# Beacon of Faith, St. Ann Catholic Church

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

# . Rearl 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. Fidel is 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.

\*\*Taken from The Register, Salina Diocese newspaper\*\*

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

# February 5, 2023 – 5th 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**

Feb. 12 — Card Party @ PAC Super Bowl

Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day

**Feb. 20** — President's Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Feb. 22 — Ash Wednesday

Feb. 24 — Stations of the Cross begin

Feb. 26 — First Sunday of Lent

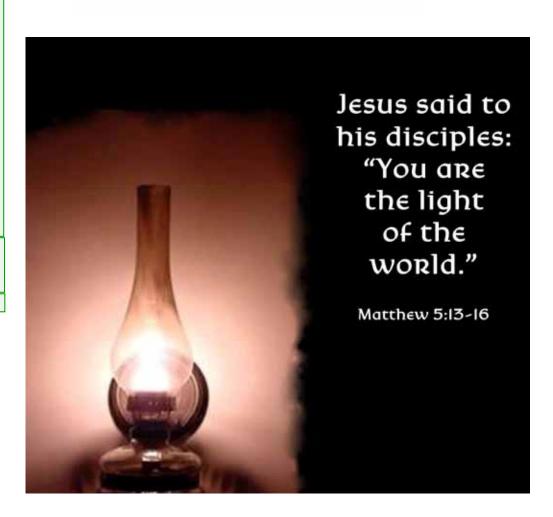
Mar. 3 — World Day of Prayer

Mar. 5 — Girl Scout Sunday

Mar. 12 — Daylight Savings Time Begins—Put clocks ahead 1 hour

Mar. 17 — St. Patrick's Day

# **Boy Scout Sunday**





# The Power of Example

"I can't hear what you're saying because your actions are shouting so loudly." That adage expresses well the message of today's gospel: we are to give good example, and we are accountable for our bad example.



"You are the light of the world. You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned." There is a mutual dynamic of behavior in the community of faithful Christians. The modern culture thinks differently: "I do my thing and you do your thing. You live as you want to live; I will live as I want to live."

Christianity has never endorsed such a philosophy. Christianity is a community faith. St. Augustine said, "One Christian is no Christian." The behavior of each Christian affects the entire community — for good or ill. Few of us will deny that the example of our elders is well remembered and has impacted our lives, for good or ill.

The prevailing attitude of our individualistic society, which denies the benefit of good example and scoffs at the danger of bad example, can unfortunately creep into the thinking of even good faithful Christians. It

often seems that the only interest others have in our behavior is fodder for gossip.

Many elderly feel that the younger generation has dismissed them. And it may often seem that way. But

grandma and grandpa might be surprised how the fidelity of their lives has impressed the young and how often they are quoted. School children regularly say things like, "My grandma goes to church every day." "My grandpa says 'always tell the truth.' " "My aunt prays her rosary every day."

Of course the contrary is also observed by the keen eyes and ears of the young. "My uncle doesn't go to church." "My grandpa cusses." "My aunt likes to gossip."

Children are by nature curious and alert. Our enduring message to children is not so much our words but our deeds. Ultimately, "faith is caught not taught." Fidelity to one's faith, Sunday after Sunday, day in and day out, is an enduring message that no one can ignore, including rebellious teenagers, despite their protests to the contrary. A vital and sincere faith will be transmitted to the coming generation.

"You are the light of the world. A light is set on a lamp stand to give light to all in the house. Your light must shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

# ... and mirth

There is not much to see or do in a small town, but what you hear makes up for it.

