

„Beacon of Faith,  
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

„Cathedral of the Plains,  
**THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS**

„Pearl of the Prairie,  
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



<b>Parish Office:</b>	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	<b>Catholic Faith Education Office:</b>	785-735-9244
<b>Gift Shop Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday: 8:30–noon and 1:00–4:30 Friday: 8:30–noon	<b>Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, In-Home Mass, Holy Communion to Homebound:</b> Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events.	<b>Morning Coffee:</b> Thursdays 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Office with the Pastor & friends	<b>St. Fidelis Food Pantry:</b> For residents of the tri-parishes. Call the Parish Office. Donations accepted.
<b>St. Fidelis Thrift Shop:</b> 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.		<b>BULLETIN ITEMS:</b> Deadline is <b>Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.</b> Please contact Connie at the Parish Office (sfttech@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

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## March 29, 2020— Fifth Sunday of Lent

### 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:

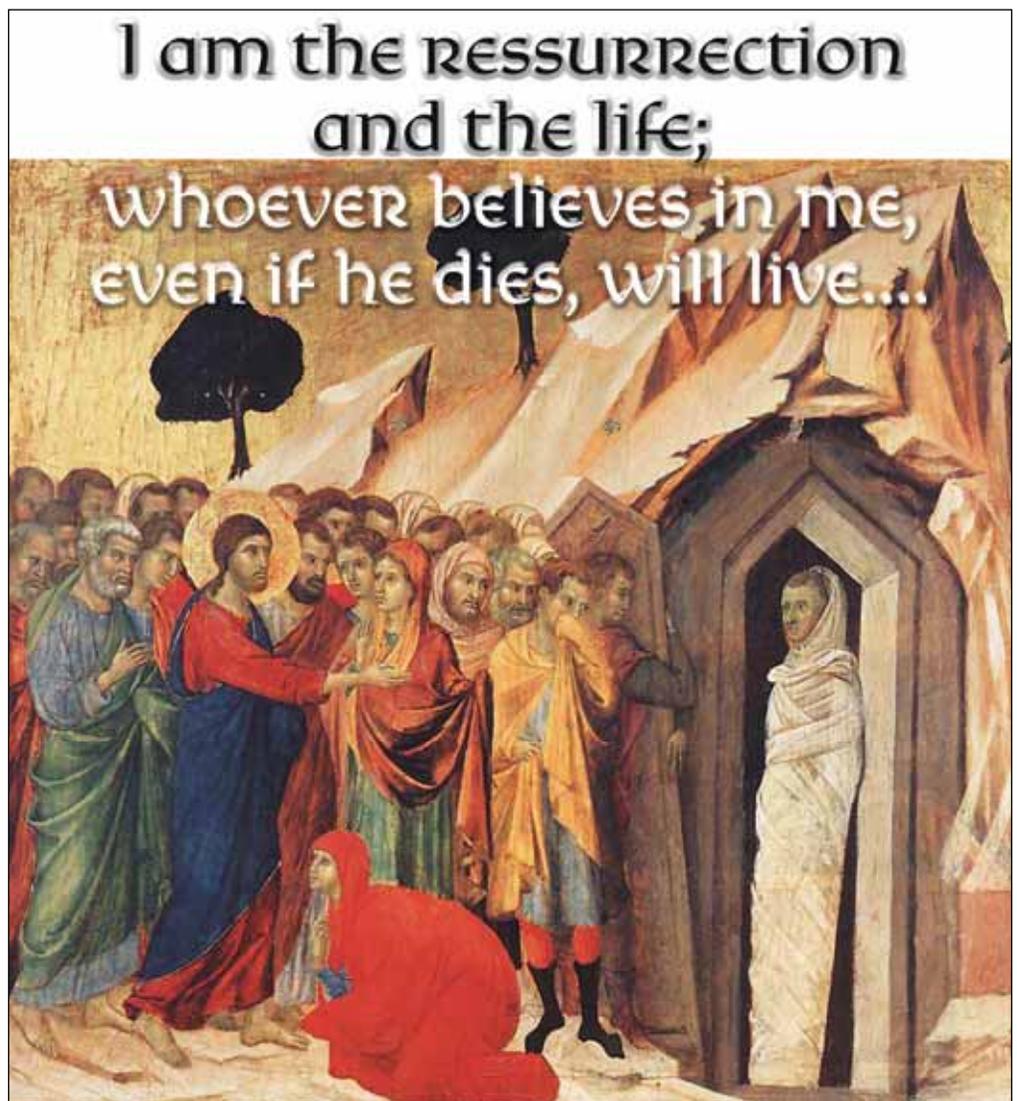
at St. Fidelis — Mondays — 7:30 pm  
or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

