

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

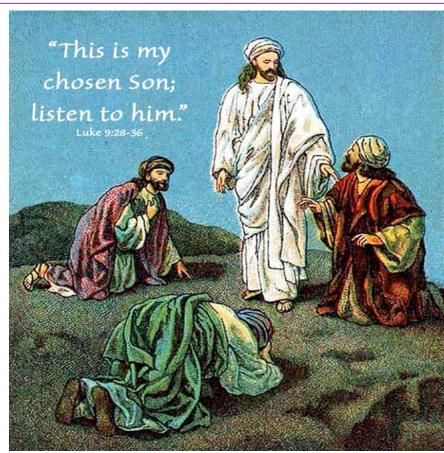
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAYS • 9:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. in St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar Bishop Vincke asks each parish to Include prayers for vocations to religious life.

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. (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

Mar. 17 — St. Patrick's Day
Mar. 19 — St. Joseph's Day
Apr. 9 — Confirmation 6:00 Mass
Apr. 13 — Palm Sunday
Apr. 17 — Holy Thursday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED at noon
Apr. 18 — Good Friday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Apr. 19 — Holy Saturday
Apr. 20 — Easter Sunday
Apr. 21 — Easter Monday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



WELCOME FATHER CURTIS CARLSON!

In 1959, I was born in Emporia, Kansas, and I grew up in Burlington, Kansas. I was ordained to the priesthood on May 29, 1995. In Victoria, I was a high school senior 1976-77 and a Capuchin novice 1988-89. In Hays, I was Parochial Vicar at Saint Joseph Church 1995-97 and Director of the Comeau Catholic Campus Center 1997-2000. I was pastor at Saint Mary Church in Ellis 2008-10. Most recently I have been living at Saint Fidelis Friary since 2021 and have been pastor at Our Lady Help of Christians (Antonino) and Saint Anthony (Schoenchen) and helped at Via Christi Village (Hays). –Fr. Curtis

FRIARS' MIND

A Lenten Transfiguration

The gospel for the first Sunday of Lent is always the story of Satan tempting Christ, which is an obvious Lenten topic. The gospel for the second Sunday of Lent is always the Transfiguration, and that Lenten message is not apparent.

Today we read the account of the Transfiguration from the gospel of Luke which includes details not in the other gospels. Those details help to clarify the Lenten message of the Transfiguration.

The gospels of Matthew and Mark say that Jesus led Peter, James, and John up a high mountain and was transfigured before them. Luke savs. "Jesus took them up the mountain to pray, and while he was *praving* he

was changed in appearance." Luke sees the Transfiguration as a union with God achieved through prayer.

Matthew and Mark say that Jesus was transfigured. Luke says, "his face changed in appearance and his clothes became dazzling white." For Luke this outward appearance reflects the inner union with God achieved in prayer.

Only Luke mentions that the disciples Peter, James, and John were asleep. These same three also slept during the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. With these sleeping apostles Luke ties the glory of the Transfiguration with the passion of Christ. The garden of Gethsemane is related to the mount of the Transfiguration as the agony of the passion is to the glory of the Resurrection. As Lent is to Easter.

The most significant detail in Luke's account is that he alone tells us what Jesus, Moses and Elijah were talking about: "The exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." This exodus of Christ recalls the exodus of the Hebrews from the slavery of Egypt, through the travails of the desert, into the promised land. As that exodus from Egypt freed the Hebrews from slavery, the exodus of Christ, his death and resurrection,

freed us from the bonds of sin.

The Preface of today's Mass also refers to this dimension of the Transfiguration. "Christ revealed Himself in glory to His disciples to prepare them for His approaching death. He wanted to teach them through the law and the Prophets

that the promised Christ had first to suffer and so come to the glory of His resurrection."

Luke's account of the Transfiguration emphasizes the core theme of Lent: the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. As we struggle with our weaknesses to emerge as better Christians, this message of today's gospel, connecting the passion of Christ with his resurrection, offers hope that our Lenten observance will lead to a share in his eternal glory.

