

„Beacon of Faith,
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

„Pearl of the Prairie,
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

April 19, 2020— Second 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:

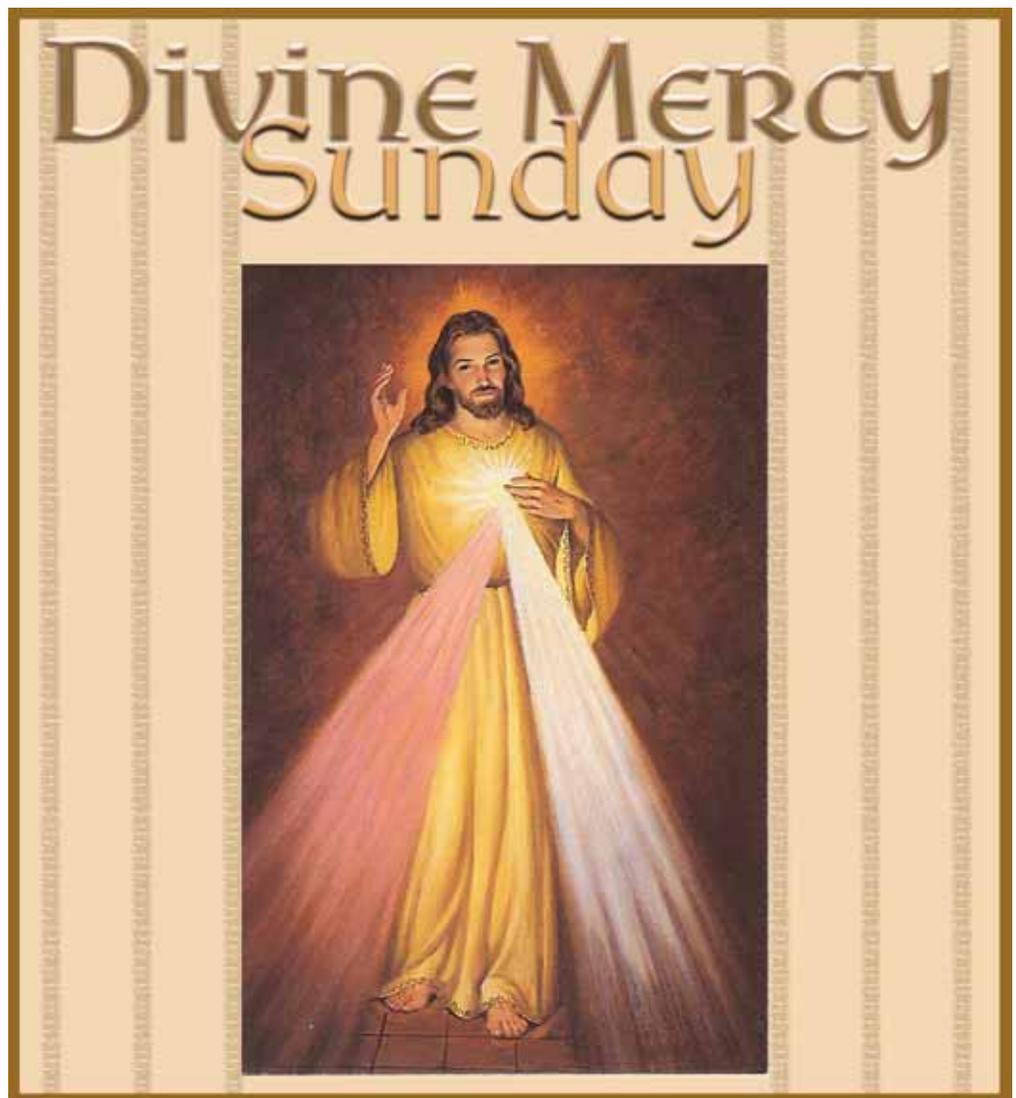
at St. Fidelis — Mondays — 7:30 pm
or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

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

Apr. 24 — Feast of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
May 3 — St. Ann Mass time changes
May 10 — Mother’s Day
May 25 — Memorial Day — Mass @ 9:00 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED





Thomas and the Virus

The gospel of the doubting Thomas is read every year on the Sunday after Easter. This year it may have a timely message of hope. Not so much in the doubt of Thomas but in the admonition of our Lord, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

COVID-19 has deprived us of the public celebration of Mass. Since the Eucharist is central to Catholicism it is a challenge to practice our faith when our churches are closed. Fortunately we have made accommodations by using our social media. Priests are offering recordings or live streaming of their celebration of the Eucharist. Many have expressed gratitude for this service.

