

„Beacon of Faith,
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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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
Gift Shop Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30-noon and 1:00-4:30 Friday: 8:30-noon	Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, In-Home Mass, Holy Communion to Homebound: Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events.	Morning Coffee: Thursdays 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Office with the Pastor & friends
		St. Fidelis Food Pantry: For residents of the tri-parishes. Call the Parish Office. Donations accepted.
St. Fidelis Thrift Shop: 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.		BULLETIN ITEMS: Deadline is Wednesday at 11:00 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. ~ taken from *The Register*, Salina Diocese newspaper

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January 24, 2021 – Third 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:

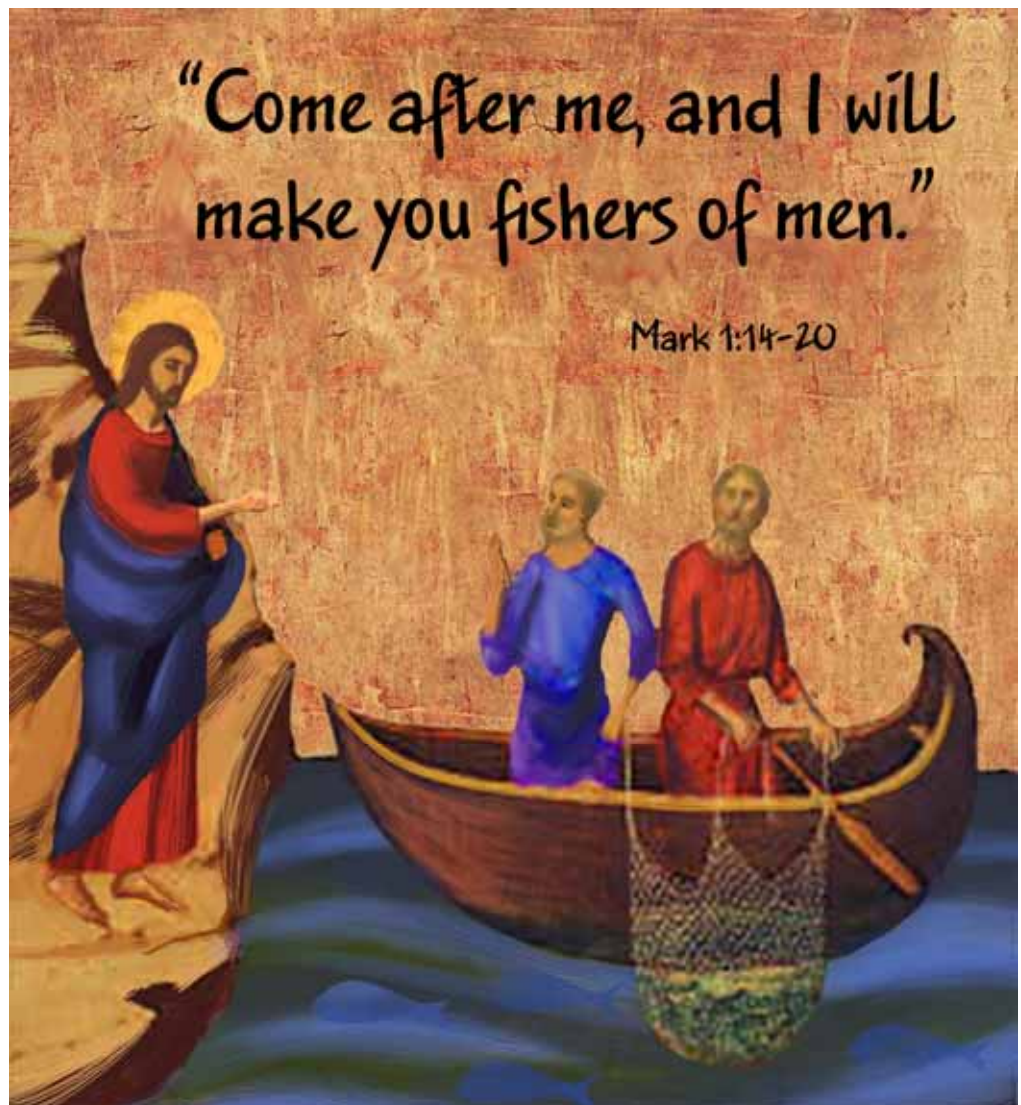
St. Fidelis: Mondays 7:30 p.m. and
Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
St. Ann: Saturdays after Mass (Nov.-Apr.)
St. Boniface: Sundays 7:45-8:15 a.m.
(Nov.-Apr.)
or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

