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ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

May 10, 2020— Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 — 8:45 am

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

Confessions:

at St. Fidelis — Mondays — 7:30 pm
 or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

Tri-Parish Prayer Line

Anyone wishing to request prayers for family or friends may call Helen Windholz (735-2508) or Teresa Shepherd (735-9576) to add their requests to the Prayer Line

Dates To Remember

May 25 — Memorial Day — Mass @ 9:00 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
June 5 — Feast of St. Boniface
June 14 — Flag Day
June 21 — Father’s Day
July 4 — Independence Day (PARISH OFFICE CLOSED July 3)
July 26 — Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne
September 7 — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
September 11 — Patriot Day
September 12-13 — Blessing of Seed Wheat at all Masses
September 14 — Exaltation of the Holy





The Virus on Mothers Day

One of the noble images of a mother is that of caring for her sick child. It conveys the love and compassion that is the ideal not only of a mother but of all committed to a life of service to others. It embodies our most cherished Christian virtues: kindness, humility, patience.

We have all been that sick child cared for by our mothers. Many of those occasions were in our earliest years before we were fully aware of the events in our life. But there were many more such moments in later years that we can well recall: a skinned knee, a high fever, even a broken arm. We were cared for with love, often through the night. Those memories should awaken a belated gratitude as we observe this Mothers Day.

Such compassionate care of the sick is an important asset in the present crisis of the Coronavirus.

The example of a loving mother is being repeated by countless doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel caring for those suffering from the virus. We rightly refer to those offering such vital service in dangerous circumstances as "the front line workers."

Without minimizing the essential professional care of doctors, the service of nurses is often the more heroic and selfless. They are the closest to the patients for the longest hours and perform unpleasant even repugnant tasks of medical necessity.

Those nurses are compassionate mothers to our sick.

In our Catholic tradition this month of May is dedicated not only to our earthly mothers but it is also the month of Mary the mother of Christ and our spiritual mother. There are many dimensions to our Marian devotion, but at this time of a medical crisis we turn to her as our advocate before her Son. As she interceded at the wedding feast of Cana for those in need — "Son, they have no wine" — she is our advocate before the throne of God. This is expressed most



forcefully in one of our treasured Marian prayers, *The Memorare*. It is a fitting prayer for the present virus threat.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection,

implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

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My mother had a lot of difficulty raising me, but I think she rather enjoyed it! ~ Mark Twain

Parish Staff

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Contributions May 3, 2020

ST. FIDELIS:
Adult 1535.00

ST. BONIFACE:
Adult 220.00

— CORRECTION —

Last week's donations (April 26) for St. Ann should have been listed as "Adult", not "Candles"

ST. ANN:
Adult 500.00

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Bernadine Meyer**, who passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, and was buried on Monday, April 27, in a private ceremony. A Memorial Mass was held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Tuesday, April 28. Bernadine was the sister of Fr. Earl Meyer, OFM Cap.

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Kathryn "Kay" (Gross) VonLintel**, who passed away on Wednesday, April 29, 2020. Family received friends at St. Boniface Parish, Vincent, on Monday, May 4, 2020. A private family graveside service was held at St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

Summer Lunch Program

St. Fidelis will sponsor the summer lunch program beginning the day after the school finishes their lunch program. Due to the current situation, details have not been finalized but it will take place at the Parish Activity Center. There is no registration. Any children in the Victoria area are invited and encouraged to attend. Watch for more information on the Basilica of St. Fidelis Religious Education Facebook page, on our website (StFidelisChurch.com), and in the bulletin.

Food Pantry Open

The St. Fidelis food pantry is open every morning during the week. Anyone in the Tri-Parish area is encouraged to make use of this program. You will need to call, 785-735-2777 ahead of time to be sure that someone is available to help you.

St. Fidelis Thrift Shop

The St. Fidelis Thrift Shop will open as soon as we get permission from the State.

Preschool and Kindergarten Round-Up

Victoria kindergarten and preschool packets were mailed out last week. This year the school will hold round up via ZOOM meetings on **Tuesday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m. for preschool** and **Wednesday, May 20, at 6:00 for kindergarten**.

In order to participate in the meeting you have to be invited by the teacher. Please call Tammy at the school office if you have not yet received a packet of information.

