

„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 (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

www.StFidelisChurch.com / www.StBonifaceVincent.com

April 5, 2020— Passion (Pal m) 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, Wal ker

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:

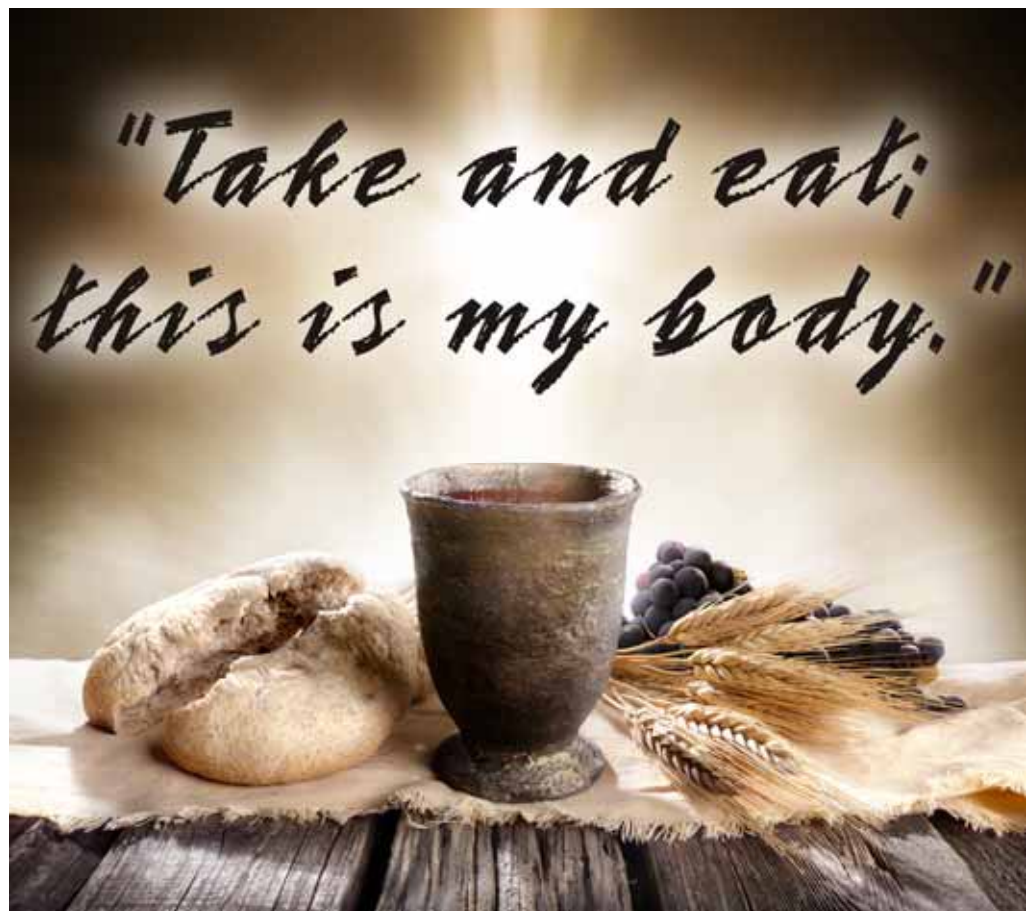
at St. Fidelis — Mondays — 7:30 pm
or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

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. 5** — Passion (Palm) Sunday
- Apr. 9** — Holy Thursday
- Apr. 10** — Good Friday
- Apr. 11** — Holy Saturday
- Apr. 12** — Easter Sunday
- Apr. 13** — Easter Monday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- 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 21** — Last day of school
- May 25** — Memorial Day — Mass @ 9:00 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED





The Events of Holy Week

The gospel chronologies of Holy Week have minor variations. John's gospel places the Last Supper before Passover so that the Lamb of God dies on the cross as the lambs for Passover are slain in the temple. The sequence of the trials before the Sanhedrin and Pilate also vary, yet there is a general agreement on most events as follows.

Palm Sunday — Jesus enters Jerusalem triumphantly and returns to Bethany that evening.

Monday — Jesus returns to Jerusalem where he cleanses the temple, preaches, and leaves the city in the evening to return to Bethany.

Tuesday — Jesus goes again to the city of Jerusalem teaching the crowds the parables of the two sons, the wicked vinedresser, the wedding feast, and the seven brothers. He raises controversial issues such as: taxes to Caesar, the source of his authority, the nature of John's Baptism, the greatest commandment, the title Son of David, the deceit of the Scribes, and the temple's destruction.

