


„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 26, 2020— Third 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 3 — St. Ann Mass time changes
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



...he was made
known to them
in the breaking
of the bread.

Luke 24:13-35



The Wrong Way



In today's gospel, the two disciples on the way to Emmaus are going the wrong way. They were walking away from Jerusalem to an outlying village. "Walking away from Jerusalem" is an image of walking away from a failed faith. "We were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel." (Lk 24:21) They had apparently given up and they were going in the wrong direction.

But Jesus walked with them as they went the wrong way. He challenged them, "Was it not necessary that the Messiah had to suffer these things and enter into his glory? Then he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures." (Lk 24:27) He enlightened them, renewed their faith, and then they joyfully retraced their steps to Jerusalem. When Christians walk away from their faith, the Lord does not abandon them. He walks with them, even as they go the wrong way. He challenges them, and then he offers them the grace to redirect their steps.

Christ opened the minds of the confused disciples with the Scriptures, and he then opened their eyes with the Breaking of the Bread, the Eucharist. Their journey with the Lord

had the format of our celebration of the Mass: explaining the Scriptures was the Liturgy of the Word; the Breaking of the Bread was the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Every Eucharistic celebration repeats the Emmaus journey. Often we come to Mass with troubled hearts, with frustrations over family, friends, even our faith. We may be going in the wrong direction. Yet at Mass we are enlightened by Scripture and nourished by the Bread of Life. And as the disciples in this gospel, we may not realize such moments of grace until later.

We do not come to Mass to find a God who is only here in church, and nowhere else in our life. We come to



church to celebrate the many ways that God is present to us every day. We reflect on how God has been with us even when we did not recognize his presence, as in the present Corona crisis.

Today's gospel reminds us that the Lord walks with us, even when we go in the wrong direction. His presence, often in disguise as in this

gospel, can help us to retrace our steps. "So they returned to Jerusalem, and recounted how He was made known to them in the Breaking of the Bread." (Lk 24:33)

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The corona virus has done what no woman has been able to do: cancel all sports, shut down the bars, and keep men at home!

Parish Staff

Pastor:

Fr. John Schmeidler, OFM, Cap.
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Bookkeeper/Minister to the Elderly and Homebound/Thrift Shop/Food Pantry:

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Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/
Youth Minister
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Sacramental Records
email: sfreled@ruraltel.net

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)
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Contributions April 19, 2020

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 1350.00

ST. ANN:

Candles 109.25

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 120.00

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.

Fidelisfest Winners

The winners of the Fidelisfest raffle were:

- \$2,000—Don and Shirley Pundsack of Great Bend, Kansas
- \$1,000—Warren and Arlene Wittman of Victoria, Kansas
- \$500—Kathy Huser of Victoria, Kansas; Sandra Kunkel of Leavenworth, Kansas; Steve and Mary Pfeifer of Victoria, Kansas; and Pam Scheck of Victoria, Kansas.

We would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets and made cash donations.

**Speak to people in a way
that if they died the next day
you'd be satisfied with the last thing
you said to them.**

DIOCESE

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

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.

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEDGED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEDGED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	14,700.00	9,470.00	7,320.00	49
Vincent	400.00	2,130.00	1,213.33	9
Walker	7,200.00	6,400.00	4,108.33	9

As of April 21, 2020,

\$1,251,354.44 has been pledged and \$981,229.61 has been received toward the \$1.6 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

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.

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Faith in Action!

Listen to Divine Mercy Radio

Spring Care-a-Thon

April 28 – May 1, 2020

Radio @ 88.1 – Phone app – Echo – [@dvmercy.com](https://www.facebook.com/dvmercy.com)
of special interest to

St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface:

Tuesday, April 28

4:00 pm – Fr. Donald Calloway

“St. Joseph for our Times”

Wednesday, April 29

8:00 am – Dr. Pat Castle – “Becoming a Gate Voter”

9:00 am – Brian McCaffrey – “Vocation & Deacon”

Thursday, April 30

10:00 am – Bishop Gerald Vincke

“How to Live like the Apostles”

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 today—Sunday, April 26, 2020.

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 tomorrow—Monday, April 27.