City Hall Message:

City Hall is closed to the public until further notice. Residents can utilize the drop box, online payments, sign up for automatic withdrawal out of personal accounts, or mail. City employees will still be available during regular business hours. Feel free to call City Hall for questions at 785-735-2259. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

City Garage Sales and Spring Clean Up Rescheduled



The city-wide Garage Sale originally scheduled for April has been moved to **Saturday, May 30.**

This date is tentative depending on COVID-19 guidelines.

The city's Spring Clean Up has also been rescheduled to:

Friday, May 29 — 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 30 — 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 31 — 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Today you could be standing next to someone who is trying their best not to fall apart. So whatever you do today, do it with kindness in your heart.

From Pope Francis:

“...I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. ... I am providing (a prayer) to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. ...”

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God.”

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers, and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity, and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude, and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the Afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

A Mother's Day Greeting and Prayer

A happy and blessed Mother's Day to all the ladies of our parish from St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society. Whether we are mothering our own children or influencing children around us, we are all part of some child's life. Let us join our voices in prayer for children of all ages.

Daily Prayer for the Children

**O Mary, Immaculate Virgin and Sorrowful Mother,
commend our beloved children
to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Who refuses nothing to His Mother.**

Holy Guardian Angels, *pray for them.*

St. Joseph, powerful patron, *pray for them.*

St. John, beloved disciple of the heart of Jesus, *pray for them.*

St. Augustine, *pray for them.*

St. Anthony, *pray for them.*

St. Aloysius, *pray for them.*

St. Anne, mother of Mary, *pray for them.*

St. Elizabeth, *pray for them.*

St. Monica, *pray for them.*

REMEMBER: All scheduled events are subject to change due to coronavirus guidelines.

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEGDED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGDED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	14,700.00	11,920.00	9,170.00	52
Vincent	400.00	2,130.00	1,379.99	9
Walker	7,200.00	9,050.00	6,966.66	10

As of May 5, 2020,
\$1,298,403.27 has been pledged and \$1,029,424.75 has been received toward the \$1.6 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

Purified Rescheduled

The Purified Event with Jason Evert originally scheduled for March 30 has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, September 9.**

Stay tuned to the bulletin or the Diocesan website (salinadiocese.org) and social media where updated information for promotion and ticket sales will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

For those who purchased tickets for the March event, your tickets will be honored at the rescheduled event. If you are unable to make the rescheduled date, you may request a refund by contacting eventcoach@chastity.com and including all of the pertinent information.

Salina Diocese Men's Conference

The Diocese of Salina is sponsoring the Ninth Annual Diocesan Men's Conference on **Saturday, August 15**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays.

Please attend and bring your sons who are in Junior High, High School, or College.

This year's conference will feature talks by special guest Patrick Coffin and Fr. Andy Hammeke. Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Vincke and Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt returns as Master of Ceremonies.

To register online or for more information go to salinadiocese.org, email familylife@salinadiocese.org, or call the Office of Family Life and NFP at 785-827-8746.

Pray for Vocations

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations was May 3. The Church dedicates this day and the following week to the intention of vocations.

Even though the special day and week has past, please make an effort to pray for more priest and religious vocations.

Baby Bottle Campaigns

The Manhattan and Hays area Baby Bottle Campaigns, benefiting Catholic Charities' Pregnancy and Adoption Programs, are typically held in parishes from Mother's Day to Father's Day.

Because of the uncertainly of Masses during this time with the Coronavirus guidelines, the committee volunteers have chosen to move these campaigns to October in celebration of Respect Life Month.

Memorial Mass for Mothers Canceled

The Annual Memorial Mass for Mothers originally scheduled for Thursday, May 7, was unfortunately canceled.

We will be hosting the event again in May 2021.

Please continue to pray for all Mothers during the month of May.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER DATES FOR 2020

The Engaged Encounter scheduled for June 5-7, 2020, at the Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life in Victoria is still scheduled as planned. For more information, and to register, visit:

<https://salinadiocese.org/family-life/marriage-prep/engaged-encounter>.

MAY HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

Working together to combat human trafficking is the only way to end it.

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

Salina Diocese Council of Catholic Lay Women

Biennial Convention featuring **Sarah Hart** presenting

Blessed Are You: The Beatitude Walk

AUGUST 29, 2020

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PARISH CENTER

412 N 9TH WAKEENEY, KS

Registration 8-9 a.m. with continental breakfast

Mass with the Bishop at 11:00



Sarah Hart is one of the leading figures in contemporary Catholic music today. Her songs of faith and workshops have touched the lives of thousands. Originally from Lancaster, Ohio, she has a degree in music from Ohio State University. Now based in Nashville, she's on the road a good part of the year, juggling a busy songwriting, recording, concert and event schedule.

