


„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

May 3, 2020— Fourth 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:

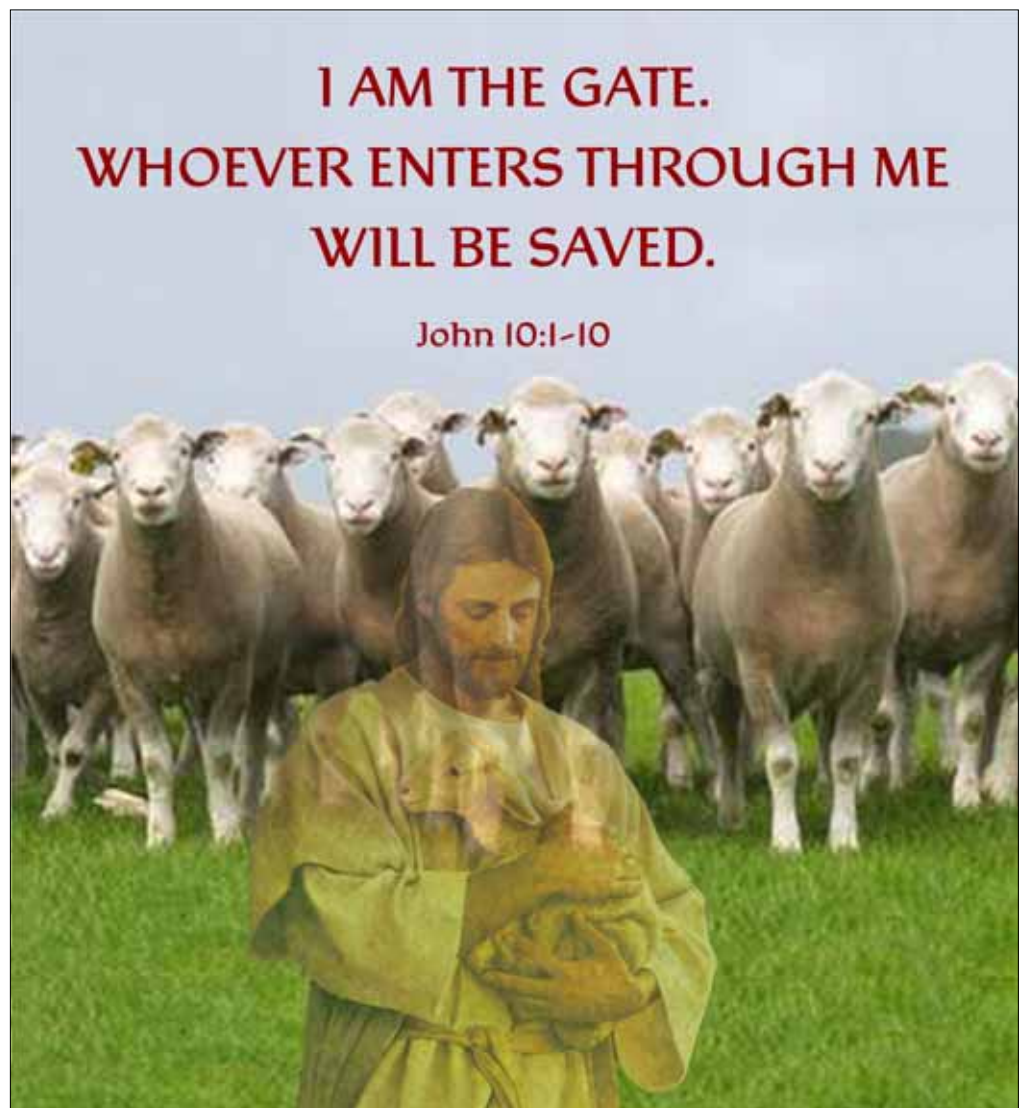
at St. Fidelis — Mondays — 7:30 pm
or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

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

May 10 — Mother’s Day
May 25 — Memorial Day — Mass @ 9:00 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
June 5 — Feast of St. Boniface
June 14 — Flag Day
June 21 — Father’s Day
July 4 — Independence Day (PARISH OFFICE CLOSED July 3)
July 26 — Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne
September 7 — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
September 11 — Patriot Day
September 12-13 — Blessing of Seed Wheat at all Masses





The Lord is My Shepherd

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is celebrated as Good Shepherd Sunday. The beloved twenty-third Psalm, although known as the Good Shepherd Psalm, does not actually use the term Good Shepherd. The image of Christ as a shepherd is found in each of the gospels, but especially in John from which the gospels for this Fourth Sunday of Easter are always taken.