# Parish Staff

#### Pastor:

Fr. Jim Moster, OFM, Cap.

email: james.moster@capuchins.org

#### Secretary/Bookkeeper:

Andrea Schmidtberger email: fidelis@ruraltel.net

# Catholic Faith Education Office:

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Youth Minister

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Sacramental Records email: sfreled@ruraltel.net

### Housekeeping/Sacristan:

Darlene Dreiling

#### Cemetery Groundskeeper:

Wilmer Dinkel

Maintenance: Ken Pfeifer, Randy Leiker

<u>Organists</u>: Kathy Dreiling-Amrein Lou Ann Hammersmith

**Choir Director**: Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

<u>Technology Coordinator</u>: Connie Windholz

email: sftech@ruraltel.net

## Council Members

#### St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

John R. Braun 735-2622 (Chair) Angie Roth 735-8035 (Vice-Chair) Ryan Lichter 650-7361 (Sec) Marilyn Braun 735-9265 Bertha R. Brungardt 735-4106 Patty Dreiling 735-4479

Curt Kuhn 735-8820 Rosie Kreutzer 656-3298

#### St. Fidelis Finance Council

Harland Rupp 735-2206 Frank Dreiling 735-8385 David Ottley 735-8434

## St. Boniface Pastoral Council

Fred Tholen 735-4801 Curt Wellbrock 259-6564 Kathy Huser 735-4193

# St. Ann Pastoral Council

Bill Robben 806-669-5264 Patrick Zwenger 402-452-6253 Bob Brungardt 735-4410

# Contributions January 28-29, 2023

# ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 2110.00 Loose 670.00 Repair Fund 5.00

Endowment 3.00

Retired Religious 10.00

## ST. ANN:

Envelopes 1105.00 Loose 186.00

# ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 610.00 Loose 209.00

February 6 — Stephanie Broyles, Ivan Werner

February 13 — Mary Brungardt, Janie Dinges

# 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.

# ' Sunday

# Rosary Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> - Christian Mothers

2<sup>nd</sup> - Knights of Columbus

3<sup>rd</sup> - Daughters of Isabella

4<sup>th</sup> - 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, FEBRUARY 11** 

**5:00 PM** — Trilogy

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12** 

10:00 AM — Christy Sander

# \*EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS\*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11** 

**5:00 PM** — Debbie Staab, Deb Geschwentner, Mary Brungardt

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12** 

10:00 AM — Kenny and Bertha R. Brungardt, Janine Kisner

# \*LECTORS\COMMENTATORS\*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

5:00 PM — Tammy Lichter

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12** 

**10:00 AM** — Dave Staab

# \*HOMEBOUND MINISTERS\*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8— Diane Gross

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12** 

10:00 AM — Bertha and Kenny Brungardt

# \*MASS SERVERS\*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11** 

5:00 PM — Emma D., Brinly L., Hadley L.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 125** 

**10:00 AM** — Abby B., Ethan S., Mya M.

# **Committee Meeting Dates**

Finance Council 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

# With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Gerald J. "Jerry" Von Feldt**, who passed away on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Saturday, January 28, 2023, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Theresa (Weigel) Klaus** who passed away on January 28, 2023. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Wednesday, February 1, 2023. A private family inurnment will be held at a later date in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION: MASS INTENTION SCHEDULING

Mass Intentions for the 2023 weekend Masses for the tri-parishes are full, except for—at the time this is being published—6 Masses at St. Boniface and 1 at St. Ann (we can switch the "For the Parishes" Mass intentions around between those two parishes, if necessary). There are still weekday Masses at St. Fidelis available for the year 2023.

The Mass book for 2024 is available to schedule intentions and there are quite a few weekend and weekday Masses still open.

A Mass stipend is \$10.00.

Please be aware that Mass times for weekends and weekdays could change.

# **Throats Blessed**

In honor of the feast of St. Blaise (February 3), throats will be blessed after all Masses next weekend, February 4-5. Due to the high amount of communicable diseases currently, Fr. Jim will give the blessing to all present by extending his hands over the congregation, without the crossed candles, while saying the prayer of blessing.

# **Tour Guides Needed**

We are in need of tour guides for The Basilica of St. Fidelis. Tours are offered for larger groups and usually take place in the late morning or early afternoon; however, there are exceptions. Most tours occur during Spring and Summer.

If you are willing to help, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777. We can provide you with a history book to get you started.

