

“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		<b>Catholic Faith Education Office:</b>
	Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00		785-735-9244
<b>Gift Shop Hours:</b>	<b>Weddings:</b>	<b>Baptisms:</b>	<b>Hospital Visits:</b>
Monday-Thursday: 8:30–noon and 1:00–4:30 Friday: 8:30–noon	Couples planning to marry must contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before the wedding date for marriage preparations.	All new parents are asked to complete a Baptismal Preparation class before their child is baptized. For information, please call the Parish Office.	To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.
<b>In-Home Mass:</b>	<b>Holy Communion Brought to Homebound:</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:</b>	
Any homebound or hospice family interested in having Mass in their home should contact the Parish Office.	Holy Communion can be brought to homebound parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is unable to come to a Sunday Mass.	<b>THURSDAYS</b> <b>10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.</b> in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar	

[www.stfidelischurch.com](http://www.stfidelischurch.com) / [www.stbonifacevincent.com](http://www.stbonifacevincent.com)

## March 4, 2018 – Third 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

### Confessions:

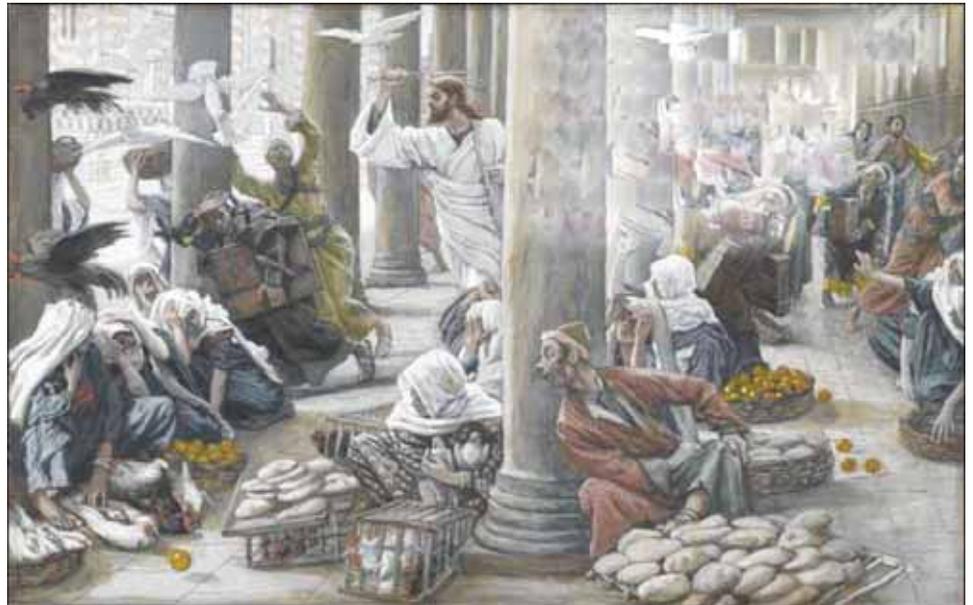
at St. Fidelis — Mondays — 7:30 pm  
or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

### 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

**Mar. 11** — Girl Scout Sunday  
**Mar. 11** — Daylight Savings Time  
Begins—*Turn clocks ahead 1 hour*  
**Mar. 17** — St. Patrick’s Day  
**Mar. 19-23** — School Spring Break  
**Mar. 20** — First day of Spring  
**Mar. 22** — Chrism Mass in Salina  
**Mar. 25** — Passion (Palm) Sunday  
**Mar. 29** — Holy Thursday—PARISH  
OFFICE CLOSED @ noon  
**Mar. 30** — Good Friday—PARISH  
OFFICE CLOSED  
**Mar. 31** — Holy Saturday  
**Apr. 1** — Easter Sunday  
**Apr. 2** — Easter Monday — PARISH  
OFFICE CLOSED  
**Apr. 2-6** — Capuchin Assembly—No  
Masses at St. Fidelis—No Eucharistic  
Adoration on Thursday, April 5



“Take these out of here,  
and stop making my Father’s  
house a marketplace.”

(from the Holy Gospel according to John (2:13-25))



Pope Benedict XVI wrote that the cleansing of the temple was not anger over conducting business in the temple, nor was it an endorsement of violence for righteous causes. It was a message that the era of temple worship was over. "The crucifixion of Jesus was the destruction of the temple. The temple is now the body of the Risen One who gathers and unites his people in the sacrament of his Body and Blood."

