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THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

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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 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

November 12, 2023 – 32nd 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

Nov. 22 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon for Thanksgiving

Nov. 23 — Thanksgiving Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Nov. 24 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for Thanksgiving

Dec. 3— First Sunday of Advent

Dec. 6 — Feast of St. Nicholas

Dec. 8 — Immaculate Conception (holy day of obligation) — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Dec. 22 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas Eve

Stewardship Sunday





Wedding Party Manners

Women hear gospel stories quite differently than men. And today's parable offers a good example. This gospel passage is traditionally referred to as the Parable of the Foolish Bridesmaids. That title comes from the early fathers of the church. They saw the failure of the bridesmaids to provide sufficient oil as a lack of their prudence and foresight. And there is a valuable lesson in that interpretation.



But women scripture scholars see the story from a quite different perspective. The five bridesmaids were not irresponsible. They were the victims of the inconsiderate rude behavior of the bridegroom and his party. The reason the women did not have enough oil for their lamps was not their lack of prudent planning, but the selfish overindulgent behavior of the men. If the groomsmen had not been out all night carousing with their buddies and had returned on time. there would have been plenty of oil in the bridesmaids' lamps.

Adding injury to insult, after inconsiderately returning late and forcing the bridesmaids to go and buy more oil — which they caused by their irresponsible self-indulgent behavior — the carousing groom had the nerve to berate the bridesmaids, lock the door on the them, and then refused them entry into the party. The groom and his buddies are the ones who should have been embarrassed and punished, not the five bridesmaids whom they had rudely inconvenienced. So women can rightly refer to this gospel story not as the Parable of the Foolish Bridesmaids, but the Parable of the Selfish Groomsmen.

The traditional message of the gospel, taken as the Parable of the Foolish Bridesmaids, is daily fidelity to our Christian values. That is valid and should not be minimized. "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." We need to live a Christian life day in and day out so that we are prepared to answer not only the final call of the Lord, but also the regular challenges of daily life.

But when this story is read as the Parable the Inconsiderate Groomsmen there is a further message. We are challenged to reflect on how our behavior affects others. Our lack of responsibility can often inconvenience and embarrass those who are dependent on us. Such burdens on others might often be unknown to us but we are nevertheless responsible for our thoughtless behavior. This gospel story challenges us as the Parable of the Rude Groomsmen as well as the Parable the Foolish Virgins. "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." And, mind your manners!

... and mirth

Few people are quite so rude as the

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Contributions November 4-5, 2023

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 2260.00 Loose 989.00 Cemetery 376.00 Repair Fund 111.00 All Saints Day 190.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 60.00 Loose 160.00 Thanksgiving 100.00 Cemetery 200.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 275.00 Loose 206.00 Candles 12.00 All Saints Day 100.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

November 13 — Brenda Dreiling, Sandra Dreiling

November 20 — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt

over-refined.

In Need of Eucharistic Ministers

St. Fidelis Parish is in need of more Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist (Eucharistic Ministers).

Eucharistic Ministers are scheduled for weekend and Holy Day Masses.

If you are willing to help with this ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.

We will arrange for training before you start ministering.

' 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, NOVEMBER 18

5:00 PM — Addison Ruder

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

5:00 PM — Debbie Staab, Jerry Schmidtberger, Tom Tholen, Jane Wagner

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

10:00 AM — Teresa Shepherd, Janine Kisner, Anne Dinkel, Colleen Kuhn

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

5:00 PM — Tammy Lichter

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

10:00 AM — Marilyn Braun

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - Kathy Kuhn

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel

<u>*MASS SERVERS*</u>

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

5:00 PM — Dax L., Easton W., Hadley L.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

10:00 AM — Abby B., Graycee H., Mya M.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due to the Parish Office being closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, items for the

November 26 bulletin are due

by 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 20.

Items can be brought into the Parish Office or contact Connie at 785-735-2777.

Thank you!

Mass Intention Scheduling

We are changing the scheduling time for Mass intentions. Currently, the 2024 Mass Intention book is open and a number of Masses are already scheduled but there are plenty of dates still available.

We will open the 2025 Mass Intention book next year around October or November 2024. The exact date will be announced in the bulletin in 2024.

At this time, the stipend for Masses is still \$10.



In celebration of Thanksgiving, the Parish Office will be closed at noon on Wednesday, November 22, through Friday, November, 24.

Christmas Food Boxes

The Family Life Committee is preparing for the Tri-Parish Christmas Food Boxes for families in need.

If you wish to donate, we are asking for cash donations only. That way we can purchase the same food items for all the boxes.

You may drop your monetary donation in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the Parish Office. Please mark it as "Christmas Food Boxes".

More information will be provided in future bulletins.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT!

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.

Opportunity to View "The Chosen"

Family Life Committee is sponsoring an opportunity to view and discuss the series entitled "The Chosen". Season 3 will continue to be shown **Tuesday mornings starting at 7:30 a.m.** in the north sacristy of the church and will continue at that time on Tuesdays into December.