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If you don't pay your exorcist, you will be repossessed.

PARISH STAFF

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CONTRIBUTIONS MARCH 8-9, 2025

ST. FIDELIS:

<u>Loose</u> 1,086.00 <u>Envelopes</u> 3,585.00 <u>Cemetery</u> 80.00

ST. ANN: Loose 181.00 Envelopes 355.00

ST. BONIFACE: Loose 461.00 Envelopes 170.00 Candles 36.00



Scan the QR Code to go to our on-line Donate page.



Lost & Found

- A Ziplock bag with a variety of toys found in St. Fidelis Church over the February 23-24 weekend. To claim, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.
- Sunday - Christian Mothers 3rd - Daughters of Isabella

Rosary Schedule 2nd - Knights of Columbus 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, MARCH 22

5:00 PM — Jerry Schmidtberger & Rick Colmenero **SUNDAY, MARCH 23**

10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

5:00 PM — Tom Tholen, Jane Wagner, Carol Pfeifer, Jody Dinkel, Anne Weber

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun, Andrea Schmidtberger, Sandy McAlonan, Teresa Shepherd, Michelle Geist

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 5:00 PM — Diane Gross **SUNDAY, MARCH 23** 10:00 AM — Allan Amrein

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 — Kathy Kuhn **SUNDAY, MARCH 23** 10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 5:00 PM — Grace Y., Jackson S., Devyn H. **SUNDAY, MARCH 23** 10:00 AM — Michael S., Liv & Vivian W.

MONEY COUNTERS

March 17 — Stephanie Broyles, Bertha Brungardt March 24 — Jerry Schmidtberger, Andrea Ottley

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

FINANCE COUNCIL 4th Tuesday @ 6:00 pm

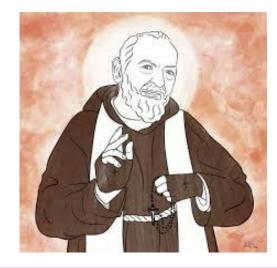
PASTORAL COUNCIL

LITURGY COMMITTEE 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Padre Pio Relic UPDATE

We have been informed that the first-class relic of Padre Pio will be installed here in the Basilica on Wednesday, April 9 at Confirmation the Mass at 6:30 pm. Bishop Vincke will be here for both celebrations.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAYS • 9:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. in St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar

"Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament. There you will find romance, glory, honor, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth." ~JRR Tolkien

MASS INTENTIONS

| MONDAY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY |
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| 7:00 pm Lance Lang |
| TUESDAY MARCH 18 |
| 6:45 am Katie and Frank Pfannenstiel family living and deceased |
| WEDNESDAYST JOSPEH, SPOUSE OF MARY MARCH 19 |
| 6:45 am |
| THURSDAY MARCH 20 |
| 6:45 am Dolores Rome family living and deceased |
| FRIDAY MARCH 21 |
| 6:45 am Lloyd (Jack) Dreiling |
| SATURDAY MARCH 22 |
| 5:00 pm St. Fidelis Terence John Dreiling |
| 6:30 pm St. Ann Arleen Wittman |
| SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 23 |
| 8:30 am St. Boniface For the People |
| 10:00 am St. Fidelis Frank Kuhn |
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Living Joy God created you for JOY—and He wants that for you here and now!

Join us for "The 9 Rules for Living Joy". Chris Stefanick explains these rules and each "rule" consists of two short, 5-minute videos, with the second usually focusing on more practical application of that rule.

We will discuss one rule a week every Tuesday morning at 7:45 AM in the north sacristy.

Come find your Joy!

Jesus Is Waiting

Share time with your Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. St. Fidelis Basilica will have continual adoration on **Thursday, March 20**, beginning at **9:30 am to 9:30 pm**.

Exposition will be in the chapel behind the main altar. Please enter through the northeast side door. Signs will be posted.

If interested in committing to a certain time, please contact Jane Wagner (785-735-7029) or use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left alone.