Each of the four gospels tells of Christ cleansing the temple. Matthew, Mark, and Luke (synoptic gospels) place this event at the beginning of Holy Week. John places the cleansing of the temple at the beginning of Christ's ministry, setting a tone of animosity between Christ and the Jewish leaders which persists throughout his gospel. Only John's account tells of Christ using a whip of cords to expel sheep and oxen.

In the synoptic gospels Christ quotes the prophet Isaiah, "My house shall be called a house of prayer" and also from Jeremiah, "but you have made it a den of thieves." In today's gospel from John he says, "Stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples then recalled, "Zeal for your house will consume me" from psalm 69.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke comment that the event so angered the chief priests and the scribes that they sought to destroy Christ. When they demanded proof of authority for his behavior, Christ replied, "Destroy **this** temple and in three days I will raise it up." He was referring to the temple of his body, to his death and resurrection.

Destroying the temple was one of the charges against Christ at his trial before the Sanhedrin. Witnesses accused Christ of saying "I will destroy the temple." What he actually said was, "Destroy **this** temple." (Jn 2:19) Elsewhere in the gospels Jesus did predict the destruction of **the** temple in Jerusalem which occurred in 70 AD.

Pope Benedict XVI's reflection on today's gospel story of the cleansing of the temple offers this Lenten message: "The crucifixion of Jesus was the destruction of the temple. The temple is now the body of the Risen One who gathers and unites his people in the sacrament of his Body and Blood."

## ... and mirth

You need only two tools: WD-40 and Duct Tape. If it doesn't move but should, use WD-40; if it shouldn't move but does, use Duct Tape.



### 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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Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/  
Youth Minister  
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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  
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### Council Members

**St. Fidelis Pastoral Council**

Peggy Fitzpatrick 735-8186 (Chair)  
Andy Kuhn 639-2156 (Vice-Chair)  
Donna Juenemann 735-9700 (Sec)  
Janea Dinkel 735-9529 (RelEd)  
Doug Kuhn 650-1058 (Bldgs & Grounds)  
John Schulte 735-9535  
Deb Braun 735-7106  
Gina Oberle 735-8056

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John R. Braun 735-2622  
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Randy Leiker 259-1392

**St. Boniface Pastoral Council**

Carol Freitag 735-9282  
Randy Huser 735-4836  
Fred Tholen 735-4801

**St. Ann Pastoral Council**

Helen Windholz 735-2293  
Terry Riedel 735-9375  
Jerry Nowak 637-5273

### Contributions February 24-25, 2018

**ST. FIDELIS:**

Adult 3123.00 Loose 1237.38

**ST. ANN:**

Adult 287.00 Loose 212.00

**ST. BONIFACE:**

Adult 267.00 Loose 232.00  
Candles 53.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

**Mar. 5** — Bob and Phyllis Stramel  
**Mar. 12** — Ivan and Verda Werner

# Sunday of the Third Week of Lent

Loving Father,  
So many times I turn away from you  
and always you welcome me back.  
Your mercy and love gives me confidence.  
Thank you for the invitation to share, fast, and pray  
so that you can form a new heart within me.  
Your powerful compassion for my weaknesses  
leads me to ask for mercy  
and await with great hope the Easter joy you share with us.



Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's **Online Ministries** web site:  
<http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>  
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## With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **James F. "Jim" Munk** of Hays, who passed away on Saturday, February 17, 2018. Services were held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Hays, on Thursday, February 22, with burial in St. Boniface Cemetery, Vincent.

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The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Alfred L. "Al" Kuhn**, who passed away on Thursday, February 22, 2018. Services were held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Monday, February 26, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

## Christian Mothers/Altar Society

### Chase Kear to Speak after Mass about Fr. Emil Kapaun's Intercession

Following the 7:00 p.m. Mass **TOMORROW—Monday, March 5**, the Christian Mothers/Altar Society has invited Chase Kear to speak about his healing experience he attributes to Fr. Emil Kapaun, a Kansas native who served as a military chaplain and died in a prison camp during the Korean War.

Chase, a Colwich, Kansas native, was critically injured in a pole vaulting accident and attributes his healing to prayers asking Fr. Kapaun's intercession.

