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| 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

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

January 17, 2021 – Second 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 (735-9576) to add their requests to the Prayer Line

Dates To Remember

Jan. 22 — Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Jan. 29 — Kansas Day — 160 years
Feb. 2 — Groundhog Day
Feb. 3 — Feast of St. Blaise
Feb. 7 — Boy Scout Sunday
Feb. 14 — Valentine’s Day
Feb. 15 — President’s Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Feb. 17 — Ash Wednesday
Feb. 21 — First Sunday of Lent
Mar. 7 — Girl Scout Sunday

“What are you looking for?”

John 1:35:42



The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow—Monday, January 18, for Martin Luther King Day.



What Are You Looking For?

In this Sunday's gospel when Jesus saw the two disciples of John the Baptist following him, he turned and asked them, "What are you looking for?" That question was not about some lost object they were trying to find, but a lost direction in life. It is one of the most important questions of every age, "What is my purpose in life?" "What principles should guide my way of living?"

"What are you looking for?" That question needs to be asked and answered again and again in our lives. Happiness? Wealth? Love? Fame? Even secular thinkers agree with Socrates that an unexamined life is not worth living. "What are you looking for?" The answer of a rationalist will be very different from that of a person of faith, but it is a question we must all ask and answer. "What am I looking for?"

The disciples' first response to Jesus was a question of their own, "Where are you staying?" Their question was not about a physical space, but about a place in life, his foundational principles. And the response to them by Christ is his invitation to everyone of every age to examine his life and teachings, "Come and see."

The question of Christ to those two first curious followers, "What are you looking for?" is related to further questions that Jesus asks of all his disciples later in the gospel. When his

followers were confused about his identity he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And then the ultimate question, "Who do **you** say that I am?" That is **the** question for the ages, and one of the most important decisions in everyone's life. "Who do I say that Jesus of Nazareth is?"

Finally at the empty tomb on Easter morning he asked the bewildered Mary Magdalen, "Whom are you looking for?"

Even those who have followed Jesus as Lord must often rediscover him.

It is not a one time question.

Especially when the trials of life challenge our

faith we again need to answer that question, "Whom are you looking for?"

These questions of Christ must be asked and answered by everyone regardless of their religious convictions or affiliation. "What are you looking for?" "Who do you say that I am?" Those are questions about our guiding values and basic principles, the meaning and purpose of our life. The answers will determine our happiness here and hereafter.

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When the old Irish priest was asked why he always responded to a question with a question, he replied, "Is that what I do?"



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Contributions January 9-10, 2021

ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 2607.00 Loose 1295.00
Repair Fund 100.00
Cemetery 2.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 445.00 Loose 52.06

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 235.00 Loose 150.00
Human Development 28.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Jan. 19 (Tuesday) — Brenda Dreiling,
Val Schumacher, Cora Schulte

Jan. 25 — Marilyn Braun, Kenny
Brungardt

**Catholic Campaign
for Human Development
No Longer a Diocesan Collection**

As per Bishop Gerald Vincke, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection will no longer be taken up in the diocese.

Therefore, if you haven't already, please remove that envelope from your tithing envelope boxes now so there is no confusion. The envelope would be green and dated for November 21, 2021.

Choir Loft Rose Window Repair Work

The stained glass Rose Window in the choir loft of the Basilica of St. Fidelis is leaking. Repair work is scheduled for the week of **January 18-22**. A large crane will be on the west plaza during this time and visitors will be blocked from entering the church through the west doors. We thank you for your cooperation during this repair work.

Dear Parishioners,

UNBOUND would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness in welcoming us to speak on behalf of deserving children, youth, and elders in need. 27 of them now have new friends at your parish. Your generous and strong Faith and your continuing fidelity to the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ are indeed a blessing. I am personally grateful for all the thoughtful attention you provided to me.

If you would like to form an alliance of friendship with a child, a teenager, a seminarian, an elder, or a child with special needs, call 1-800-875-6564. Or contact our website at www.unbound.org.

Fr. Gyrus Gallagher

**There is a link on the home page and under the Organizations/Links tab of the St. Fidelis website—www.StFidelisChurch.com—where you can also get more information about Fr. Gallagher's UNBOUND organization.*

**Check Out the Website
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.

**Statement on Moral Concerns
about the
Creation of Vaccines for COVID-19**

The Salina Diocese has published a link to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' response to the COVID-19 vaccines. It deals with the morality of using the currently available vaccines.

There is a link to this response on the NEWS Page of the **www.StFidelisChurch.com** website.

Or you can type the following address into your browser:

<https://salinadiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/20-420.pdf>

If you do not have access to the internet and would like a copy of the bishops' response, contact Connie at the Parish Office (785-735-2777) to get a printed copy that you can pick up at the office.