If not attending Mass, please enter by the northeast door. If interested in watching Seasons 1 and 2, please contact Stephanie Broyles (785-735-4747) or Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).

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 at 785-735-2777.

Fr. Jim will also come to your home and offer the anointing of the sick or confessions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CORRECTION MONTHLY MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will NOT have a meeting in November as announced in last week's bulletin.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Memorial Mass and Monthly Meeting

The Daughters of Isabella will attend a Memorial Mass for deceased members on **Monday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Basilica of St. Fidelis. After Mass, they will hold a meeting at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

My manager told me to have a good day. So I didn't go into work.

DIOCESE

Google "Coffee and Forced Labor"

Billions of cups of coffee are consumed each day, yet how many of us think about the child labor and human trafficking that goes into our brew? Google coffee and forced labor to learn about the slavery component of the coffee business. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

Rally and March for Life in Topeka

The Annual Rally and March for Life in Topeka will be held **Wednesday**, **January 24**. Please consider getting a group together at your school, parish, etc. to walk in front of the Capital building and peacefully protest abortion. Please visit the Archdiocese of Kansas City's website for more information: https://archkck.org/prolife/activities/ksmass-marchforlife/.

March for Life

Plans are underway for the 2024 March for Life Pilgrimage in Washington D.C. Consider attending to be a voice for the voiceless. All forms are due December 1st. Please check the diocese website for all the information and forms that you need. https://salinadiocese.org/office/respect-life/march-for-life/.

Faith Magazine and The Register

If you have ever laughed at one of Bishop Vincke's stories in his monthly e-news; if you have ever read a story in Faith magazine and been brought to tears; if you have ever clipped out a photo of your grandchild in The Register; if you have ever tuned into The Three Bald Guys while on a drive, if you have ever checked out an event on our website or heart-reacted to a social media post, please consider making a gift to support the annual Communications and Publications Drive. You can do so by using the enclosed envelope in the October issue of The Register or the November issue of Faith. Or you can make a gift online at salinadiocese.org/office/communications/com-pub-drive/

St. Fidelis Financial Summary				
<u>INCOME</u>	10/31/2023	<u>EXPENSES</u>	10/31/2023	
Bequests & Donations		Church Repair & Maintenance	\$360.10	
Church Tours	\$100.00	Clergy	\$2,827.41	
General Funds	\$690.00	Collections		
Memorials	\$595.00	Capuchin	\$586.00	
Repair Fund	\$1,376.00	Diocesan	\$255.00	
Royalty	\$232.99	Employees		
Tourist Donations	\$1,078.01	Benefits	\$1,124.12	
Candles	\$188.00	Mass/Wedding Pay	\$195.00	
Collections		Payroll	\$15,957.76	
Capuchin	\$586.00	Facilities & Equipment		
Diocesan Collection	\$255.00	Janitorial Supplies	\$15.30	
Envelopes	\$13,104.00	PAC Maintenance	\$892.74	
Loose	\$4,951.70	Pest Control	\$192.00	
Gift Shop	\$460.00	Family Life Committee	\$308.00	
Miscellaneous	\$45.00	Gift Shop	\$10.84	
Mission Parishes	\$2,000.00	Grounds, Landscaping	\$66.85	
Printing/Copying	\$6.35	Insurance	\$3,938.83	
Refunds & Reimbursements	\$404.60	Miscellaneous	\$317.30	
Religious Ed Fees	\$60.00	Music Ministry	\$392.84	
Use of Buildings	\$1,625.00	Office		
TOTAL INCOME:	\$27,657.65	Subscriptions	\$59.39	
		Supplies	\$73.12	
ROSARY TOTALS		Postage, Mailing Service	\$313.18	
Income	\$180.00	Printing & Copying	\$1,311.71	
Expense	0	Religious Education		
		Background Checks	\$57.00	
		Events	\$230.00	
		Supplies	\$261.18	
		Sales Tax	\$231.82	
		Sanctuary Supplies		
		Candles/Votives	\$381.83	
		Utilities		
		Church	\$2,098.77	
Gross Income:	\$27,837.65	PAC	\$630.29	
Total Expenses:	\$36,664.65	Worship Materials	\$3,576.27	
Net Income:	-\$8,827.00	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$36,664.65	

St. Fidelis Cemetery Financial Summary				
<u>INCOME</u>	10/31/2023	<u>EXPENSES</u>	10/31/2023	
Bequests & Donations	\$45.00	Maintenance	\$3,064.80	
Plots	\$0.00	Payroll	\$612.96	
TOTAL INCOME:	\$45.00	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$3,677.76	
Gross Income:	\$45.00			
Total Expenses:	\$3,677.76			
Net Income:	-\$3,632.76			

YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION



CHRISTMAS WISH LISTS

THIS CHRISTMAS THE TRI-PARISHES ARE PROVIDING SUPPORT AND GIFTS TO FAMILIES, IN NEED, WITHIN THE COMMUNITIES OF VICTORIA, VINCENT & WALKER.