Spy Wednesday — The religious leaders plot against Jesus and Judas agrees to betray him for thirty pieces of silver. Jesus is anointed by a woman at Simon's house in Bethany, an event different from the story of the *sinful woman*. (Lk 7:47)

Holy Thursday — After the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Jesus and the disciples go to Gethsemane where he is arrested and taken to the high priest for a trial before the Sanhedrin. Peter denies him, as predicted.

Good Friday — Judas returns the silver to the chief priests. The Sanhedrin hands Jesus over to Pilate to be tried for sedition. When Pilate offers a choice, the crowd chooses Barabbas over Jesus, yet the name Barabbas meaning "son of Abba" may offer a deeper message. After having Christ flogged and crowned with thorns, Pilate presents him to the crowd as their King. But the crowd demands crucifixion and Pilate accedes. Jesus carries his cross to Calvary, is crucified between two criminals, entrusting his mother to John. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus bury his body before sunset.

Holy Saturday — The Jewish Sabbath. Guards are set at the tomb. Women prepare spices and oils to bring to the tomb on Sunday.

Easter Sunday — The women find the tomb empty and report this to the disciples. Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene, to the other women, to two disciples on the way to Emmaus, to Peter, and to the disciples in the upper room with Thomas absent. A week later, Jesus comes again to the eleven disciples with Thomas present. Later he appeared to the disciples at the Sea of Galilee and on other occasions. Finally, he preaches to his followers on the Mount of Olives from which he ascended to heaven.

*"Hosanna to the Son of David;
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest."*



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family MATTERS

THE MONTH OF *April*

May the Lord bless you and keep you! May the Lord
let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!
May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!
—Numbers 6:24-26

As I am writing this April edition of Family Matters, we are in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our regular schedules have been disrupted, fear of the unknown has set in, we have spent extended time in confined areas, our school buildings are closed, and until further notice, all public celebrations of the Holy Mass, cancelled. This is certainly a stressful time for families. As adults, we are doing our best to try to navigate through this pandemic. We ask ourselves, who will take care of the kids since there is no school, do we have enough groceries, what if I get laid off, a myriad of questions are going through our heads. Our children have questions too, how will we answer them? As we continue to endure this situation as parents, it is important to provide our children with a sense of security and as much normalcy as possible. The coronavirus outbreak is stirring up anxiety, confusion, and major inconveniences. It is a situation in which we can overreact or under-react. This is not the first time that people of faith have faced a crisis, and it certainly will not be the last. How can our faith tradition guide and comfort your family through this troubling time?

A FAITH FOUNDATION

Our children are looking to us not only for information but for guidance in how to respond and how worried they should be. Our actions speak louder than words. Our faith can keep us on track. We trust in a God who cares about everyone and urges us to do the same. Our faith guides us to not only look at our own needs, but prioritize the needs of others, especially those most in need.

WHAT CHILDREN NEED TO KNOW

It is important to reassure children, address their fears, and communicate what we believe from a faith perspective. Here are a few things to keep in mind when having that conversation.

Keep it truthful,
keep it age appropriate, and keep it simple.

STOPPING THE SPREAD

It is our responsibility as parents to make sure our children know how to avoid spreading the virus. These steps are to keep your children safe, but also to protect those family members, friends and those most at risk in the community.

PRAYER

If prayer is not a regular part of your routine or that of your family, this is a great time to start! If possible, set aside some quiet time to be with God, and don't forget to spend some of that time listening. Pray the Rosary, invoke the intercession and protection of our Blessed Mother, and pray a novena to her.

BREATHING ROOM

We already tend to jam-pack our schedules with work, parenting, and other responsibilities. This crisis just increases the pressure.

Our faith tradition has a check against this called the Sabbath. It's about taking a break, taking time for ourselves, and taking time for God so that we can be spiritually refreshed, physically rested, and emotionally renewed to do the work we need to do. We need breathing room to stay healthy and centered. Even our children get over-scheduled in our culture. So this little break may be a good opportunity to help them embrace and appreciate the unstructured free time. Consider how that can continue, after the crisis passes.

HOME/ CHURCH

Masses and religious education classes have been canceled at many parishes, giving us an additional challenge as people of faith.

However, it's just as important (in fact, more important) for families to worship on Sundays. Our tradition calls each family a "domestic church"—sort of like a tiny parish—where we pray, teach the faith, and live it out. Perhaps this time is a blessing in disguise to help us embrace this reality. If you can't go to Mass in-person, here are some alternatives:

Scripts and instructions for leading a service at home:

<http://bit.ly/sunday-liturg-y-hours>.

Multiple suggestions by Fr. James Martin, S.J. at
<http://bit.ly/sunday-without-mass>.