All Tri-Parish members are welcome whenever and for however long. Do something special for Lent and for yourself. Jesus is waiting for YOU.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS with Benediction 5:30 p.m. Fridays of Lent The Basilica of St. Fidelis NO STATIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

BANE SALS

Lenten Bake Sales

The Daughters of Isabella will have Bake Sales in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Fish Fries at the V.F.W. Hall during Lent. Members are asked to please bring baked goodies or a cash donation to the

V.F.W. Hall between 4:00-500 p.m. on the Fridays of March 28 and April 11.



Attention All Men

Into The Breach Video Series – Lenten Season

Activity

Do you want to be inspired and grow stronger in your faith as a Catholic man, father, husband, brother, or son during Lent?

Then join us this Lenten season to watch and discuss the <u>Into The Breach</u> video series that explores what it takes to be a Catholic man.

We will be watching and discussing the episodes in the north sacristy of the church at **6:45 am on Monday mornings as of March 10**. Enter the north sacristy by the server entrance door on the NE corner of the church.

Each session will last no more than 45 minutes and be over by 7:30 am. Through this activity, may we grow in virtue together and be inspired to serve Christ and one another as we step "into the breach".

If you would like to participate, but this time does not work for you, contact John Braun, (785) 623-0680.



Victoria Knights of Columbus Fish Fries



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 6-12 Children 5 and Under FREE

Fridays — March 28 and April 11

5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. or until the food is gone at the Victoria VFW Hall

Home delivery is available by calling Leroy Schmidtberger at 785-639-3570. Please help us help our communities.

ST. ANN

DIOCESE



Saint Ann Parish Prayer/Adoration Opportunity

Friday evenings of Lent March 7- April 11 7:00-8:30 pm

you are invited to join in praying the Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Ann parish. All are welcome.

POC Paula Zwenger (402-319-2375)

ST. BONIFACE

Come Join Us!

St. Boniface Parish will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **Saturday, March 29 from 8am — 8pm.**

Everyone from the Tri-Parishes are invited. Celebrate Lent with an hour in the Lord's presence. He wants to be part of your life.



Bishop Vincke Encourages Eucharistic Adoration!



Please scan the QR Code above to watch a very touching and meaningful video where Bishop Vincke shares his thoughts on Eucharistic Adoration. If you feel called to partake but are not sure why, or are hesitant, please watch with an open heart. This is the year of hope and I hope you choose to watch.





Mardi Gras Celebration

Pictured Left: Mardi Gras guests enjoy the evening potluck. Pictured Right: Stephanie Broyles makes delicious pancakes to share with all the guests.



It was to be an evening of good food, games, and laughter to celebrate Mardi Gras, but Mother Nature had other ideas. Numerous parish organizations were invited, but eleven brave souls ventured out into the windy, freezing, wet weather to enjoy the evening. The food was delicious, and pancake races were on the agenda. However, when the lights flickered, threatening a power outage, the evening abruptly ended as everyone decided home was the safest place to be.