In those gospels Jesus describes the noble qualities of a dedicated shepherd. The most comforting is the Good Shepherd seeking out the lost sheep. In today's gospel Christ calls himself the Sheep Gate, the guardian protecting his sheep from thieves. In other passages the shepherd unites a divided flock, calls his sheep by name as they know his voice and follow him. Christ repeats five times that he is the shepherd who will lay down his life for his sheep.

Most of us have never seen a shepherd tending a flock of sheep, but all Americans have vivid images of cattlemen from western movies. If we transfer our sense of a cattleman onto a shepherd we will miss the gospel image of Christ as our shepherd. Cattlemen and shepherds are both stockmen yet there is a major difference in the manner of their work. That difference is critical to the gospel image of Christ. A cattleman drives his herd. A shepherd leads his flock. Cattle are driven; sheep follow.

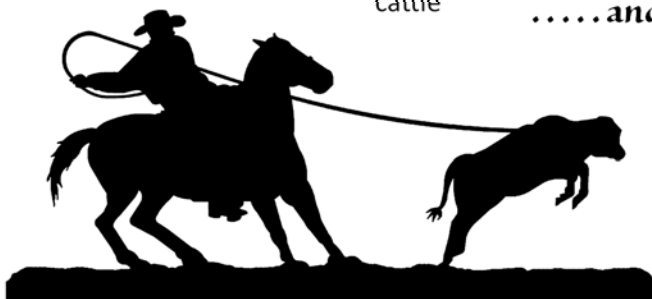
Christ is the Good Shepherd and we are his sheep. Christianity is not a cattle

drive. It is a pasture under the care of a shepherd who leads his flock. This image captures well the nature of our faith. Unbelievers often miss this distinction: the Good Shepherd does not have a herd, he has a flock; he does not compel, he invites; he does not enforce, he embraces. The Christian faith is not a tyranny, as critics suggest. It is a kingdom of truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, love, and peace. Such values do not rule by force but by faith.

Sheep need a shepherd. Sheep are easily distracted, carelessly wander into danger, often get lost, and need to be led to food and water. Such an image of faithful Christians may seem unflattering. Yet, in the spiritual realm, we often resemble such sheep. We easily wander from truth and goodness; we get lost; we need spiritual direction and nourishment. That message is very relevant in the present Corona crisis. Today we gratefully celebrate the care of the Good Shepherd, mindful that sheep are not driven, sheep follow.

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Some days my greatest accomplishment is just keeping my mouth shut.



Parish Staff

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Contributions April 26, 2020

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 1035.00

ST. ANN:

Candles 500.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 30.00

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Jean Roth**, who passed away on Monday, April 27, 2020. Due to COVID-19, a private family funeral Mass will be held at a later date at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, with inurnment in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

You can shed tears because they are gone,
Or you can smile because they lived.
You can close your eyes and pray they will come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all that they left for you.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see them.
Or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember only that they are gone,
Or you can cherish their memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind and feel empty,
Or you can do what they would want.

Smile, Open your heart, Love...and go on.

~Elizabeth Ammons (from Facebook)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Lenten Crosses

The Knights of Columbus will remove the Lenten crosses from yards Saturday, May 2. If you need yours removed sooner, please contact Harland Rupp at 785-623-1368.

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2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEGDED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGDED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	14,700.00	9,620.00	7,470.00	50
Vincent	400.00	2,130.00	1,379.99	9
Walker	7,200.00	9,050.00	6,966.66	10

As of April 28, 2020,

\$1,291,005.27 has been pledged and \$1,020,418.75 has been received toward the \$1.6 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

Summer Lunch Program

St. Fidelis will sponsor the summer lunch program beginning the day after the school finishes their lunch program. Due to the current situation, details have not been finalized but it will take place at the Parish Activity Center. There is no registration. Any children in the Victoria area are invited and encouraged to attend. Watch for more information on the Basilica of St. Fidelis Religious Education Facebook page, on our website (StFidelisChurch.com), and in the bulletin.

Food Pantry Open

The St. Fidelis food pantry is open every morning during the week. Anyone in the Tri-Parish area is encouraged to make use of this program. You will need to call, 785-735-2777 ahead of time to be sure that someone is available to help you.

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.

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.

When we are back to celebrating Masses in church again, St. Ann's Mass will be held on Sundays at 7:30 a.m. until November 1.

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.

Taking a Ride in the New Corvette

A senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he floored it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little gray hair he had left. Amazing, he thought as he flew down I-94, pushing the pedal even more.

Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a state trooper behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this," and he pulled over to await the trooper's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the trooper walked up to

the Corvette, looked at his watch, and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

The old gentleman paused. Then he said, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a state trooper. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, sir," replied the trooper.