# Tri-Parish Cards & Games Party

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 ● 2:00 — 4:00 p.m.** 

**Parish Activity Center (north entrance)** 

Everyone is invited. Pick up a friend and come join the fun!

You are welcomed to bring a snack of any kind for everyone to enjoy.



## LET'S PLAY!

- Pinochle
- Phase 10
- Skip-Bo
- Farkle

# DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

# **Membership Dues Are Due**

Yearly Daughters of Isabella membership dues of \$20 are now due. Please make checks payable to Daughters of Isabella. Send payment to Kathy Kuhn, PO Box 375, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

# Yalentine's Soup Supper/Meeting

The Daughters of Isabella meeting on **Monday, February 13**, will begin with a Valentine's Soup Supper at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop. The supper will start at 7:00 p.m. with a meeting to follow.

# D. of I. Convention

The Daughters of Isabella Convention, open to all members, will be held **March 24, 25, and 26, 2023**, in Garden City, Kansas. If interested in attending, contact JoAnn Berens at 785-639-1948.

# D. of I. Scholarships Offered

The Daughters of Isabella Circle #364 is offering a scholarship to anyone who has a mother, grandmother, step-mother, or step-grandmother as a member of the local D. of I. Circle. Applications are available at Victoria High School or you can contact JoAnn Berens at 785-639-1948. State D. of I. scholarships are also available.

Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

# Christian Mothers/Altar Society

# 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.

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# K of C Initiation

Are you a Knight of Columbus? If not, would you like to be? All practicing Catholic men who are a Senior in High School or older are invited to join. New Member Exemplification will be conducted after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, March 5**.

Contact John Braun 785-623-0680 or Leroy Schmidtberger 785- 639-3570 for details.

# MONTHLY MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, February 14**, at **7:30 p.m.** at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

# 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 18, 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 15.

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. All proceeds will go towards the Parish's Community Assistance Fund.

# **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Winners**

Twenty-seven boys and girls from the Victoria area, ages 9 to 14, were named local champions of the 2023 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship and have earned the right to compete at the regional level.

St. Fidelis Council #1867 in Victoria sponsored the local competition at Victoria High School on Sunday, January 29. Nine-year-old champions were Kinsley Orr in the girls' bracket and Easton Nuss in the boys' bracket. Aaliyah Madkins was the 10-year-old girls' champion. In the 11-year-olds' bracket Kynlee Nuss was the girls' champion and Cohen Rodger was the boys' champion. 12-year-old winners in the girls' and boys' divisions were Gianna Haselhorst and Reece Amrein. The 13-year-old girls' division was won by Calli Werth and the boys' division by Nicholas Sander. 14-year-old champion was Claire Schippers in the girls' bracket.

Each of these winners will compete in the regional competitions to be held on **Sunday**, **February 19**, at Tipton, Kansas, with an eye toward moving on to the jurisdictional and international levels.



Pictured at left are the winners of the local Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship held on Sunday, January 29.

Front row: Kinsley Orr, Aaliyah Madkins, Kynlee Nuss, Gianna Haselhorst, Calli Werth, and Claire Schippers

**Back row:** Easton Nuss, Cohen Rodger, Reece Amrein, and Nicholas Sander.

## **JOB OPENING**

# **Pregnancy and Adoption Specialist/Licensed Therapist**

Catholic Charities is hiring a Pregnancy and Adoption Specialist/Licensed Therapist at the Hays office. This exciting role encompasses both therapy duties and pregnancy + adoption case management. We are looking for a compassionate, driven, and organized individual to support those in need across northern Kansas. To learn more and apply, visit ccnks.org/careers.

# **Diocese Wants Your Feedback**

The Diocese of Salina needs your feedback! You may have received an email from Bishop Vincke asking for your participation in a brief annual survey. The feedback and information obtained from this survey helps the diocese understand what is important to you and for planning for the future. If you received this email, please take a few moments to complete this important survey. We truly appreciate your participation and feedback!

# National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day

The observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 12) allow us to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

This year's theme, "Marriage...one flesh, given and received" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that God wills. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ, who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine—as real flesh and blood.