Fr. Kapaun has received the title "Servant of God" which means he is recognized as a candidate for sainthood, and Chase's healing is part of the information being researched by the Vatican. Chase will speak in the Church following Mass, and all are invited to attend.

The Christian Mothers will have a short business meeting following the presentation.

	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b> 5:30 p.m. Fridays of Lent The Basilica of St. Fidelis <b>No Stations on Good Friday.</b>	
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The Lenten Adult Education series  
on "The Lives of Great Christians"  
will **NOT** meet on  
Monday, March 5.

Participants in the class are encouraged to  
attend the Presentation given by  
Chase Kear  
after the 7:00 p.m. Mass  
in the Basilica on March 5.

The Lenten study series on the Saints  
will resume classes on  
Monday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m.  
in the Meal Site dining room.

## ST. BONIFACE

### Christian Mothers Dues

St. Boniface Christian Mothers dues are now due.  
Please give them to Janie or Gloria.

**Attention St. Fidelis Altar Servers:**

Parents, if you know of any dates that your child will be out of town or unavailable between April 2nd and July 1st—please let Jeanette Brungardt know by/before Wednesday, March 7. Please see contact information below.



The schedule for April 2 thru July 1 will be available and sent home with students on Wednesday, March 14. Copies of the schedule will also be available in the south sacristy and by the north entrance of St. Fidelis.

Once the altar servers schedule is completed, individuals will need to find substitutes for the days they are scheduled but are unable to serve.

Religious Education Office: 785-735-9244

Email: Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net

Cell: 785-639-5067

**CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION CALENDAR**

**MARCH CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, March 7**

5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir practice  
 Religious Education classes:  
 6:30 – 7:15 P.M. – Grades K-5  
 7:30 – 8:30 P.M. – Grades 6-12  
 St. Fidelis Altar servers, deadline: please submit requested dates off for the months of April thru July to Jeanette in the Rel Ed Office.

**Friday, March 9**

5:30 P.M. – Stations of the Cross at St. Fidelis Church (Spiritual enrichment)  
 Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – youth volunteering (grades 8-12) should arrive at 3 P.M. at VFW in Victoria

**Sunday, March 11**

10:00 A.M. Mass at St. Fidelis – Jubilee

Choir sings

**Wednesday, March 14**

Religious Education classes:  
 6:30 – 7:15 P.M. – Grades K-5  
 7:30 – 8:30 P.M. – Grades 6-12  
 Schedule for St. Fidelis altar servers (April thru July) will be handed out during religion classes.  
 Second grade class: **\*Saccos orders are due to the Religious Ed Office\***

**Friday, March 16**

5:30 P.M. – Stations of the Cross at St. Fidelis Church (Spiritual enrichment)

**Wednesday, March 21**

No Religious Education classes **\*Spring Break\***

**Friday, March 23**

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – youth

volunteering (grades 8-12) should arrive at 3 P.M. at VFW in Victoria

**Sunday, March 25**

10:00 A.M. Mass at St. Fidelis – Jubilee  
 Choir sings — Palm Sunday

**Wednesday, March 28**

5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir practice

**APRIL CALENDAR**

**Sunday, April 1**

10:00 A.M. Mass at St. Fidelis – Jubilee  
 Choir sings — Easter Sunday

**Wednesday, April 4**

Jubilee Choir practice CANCELLED

**Wednesday, April 11**

5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir practice

**Sunday, April 15**

10:00 A.M. Mass at St. Fidelis – Jubilee  
 Choir sings — First Communion

**Jubilee Choir's practice and singing dates UPDATED 2-26-2018:**



**Practice dates**

Wed., March 7th  
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**Wed., March 28th\* NEW**

**Cancel April 4th practice**

**Wed., April 11th\* NEW**

**Singing dates:**

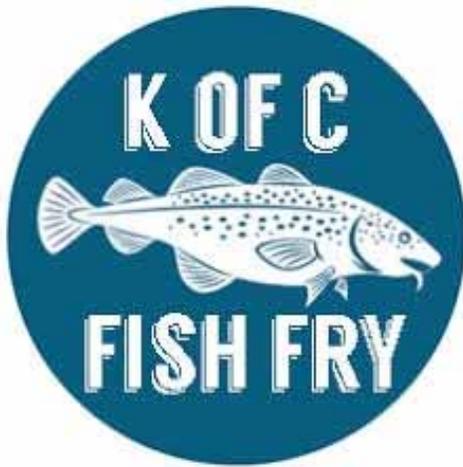
Sun., March 11th

Sun., March 25th—Palm Sunday

Sun., April 1st—Easter Sunday  
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Sun., April 15th—First Communion