**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.



This is another view of the Basilica of St. Fidelis in the process of receiving a fresh coat of paint with cracks being fixed along the way. Tim Linenberger painting crew draped plastic sheets to protect the pews and other objects below. Towards the right you can see the "Stairway to Heaven", as numerous parishioners have referred to it. The project is expected to be completed towards the end of March. Photo taken 1-13-2021.

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.

SDCCW Conference on ZOOM

The SDCCW conference scheduled for **Saturday, January 23**, at Wilson will NOT be held as an in-person conference because of the COVID pandemic. Please join the Zoom meeting on January 23, 9:45 AM - 12:00 PM using the following address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88629528330?pwd=LzZEb3VLSVBFCVhYcjlNU0FISU5Mdz09>. Any questions, please e-mail Rachel at rachelesen518@gmail.com.

ST. ANN

Christian Mothers Dues

St. Ann's Christian Mothers dues of \$5.00 are due and payable to Lou Ann Hammersmith, Box 163, Gorham, Kansas 67640.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.



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.

COMMUNITY

Hays Public Library
Bookmobile
 in the Church Parking Lot
 the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month
 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.



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2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEGGED/RECEIVED TO DATE

| PARISH | GOAL | PLEGGED | 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 12, 2021,
 \$1,829,537.44 has been pledged and \$1,788,915.56 has been received toward the \$1.6 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

JANUARY HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

Lent begins next month with fish fries across the country. The U.S. imports 80-90% of its seafood. Tens of thousands of people are exploited at every level in seafood harvesting and production. Learn more about the *Labeling Campaign of Catholic Coalition Organizations Against Human Trafficking*.

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (www.sistersagainsttrafficking.org) is a 501(c)3 organization. 2039 N. Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

COMMUNITY



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.

Victoria Schools Calendar



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

Monday — January 18 — NO SCHOOL — Teacher Inservice

6:30 am—HS girls basketball practice
 8:00 am—HS boys basketball practice
 4:00 pm JH basketball @ Macksville. Depart 1:30 pm
 Hoisington Winter Jam Tournament Games—TBA

Tuesday — January 19

6:30 am—JH girls basketball practice at VHS
 Lunch Menu: Breaded pork patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll, banana, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Finish activity
 3:30 pm JH boys basketball practice at VES
 3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
 5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice
 Hoisington Winter Jam Tournament Games—TBA

Wednesday — January 20

6:30 am JH boys basketball practice
 Lunch Menu: Chicken penne, steamed broccoli, bread sticks, pears, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study
 3:30 pm JH girls basketball practice at VES
 3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
 5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

Thursday — January 21

5:45 am HS boys basketball practice
 Lunch Menu: Meatball, baked potato, steamed carrots, French bread, Mandarin oranges, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study
 3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice at VES
 4:00 pm JH basketball vs LaCrosse
 Hoisington Winter Jam Tournament Games—TBA

Friday — January 22

6:30 am JH boys basketball practice at VHS
 Lunch Menu: Philly cheese steak sandwich, potato triangle, mixed vegetables, cooked apples, salad, milk
 3:30 pm JH girls basketball practice at VES
 3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
 5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice
 Hoisington Winter Jam Tournament Games—TBA

Saturday — January 23

Hoisington Winter Jam Tournament Games—TBA

The St. Fidelis Eucharistic Minister and Lector Schedule 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. 23, 5:00 PM —
 Sunday, Jan. 24, 10:00 AM —

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, Jan. 23, 5:00 PM — Fran Robben
 Sunday, Jan. 24, 10:00 AM — Kenny Brungardt

LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS

Saturday, Jan. 23, 5:00 PM — Marilyn Braun
 Sunday, Jan. 24, 10:00 AM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

Sunday, Jan. 24, 10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

MASS INTENTIONS

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| MONDAY..... | JANUARY 18 |
| 7:00 pm | |
| TUESDAY..... | JANUARY 19 |
| 6:45 am | |
| WEDNESDAY..... | JANUARY 20 |
| 6:45 am Willie and Bertha Pfeifer family | |
| THURSDAY..... | JANUARY 21 |
| 6:45 am | |
| FRIDAY..... | JANUARY 22 |
| 6:45 am | |
| SATURDAY..... | JANUARY 23 |
| 5:00 pm St. Fidelis JoAnn Billinger and Kenneth Robben | |
| 6:30 pm St. Ann Wendelin (anniv) and Linda Schoendaller | |
| SUNDAY..... | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 24 |
| 8:30 am St. Boniface Ben and Oliva Windholz | |
| 10:00 am St. Fidelis Dale Francis Pfannenstiel | |

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