### 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

- Apr. 1** — April Fool’s Day
- Apr. 5** — Passion (Palm) Sunday
- Apr. 9** — Holy Thursday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon
- Apr. 10** — Good Friday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Apr. 11** — Holy Saturday
- Apr. 12** — Easter Sunday
- Apr. 13** — Easter Monday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Apr. 13-17** — Capuchin Assembly
- Apr. 24** — Feast of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- Apr. 25** — Prom and Project Prom
- May 3** — St. Ann Mass time changes

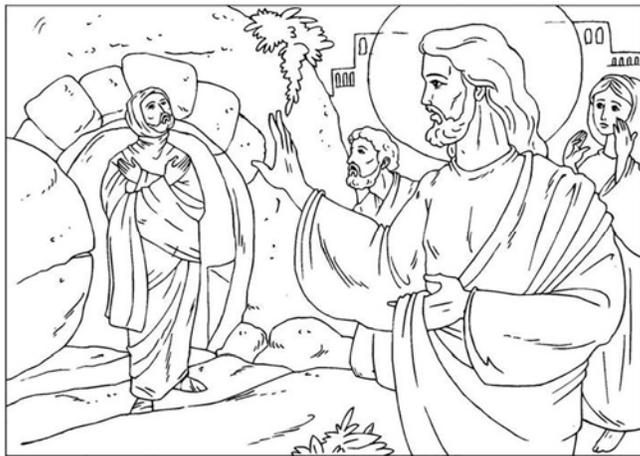




## Dead or Alive

Today's gospel relates how Lazarus was dead for four days and then was restored to life. When Lazarus returned from the grave his family and friends were elated. This gospel story has a happy ending for everyone. Or does it?

How did Lazarus feel about returning to this life after experiencing eternal life? Perhaps he was disappointed that his time in eternity with God was so short. Surely he missed his family and friends and did not want them to grieve. Yet Lazarus may have preferred to remain in the peace of life with God.



This gospel story is comforting for Christians who rejoice in the promise of eternal life in Christ. But what about Lazarus? Perhaps he was ready for eternal life with God. We know few particulars about life after death, only the promises of revelation. Scripture says, "There will be no more crying out, no more pain, only peace, light and joy." (Rev 21:4) St. Paul describes the eternal bliss of life with God in these words: "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, what God has prepared for those who love him." (1Cor 2:9)

We were created to share eternal life with God. Saint Augustine wrote, "Our hearts are restless, and they cannot rest until they rest in God."

When Lazarus walked out of the tomb he left a life of serenity with God and returned to the restless struggles of earthly life.

When a person dies, especially after a lingering illness, we say rightly, "She is at peace." "He is now in a better place." Eternal life is our destiny. But our journey through this life is also very important. Heaven is our home, but our journey to that eternal home is crucial. Life here is to be a growth process of drawing closer to God.

Since we will live with God for all eternity as the kind of person we die, the most important thing we do here on earth is to develop the personal capacity to live with God. We are on an inner spiritual journey and our faith is the guiding star that helps us develop a deeper relationship with God.

The final prayer at a Catholic funeral offers this wisdom: "May faith

be our consolation, and eternal life our hope." Our hope is to realize the gospel promise of Christ which Lazarus experienced twice: "I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live; and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

### ...and mirth

Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let him sleep.