But these opportunities are less than actually receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. The Catholic tradition of a *Spiritual Communion* allows every doubting Thomas to believe without touching his wounds. When it is not possible to physically receive Communion, the faithful are encouraged to receive the Sacrament spiritually by a sincere internal desire to receive Christ in the Eucharist. Pope Francis told the quarantined people of Italy, "United as the Body of Christ we are never alone. This union can be nourished with a spiritual Communion of the Eucharist when it is not possible to receive the Sacrament."

Paradoxically, many of the deprivations in life have a hidden unseen blessing. There may be one in

the present situation. Traditional wisdom reminds us that "absence makes the heart grow fonder." The greatest blessings of life — our health, our loved ones, our financial security — are appreciated more fully when we lose them. If the practice of our faith is so convenient that it demands little of us, we may tend to take such opportunities for granted and undervalue their importance. The present absence of Holy Communion can make the heart grow fonder and renew our Eucharistic faith.



A memorable spiritual book, "Five Loaves and Two Fish" by Cardinal Francis Xavier Van Thuan, has a helpful message for our church at this time. Cardinal Thuan was a political prisoner in Vietnam for 13 years, nine of those in solitary confinement. In his memoirs he relates how his appreciation of the Eucharist was deepened during those years when he was denied the chance to offer Mass. He experienced a new spiritual hunger.

Perhaps we will all come out of this present crisis with a greater appreciation and a more sincere devotion to the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

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Freedom is not the absence of restrictions, but finding the right ones.

Parish Staff

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Council Members

St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

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Commodities to Be Distributed

Government surplus commodities will be distributed on **Monday, April 20, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street.

Please use the north entrance.



With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Corey James Evert** of Lee's Summit, Missouri, who passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, a funeral service and celebration of life will be held at a future date in Lee's Summit. He will be interred alongside his grandparents, Don and Twila Knight, at Holy Cross Cemetery in Pfeifer, Kansas.

Contributions March 29, 2020

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 1420.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 100.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 50.00

Contributions Palm Sunday April 5, 2020

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 4247.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 1750.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 50.00

Contributions Holy Thursday April 9, 2020

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 10.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 25.00

Contributions Good Friday April 10, 2020

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 30.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 25.00

Contributions Easter April 12, 2020

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 1270.00 Loose 600.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 900.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 20.00 Loose 100.00

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2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEGDED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGDED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	14,700.00	8,820.00	6,670.00	47
Vincent	400.00	2,130.00	1,213.33	9
Walker	7,200.00	6,400.00	4,108.33	9

As of April 14, 2020,

\$1,215,559.44 has been pledged and \$949,038.61 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

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

Although Fidelisfest was cancelled, **the raffle part of Fidelisfest was held and winners will be announced this Sunday, April 19**, during the 10:00 Mass.

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. 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Lenten Crosses

The Knights of Columbus will not remove the Lenten crosses from yards until Saturday, May 2, due to the coronavirus. If you need yours removed sooner, please contact Harland Rupp at 785-623-1368.

Youth Ministry/Catholic Faith Ed

First Communion to Be Rescheduled

First Communion for our second graders will be rescheduled, once we know we are able to begin gatherings again. First Communion will not be held on Sunday, April 26.

Rel Ed Committee Meeting Postponed

The Religious Education Committee meeting will be postponed. Jeanette will contact current committee members regarding the change in date. The committee will not meet on Monday, April 27.

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.

Faith
does not mean trusting
God
to stop the storm, but trusting
Him
to strengthen us
as we walk through the storm.
Amen.