Tri-Parish Prayer Line

Anyone wishing to request prayers for family or friends may call Teresa Shepherd (785-735-9576) to add their requests to the Prayer Line

Dates To Remember

Jan. 29 — Kansas Day — 160 years
Feb. 2 — Candlemas—Blessing of Candles
Feb. 2 — Groundhog Day
Feb. 3 — Feast of St. Blaise
Feb. 6-7 — Throats Blessed after Mass
Feb. 7 — Confirmation @ St. Ann’s
Feb. 7 — Boy Scout Sunday
Feb. 14 — Valentine’s Day
Feb. 15 — President’s Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Feb. 17 — Ash Wednesday





Sunday of the Word of God

Pope Francis has declared this third Sunday in Ordinary Time to be dedicated to the Word of God to help us grow in love of the gospel. "Sunday of the Word of God" was inspired by the story of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus on the first

Easter, "Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."

"The relationship between the risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians," the pope said. "The Bible cannot be just the heritage of some, or a collection of books for scholars. It belongs to all to all of us, to hear its message and to recognize ourselves in its words."

"The Bible is the book of the Lord's people. It can move us from division toward unity and come to understand God's love and be inspired to share it with others. Without the scriptures, the mission of Jesus and of his church is incomprehensible."

This emphasis on the word of God is important because many Catholics are not familiar with sacred scripture. The only time some hear the word of God is when they attend Mass. The Bible is the best selling book of all time, but it may also be the one most covered in dust because it is seldom taken from the shelf and held in our hands.

This day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a yearlong event, for we all need to grow in our knowledge and love of the scriptures where the risen

Lord speaks his word to the community of believers.

Many people would sincerely like to know more about the Bible and understand the message of Scripture, but don't know where to begin. So here is a practical suggestion. If you

have one of the popular Amazon Echo devices, just say, "Alexa, today's Catholic readings," and Alexa will read to you the scriptures from the Mass. A good way to begin your day.

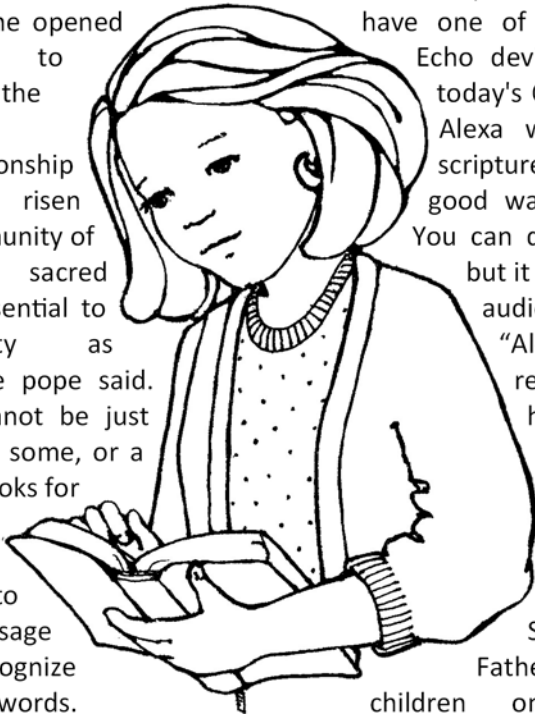
You can do the same with Siri, but it will be the text not the audio. Again, just say, "Alex, today's Catholic readings" and you will hear the scripture selections for the day.