## Parish Staff

### Pastor:

Fr. John Schmeidler, OFM, Cap.  
email: frjohncap@gmail.com

### Bookkeeper/Minister to the Elderly and Homebound/Thrift Shop/Food Pantry:

Jan Brungardt  
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### Catholic Faith Education Office:

Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/  
Youth Minister  
email: fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net  
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Sacramental Records  
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### Housekeeping/Sacristan:

Darlene Dreiling

### Groundskeeper: Julius Dreiling

### Maintenance: Joe Brungardt

### 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

Peggy Fitzpatrick 735-8186 (Chair)  
Andy Kuhn 639-2156 (Vice-Chair)  
Janea Dinkel 735-9529 (RelEd)  
Doug Kuhn 650-1058 (Bldgs & Grounds)  
John Schulte 735-2444  
Deb Braun 735-7106  
Gina Oberle 735-8056  
Jacque Schmidt 735-5011

### St. Fidelis Finance Council

John R. Braun 735-2622  
Harland Rupp 735-2206  
Randy Leiker 259-1392

### St. Boniface Pastoral Council

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

### St. Ann Pastoral Council

Terry Riedel 735-9375  
Jerry Nowak 637-5273  
Bill Robben 806-669-5264

**With Sympathy**

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Regis Dean Schulte** of Wichita, who passed away on Monday, March 16, 2020. Graveside services were held at St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria, on Monday, March 23, 2020. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at a later date in Wichita, Kansas.

**ST. FIDELIS ADULT CHOIR**

**Adult Choir Practice**

Has been suspended until further notice

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA**



**April 3 Lenten Bake Sale  
CANCELLED**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**April 3 Lenten Fish Fry  
CANCELLED**



**DIOCESE**

**2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal**



**PLEGDED/RECEIVED TO DATE**

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGDED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	14,700.00	8,695.00	6,545.00	46
Vincent	400.00	1,780.00	863.33	7
Walker	7,200.00	6,400.00	4,108.33	9

As of March 24, 2020,  
\$1,114,729.85 has been pledged and \$866,064.27 has been received toward the \$1.6 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

**Updated 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.

**April 3 Munjor K. of C. Fish Fry  
CANCELLED**

**Foreign Exchange Student Hosts**

Has your family ever been interested in learning about a new culture? By hosting a foreign exchange student, you would have the opportunity to expand your family's horizons while making a dream come true for a student. With students available from almost every country, your family would be able to select a student that best fits its unique personality. Students are looking for 1 semester or 2 semester stays. Please visit with Kori Braun for more information: 785-735-4161.

**V.H.S. Make a Difference Day  
scheduled for Thursday, April 16, has been  
CANCELLED.**

**POSTPONED—Jason Evert Event**

To help slow the spread of COVID-19, the Jason Evert Purified Event scheduled for March 30 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays has been postponed. We are currently working to find a date for reschedule. All purchased tickets will be honored at a future event.

One thing nobody ever talks about when you are an adult is how much time you debate yourself about keeping a cardboard box because it's, like, a really good box.



**Since there is sickness among the parish staff, and since Fr. John Schmeidler has been traveling which puts him at high risk of contracting the Coronavirus, the office of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface will be closed for this coming week, March 23-27.**

**If there is something you need, please contact Fr. John on his cell phone at 785-766-5344, or email him at [frjohncap@hotmail.com](mailto:frjohncap@hotmail.com).**

**Please everyone, take good care of your health. Join us on Facebook during this time where Fr. John will post homilies.**

**There will be NO MASSES at St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface until further notice.**

Also,

**No Stations of the Cross at St. Fidelis on Fridays of Lent.**

**No Eucharistic Adoration at St. Fidelis on Thursdays.**

**No Religious Education classes or activities until further notice.**

**Monday night Confessions at St. Fidelis are cancelled.**

**If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you may call Fr. John Schmeidler on his cell phone at 785-766-5344 to make an appointment.**

The St. Fidelis Gift Shop in the Parish Office and the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop on Main Street will be closed until further notice due to the coronavirus pandemic.

*Please visit our website at [www.StFidelisChurch.com](http://www.StFidelisChurch.com) for the latest updates.*

As of now, the bulletin will be published on-line.  
Check the bulletin for any changes to organization, school, or city items that might be posted.