

«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**  
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. FIDELIS 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 (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](http://www.stfidelischurch.com) / [www.stbonifacevincent.com](http://www.stbonifacevincent.com)

## March 24, 2024 – Palm (Passion) Sunday

### 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. 30** — Holy Saturday  
**Mar. 31** — Easter Sunday  
**Apr. 1** — Easter Monday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**Apr. 7** — Divine Mercy Sunday  
**Apr. 14** — First Communion 10:00 am Mass @ St. Fidelis  
**Apr. 24** — Feast of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen  
**Apr. 24** — Confirmation 6:00 p.m. @ St. Fidelis  
**May 2** — National Day of Prayer  
**May 12** — Mother's Day

“The man I shall kiss is the one.”



Mark 14:1-15:47

**The Parish Office will close for the Easter holiday from Holy Thursday, March 28, @ noon through Easter Monday, April 1. HAVE A HAPPY EASTER!**



## The Sacred Triduum

Holy Week is the commemoration of the passion of Christ beginning with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The celebration of the final three days of Holy Week — Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil — are known as the Sacred Triduum.

*Holy Thursday* is the celebration of the Lord's Supper, popularly known as the Last Supper, when the sacraments of Eucharist and priesthood were instituted by Christ. The celebration features the washing of feet, symbolic of the new commandment of love in service to others.

*Good Friday* commemorates the crucifixion of Christ with the veneration of the cross. The reading of the Passion of the Lord is from the gospel of John which focuses on the positive meaning of the death of Christ, his triumph over evil and sin, hence Good Friday.

*The Easter Vigil*, the principal liturgical celebration of the year, recalls the Resurrection of Christ with symbols of fire and light and water. The Easter Candle, Christ our Light, dispels the darkness of sin and death, and a new life of grace is offered in the waters of baptism.

Christianity is based on historical events. But our observance of Holy Week is more than a remembrance or a reenactment of those stories. Holy Week celebrates the message, the meaning, and the metanoia — the change of heart which those stories can evoke.

The church celebrates not simply the history but the unseen reality behind those visible events, the

spiritual design of God acting in the world, a pattern to be lived anew in our own lives. The foundation of our faith is the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is not only the cornerstone of the Christian faith, but the template of the life of all the baptized. That is what we proclaim during Holy Week.

We remember what once happened to Jesus of Nazareth to help us focus on what should happen to us now. We are to be a people of faith, called to conversion, and animated with his grace for charity. We celebrate God's presence in our hearts, sustaining us as a faith community, rich in compassion, steadfast in hope, and committed to peace and justice in our world.

If you want to know what we believe as Christians and Catholics it is in the Sacred Triduum. If you want to understand the meaning of the life and death of Jesus Christ, it is in the Sacred Triduum. If you want to renew your faith, it is in celebrating the Sacred Triduum.

*"During Holy Week we draw near to Jesus; friendship is shown in times of difficulty." ~ Pope Francis*



## Parish Staff

### Pastor:

Fr. Jim Moster, OFM, Cap.  
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### Secretary/Bookkeeper:

Andrea Schmidtberger  
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### Catholic Faith Education Office:

Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/  
Youth Minister  
email: fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net  
Shirley Brungardt, RCIA Director/  
Sacramental Records  
email: sfreled@ruraltel.net

### Housekeeping/Sacristan:

Darlene Dreiling

### Cemetery Groundskeeper:

Wilmer Dinkel

### Maintenance: Ken Pfeifer

Organists: Kathy Dreiling-Amrein  
Lou Ann Hammersmith

Choir Director: Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

### Technology Coordinator:

Connie Windholz  
email: sfttech@ruraltel.net

## Council Members

### St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

John R. Braun 735-2622 (Chair)  
Rose Ann Dreiling (Vice-Chair)  
Angie Roth 735-8035 (Sec)  
Bertha R. Brungardt 735-4106  
Patty Dreiling 735-4479  
Curt Kuhn 735-8820  
Rosie Kreutzer 656-3298  
Michael Younger  
Jeff Kisner