The Second Vatican Council said, "In the books of Sacred Scripture, God the Father speaks to his children on earth." Modern technology can help us listen. St. Jerome was characteristically more direct, "Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ."

Dispel the darkness. Start your day with light. Reflect on the scriptures. Every day.

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Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible that some people read.



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Contributions January 16-17, 2021

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 2094.00 Loose 1749.00
Endowment 20.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 365.00 Loose 165.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 205.00 Loose 147.00
Candles 12.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Jan. 25 — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt

Feb. 1 — Anita Braun, Ivan Werner

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Steven Joseph Schumacher** of Topeka, who passed away on Friday, December 25, 2020. A private family service was held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Saturday, January 16, 2021, with inurnment in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria. He married Paula (Schippers) Schumacher, formerly of Victoria.

I said a prayer for you today

I prayed that God be near you
at the start of each new day
to grant you health and happiness
and friends to share your way.
I asked for happiness for you
in all things great and small,
but that you'd know his lasting care,
I prayed for most of all.
Amen.

~Kelly's Treehouse, Matilde Bernales~

Check Out the News on www.StFidelisChurch.com

There's a new tab on the St. Fidelis website—check it out. It's titled **NEWS** and will have items that were too late for the current bulletin. It might also have news about what is going on in the parish. So check it out.

SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY MASS OBLIGATION

The dispensation given for all Catholics from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will remain in effect until it is safe to lift it. The dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation continues because the Church does not want to place a moral burden on those who should not attend Sunday Mass because of age or health conditions.

However, Catholics are still obliged to keep the Commandments, including the Commandment to keep holy the Lord's Day. Families who choose not to attend Mass should conduct a Liturgy of the Word in the home. Individuals and families should spend additional time in prayer, pious devotions, and spiritual reading on Sunday. Younger adults who are least at risk from the virus should take advantage of the opportunity to participate in person at Mass and to receive Holy Communion if they are properly disposed. If those in good health are attending other large social gatherings, they should also be participating at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays.

For those attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, we expect to continue social distancing and the wearing of masks in church.

Catechumen and Candidate to Celebrate Rites This Weekend

This Sunday, during the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Fidelis, catechumen Kaylee MaGann will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance for initiation into the Catholic Church. Candidate Arrica Braun, who is already one with us by her Baptism, will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming.

During these Rites the sponsors will present their candidates to the parish and the candidates will declare their intention to become members of the Catholic Church.

Please pray for Kaylee and Arrica as they continue to study the doctrine of the Church and prepare for the Initiation Rites on Holy Saturday night.

Throats Blessed

In honor of the feast of St. Blaise (February 3), throats will be blessed after all Masses
the weekend of February 6-7.

The blessing will be given in a different manner this year due to the pandemic. The priest will give the blessing to all present by extending his hands over the people, without the crossed candles, while saying the prayer of blessing.

Candlemas — Candles Blessed

Fr. Jim Moster will bless candles at the Basilica of St. Fidelis on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, **Tuesday, February 2.** If you would like your personal candles blessed for your home use, you may place them on the Communion rail for Fr. Jim to bless.

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 Jan at the Parish Office. Fr. Jim will also come to your home and offer the anointing of the sick or confessions. Contact Jan at the Parish Office.

Committee Meeting Dates

Liturgy Committee 2 nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm	Finance Council 4 th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm
Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm	Buil dings & Grounds Tuesday, January 26 @ 7:00 pm

DIOCESE

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEGDED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGDED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	14,700.00	16,475.00	16,025.00	83
Vincent	400.00	2,180.00	2,013.30	10
Walker	7,200.00	9,385.00	8,343.34	13

As of January 19, 2021,
\$1,830,150.44 has been pledged and \$1,789,953.56 has been received toward the \$1.6 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

Membership Dues Are Due

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society dues of \$5.00 are due and payable by using the envelope in your tithing box or an envelope marked Christian Mothers and dropping it in the collection basket.