# Service Hours Opportunity



The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry will be held three times this Lenten Season on the following Fridays: February 23, March 9, and March 23. The K. of C. welcomes any youth in grades 8-12 to come out at 3:00 P.M. on the aforementioned dates and assist them in preparing, frying the fish, and other miscellaneous light duties. Volunteers should arrive at the VFW in Victoria at 3:00 P.M. or immediately following school. If you need to arrive later or leave earlier, you are still welcome to join the Knights. As a courtesy, please notify one of the K of C members upon arriving at the V.F.W. or in advance, if possible. Last year we had many youth help out and the patrons absolutely loved to see them!

Once dinner begins and the doors open to the public, youth can plan on assisting patrons to their tables: carrying their trays, filling drinks, or helping wheel in some of the elderly patrons. Youth also can help clear off and wipe down tables, refill drinks, dispose of trash, and do other various light duties. They added a very special touch to the evenings last year and the K. of C. couldn't thank them enough!

This opportunity does count as service hours for those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in ninth grade.

(Additional general information: Doors are open to the public from 5:00 to 7:30 P.M. Menu: fish, noodles and beans, baked potato, and cole slaw. Cost for the meal: Adults are \$10 per plate — children 5 to 10 years are \$5 per plate — children 5 years and younger eat free.)

## Stations of the Cross

Spiritual Enrichment

When? During Lent, every Friday at 5:30 P.M.

Where? St. Fidelis Church.



"FATHER,  
IF YOU ARE WILLING,  
TAKE THIS CUP AWAY FROM  
ME; STILL, NOT MY WILL BUT  
YOURS BE DONE"

Father John leads the Stations and begins promptly at 5:30 P.M. If your schedule allows, please consider joining him.

This is a wonderful opportunity to enrich your Lenten Season. And just a reminder for any youth who have already attended the Stations, these do count as service hours and qualify as spiritual enrichment.



# JR. CYO Camp

Rock Springs Ranch  
May 26 – May 29, 2018



This camp is available for any 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grader (during the 2017-2018 school year). Rock Springs Ranch is a 4H Center and lays on a sprawling 700+ acres in the Kansas Flint Hills, located outside of Junction City. Outdoor activities available to kids will include: archery, volleyball, crafts, canoeing, softball, trap shooting and horseback riding. Spiritual activities will include Mass, daily prayers, a pit Mass along with a surprise or two along the way. Registration forms are available – please contact Jeanette at the PAC.

Camp forms along with the pre-registration fee of \$95.00 are due to the Diocese of Salina by Friday, **April 20, 2018.** (The total cost to attend the camp is \$190). Please contact Jeanette, 785-735-9244 or by e-mail at [FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net](mailto:FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net) with any questions and to request registration forms.

## Saccos Catholic Gifts

Do you have a family member or friend who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Communion this Spring or the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming year? The Office of Religious Education has the Spring 2018 catalog available now for Saccos Company. The Saccos Company offers religious gifts and church supplies including: Communion sets for boys and girls complete with a rosary; My First Mass Book; scapular and Communion pin; custom printed Holy cards; wall crucifixes; candles; Bibles; trinkets such as bracelets, dolls, key rings, pendants, bookmarks, prayer books, etc.; keepsakes such as picture frames, stained glass or wooden plaques, crosses; photo albums; First Communion veils; dresses; ties; party goods; and even personalized keepsakes!

The catalog also includes patron saint sacramental, pewter statues, medals, jewelry, and personalized patron saint medals.

**Twenty percent of the profit will be donated, by Saccos, to the Office of Religious Education.**

If you would like to obtain a catalog as well as instructions on how to place an order, please contact Jeanette Brungardt in the Religious Education Office (785-735-9244) and she'll be happy to give you one.

**All order requests are due by Wednesday, March 14.** Orders will be placed on Friday, March 23. This will allow plenty of time to receive the items prior to our First Communion at St. Fidelis on Sunday, April 15.