### 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 March 16-17, 2024

### **ST. FIDELIS:**

Envelopes 3641.00 Loose 717.00  
Cemetery 41.00  
Repair Fund 725.00

### **ST. ANN:**

Envelopes 325.00 Loose 121.00

### **ST. BONIFACE:**

Envelopes 95.00 Loose 522.00  
Candles 27.00

**March 25** — Brenda Dreiling, Sandra Dreiling

**April 2 (Tuesday)** — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt

\* 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 \***

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

7:00 PM — Adult Choir

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

1:00 PM — Adult Choir

**HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

8:30 PM — Adult Choir

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

10:00 AM — Jubilee Choir

**\* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS \***

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28 — (Adult Choir sings)**

7:00 PM — Teresa Shepherd, Colleen Kuhn,  
 Bertha R. and Kenny Brungardt

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 — (Adult Choir sings)**

1:00 PM — Kathy Kuhn, Connie Braun, Diane Gross,  
 Michelle Geist

**HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30 — (Adult Choir sings)**

8:30 PM — Diane Gross, Keith Billinger, Jane Wagner,  
 Kathy Kuhn, Carol Pfeifer

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31 — (Jubilee Choir sings)**

10:00 AM — Janine Kisner, Andrea Schmidtberger,  
 Michelle Geist, Bertha R. and Kenny Brungardt

**\* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS \***

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

7:00 PM — Tammy Lichter

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

1:00 PM — Marilyn Braun, Randy Leiker

**HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

8:30 PM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

10:00 AM — Karen Nowak

**\* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS \***

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 — Carol Pfeifer**

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

10:00 AM — Kathy Amrein

**\* MASS SERVERS \***

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

7:00 PM — Broc N., Ethan S, Easton W.

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

1:00 PM — Wesley and Nicholas S.

**HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

8:30 PM — Wesley and Nicholas S., Dax L.

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

10:00 AM — Ethan and Alice S., Emma D.

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Please call the Office at 785-735-2777 or email Connie at [sftch@ruraltel.net](mailto:sftch@ruraltel.net) with your bulletin articles.

**NEED SPECIAL HEARING HELP AT MASS IN THE BASILICA?**

St. Fidelis Parish has individual hearing aids with adjustable volume. They are wireless and connect directly to the church's sound system. If you are interested in trying one, just 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 it is returned.

Coming soon, if you already have personal hearing aids that are controllable from your cell phone, you will be able to download an app on your cell and hear in church through your hearing aids. We will publish the app for your phone when that feature is operative.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 25</b>
7:00 pm Dan and Angie Billinger and family living and deceased	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 26</b>
6:45 am	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 27</b>
6:45 am Linus and Mary Ann Dreiling	
<b>THURSDAY</b> ..... <b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 28</b>
7:00 pm Allen Dreiling	
<b>FRIDAY</b> ..... <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 29</b>
1:00 pm	
<b>SATURDAY</b> ..... <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 30</b>
8:30 pm St. Fidelis Mary Jane (anniv) and Gilbert Miller	
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 31</b>
7:30 pm St. Ann For the parishes	
8:30 am St. Boniface Gary Sack	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Fritz and Anita Braun 65th Wedding Anniversary	

**Weekday Masses will be held in the main part of the church again.**

**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

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We are looking for people willing to have their feet washed during the 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass on March 28.



Please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777 if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

## SAVE THE DAY St. Fidelis Church Cleaning

Wednesday, March 27  
starting at 6:30 p.m.

We are asking St. Fidelis parishioners to help clean the church. Please bring a bucket and rags along that evening and a wet mop if you have one. We could also use a few vacuum cleaners if you can bring yours along.

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There will be no Liturgy of the Word for Children on Easter Sunday, March 31.

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## Emmaus and the Shroud of Turin

Take a walk on the road to Emmaus and then learn some amazing details about the Shroud of Turin.

On **Tuesday, April 9**, we will gather in the North Sacristy of The Basilica of St. Fidelis to take a closer look at Jesus' journey to Emmaus. The following week on **Tuesday, April 16**, we will view pictures of the Shroud and hear the scientific facts that support its authenticity.

Both sessions will start at **6:30 p.m.**

## Pictorial Directory

After bouncing back and forth between Cleveland, Ohio, and Youngstown, Ohio, the package for the pictorial directory which includes the pictures of parishioners taken last September and October finally arrived last Friday, March 15, in Mansfield, Ohio, where Universal Church Directories resides.

We originally mailed the proof with corrections to UCC on February 22, 2024, but delivery was delayed until March 15.

Once UCC makes the corrections, they will email us a PDF to do a second proofing. All of this delay will probably cause the directory to arrive sometime in late April or possibly May.

Please watch the bulletin for notification for when the books arrive. At that time, we will announce how those who posed for a portrait can obtain a free copy.

## ST. FIDELIS ADULT CHOIR

### Choir Practice

The St. Fidelis Adult Choir will practice every Wednesday through Holy Week at 7:30 p.m.