# **Prayer for Marriages**

Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of married couples
so that they might reflect the union of Christ
with his Church: look with kindness on them.
Renew their marriage covenant,
increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace
so that, with their children,
they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.
We ask his through Christ our Lord.

Amen

# February Human Trafficking Alert

February 8, the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, a slave turned saint, is also an International Day of Prayer and a call to an awareness of global trafficking. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

# **World Day for Consecrated Life**

The World Day for Consecrated Life was Thursday, February 2. It is a day of prayer set aside for all men and women in consecrated life. We celebrate it this weekend, February 4-5. Let us pray for and support those who have chosen a consecrated life in service to Our Lord.

# **College Scholarships**

The Diocese of Salina is once again offering two college scholarships. The Monsignor Clement A. Kruse and the Marymount Memorial Educational Trust make available a limited number of scholarships each year.

The applications for these two scholarships are online-only and due by March 1, 2023. The link for all graduating seniors and current college students to apply is:

https://salinadiocese.org/diocese-of-salina-scholarship-application/

The Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina is pleased to announce the Susie Deges Memorial Scholarship. This will be given to an individual who has been active in their local CYO. Application is due by March 1, 2023. More information was included in the January edition of The Register. You can also go to the above link for information.

# **RANDOM THOUGHTS**

Do you ever wonder how much you exist in other people's lives? I'm always curious if people think of me when a certain song comes on, or when they pass through a certain town. I wonder how many stories I've been a part of that I may have forgotten. I wonder if I still exist in the minds of people that don't speak to me anymore. I wonder how many times a day I pass through someone's head.

# COMMUNITY



# V.F.W. Meeting

Victoria V.F.W. members will meet on **Thursday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m.** at the V.F.W. Hall.

The Sunflower Polka Club is hosting a

# Free Dance for All Members

Sunday, April 30 - 2:00-5:00 p.m.

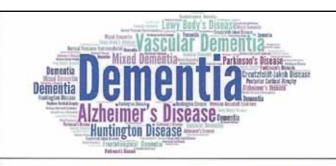
Hays VFW Hall

# **WES WINDHOLZ BAND**

Open to Public | \$10 for non-members

If you would like to join the Club, the fee is \$10. Join before March 1 to DANCE FREE and also to get a newsletter! Call Don Dolecheck at 620-923-7558 for more information.

No Drinks Allowed!



# 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





# Sponsorships Audiloble Fra Fra Sale Tuesday, February 14th, 2023 907 NW 3rd St. Plainville, KS 67663

Support Kansas FFA and local FFA Chapters in this special event!

10:00 am: Weigh Up Sale

Meal following weigh up sale sponsored by Hubbard Feeds (Open to all Farmers and Ranchers)

12:00pm: Stocker/Feeder Sale

Sellers and buyers can donate \$1 per head to the FFA to be split between the Kansas FFA Foundation and the local Kansas FFA Chapter of their choosing. <u>All per head donations will be</u> matched by Heartland Regional Stockyards.

Contact Heartland Regional Stockyards w/ questions: <u>785-688-4080</u> or Brandon Hamel: <u>785-434-6280</u>



# **Meal Site Delivery Help Needed**

The Victoria Meal Site is asking for help with delivering meals on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you are willing to help, please contact Darlinea Dinkel at 785-735-4876.

# Victoria Schools Calendar



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

## Monday — February 6

3:30 pm VHS basketball to LaCrosse w/Otis, Ellinwood

7:00 pm Ellis County Spelling Bee—Beach Schmidt, Hays

#### Tuesday — February 7

8:20 am Test hearing and vision 7th, 9th, 11th Grades

#### Wednesday — February 8

District STAR Events-Osborne

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

# Thursday — February 9

4:00 pm Lil' Knights cheer clinic after school in auditorium

# Friday — February 10

**NHS Snowball Ceremony** 

4:30 pm HS basketball vs St. John

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601 10th Street-Victoria