Thank you, *Jeanette B.*

# Made For More

## CYO Diocesan Convention April 7 & April 8 Salina, Kansas

Over 700 Catholic youth, grades 9 – 12, will gather together at the Annual Diocesan Youth Convention, April 7-8, 2018, at St. Mary School in Salina. Be inspired by the keynote speaker, Doug Brummel, and spend time with one another! There will be plenty of **music, dance, prayer, workshops, keynoters and, fun awaiting you.** Cost for chaperones and youth is \$90 for Saturday and Sunday, which includes the overnight in a hotel.

***Sign up with a friend today to reserve your space!***

Applications are available now! I just received word that youth from our tri-parishes will be able to join St. Mary's CYO in Russell for this convention. **This means that all applications need to be turned in sooner—by next Tuesday, March 6, to Jeanette Brungardt.** Jeanette will then give these applications to Michelle Farmer, the CYO Sponsor, and supervisor of the trip to the CYO Convention. Depending on how many youth we have attending—we may need one or two adults, preferably parents, assisting with supervision.

\*9<sup>th</sup> grade: This is considered spiritual enrichment.

E-mail: [FidelisYouth@Ruraltel.net](mailto:FidelisYouth@Ruraltel.net)

Office: 785-735-9244

Cell: 785-639-5067



**June 14-16, 2018**

**For Catholic girls**  
entering sixth, seventh & eighth grades

AN extraordinary FOR extraordinary EXPERIENCE GIRLS...

Attention: Young ladies who are currently in 5th-7th grade!  
Spend a weekend at the Nazareth Motherhouse with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia ...

- \*Deepen your relationship with God
- \*Learn more about yourself
- \*Get acquainted with others and make new friends
- \*Play, pray, and do ministry

Visit [www.csjkansas.org/for-kids/](http://www.csjkansas.org/for-kids/) to learn more about the Discover Camp. On this website you'll find a video capturing moments from last year's Discover Camp. You'll also find the registration form for the Discover Camp.

Mail registration forms to the camp director BEFORE May 25, 2018:

Sister Anna Marie Broxterman, Sisters of St. Joseph  
PO Box 279, Concordia, KS 66901

**Spaces are limited to 36 campers. If interested—sign up TODAY!**

If you need any assistance locating the registration forms, copies are available at St. Fidelis in the Religious Ed Office. Please contact Jeanette B.  
Office: 785-735-9244      Email: [Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net](mailto:Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net)

*Knights of Columbus*

Council #1867 Victoria

**2018****LENTEN FISH FRY****5:00 — 7:30 p.m.**

on the Fridays of

**March 9 and March 23**

Victoria V.F.W. Hall, 204 E. Main Street

**MENU: Fish, noodles and beans, baked potato, cole slaw**

\$10.00 Adults | \$5.00 Children 5 to 10 | 5 and under Free

*Proceeds are used to help local charities*

# 40 Cans for Lent

Your donation of  
1 can or boxed food item per family per day  
during Lent will make a huge difference to a  
family that is below the poverty level.

***Please help make a  
difference  
in some family's life.***

Donation boxes will be located  
at all the tri-parish churches.

**- Rescheduled -**  
**ENCOUNTERING** *Christ*  
**A Journey of Hope**

Sponsored by the  
Office of the New Evangelization and Office of Family Life

**WHO:** Young Adults aged 18-35**DATE & TIME:** Saturday, March 10 - 9 AM - 5 PM*Check-in will begin at 8:30 am***LOCATION:** St. Mary Queen of the Universe  
230 E. Cloud, Salina, KS**REGISTRATION:** \$10

Call 785.827.8746 or Register

ONLINE @ [salinadiocese.org/familylife](http://salinadiocese.org/familylife)*Hardship scholarships available upon request.***REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7****FEATURING:**

Opportunity for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion  
Adoration ... Confession ... Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
Fellowship

**Questions? Call Corey at 785.827.8746 or  
email [familylife@salinadiocese.org](mailto:familylife@salinadiocese.org)**

**MARCH HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT**

Human Trafficking is one of the great human rights challenges of this century. Millions of men, women, and children are enslaved and treated as commodities—bought, sold, shared, abused, and discarded. **ENDING SLAVERY IS EVERYONE'S WORK.** ~ U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. Visit [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org).

***Diocesan Memorial Mass for  
Those Who Have Lost a Child***

Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Salina will host a Memorial Mass for those who have lost a child at *any* age—either before or after birth—on **Thursday, May 10, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas More Church, Manhattan, Kansas.** If you would like to participate in this Mass, please notify the Parish Office by March 26, and you will receive a personal invitation.