## ST. BONIFACE

### Special Mass for Rain/Favorable Weather

St. Boniface Church

**Friday, April 12 | 6:30 p.m.**

Meal following Mass.

## 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.

## DIOCESE

### MARCH Human Trafficking Alert

Pray for families who have to sell their children to be able to eat and for those who are tricked into sending their children with traffickers with the promise of education and a better life. **Alliance to End Human Trafficking**—Founded and supported by **U.S. Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave. 1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.**

# 2024 DAILY LENTEN OFFERINGS

## **PALM SUNDAY — DAY 40**

Gospel reading: Mark 15:1-39

“And they crucified Him. Dividing up His clothes they cast lots to see what each would get.”

(Mark 15:24, NIV)

**MY OFFERING TO GOD:** I will meditate on the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross.

## **MONDAY — DAY 41**

Gospel reading: John 12:1-11

“Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped His feet with her hair...”

(John 12:3, NIV)

**MY OFFERING TO GOD:** I will be generous with the gifts God has given me.

## **TUESDAY — DAY 42**

Gospel reading: John 13:21-33, 36-38

“Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.”

(John 13:36, NIV)

**MY OFFERING TO GOD:** When faced with challenges, I will turn to the Lord, my strength.

## **WEDNESDAY — DAY 43**

Gospel reading: Matthew 26:14-25

“Truly I tell you, one of you will betray Me.”

(Matthew 26:21, NIV)

**MY OFFERING TO GOD:** This Easter, my heart and soul are yours, Lord.

## **HOLY THURSDAY — DAY 44**

Gospel reading: John 13:1-15

“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”

(John 13:15, NIV)

**MY OFFERING TO GOD:** I will align my heart and my actions with Christ’s teachings.

## **GOOD FRIDAY — DAY 45**

Gospel reading: John 18:1-19:42

“...Jesus said, ‘It is finished.’ With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.”

(John 19:30, NIV)

**MY OFFERING TO GOD:** I will honor Christ’s sacrifice by fasting from everything that separates me from Him.

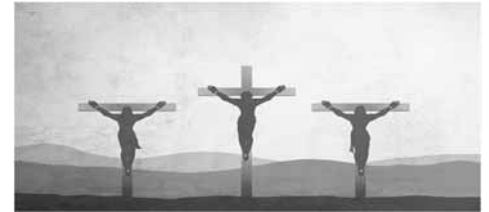
## **HOLY SATURDAY — DAY 46**

Gospel reading: Mark 16:1-7

“You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here.”

(Mark 16:6, NIV)

**MY OFFERING TO GOD:** Today, I will celebrate Christ’s victory over death.



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## Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday

A cross will be displayed at the Communion Rail and everyone can then walk up the aisle and venerate the cross by bowing or genuflecting without touching the cross.

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# HOLY WEEK and EASTER SCHEDULE

Monday, March 25	7:00 p.m. Mass	St. Fidelis
Tuesday, March 26	6:45 a.m. Mass	St. Fidelis
Wednesday, March 27	6:45 a.m. Mass	St. Fidelis
Holy Thursday, March 28	7:00 p.m. Mass ( <i>Collection for the Cemeteries</i> )	St. Fidelis
	8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration	St. Fidelis
<i>All tri-parish members and guests may reverence the Eucharist at anytime until 9:00 p.m.</i>		
<b>NO THURSDAY MORNING MASS and NO MORNING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION</b>		
Good Friday, March 29	1:00 p.m. Services ( <i>Holy Land Collection</i> )	St. Fidelis
<b>NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY</b>		
Holy Saturday, March 30	8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass	St. Fidelis
<b>CONFESSIONS 4:00 @ ST. FIDELIS</b>		
Easter Sunday, March 31	7:30 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
	8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Boniface
	10:00 a.m. Mass	St. Fidelis

**BLESSING OF FOOD:** Food will be blessed at all Masses Easter Sunday morning.

**HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION:** The collection will go to the Cemetery Funds for each church. Be sure to use your envelopes to designate which church's Cemetery Fund it should go to.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:** We will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places.

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## Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

### PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

What has been accomplished? Last year's Pontifical Good Friday Collection 1) supported 23 parishes and three academic institutions; 2) provided a home in Bethlehem for 30 children from homes facing domestic violence; 3) offered more than 500 scholarships for university education; 4) helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students; 5) supported 53 friars preparing for the priesthood; 6) restored and maintained 640 houses/apartments for Christian families; 7) provided assistance to more than 9,000 families through weekly food baskets; 8) employed more than 1,000 workers in the Holy Land; 9) preserved 80 shrines from the life of Jesus, the Apostles, and the prophets; 10) continued the work of restoring the floor at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher, the holiest place on Earth.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org) or [www.custodia.org](http://www.custodia.org).



