astronomers and God called them to himself through their study of the stars.

Most astronomers did not respond. Only three came. The rest saw stars, and nothing else. Their work did not lead them closer to God. Perhaps away from Him. That can be true of us, if the tools of our trade and the wages of our work do not enrich our faith, but erode it. In the competition and the confusion of our work we can lose our way. As did the Magi. They followed the star not to the Christ Child, but to a dead end.

When they were lost their only hope was to go to the Holy City of Jerusalem to find where the Messiah was to be born, not from experts in astronomy, but from the Word of God in Scripture. The star set them on their journey. But astronomy itself was not sufficient. Reason led them, but the Word of God showed them the final decisive step.

The Magi remind the wise of our age that God draws us to himself



through the marvels of nature and the mastery of our work. These set us on our way. But the ultimate answers of life are hidden in the mysteries of our faith. When we get lost in the maze of modern life we need to follow the light of faith to find the newborn King. The wise still follow His star.

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Why have we never seen the headline, "Psychic wins Lottery!"?

Parish Staff

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Contributions Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 2022

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 2633.00 Loose 1363.00
Solemnity of Mary 581.00
Repair Fund 316.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 600.00 Loose 106.00
Solemnity of Mary 390.00
Candles 75.01

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 240.00 Loose 230.00
Solemnity of Mary 70.00
Candles 27.00

January 9 — Jerry Schmidtberger,
Andrea Ottley

January 17 (Tuesday) — Patty
Dreiling, Anne Schmidtberger

St. Fidelis 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.

* 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, JANUARY 14

5:00 PM — Christy Sander

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

10:00 AM — John Braun

* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS *

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5:00 PM — Deb Geschwentner, Mary Brungardt

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel, Connie Braun, Andrea Schmidtberger

* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS *

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5:00 PM — Teresa Shepherd

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

10:00 AM — Tammy Lichter

* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS *

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 — Diane Gross

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Otto Francis Windholz**, who passed away on Saturday, December 24, 2022. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 16, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

2023 Tithing Envelopes

can be picked up at the entrances of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface Churches.
Please discard envelopes dated for previous years.

The January-February 2023

Lector and Eucharistic Minister Schedules

can be found at the north entrance of
The Basilica of St. Fidelis.

“The Chosen” Bible Study

Have you heard of "The Chosen," a TV and movie series based on the lives of Jesus and his disciples? Maybe you have watched an episode or two.

Family Life is sponsoring an interactive bible study over the first series of "The Chosen" beginning
Tuesday, January 10, at 9:30.

For more information
contact

Jane Wagner 785-735-2587

or

Stephanie Broyles 785-735-4747.

Everyone is welcome to attend all or any session.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council
4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee
2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Pastoral Council
1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

ST. BONIFACE

Special Collection

St. Boniface will hold a special collection on Sunday, January 8, for the Ukrainian couple that visited us in mid-December.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m.** at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

Christian Mothers / Altar

Dues for 2023

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society dues for 2023 are due and will continue to be \$5. Please mail your dues to Teresa Shepherd, PO Box 324, Victoria, Kansas 67671, or put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket.

If you have any questions as to whether yours are paid, please call Teresa at 785-735-9576.

DIOCESE

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



A LITTLE CHUCKLE

Exercise: UGH!

The fitness trainer asked me, "What kind of a squat are you accustomed to doing?"

I said, "Diddly."

DIOCESE

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

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If you suspect abuse of a minor by church or school personnel, in addition to contacting civil authorities, the diocese provides a confidential
Hotline: 866.752.8855 ext.1067
Website: reportandprotect.com
Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org
Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator

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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

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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.



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

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*"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





With a generous donation from a parishioner, The Basilica of St. Fidelis was able to purchase new pre-lit trees that surround the inside Christmas crib. The new trees will be easier to store and assemble in the future.



The picture at left shows some of the Christmas decorations displayed in The Basilica of St. Fidelis.

Lost & Found

Pair of reading glasses found in pew after 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, December 24, 2022, at St. Fidelis

Pair of glasses, possibly prescription, left in pew at St. Fidelis after FHSU Concert on Sunday, December 11.

Blue stuffed animal left in pew at St. Fidelis after FHSU Concert on Sunday, December 11.

We have several pairs of reader glasses that have been in the lost & found box for a number of months. If anyone can use them, they're yours.

To claim, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

Yearly Exam

Went to the doctor for my yearly physical. The nurse starts with certain basics.

"How much do you weigh?" she asks.

"135," I say.

The nurse puts me on the scale. It turns out my weight is 180.

The nurse asks, "Your height?"

"5 foot 4," I say.

The nurse checks and sees that I only measure 5'2".

She then takes my blood pressure and tells me it is very high.

"Of course it's high!" I scream. "When I came in here I was tall and slender! Now I'm short and fat!"

She put me on Prozac.

COMMUNITY

Christmas Holiday House Tour Winners

On December 3 & 4, seven homes in Victoria were decorated for the holiday season and opened up to the public who purchased tickets to visit and view the beauty of the Christmas season in those homes. The Christmas Holiday Home Tour was a fundraiser for the Victoria Community Coalition.

The people who toured the homes were given the opportunity to vote on their favorite. First place winner was the Chad and Andrea Schmidtberger home. Second place winner was Dan and Mary Kay Schippers. Two homes tied for third place. They were Sheena and Austin Gagnon and Brenda and Frank Dreiling.

The Victoria Community Coalition wants to thank all seven couples who so graciously opened their homes for viewing and sharing the wonder of the season. All of the homes were beautifully decorated and the VCC board has received many wonderful compliments from those who took the tour.

And ---- The Winners Are !!!