*Please submit your name, address, the name of the child, along with their birthday and year of death by March 26.*

If you would like to submit one or two photos of your child, please scan and email them to [wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org](mailto:wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org) (please include their name, birthday, and year of death). If you have any questions, please contact the Diocese's Family Life Office at 785-827-8746.

## Catholic Relief Services Collection

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection is the **weekend of March 10-11**. This collection is the principal means through which the Church in the United States is able to respond to international relief efforts. They work with organizations around the world to help poor and vulnerable people overcome emergencies, earn a living through agriculture, and access affordable health care. See *The Register* or visit their website at [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) for more information about this important collection.

## 2018 Catholic Community Annual Appeal

At the weekend Mass, you heard more about the Catholic Community Annual Appeal and had the chance to make your annual commitment. Thank you! Your gift allows the diocese to continue to offer many ministries and programs across our diocese, including in our own parish. We have all received from the generosity of God and these opportunities to give back make us who we are: the body of Christ joined together as one.

## family MATTERS

## THE MONTH OF MARCH

What Lenten practice is your family doing this year? Is it the usual practice of “giving up” something or did you add something to your family’s prayer life such as Eucharistic Adoration, daily Mass, Stations of the Cross?

Lent is a time of sacrifice, but it doesn’t mean all six weeks need to be filled with sorrow. It is not meant to be the season of “gloom and doom,” but one of JOY. The word “lent” actually means “springtime” and Spring is a time when many people find good reasons to celebrate with great JOY.

Here are some simple ways you may bring joy into your family during this season of Lent.

1. Try a new recipe for meatless Fridays.
2. Buy a small bouquet of flowers to bring Spring’s hope into the house.
3. Celebrate a new life, and thank God for His gift of creation.
4. Visit a local nursing home and bring cheer to the residents there.
5. Read the book, “Bring Lent to Life” by Kathleen Basi.



**MARCH 17—Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick’s Day.** St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world’s most popular saints. To celebrate St. Patrick’s Day, therefore, is to commemorate his life and works and to give thanks to God for the gift of this great saint, while imploring him to intercede on our behalf before the Most Blessed Trinity.

According to legend, St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. St. Patrick left us with the Celtic Cross, which is now world famous and revered by all. There are many ways in which you and your family can celebrate and honor the life of St. Patrick, who devoted himself tirelessly to prayer, fasting, and walking the faith with the Irish people. Go to Mass, enjoy a special meal together, pray the Lorica (St. Patrick’s Breastplate), or start a tradition of giving a shamrock plant as a gift to a friend, teacher, or grandparent.



**MARCH 13**  
Celebrate the  
anniversary of  
Pope Francis’  
election



**MARCH 19—Solemnity of St. Joseph.** Remember the dads who work to take care of their families.

John Paul II called St. Joseph the Guardian of the Redeemer. He humbly accepted his role as guardian, husband, and father in the Holy Family. St. Joseph (patron of the Universal Church) is known to help the faithful especially by praying for the following: craftsmen, families, fathers, house hunters, travelers, and more.



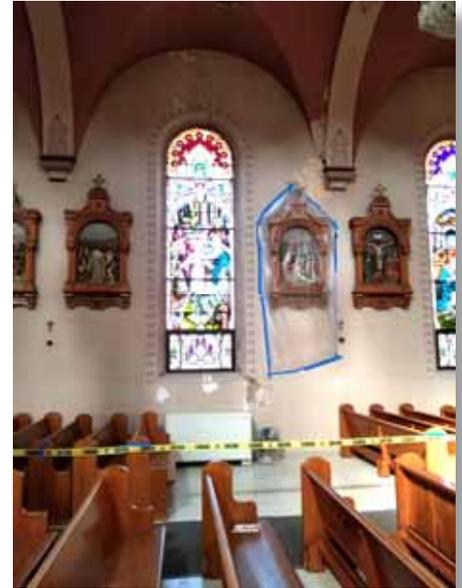
What will you do on this feast day of St. Joseph? Pray the simple but powerful nine day novena prayer to St. Joseph. Make a St. Joseph Altar in your home. Pray the Litany of Joseph.

For more ideas go to [catholicculture.org/liturgical/year](http://catholicculture.org/liturgical/year).