# Victoria Community Easter Egg Hunt

Hosted by the Basilica of St. Fidelis' Office of  
Religious Education and Youth Ministry

Age groups: 0-1 years; 2-3 years; 4-5 years;  
6-7 years; 8-9 years

**Where: Meet in the St. Fidelis Church parking lot  
between St. Fidelis Church and Victoria Elementary School**

**Time: 1:00 P.M.**

**Date: Saturday, March 30, 2024**

**Parents don't forget your cameras! A special photo op will be  
available for our little ones, ages 0-1, as this is their  
First Easter!**

Thank you to the individuals and businesses who lend their  
support by volunteering or generously giving monetary donations  
to make this Easter Egg Hunt possible.



St. Fidelis Church

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## St. Fidelis Financial Summary

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2/29/2024</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>2/29/2024</u>
<b>Bequests &amp; Donations</b>			<b>Clergy</b>	
General Funds	\$725.00		Automobile Expense	\$1,076.00
Memorials	\$90.00		Living Allowance	\$450.00
Religious Education	\$90.00		Salary	\$1,076.00
Repair Fund	\$2,824.00		<b>CYO</b>	
Tourist Donations	\$201.00		NCYC	\$9,075.00
<b>Bulletin Ads</b>	\$300.00		<b>Employees</b>	
<b>Candles</b>	\$1,790.26		Background Checks	\$19.00
<b>Collections</b>			Benefits	\$953.07
Envelopes	\$12,715.00		Mass/Wedding Pay	\$115.00
Loose	\$3,514.00		Payroll	\$14,288.41
<b>Gift Shop</b>	\$228.50		<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	
Rosarys/Rosary Cases	\$127.00		Church Repair & Maintenance	\$673.78
<b>Mission Parishes</b>	\$2,000.00		Pest Control	\$192.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$24,604.76</b>		Security	\$147.00
			<b>Gift Shop</b>	\$1.63
			<b>Grounds, Landscaping</b>	\$84.22
			<b>Insurance</b>	\$3,938.83
			<b>Music Ministry</b>	\$327.87
			<b>Office</b>	
			Accounting	\$228.18
			Sacramental Records	\$50.95
			Subscriptions	\$173.36
			Postage, Mailing Service	\$264.00
			Printing & Copying	\$514.65
			<b>Religious Education</b>	
			Background Checks	\$19.00
			Subscriptions	\$21.58
			Supplies	\$439.17
			Textbooks/Curriculum	\$171.48
			<b>Sanctuary Supplies</b>	\$108.50
			<b>Utilities</b>	
			Church	\$3,750.18
			PAC	\$1,039.52
Gross Income:	\$24,604.76		<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$39,198.38</b>
Total Expenses:	\$39,198.38			
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>-\$14,593.62</b>			

## St. Fidelis Cemetery Financial Summary

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2/29/2024</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>2/29/2024</u>
<b>Bequests &amp; Donations</b>	\$190.00		<b>Equipment</b>	\$17.23
Envelopes	\$236.00		<b>Maintenance</b>	\$614.58
Memorials	\$550.00		<b>Payroll</b>	\$419.84
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$976.00</b>		<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$1,051.65</b>
Gross Income:	\$976.00			
Total Expenses:	\$1,051.65			
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>-\$75.65</b>			



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful cards, Mass enrollments, offers of assistance, and words of comfort. I feel blessed. You are in my prayers of gratitude.

~ Phyllis Stramel ~

### Victoria Elementary School Breakfast



Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

\$10.00 per person, 4 & under free

**Serving:**

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy, Hash Browns, & Coffee or Orange Drink

*Hope you can come support the school's activity account that helps pay for class trips, school supplies, etc.*

### Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service

The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at **3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 7**, at St. Joseph Church in Hays. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers, and meditation.

Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina on April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church.

**Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are in the brochure rack of St. Joseph Church. CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2:00 p.m.** This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio.

### VCC Holding Forum for Phase 2 of St. John's Place

The Victoria Community Coalition invites the community to a forum to be held on **Tuesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m.** at the VFW.

The goal is to gain citizens' input into Phase 2 of St. John's Place, including possible daycare space, a community center, or other possible purposes.