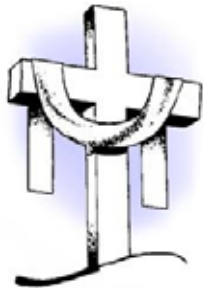
Dues can also be mailed to the treasurer Teresa Shepherd, PO Box 324, Victoria, KS 67671.

Anyone interested in joining the Society can contact Jane Wagner, 785-735-2587. All women of the parish are invited to be part of this organization. Praying for our children and sharing our faith is our primary purpose along with supporting the parish in whatever is needed.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LENTEN YARD CROSSES

The Knights of Columbus will be providing wooden crosses in the yards of people that would like to have one during the Lenten season.



At a cost of \$20, the Knights will install and remove the cross.

Crosses will be installed on **Saturday morning, February 13**, prior to Ash Wednesday. If you choose, you may decorate the cross with a ribbon or cloth, but nothing that would permanently mark or damage the cross.

Crosses will be removed on the Saturday after

Easter, the morning of April 10.

The Knights will install crosses in the county as well as the City of Victoria.

If you are interested, please contact John Braun (785-735-2622), Harland Rupp (785-623-1368), Randy Leiker (785-259-1392), or Leroy Schmidtberger (785-639-3570) or pick up a sign-up slip and a flag in the west vestibule of the Basilica of St. Fidelis. You are asked to place the flag in your yard where you want the cross installed.

The sign-up slips and payment can be given to one of the Knights listed above or brought into the Parish Office.

K. of C. Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of January 1) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2021 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

The local competition will be held **Sunday, January 31**, at the Victoria High School Gymnasium. The gym will open approximately at noon, and the contest will start at 1:00 p.m.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age (copy of birth certificate) and written parental consent. Entry forms will be distributed by the school. For additional forms or information, contact Troy Schippers at 785-735-4625.

All Knights of Columbus are invited/encouraged to attend the competition.



Knights of Columbus

Council #1867 Victoria



Drive-Thru Lenten Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Lenten Fish Fry on **Friday, February 19**, at the VFW Hall from 5:00 until 7:00 pm.



Due to COVID-19 precautions, the Fish Fry will be pick-up/drive-thru only. There will be no in-door dining.

Orders must be placed in advance by Wednesday, February 10.

The cost of the meal is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. To purchase meal tickets, call John Braun (785-735-2622), Harland Rupp (785-623-1368), Randy Leiker (785-259-1392), or Leroy Schmidtberger (785-639-3570).

Low-Income Energy Assistance Program

The program for individuals who need help paying for heat in their homes this winter has started. **Applications will be accepted from January 4 to March 31.** People who received assistance last year should have received an application in the mail this year.

Income eligibility begins at \$1,383 gross monthly income for a single person living at an address. The income varies based on the number of people in a home. For a group of four the income level is \$2,839 gross.

Call 1-800-432-0043 to request an application be mailed to you or you can apply on line at <https://cssp.kees.ks.gov/apspsp/sppNonMed.portal>.

Applications can also be picked up at the local Department of Children and Families (DCF) Office which is located southeast of the Hays Medical Center.

Last year, 34,000 households received an average benefit of \$960.



Double-Edged Sword Show

The Double-Edged Sword show, cutting to the heart of a deceptive culture, features a local priest every week. Tune in to 105.7 FM, online at dvmercy.com, or on the free phone app at noon on Saturdays and Mondays to hear the wisdom of the priests. This locally produced show is one you don't want to miss. Other show times are 1:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, 9:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, and 10:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.