If you have been in the Basilica of St. Fidelis recently, you may have noticed that some work is being done around a couple of the windows (one on the north side and one on the south side).

Kevin McCarter and his father Larry are patching areas that have been damaged by normal aging and perhaps some previous water damage. They began the process last Wednesday, February 21.



## COMMUNITY

## Victoria Schools Calendar



## COMMUNITY

### More Popcorn Balls!

Victoria P.T.O. would like to thank all the parents and community members that helped to make the recent popcorn ball sales such a huge success.

Brenda Dreiling has had inquiries from community members wanting to order more. She has graciously offered to do another round of orders. Preorders will be taken only until March 17, with popcorn balls being made the week before Easter.

**Supplies need to be ordered so it is important that all orders are received by Saturday, March 17.**

They will only make enough to fill the orders; no extras will be made. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Brenda a call at 785-735-4141.

Again, thank you for your continued support of our schools!

### VICTORIA VFW POST 1751

**Club Room is open to the public on Friday evenings from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be available.**

If you are looking for a place to gather for Receptions, Weddings, Anniversaries, Family Reunions, Class Reunions, Dances, First Communions, or any type of get together, the VFW has a full kitchen that can be used if needed. For more information to rent the Hall, please call Harland or Edna at 785-623-1368 or 785-735-2206.

#### Monday — March 5

AIM Period — Students have directed study  
Lunch Menu: Ham slice, scalloped potatoes, steamed broccoli, corn bread, fruit cocktail, salad, milk  
3:30 pm HS track practice  
4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

#### Tuesday — March 6

Lunch Menu: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, peaches, dinner roll, salad, milk  
AIM Period — Students have directed study  
3:30 pm HS track practice  
4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

#### Wednesday — March 7 — PLC Early Dismissal 2:20

7:45 am Faculty meeting in Library  
Lunch Menu: Corn dog, potato wedge, green beans, watermelon, salad, milk  
AIM Period — Students have directed study  
2:20 pm School dismissed  
3:30 pm HS track practice  
4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

#### Thursday — March 8

Lunch Menu: Soft taco, black bean salad, steamed peas, pineapple, salad, milk  
AIM Period — Students have directed study  
3:30 pm HS track practice  
4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

#### Friday — March 9 — End of the 3rd Quarter

Lunch Menu: Cheese ravioli, mixed vegetables, orange slices, oatmeal cookie, salad, milk  
AIM Period — Students have directed study  
3:30 pm HS track practice  
4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell  
7:00 pm FCCLA Lads & Ladies @ VES

## Divine Mercy Radio Wants Recipes for Cookbook

Divine Mercy Radio wants your favorite recipes to be included in the 88.1 Cookbook due out in the Fall of 2018. These don't need to be original recipes; "borrowed" recipes are just fine. Feel free to also include a personal note about the history of the recipe, your favorite bible quote, or favorite saint. Please email your favorites to [leslie@dvmercy.com](mailto:leslie@dvmercy.com) or mail to the studio: 108 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 1. Thank you for participating in this fun project!

## "Healing" Meetings

The Center for Life Experiences, 2900 Hall Street, Hays  
For information on these groups, contact  
Ann Leiker at 785-259-6859 or email [ccfpc@ruraltel.net](mailto:ccfpc@ruraltel.net).

**NAMI-HAYS** (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Hays affiliate is the point of contact for the public for information, referrals, and support for people with mental illness and their family and friends. The Center for Life Experiences provides the meeting facility and houses the Affiliate's reference library. The group will gather on **Monday, Monday 5**, at 6:00 p.m. for the Recovery Group and for the Family Support Group. The Education Group will meet at 7:15.

**HEALING AFTER LOSS** is an organization offering hope, encouragement, and understanding to those who have had an adult loss such as a spouse, parent, sibling, or friend in their lives. The group will eat supper at 5:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 6**, at I-HOP, 4000 General Hays Rd., Hays. They will then gather at 7:00 in The Center for Life Experiences.

**HEALING HEARTS** is an organization providing support for immediate family members who are healing from the death of a child in their lives. It is where parents, grandparents, and siblings can connect with others who understand the journey toward healing after the loss of a child. The group will meet on **Thursday, March 8**, at 7:00 p.m. in The Center for Life Experiences.