The event will be facilitated by Betty Johnson of the Dane Hansen Foundation and will include refreshments and door prizes.

Please come and be part of the conversation.

### Groundbreaking Celebration for Phase I Apartments at St. John's Place

Please join the Victoria Community Coalition in celebrating the start of construction on twelve apartments in the former rest home. This is VCC's first step in placing this wonderful property back into service for the community.

Groundbreaking will be at **11:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 7**, followed by a small picnic lunch. The community is invited to tour the building before and after groundbreaking. Everyone is invited! Come check out the interior demolition already completed. See the plans for new apartments. And CELEBRATE with them!

The VCC is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization with a mission to grow and sustain the Victoria Community.

### Commodities to Be Distributed

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# New St. Fidelis Cemetery Entrance Completed



Back in July of 2023 work was begun to replace the deteriorating parts of the St. Fidelis Cemetery gate entrance. As Kenny Pfeifer and Wilmer Dinkel were working on the gate, they found parts that were rusted and falling apart. Different sized bolts and lots of wire were used to keep the lettering and wrought iron designs in place. Thus began the journey to redo the gate using some of the elements from the original and creating new ones.

Kenny Pfeifer used the scroll work from the old fence when designing the new gate, flipping the scrolls horizontally. He also used the crosses from the old fence and the angel plates that were on the walk-in gates.

The 1976 "Towers of Faith and Courage" souvenir book and the "Chronicles of the Capuchins" mention that Heinrich Schumacher donated an iron gate for the cemetery, but there are conflicting dates as to when: the first appears to say it was donated in 1913; the second says 1915. Apparently, the gate was made elsewhere because the Chronicles mention freight cost \$82.

There were many mentions in the history file of

putting up or repairing fencing at the cemetery throughout the years, but whether another front entrance gate was installed is not clear. In October 1991, Parish Council minutes noted that a letter "i" in Fidelis was missing on the main gate.

There are once again conflicting dates as to when the current cemetery location was purchased. One source ("The Early Years of the Province 1873-1907") mentions that it was purchased in 1885 and blessed by Bishop Scannell on October 20 of that year. The remains of Father Matthew, the first pastor and superior of Victoria, were transferred to the new cemetery around that time.

Another source ("Chronicles of the Capuchins") gives the date of purchase as 1888 and the blessing from Bishop Scannel was in October of 1889. At the same time, he also blessed the original convent which was completed that year. (The current convent was completed in 1949 at a cost of \$95,700.) The Chronicles said 5 acres were bought from Michael Quint for \$30. Half of the new acreage was laid out in lots measuring 16 feet and 20 feet and were sold from \$14 to \$18 a piece.

# Previous St. Fidelis Cemetery Entrance



The original cemetery lies west of where the current cemetery is now located. It contains one monument listing the names of those who were buried there. According to the 1986 Golden Jubilee souvenir booklet celebrating the 75th anniversary of the building of our current St. Fidelis Church, the old cemetery was used from 1879 until 1889.

By January 1924, the price of lots ran \$24 to \$30. The Parish Council pronounced the cemetery to be “in first class condition” after the fence was painted and “the entrance made good and solid with a new wooden culvert underneath.” Nine years later, Council minutes for January 1933 mention the

price of a lot was fixed at \$14 and \$28. And again in 1937, the price of a lot was altered to be \$25. By 1944, it was announced in Pulpit News that the cemetery “has been in a deplorable condition for years.” (*They just couldn’t seem to win for losing!*)

Along the way, land on the north, east, and south side of the cemetery was either donated or purchased to enlarge the cemetery property to the size it is today. With the addition of the land, a road around the cemetery was constructed and parking problems at the cemetery during funerals was alleviated.

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## THANK YOU!

We would like to thank those who helped finish the installation of the new St. Fidelis Cemetery main entrance: The Jay and Janae Dinkel family and Jim, Becky, and Jared Scheck each donated use of forklifts.

Helping with the labor were Jared Scheck, Jackson Dinkel, Logan Unrein, Wilmer Dinkel, and Kenny Pfeifer.

## THANK YOU!

Letters for the St. Fidelis Cemetery gate were designed by the Applied Technology class at Fort Hays State University as a class project, thus saving the parish the expense of the labor.

Dillion Bell is the class teacher. Students involved in this project were Devyn Braun, Nolan Dauer, Cristo Garcia, Tylor Garten, Hunter Gitchel, Gavin Kroeger, JT Rehder, Bryce Shelor, and Reece Schultze.

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