

„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 17, 2020— Sixth 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 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
September 14 — Exaltation of the Holy



Jesus
said to
his disciples:

“Whoever
has my
commandments
and observes
them
is the one
who loves
me.”

John 14:15-21



The Chicken or the Egg

What comes first, the chicken or the egg? Which comes first, love or loyalty? How does one give birth to the other? Does my mother love me because I am good, or does her love enable me to be good? Do I obey God because I love him or do I love him by obeying him?

Today's gospel implicitly poses that question. It says first, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." (v.15) But then it inverts the order, "Whoever observes my commandments is the one who loves me." (v.20)

Love of God impels one to keep his commandments, but the inverse is not necessarily true. Obedience is not conclusive proof of love of God. One can keep the commandments for reasons other than love, for less honorable reasons, even for the wrong reasons. We can be morally correct for fear of punishment or to enjoy a good reputation, to please others or even to deceive others.

We all have imperfect love and therefore mixed motives. Growth as a Christian means purifying our motives so that love of God becomes our primary guide. An authentic Christian follows the gospel not from fear of punishment or shame, but simply for love of God in Christ. Love is the substance of God's commandments, and love motivates the keeping of his commandments.

This suggests that obedience will cultivate love. Obedience is formative. Consider your early years at school. You did your homework from fear of

punishment or failing a course. The day you went to the library on your own, without a school assignment, just to learn about a topic, that day you became a genuine student. And a scholar enjoys learning.

There are similar stages of development in Christian living. In the beginning phase, one observes the commandments for fear of punishment or shame. Gradually we realize that such observance is good for us and we keep the commandments willingly. Eventually, living the commandments generates a love of God that makes observing them a joy. First, I eat vegetables because my mother says I have to.

Next, I eat vegetables because I know they are good for me. Finally, I eat vegetables because I like them.

Which comes first, the

chicken or the egg? Trick question. Actually, they give birth to each other. St. Augustine said, "Love God, and then do whatever you want." If you truly love God, you will never desire what is evil but only what is good, which will in turn enrich your love of God.

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Never laugh at your wife's choices . . . you're one of them!



Parish Staff

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**Contributions
May 10, 2020**

ST. FIDELIS:
Envelopes 8389.00 Loose 1700.00
Holy Thursday 5.00
Good Friday 5.00
Endowment 109.00
Repair Fund 316.00

ST. ANN:
Envelopes 400.00 Loose 100.00

ST. BONIFACE:
Envelopes 400.00

Summer Lunch Program Begins Next Week

St. Fidelis will begin the lunch program next week when the school finishes their lunch program. It will be across the street from the school on the north side of the Parish Activity Center.

Please drive to the north door to pick up your lunch. We will have take-home lunches until all the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted and then we will have a place for the kids to eat here if they choose. You may pick up your lunch from 11:00 – 11:30.

The lunch program will run through the end of July, unless there is a need to continue it the remainder of the summer.

Any questions, please call Jan at the PAC Center at 785-735-2777. There is no registration or cost. All Victoria children are encouraged and invited to participate.

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.

St. Fidelis Thrift Shop

The St. Fidelis Thrift Shop will open as soon as we get permission from the State.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION

BARBEQUE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH - 2020

11A.M. TO 2 P.M.



SPONSORED BY

ALL ELLIS COUNTY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS

- For all active & retired responders and their families
- Frontier Park east shelter house, Hays
- Serving hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, & refreshments
- In case of bad weather event will be moved to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Activity Center, Hays

COMMUNITY

Preschool and Kindergarten Round-Up

Victoria kindergarten and preschool packets were mailed out last week. This year the school will hold round up via ZOOM meetings on **Tuesday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m. for preschool** and **Wednesday, May 20, at 6:00 for kindergarten**.

In order to participate in the meeting you have to be invited by the teacher. Please call Tammy at the school office if you have not yet received a packet of information.

City Garage Sales and Spring Clean Up

The city-wide Garage Sale originally scheduled for April has been moved to

Saturday, May 30.

This date is tentative depending on COVID-19 guidelines.



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.



Commodities to Be Distributed

Government surplus commodities will be distributed on **Tuesday, May 19**, at 1:30 p.m. at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street. Please use the north entrance.



Commodities will be available once a month until the end of the year. Times and dates will be posted in the St. Fidelis Church bulletin and at the banks in Victoria.

The Basilica of St. Fidelis

The Cathedral of the Plains

May 12, 2020

St. Fidelis Church will again sponsor the summer lunch program at the Parish Activity Center. Until all the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted we will continue to operate like the school only you will pick the lunches up on the north side of the PAC Center. We will serve from 11-11:30. Any children in the Victoria area are invited and encouraged to attend. There is no pre-registration or cost. Since Monday is Memorial Day, we will begin on Tuesday, May 26, with a meal for Tuesday and on Wednesday, the 27th we will send 2 meals home and on Friday we will send 2 meals home. After the first week, we will send 2 meals home on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We will run the program like this until all restrictions are lifted. That is scheduled for June 15 right now. We will then run the program like the previous years with daily lunch here at the PAC thru the end of July for sure. If there is a need we will continue until school starts.

Since the school is preparing over 100 lunches for each day, we would like to know if you plan on participating in our lunch program this summer. You do not have to participate every day. We just need a rough estimate as to how many meals to fix. Last year we averaged 40 meals per day. We are more than happy to serve as many kids as the school is but we also do not want to make way too many meals that may be wasted.

Please let us know on the bottom of this form and give it to the school when you pick up your lunches.

If you have any questions, please call Fr. John or Jan at the Parish Office, 735-2777.

Thank you so much and we look forward to seeing all of you this summer.

Fr. John Schmeidler
Jan Brungardt

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We plan on participating in the summer lunch program. We have _____ children that will be participating.

Weekly Mass with Fr. John on Youtube Channel

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

Masses to Be Celebrated in Church Again at New Times to Help Follow Coronavirus Guidelines

Weekday Masses returned to their regularly scheduled times in the Basilica of St. Fidelis (Monday @ 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday @ 6:45 a.m.). Confessions are heard on Mondays after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses for the tri-parishes of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Fidelis only with a revised schedule.

Saturday Masses: 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

MASSES ON YOUTUBE

The Masses will still be recorded and posted to YouTube. Go to www.StFidelisChurch.com and click the link on the Home Page or Mass Schedule Page to view a Mass.

EXEMPT FROM ATTENDING

You are still exempt from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, so if you are sick or feel uncomfortable attending in crowds, you are encouraged to remain at home and observe the Mass on the Internet or television.

CAUTIONARY GUIDELINES

Cautionary guidelines due to the Coronavirus will be in effect at Masses. Participants are asked to help wipe down the pews after each Mass to prepare it for the next Mass. Disinfectant supplies will be provided. Some pews may be closed off to help maintain the 6-foot social distancing requirements.

HOLY COMMUNION

For Communion there will be one line up the center aisle and you will need to return via the side aisles. Remember to keep 6 feet apart unless you are near immediate family members.

MISSALETTES

Missalettes will not be available at the Masses.

ST. BONIFACE AND ST. ANN TITHING

Please remember to put your tithing in your Sunday donation envelopes (or in a regular envelope with your Name and Church written on the front) so your Church will get credit for it.

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2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEDGED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEDGED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	14,700.00	12,010.00	9,260.00	54
Vincent	400.00	2,130.00	1,379.99	9
Walker	7,200.00	9,050.00	6,966.66	10

As of May 12, 2020,

\$1,316,993.27 has been pledged and \$1,058,199.74 has been received toward the \$1.6 million goal of the Annual Appeal.