Her signature blend of folk, pop and rock delights listeners of every age. She has just delivered *Sacrament*, her 10th collection, which explores what each sacrament means for us as individuals, and as Catholics. Sarah's love for music and ministry intersect in amazing ways. Her dynamic energy, sense of humor, and deep faith make her events unforgettable experiences. Sarah lives in Nashville with her husband and daughters.

(For more information go to salinadiocese.org;
email familylife@salinadiocese.org; or call the Office of Family Life and NFP at 785-827-8746)

REGISTRATION FOR SDCCW 2020 CONVENTION

NAME: _____ PARISH _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

REGISTER BY AUGUST 15, 2020 by mail: to Pat Erickson, 5100 N Range Ave, Colby KS 67701

On-line Registration on Salinadiocese.org website

COST \$35 PER PERSON INCLUDES LUNCH

SDCCW Meeting and installation of officers at 3:00 p.m. after Sarah Hart's presentation

Hotel rooms blocked at Best Western Hotel, 525 S 1st, Wakeeney until August 21st

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

UNPRECEDENTED - *an adjective that describes almost everything we are going through right now.*

We are each doing our best to adjust to our new normal, but it's not easy. The great news is, **YOU ARE NOT ALONE** and **THERE IS HELP!**

As a way to navigate through these uncertain times, Catholic Charities has set up **FREE** weekly, 30-minute Zoom support/discussion groups, facilitated by licensed therapist, Megan Pfannanstiel.



FREE SUPPORT GROUPS

PARENTS AT HOME

Wednesdays from 1:30pm - 2:00pm beginning April 29

Zoom Link: www.bit.ly/ParentsAtHome *(case sensitive)*

Password: 5cPmZJ *(case sensitive)*

COLLEGE CONNECTION

Thursdays from 3:00pm - 3:30pm beginning April 30

Zoom Link: www.bit.ly/College-Connection *(case sensitive)*

Password: 8DiCNj *(case sensitive)*

STRESSING ABOUT WORK

Fridays from 12:00pm - 12:30pm beginning May 1

Zoom Link: www.bit.ly/StressingAboutWork *(case sensitive)*

Password: 2cFECw *(case sensitive)*

If you have questions or are unable to join the zoom group, contact Megan at 785-325-2644 or mpfannenstiel@ccnks.org.

Catholic Charities also offers individual, couples and family counseling sessions through secure, HIPPA compliant audio and video platforms. Call 785-825-0208 for details or to make an appointment.



Masses to Be Celebrated in Church Again at New Times to Help Follow Coronavirus Guidelines

As of May 5, 2020, weekday Masses will return to their regularly scheduled times in the Basilica of St. Fidelis (Monday @ 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday @ 6:45 a.m.). **Confessions will be heard on Mondays after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.**

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Until further notice, starting Saturday, May 9, weekend Masses for the tri-parishes of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface will be **celebrated in the Basilica of St. Fidelis only** with a revised schedule.

Saturday Masses: 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

MASSES ON YOUTUBE

The Masses will still be recorded and posted to YouTube. Go to www.StFidelisChurch.com and click the link on the *Home Page* or *Mass Schedule Page* to view a Mass.

EXEMPT FROM ATTENDING

You are still exempt from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, so if you are sick or feel uncomfortable attending in crowds, you are encouraged to remain at home and observe the Mass on the Internet or television.

CAUTIONARY GUIDELINES

Cautionary guidelines due to the Coronavirus will be in effect at Masses. Participants are asked to help wipe down the pews after each Mass to prepare it for the next Mass. Disinfectant supplies will be provided. Some pews will be closed off to help maintain the 6-foot social distancing requirements.

HOLY COMMUNION

For Communion there will be one line up the center aisle and you will need to return via the side aisles. Remember to keep 6 feet apart unless you are near immediate family members.

MISSALETTES

Missalettes will not be available at the Masses.

ST. BONIFACE AND ST. ANN TITHING

Please remember to put your tithing in your Sunday donation envelopes (or in a regular envelope with your Name and Church written on the front) so your Church will get credit for it.

Weekly Mass with Fr. John on Youtube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClknLwQ0Jgk3uBIFGB1Fkyg>



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