Daily mass at: <https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCathedralSalinaKansas/videos/530789684239364/>

SERVING OTHERS

It is natural to ask, "Where is God in all of this?" As Matthew 25 reminds us, Christ is present in those who are in need (the hungry, thirsty, stranger, imprisoned, etc.). It is our job to do God's will in the world to make things better. We must always look beyond ourselves to serve our neighbor. As a family, how can you reach out to those who are most in need? You could...shop for neighbors who are staying home because they are most at-risk...call elderly family members, parishioners, or other friends who are isolated and lonely...support a small business that may be struggling.

As we continue this journey together, remember the importance of self-care. Be present to your own needs as you minister to others. And as always, we are called to keep our eyes fixed on Christ.

Purified with Jason Evert

The Purified Event with Jason Evert scheduled for March 30 had to be canceled but is currently being rescheduled for a date in the fall. Stay tuned to our Diocesan website and social media where we will post updated information as soon as it becomes available.

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

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

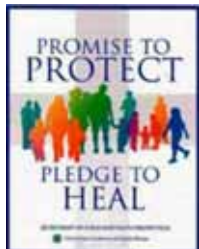
An invitation from Bishop Jerry Vincke:

"Our Blessed Mother gave life to the One who is our Life. She is our loving Mother who desires to help us in our needs. As the bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Salina, I would like to extend an invitation to all of our parishioners to join me in a special state-wide rosary crusade every Thursday to help us pass a human life amendment to the Kansas Constitution. This amendment will reverse the Kansas Supreme Court's decision to grant a constitutional right to abortion.

"I believe that our prayers have the power to change the hearts of our legislators and with the help of the Blessed Mother, we will be able to overturn this ruling.

"I thank you for your willingness to participate and I encourage you to join me in praying for an end to abortion and respect for all life from conception to natural death."

To join the Rosary Crusade visit kansasrosarycrusade.org/.



Any allegation of the abuse of a minor may be reported to the

Kanas Protection Report Center
(1-800-922-5330),

the **KBI Crime Hotline (1-800-KSCRIME)**,
or **ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov**.

The Diocese of Salina fully participates in all criminal investigations related to abuse perpetrated by a member of the clergy or other church official.

For the safety of children and the healing of those who have suffered abuse, the Diocese of Salina provides an **Abuse Response Hotline (1-785-825-0865)**, an **Abuse Response Email (reportabuse@salinadiocese.org)**, and an **Abuse Response Online Submission Form (www.salinadiocese.org/safety-security)**. Reports will be responded to promptly by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator. All reports are confidential with the exception of those involving the abuse of minors, which will be immediately reported by the Diocese to the proper authorities, as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy.

This bulletin announcement provided by
the Diocesan Office of Safety and Security
Diocese of Salina, PO Box 2984, Salina, KS 67402-2984

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM



DIocese of SALINA

All those who minister to children or young people on a regular basis are to be educated about the nature of child sexual abuse, how to report it, and strategies for prevention.

The Diocese of Salina currently uses a program called CMGCONNECT, a web-based, on-line training program (along with an integrated background check) that specializes in helping churches, schools, and religious organizations create safe environments for children and youth. High School students in grades 9-12 who work with other minors on a regular basis will do their own training through CMGConnect, which covers safe and appropriate ways to interact with other children.

BEFORE beginning any ministry with children in your parish or school, you must have Safe Environment Training and it must be current (taken within the last 5 years).

For more information, and to get instructions on how to log into CMGConnect, please contact the **Safety Coordinator** of your parish or school.

"Pope Francis has made it clear that the Church must hold the protection of minors amongst her highest priorities."

Fr. Federico Lombardi, SJ

The Safety Coordinator of our Parish/School is:

Jeanette Brungardt

Office: 785-735-9244

Email: Fidelisoyouth@ruraltel.net



NOTE: Events planned by the Diocese could be cancelled or postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

MADE FOR MORE

with Christopher West & Mike Mangione

St. Thomas More Church, Manhattan

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 | 7:00-9:30 PM

Tickets are now on sale and will sell out!

Grab your tickets today in a parish office in Manhattan or online at www.corproject.com/events/manhattan.

Tickets are \$25

MADE FOR MORE is an inspired blend of teaching, live music, and art that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

This event is appropriate for ages 16 and up. Please contact Deacon Wayne Talbot at St. Thomas More Parish (785-776-5151) if you would like more information.

Abby Johnson Event Postponed

The Kansas Knights of Columbus are currently working with Abby Johnson to reschedule her speaking event which was previously scheduled for May 2 at the Century 2 Convention Center in Wichita. They will send out information as soon as it is available.

SAVE THE DATE!

2020 Diocesan Men's Conference

Attention MEN! Mark your calendars for the 2020 Diocesan Men's Conference scheduled for **Saturday, August 15**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays.