DIOCESE

| | February St. Fidelis | Financial Summary | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| INCOME | | EXPENSES | |
| Bequests & Donations | | Clergy | |
| Church Tours | \$200.00 | Automobile Expense | \$1,109.00 |
| General Funds | \$300.00 | Living Allowance | \$450.00 |
| Memorials | \$125.00 | Salary | \$1,109.00 |
| Religious Education | \$75.00 | Employees | |
| Repair Fund | \$515.00 | Benefits | \$912.15 |
| Royalty | \$88.80 | Mass/Wedding Pay | \$50.00 |
| Tourist Donations | \$54.00 | Payroll | \$12,830.24 |
| Bulletin Ads | \$400.00 | Evangelism & Special Events | \$418.87 |
| Candles | \$776.00 | Facilities & Equipment | |
| Collections | | Church Repair & Maintenance | \$105.00 |
| Envelopes | \$13,625.00 | Janitorial Supplies | \$42.51 |
| Loose | \$2,704.35 | Liturgical Decorations | \$163.91 |
| Gift Shop | \$119.00 | Pest Control | \$384.00 |
| Mass Intentions | \$200.00 | Sound System | \$229.99 |
| Mission Parishes | \$2,000.00 | Gift Shop | \$161.78 |
| Refunds & Reimbursements | \$607.55 | Grounds, Landscaping | \$1,690.93 |
| TOTAL INCOME: | \$21,789.70 | Insurance | \$4,484.51 |
| | | Mass Intentions | \$300.00 |
| | | Music Ministry | \$438.96 |
| | | Office | |
| | | Subscriptions | \$79.78 |
| | | Supplies | \$26.96 |
| | | Postage, Mailing Service | \$503.53 |
| | | Refunds & Reimbursements | \$50.00 |
| | | Religious Education | |
| | | Adult Education | \$300.68 |
| | | Altar Servers | \$19.91 |
| | | Events | \$100.00 |
| | | Subscriptions | \$15.11 |
| | | Supplies | \$49.95 |
| | | Sanctuary Supplies | \$252.47 |
| | | Utilities | |
| | | Church | \$3,878.08 |
| Gross Income: | \$21,789.70 | PAC | \$1,814.46 |
| Total Expenses: | \$32,124.20 | Worship Materials | \$152.42 |
| Net Income: | -\$10,334.50 | TOTAL EXPENSES: | \$32,124.20 |

| February St. Fidelis Cemetery Financial Summary | | | | | |
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| INCOME | | EXPENSES | | | |
| Bequests & Donations | \$190.00 | Grave Staking | \$30.00 | | |
| Grave Staking | \$30.00 | Payroll | \$50.39 | | |
| Plots | \$300.00 | TOTAL EXPENSES: | \$80.39 | | |
| TOTAL INCOME: | \$520.00 | | | | |
| Gross Income: | \$520.00 | | | | |
| Total Expenses: | \$80.39 | | | | |
| Net Income: | \$439.61 | | | | |



ASSOCIATION

A Rock 'n' Roll Night To Remember

Music by Jimmy Dee & The Fabulous Destinations

Saturday, March 22, 2025 Ellis Co. Fairgrounds, Schenk Building, Hays, KS

\$50/Ticket

5:30pm Cash Bar/Silent Auction 6:30pm Buffet Dinner 7:30-10:30pm Dance

Purchase tickets at www.adiffmindsetassoc.org

Proceeds fund our non-profit's local dementia & Alzheimer's programs and caregiver support in Ellis County and surrounding areas.

For assistance call 785-269-1928 or email info@adiffmindsetassoc.org

Mark Your Calendars !

Immaculate Heart of Mary First Monthly Breakfast



When: March 23rd Time : 8:30 AM till 1:30 PM Where : IHM Parish Hall Free Will Offering

Items For Your Tastebuds ... Scrambled Eggs - Sausage - Bacon Hash Browns - Biscuits & Gravy All Invited for food and fellowship!

Commodities to Be Distributed

Commodities will be available for pickup on **Monday, March 24, at 2:30 p.m.** at the Parish Office, 601 10th Street. Please use the north entrance.

REMINDER: Commodities are on first-come, first-served basis. According to Government commodity regulations we are anot allowed to hold boxes back for specific individuals.



However, we do have a Food Bank and can provide food boxes through that. We just ask that you call ahead for Food Bank boxes so you do not have to wait while we prepare a box for you. Contact us at 785-735-2777 for a Food Bank box.



WHERE: VES Cafeteria

WHAT TO BRING:

Your child entering Preschool or Kindergarten

- Kindergartener must be 5 by August 31st
- Preschöoler must be 4 by August 31st

Please call the office if you have any questions: 785-735-2870



St. Mary's 30th Annual Parish Auction

St. Mary's Parish in Ellis is excited to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of their annual auction on **March 29,2025**!

This event is to help provide funding for St. Mary's Catholic School.

Purchase tickets by calling the Parish office at (785-726-4522) or online using the auction website, along with raffle tickets and/or donate to the event.

Please purchase by March 16.

Thank you for advertising in our bulletin!