TO COMPLETE A WISH LIST FOR YOUR CHILDREN, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE PARISH OFFICE AT 785-735-2777 AND ASK FOR ANDREA OR JEANETTE.

WISH LISTS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 20TH.



Please pray for our youth:

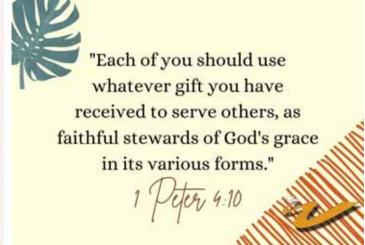
Holy Spirit of Love
we pray to you for the youth of our
parish and diocese. Fill their hearts
with the certainty that you have chosen
them to love, to praise, and to serve!
Enable them to savor your friendship.
Fill them with your joy and
consolation. Help them to overcome
moments of difficulty and to rise up
again with trust after they have fallen.
Give them the courage to face the
challenges of our time and the joy of
living in friendship with our Savior
Jesus Christ. Amen.







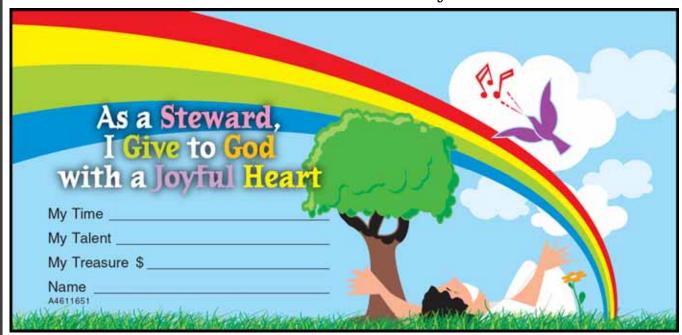
A heartfelt thank you goes out to the 7th grade students and families who served at the 10:00 A.M. Mass this Sunday, November 12!



Stewardship for Children Week 6

At home activity:

Parents: Talk to your children about what the gifts of time, talents and treasure mean to you.



(Picture of a children's stewardship envelope from Our Sunday Visitor)

Prayer:



Thank you Jesus for my life and for giving me every day to work and play. Please teach me to give and share with others the gifts you have given me. May I always do all I do the way You would want me to do it. Amen.



PREP WORK

LEFT: Volunteers spent a number of hours recently getting an area on the north side of the Parish Office ready for cement slab where the picnic tables will eventually be set. The tables are used during the summer lunch program and can be used for other parish activities as needed.

GETTING STARTED

RIGHT: Another group of volunteers worked on Saturday, November 4, to get the cement poured and leveled.



HALFWAY THERE

LEFT: It's great to see so many volunteers working together to get the cement project completed.



ALMOST DONE

RIGHT: Just a little bit left to do and then all we have to do is wait for the cement to set up properly so the picnic tables can be put in place.



We want to thank the following for donating towards this project either monetarily or through use of their equipment:
Victoria High School Class of 1977,
Clete and Rose Ann Dreiling, Kyle and Seth Schulte,
Victoria Lumber Company, Rick Truan,
Aleck and Sandy McAlonan,
Total Convenience, and Harland and Edna Rupp.



We also want to thank the following for volunteering their time to get this project done: Victoria High School Class of 1977, Clete and Rose Ann Dreiling, Kyle and Seth Schulte, Victoria Lumber Company, Rick Truan, Aleck and Sandy McAlonan, Total Convenience, and Harland and Edna Rupp.

"A Stitch and a Prayer"



The Saint Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society began a new project called "A Stitch and a Prayer". Several women met at the Parish Office on Monday afternoon, November 6, to start cutting out patterns and material to make bags for food distribution.

Anyone is still welcome to join the group which will meet on an "as needed" basis. If interested call Jane Wagner at 785-735-2587.

This "A Stitch and a Prayer" project will support Redeem United and benefit the people in Haiti.

COMMUNITY



"His Mercy Endures Forever"

Tune into Divine Mercy Radio's fall care-a-thon
November 28 – December 1.

Of particular interest for the tri-parishes are:

Tuesday, November 28

8:00 am – Fr. Fred Gatschet

Wednesday, November 29 12:00 pm – Fr. Curtis Carlson

Thursday, November 30
7:00 am – Bill Meagher
9:00 am – Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt
2:00 pm JoAnn Seaman

Friday, December 1

10:00 am – Bishop Gerald Vincke

4:00 pm – Scott & Clare Stramel

Full schedule at dymercy.com. For trivia and pledges call 785-621-4110. Listen on radio, computer, phone app, or Alexa. Live on Rumble, Facebook, and YouTube.



ANOTHER LITTLE CHUCKLE

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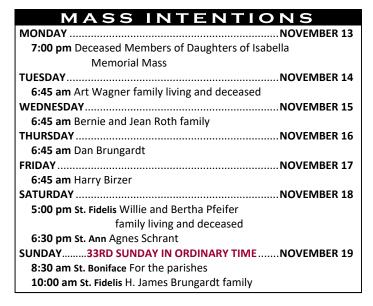


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