Featured speakers will be Fr. Andy Hammeke of the Salina Diocese and Patrick Coffin, former host of Catholic Answers Live and current host of The Patrick Coffin Show (<http://www.patrickcoffin.media/>). He is also the author of *The Contraception Deception*; *Stay Cool When the Argument Heats Up*; *How to Handle Haters*; and *Once Saved Not Always Saved*. Registration for the event will open online May 1, 2020.

Diocesan Coronavirus Response

During these ever changing times it is more important than ever for families to look to each other for comfort and support. There are an abundant number of resources available online to help you keep the faith at home. This is a great opportunity to sign in to or register for your Formed.org account currently being offered for free to every parishioner at every Parish in the Diocese.

Many parishes are also live streaming Masses on their webpages or Facebook accounts as well as offering additional resources. If you have not already joined in the Diocesan Study on the Eucharist, perhaps its impact will be even more significant during this time when we are unable to receive.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALINA

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
Concordia

will celebrate a Memorial Mass for mothers who are grieving the loss of a child at any age, before or after birth

Thursday, May 7, 2020
10:30 AM

Celebrant Bishop Gerald Vincke

Mothers join in this celebration to rejoice in the gift of motherhood, even in the face of sadness and loss. Let us continue to celebrate those lives who have gone before us, and recognize that you are not alone in your grief.

Mothers who would like to attend, please call the Office of Family Life at 785-827-8746 #24. RSVP before April 27

Following Mass, a light reception will be held in the parish hall.

Office of Family Life
salinadiocese.org/family-life
785-827-8746

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	1,880.00	963.33	8
Walker	7,200.00	6,400.00	4,108.33	9

As of March 31, 2020, \$1,133,568.85 has been pledged and \$880,435.60 has been received toward the \$1.6 million goal of the Annual Appeal.



Diocese of Salina

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Lent 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans serving in the Holy Land, this special place where Jesus was born, lived, was crucified and rose from the dead. It is an opportunity for all of us to bring God's love and peace in a troubled land through this collection.

The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places, as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. We know that Christians there are often rejected and persecuted. It is vital that we care for our brothers and sisters in order to maintain a Christian presence in a land that is filled with a majority Islamic and Jewish population.

The collection helps the Holy Land Franciscans staff maintain the holy places and shrines and provide pastoral care in 29 parishes. It assists Christians in order that they can remain in the Holy Land. This includes providing for the poor and young couples by building thousands of residential units, senior care facilities and providing medical assistance to the needy. Additionally, the Franciscans operate and support schools that are open to all, regardless of religion or nationality.

It is our financial support that keeps the door open to Christians living in the Holy Land. Thank you for your consideration and your generosity.

In Christ's service,

+ Gerald L. Vincke

Most Rev. Gerald L. Vincke
Bishop of Salina

DIOCESE

Diaconate Ministry Information Sessions

There will be two sessions this spring where information will be presented to those men of the diocese who are interested in applying for the diaconate program for our diocese.

Information will be provided regarding the ministry of the diaconate, the discernment/aspirancy year, and the formation program itself. It is anticipated that the discernment year will begin in September 2020, and the formation program will begin in September 2021, for a total of 5 years of discernment and formation.

Bishop Vincke has chosen St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology to conduct the academic formation portion of the program at a yet-to-be-determined location in our diocese.

The dates and locations are:

- April 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 625 Freeman Avenue, Oakley, Kansas,
- May 2, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart High School, 234 E. Cloud Street, Salina, Kansas.

COMMUNITY

If you like movies about saints,
two good movies to watch using "FORMED"
are

"Bernadette" and *"Saint Rita"*.

They can be found under the
Movies tab—> Saints of History.



CHECK OUT "FORMED".

FORMED is a resource for a multitude of ministries, small group studies, family movie nights, Religious Education, personal spiritual enrichment, and evangelization and is available free to all parishioners of the tri-parishes.

**FORMED can be accessed at
www.StFidelisChurch.com on the "FORMED" tab.**

Memories remind us that
nothing lasts forever.

Time is precious and
should not be wasted.

Enjoy life and remember, don't count
the days, make the days count.

ST. FIDELIS ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir Practice

Has been suspended until further notice

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.
and 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.

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) contact Fr. John Schmeidler and make arrangements for him to be at the office so you can drop off your envelope.

A letter is being sent to parishioners with information on how to contact Fr. John and also concerning Fidelisfest.

The Parish Office will be closed from March 30 through April 3.

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.

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

☺ Sorry, But Your Duck Is Dead ☺

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest.

After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away." The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?"

"Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet.

"How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned

around, and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table, and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly, and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys, and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman.

The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$1,500!" she cried. "\$1,500 just to tell me my duck is dead!"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$1,500."