## Victoria Community EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, March 31**  
**@ 1:00 p.m.**

Age groups:

0-1 years • 2-3 years • 4-5 years  
6-7 years • 8-9 years

Please meet in the parking lot  
between St. Fidelis Church and  
Victoria Grade School.



**Cameras are welcome.**

*There maybe an appearance from the Easter Bunny!*



A *Healing Kids Hearts Retreat* will be held on **Saturday, April 14, 2018**, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

at Sternberg Museum, 3000 Sternberg Drive, Hays. It is sponsored by the Center for Life Experiences, 2900 Hall Street, Hays, to help children ages 7 to 12 in Northwest Kansas cope with grief and loss.

To apply for the retreat or to get more information, contact Ann Leiker at the Center for Life Experiences at 785-259-6859 or email [ccfpc@ruraltel.net](mailto:ccfpc@ruraltel.net).

Volunteers are also needed to help with the retreat.

**Applications for participants and volunteers are due by March 12, 2018.**

## Healing



## Retreat



## Victoria V.F.W. Post 1715

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# STARS AND STRIPES BREAKFAST

**Sunday, March 11**

Hays V.F.W. Hall, 2106 Vine Street

*Breakfast tickets sold in advance will help raise funds for the Victoria V.F.W.*

### TICKETS:

\$8.50 for adults | \$3.50 for children 5-12  
Children under 5 eat free

**Tickets may be purchased from the following members:**

Dennis Dreiling 785-639-4621

Dave Richardson 785-806-6095

Doug Kuhn 785-650-1058

Chris Brungardt 785-735-4252

John Braun/Connie 785-735-2622

Marion Miller 785-735-9353

Harland Rupp 785-623-1368

*Tickets purchased at the door will not help the Victoria V.F.W. and will be more expensive.*



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY.

Be sure to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour  
next Sunday morning, March 11.



## Palm Sunday

It was Palm Sunday and, because of a sore throat, five-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches. The boy asked what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by."

"Wouldn't you know it," the boy fumed. "The one Sunday I don't go, he shows up!"

### ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir practice for Easter will be held at the regular practice time of 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, and 28.

### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

## Lenten Bake Sales

Once again the Daughters of Isabella will have Bake Sales during the Knights of Columbus Fish Fries at the V.F.W. Hall during Lent. Members are asked to please bring baked goodies or a money donation to the V.F.W. Hall between 3:00-500 p.m. on the



**Fridays of March 9 and March 23.**

### PLENARY INDULGENCE GIVEN WHEN VISITING A BASILICA

The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting a minor basilica. An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment for a previously forgiven sin. 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, the Salina Diocese newspaper*

**THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE** is held at the Parish Office at 9:30. Come and join Fr. John, other parishioners, and friends at the Parish Office for a cup of coffee and a snack.



**BULLETIN ITEMS**—The deadline for bulletin articles is **Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.** Please contact Connie (sftech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) at the Parish Office with your bulletin items.



## St. Fidelis Food Pantry

Parish Activity Center (PAC) • 601 10th St. • 785-735-2777

**ST. FIDELIS THRIFT SHOP** is always accepting donations. Thrift Shop hours are Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10-2, Wednesday from 10-3:30, Thursday from 10-4. If these hours do not work to drop off your donations, contact Jan at the parish office.

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 5</b>
7:00 pm Leroy Billinger Albert and Clara Dinkel family	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 6</b>
6:45 am Sherry Windholz	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 7</b>
6:45 am Helen Brungardt	
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 8</b>
6:45 am	
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 9</b>
6:45 am Derek Dreiling Tom Younger	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>MARCH 10</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Jason Hafner 6:30 pm St. Ann Bob Weigel	
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> .....
8:45 am St. Boniface Julian Huser 10:00 am St. Fidelis Jacob and Catherine Younger families	<b>MARCH 11</b>

### \* Sunday Rosary Schedule \*

1<sup>st</sup> - Christian Mothers  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Knights of Columbus  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Daughters of Isabella  
4<sup>th</sup> - Family Life

### MINISTER SCHEDULE

#### CANTORS

**Saturday, March 7, 5:00 PM** — Marilyn Braun

**Sunday, March 8, 10:00 AM** — Children's Choir

#### MINISTERS

The ministry schedule continues to be on a volunteer basis. Please sign the schedule by the north entrance or come to the sacristy before Mass to see if anyone is needed.