

„Beacon of Faith,
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

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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

April 12, 2020— Easter 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 — 8:45 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. 24** — Feast of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- May 3** — St. Ann Mass time changes
- May 3** — First Communion
- May 10** — Mother’s Day
- May 25** — Memorial Day — Mass @ 9:00 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

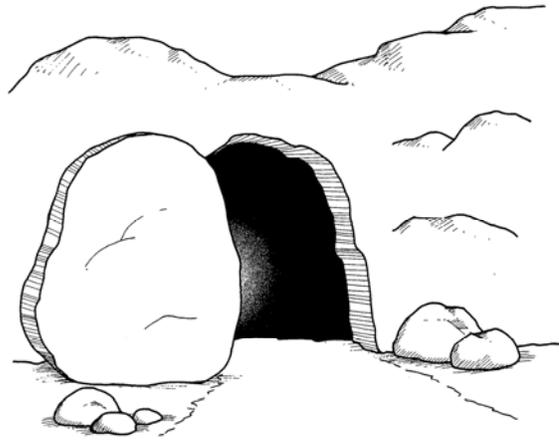
HAPPY EASTER





The Stone

All four gospels tell us that on the first Easter morning the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. John's gospel says, "They saw that the stone was removed from the tomb." Luke wrote, "They found the stone rolled away from the tomb." Mark's gospel tells of the women asking, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" Matthew's gospel adds, "And behold there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it."



The stone at the tomb on Easter is the only detail of the resurrection in every gospel. Mathew's gospel tells of an angel from heaven; Mark, Luke and John tell of men in bright garments; Mark and Luke mention the spices for anointing; John describes the burial clothes. But the stone is in all four accounts. It surely has a symbolic meaning.

The obvious message of a very large stone is that it required more than a human effort to remove. The resurrection of Christ was by divine power. Matthew tells of an angel from heaven to stress that the resurrection

was an act of God. As St. Paul wrote, "Christ is raised in the power of the Spirit." (Rm1:3)

Stones can be obstacles. The stone at the tomb is symbolic of an obstacle to faith. Our modern world has many such obstacles. When the stone was rolled back the empty tomb became an invitation to faith, not a conclusive proof that Christ had risen. Belief in the Resurrection is an act of faith, and the grace of God offers the means to such a commitment. There is no such thing as faith in an evident fact. Trust in God is an essential element of a Christian life. God has promised through the prophets, "I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you." (Ez 36:26)

Finally, a stone endures. It survives the ravages of time and trauma and turmoil. It can be a monument. The stone at that tomb in the Easter garden is a permanent marker of the greatest event in history, the cornerstone of our faith, the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

The resurrection is not simply a wondrous historical event, like the explosion of a supernova. While it is a glorious event in the life of Christ for us to celebrate, it is also an invitation for us to share in that mystery of God's life. The Easter resurrection has meaning not only in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, but in our own life. That stone on Easter morning offers many insights into the cornerstone of our faith, but perhaps none greater than this: the stone was rolled back not simply to let Jesus out, but to let us in!

Christ is Risen. Christ is truly Risen!
Happy Easter.

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If you would like to go to Confession or If there is something else you need, please contact

Fr. John on his cell phone at 785-766-5344 or email him at frjohncap@hotmail.com.

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

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Good Friday Collection Postponed

The Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land mentioned in the Bishop's letter published in the April 5, 2020, bulletin has been rescheduled to September 13, 2020.

APRIL HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

"We are all called to combat every form of slavery and build fraternity—all of us, each one according to his or her own responsibility." (Pope Francis)

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

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEDGED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEDGED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	14,700.00	8,695.00	6,545.00	46
Vincent	400.00	2,130.00	1,213.33	9
Walker	7,200.00	6,400.00	4,108.33	9

As of April 7, 2020,

\$1,180,783.85 has been pledged and \$906,089.60 has been received toward the \$1.6 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

How can I tithe to my parish during this time of no Masses?

People are asking about how to tithe to the parish during this time when Masses are not being held in church.

You may:

- (1) mail your weekly envelope to St. Fidelis Church, 601 10th St., Victoria, Kansas 67671;
- (2) save your weekly tithing and give to the parish at a later date when Masses are once again being held in church;
- (3) drop your check or envelope in the tourist offering slot at the center back doors of the church or in the slot where votive candle offerings are placed;
- (4) contact Fr. John Schmeidler and make arrangements for him to be at the office so you can drop off your envelope.

COMMUNITY

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.

City Garage Sales and Spring Clean Up Rescheduled



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

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.



Weekly Mass with Fr. John on Youtube Channel

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

While we are unable to gather as a community in church for Mass, praise, and worship, Fr. John Schmeidler will record Sunday Mass on a weekly basis and share it on Youtube.com. **Click the link above** to view the most current Mass or go to www.StFidelisChurch.com and click the link on the Home Page or Mass Schedule Page.

Fidelisfestless Fidelisfest

Fr. John Schmeidler sent letters to all parishioners concerning the Basilica of St. Fidelis' Fidelisfest, which for the most part, has been cancelled. Everyone is still encouraged to generously donate the amount they would have spent on auction items (donated or purchased at auction) and food and drinks.

The raffle part of Fidelisfest will, however, continue and winners will be announced on Sunday, April 19. Hopefully, by then we will be able to celebrate the 10:00 Mass together during which Fr. John

will draw the winners. So please purchase your tickets before April 19.

You can contact Fr. John at 785-766-5344 (call or text) or email him at frjohncap@hotmail.com to arrange a time to drop your tickets off at the Parish Office. If you have not been able to get tickets, contact Fr. John to get some.

We can only raise \$25,000 on a raffle. So you can still write one check, but please indicate how much of your donation should go towards raffle tickets and how much is a regular donation.

Happy Easter

St. Fidelis
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