FAMILY LIFE

Separated Faithful

Divorced or separated Catholics who remain faithful to marriage

Catholics who were reluctantly divorced or separated can continue to fulfill their marriage mission – to sanctify themselves and their spouse. Discuss the ongoing seven stages from the book, [“The Gift of Self, A Spiritual Companion for Separated and Divorced Faithful to the Sacrament of Marriage”](#) (in the on-line version of this bulletin you can click the link above or type the following address in your browser for more information:)

<https://marysadvocates.org/resources/gift-of-self-book/>

You can see a United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) review of this book [on USCCB](#) (click to go to this site or type in the following address:)

<https://www.foryourmarriage.org/blogs/the-gift-of-self-a-spiritual-companion-for-separated-and-divorced-faithful-to-the-sacrament-of-marriage/>

Conference calls are scheduled monthly on the second-Monday at 9:00 pm. Contact SeparatedFaithful@outlook.com, with your name, parish, city.



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

Monday — January 25

Lunch Menu: BBQ beef sandwich, baked beans, grapes, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Grade check/start activity
 3:30 pm—HS girls basketball practice
 4:00 pm JH basketball @ Central Plains. Depart 2:10 pm
 5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

Tuesday — January 26

Lunch Cheeseburger pocket, steamed peas, tater tots. peaches, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Finish activity/Students will have directed study
 3:30 pm JH girls basketball practice at VES
 3:30 pm JH boys basketball practice at VHS
 3:45 pm HS basketball @ Ellis. Depart 2:20 pm

Wednesday — January 27

6:30 am JH girls basketball practice
 FCCLA District B meeting @ Stockton. Mrs. C. Braun and select students will attend
 Lunch Menu: Mexican chicken, refried beans, Mexican rice, cinnamon apples, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study
 3:30 pm JH boys basketball practice @ VES
 3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
 4:00 pm PDC meeting in BOE office
 5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

Thursday — January 28

6:30 am JH boys basketball practice
 Lunch Menu: Hot dog with bun, curly fries, green beans, pears, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study
 3:30 pm JH girls basketball practice @ VES
 3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
 5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

Friday — January 29

6:30 am JH girls basketball practice at VHS
 Lunch Menu: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, orange slices, dinner roll, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study
 3:30 pm JH boys basketball practice at VES
 4:00 pm HS basketball vs. LaCrosse (Snowball)

Saturday — January 30

9:00 am JH CPL league basketball tournament @ Kinsley
 1:00 pm K. of C. free throw contest @ VHS gym
 2:00 pm HS basketball @ Plainville. Depart 12:30 pm

The St. Fidelis Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and Cantor Schedules can be found on the Mass Schedule page of StFidelisChurch.com

Mass on St. Fidelis YouTube Channel

Go to www.StFidelisChurch.com

and click the link on the *Home Page* to view a Mass.

CURRENTLY, Sunday Mass is uploaded to YouTube along with some weekday Masses that are recorded when possible.

*** Sunday Rosary Schedule ***
 1st - Christian Mothers 2nd - Knights of Columbus
 3rd - Daughters of Isabella 4th - Family Life

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, Jan. 30, 5:00 PM — Meagan Wellbrock
 Sunday, Jan. 31, 10:00 AM — Becky and Jim Scheck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, Jan. 30, 5:00 PM — Diane Gross
 Sunday, Jan. 31, 10:00 AM — Karen Nowak

LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS

Saturday, Jan. 30, 5:00 PM — Carol Pfeifer
 Sunday, Jan. 31, 10:00 AM — Cora Schulte

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

Sunday, Jan. 31, 10:00 AM — Cora Schulte and Kathy Amrein

MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY	JANUARY 25
7:00 pm For the parishes	
TUESDAY	JANUARY 26
6:45 am	
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 27
6:45 am	
THURSDAY	JANUARY 28
6:45 am	
FRIDAY	JANUARY 29
6:45 am Leroy Sander	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 30
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Theresa Schippers H. James Brungardt	
6:30 pm St. Ann Landry Robben and Wilma and Virgil Staab	
SUNDAY.....	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEJANUARY 31
8:30 am St. Boniface For the parishes	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Jerome and Irene Windholz	



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