The drawing for the Victoria Community Coalition Christmas Raffle was held December 20. The winners are listed below. The VCC Board of Directors and Christmas Open House and Raffle Committee wish to express their sincere thanks to those who donated the wonderful prizes and to those who purchased tickets for the raffle. It was a great success and they hope to bring it back again next year.

1. \$300 cash: Warren Davidson Trucking Gina Oberle
2. \$200 cash: Warren Davidson Trucking Carolyn Younger
3. \$100 cash: Gorham State Bank.....Tim Schippers
4. \$75 gas certificate: Robben Oil..... Bertha R. Brungardt
5. \$50 certificate: Hickok's SteakhouseJohn Weber
6. Scentsy Gift Basket: Andrea Schmidtberger Ruth Legleiter
7. \$25 certificate: The Library..... S & B Farms
8. \$25 certificate: The Library..... Christine Lang
9. \$25 certificates: The Library Tyson and Molly Dreiling
10. \$10 certificate: Taco Shop Priscilla Hunt
11. \$10 certificate: Taco Shop Diane Gross
12. \$10 certificate: Taco Shop Shirley Weigel
13. \$25 certificate: Mac's Liquor ShackJeff and Sandy Goetz
14. \$25 certificate: Meridy's Restaurant & LoungeSandee Werth
15. Meat Bundle: Bigg E Meats..... Ryan Gottschalk
16. \$10 certificate: Taco Grande Sandee Werth
17. \$10 certificate: Dominos Pizza..... Tyson Dreiling family
18. \$25 certificate: Total ConvenienceChris and Karen Wellbrock
19. \$25 certificates: Total Convenience..... Don Birzer
20. Etched Rock (name only): Wilmer Dinkel Preston Dreiling family
21. \$10 gift card: Klema's of Russell Jay Dinkel
22. DeWalt drill or saw: Victoria Lumber.....Jamie Sterling
23. \$25 certificate: Lifeforce Chiropractic Julie Washburn
24. \$50 certificate: Myers Furniture Inc Kylie Sander
25. \$25 certificate: United Ag of Gorham..... Carolyn Younger
26. \$25 certificates: United Ag of Gorham Lee Madden
27. \$25 gift card: Gella's Diner & Lb. Brewing CoIris Lang
28. \$200 certificate: Furniture Look Sandee Werth
29. \$10 gift card: Augustine's Bakery..... Geraldine Kindel
30. \$10 gift card: Tiger Burger or Taco Grande..... S & B Farms
31. Traeger Spices and Rubs (\$50 value): Westlake Ace Hardware Sandee Werth
32. Faux Christmas Floral Arrangement: Regeena's Neal Younger
33. Free Oil Change: Lewis AutomotiveLacey Sweeney
34. Free Oil Change: Lewis Automotive.....Tim Schippers
35. Free Oil Change: Lewis Automotive..... Judy Dreiling
36. \$25 Cash: Anonymous Wilma VonLintel
37. \$25 Cash: Anonymous Sharon Feltis
38. \$10 Cash: Anonymous Bob Munsch
39. \$10 Cash: Anonymous Adam Pray



V.F.W. Meeting

Victoria V.F.W. members will meet on **Thursday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m.** at the V.F.W. Hall.

Meal Site Delivery Help Needed

The Victoria Meal Site is in need of someone to help deliver meals on Thursday mornings. Please call Darlinea Dinkel at 785-735-4876 if you are able to help.

SOUP LUNCHEON



Sunday, January 22nd

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Home Made Soups

Chili

**Green Bean & Dumpling
Chicken & Noodle**

Home Made Bread, Pies and Desserts



**\$8.00 – per person
5 and under Free
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MONARCH FOR A DAY

5TH - 8TH GRADE

LEARN WHAT TMP - M
HAS TO OFFER

JANUARY 13TH
8:00 A.M. - NOON
LUNCH IS INCLUDED

**FREE STUDENT
ADMISSION &
POPCORN**
TMP-M VS ELLIS
BASKETBALL GAME THAT
EVENING STARTING AT
4:30 P.M.

**TRANSPORTATION IS
AVAILABLE UPON
REQUEST**

**REGISTER BY E-MAILING
MRS. MELISSA SCHOEPF AT
SCHOEPFM@TMPMARIAN.ORG**



A Different Mindset Dementia & Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

**2nd Thursday of Every Month
2:30 PM for 1 hour**

Learn more about these Zoom meetings by emailing
maacarmstrong@gmail.com



Victoria Schools Calendar



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

Monday — January 9

4:00 pm MS basketball vx Ellinwood
7:00 pm Board of Education meeting

Tuesday — January 10

4:00 pm HS basketball @ Stockton

Wednesday — January 11

3:30 pm Tips and training from Teri (Berkgren)

Thursday — January 12

Senior Class picture
4:00 pm MS basketball @ Kinsley

Friday — January 13

4:00 pm HS basketball vs Central Plains

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	BAPTISM OF THE LORD	JANUARY 9
7:00 pm	George V. Dinkel	
TUESDAY		JANUARY 10
6:45 am	For the Parishes	
WEDNESDAY		JANUARY 11
6:45 am	Leon A. Dinkel	
THURSDAY		JANUARY 12
6:45 am		
FRIDAY		JANUARY 13
6:45 am		
SATURDAY		JANUARY 14
5:00 pm	St. Fidelis Vernon, Norma, and Mitch Berens	
6:30 pm	St. Ann Mary, Clara, Alfred and Verlin Mermis and Dale Pfannenstiel	
SUNDAY	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	JANUARY 15
8:30 am	St. Boniface For the Parishes	
10:00 am	St. Fidelis Warren Wittman	

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advertise in our bulletin.

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Monthly Ads = \$100.⁰⁰, Weekly Ads = \$300.⁰⁰
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2nd Tuesday
of each month

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