

“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 Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00		<b>Catholic Faith Education Office:</b> 785-735-9244	
<b>Gift Shop Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday: 8:30–noon and 1:00–4:30 Friday: 8:30–noon	<b>Weddings:</b> Couples planning to marry must contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before the wedding date for marriage preparations.	<b>Baptisms:</b> All new parents are asked to complete a Baptismal Preparation class before their child is baptized. For information, please call the Parish Office.	<b>Hospital Visits:</b> To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.
<b>In-Home Mass:</b> Any homebound or hospice family interested in having Mass in their home should contact the Parish Office.	<b>Holy Communion Brought to Homebound:</b> 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>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:</b> <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)

## April 29, 2018 – Fifth 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

### Confessions:

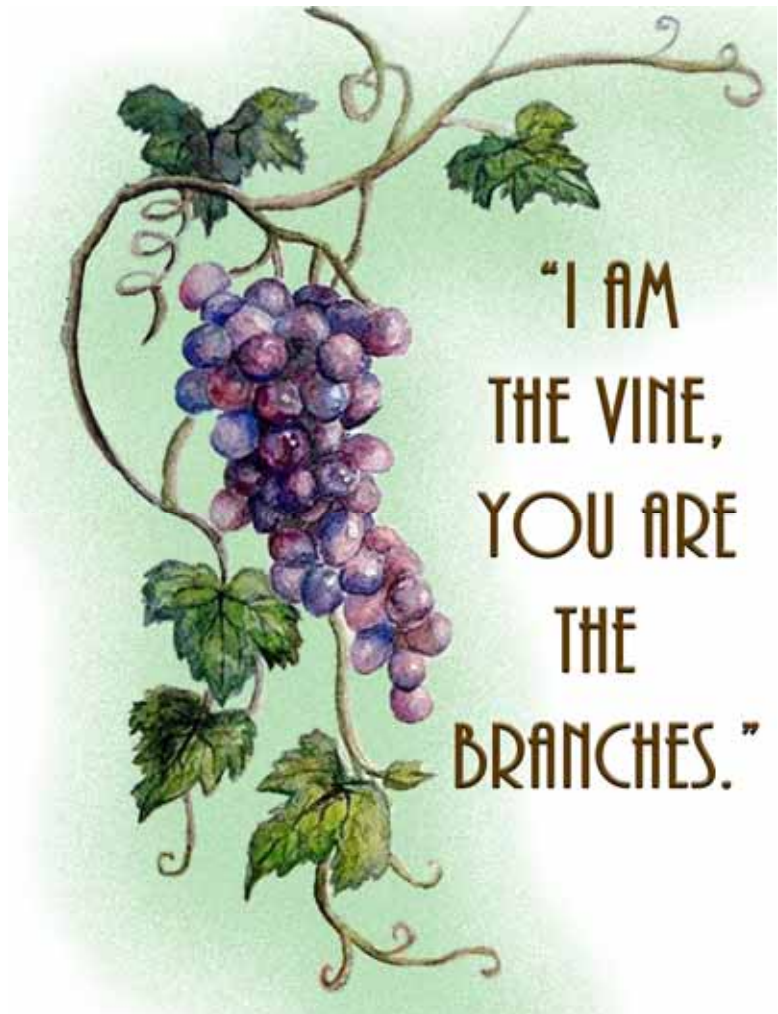
at St. Fidelis — Mondays — 7:30 pm  
or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

### 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

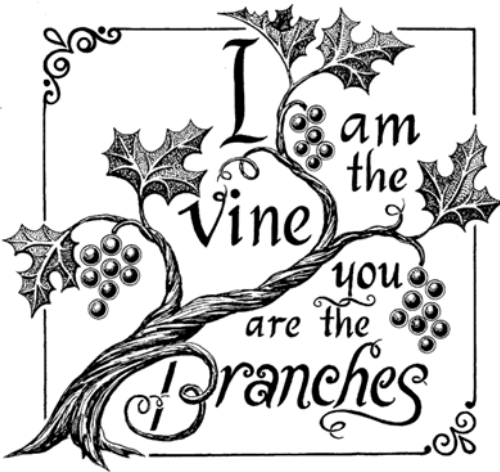
**May 3** — National Day of Prayer  
**May 10** — Ascension  
**May 13** — Mother’s Day  
**May 13** — Graduation  
**May 17** — Last Day of School  
**May 19** — Armed Forces Day  
**May 20** — Pentecost  
**May 28** — Memorial Day—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**June 4** — School lunch program begins  
**June 5** — Feast of St. Boniface  
**June 10** — Tri-Parish Card Party  
**June 17** — Father’s Day  
**June 21** — First Day of Summer  
**July 4** — Independence Day—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**July 26** — Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne



(from the Holy Gospel according to John 15:1-8)



There are no parables in the gospel of John. In the other gospels, Matthew Mark, and Luke, which are known as the synoptic gospels, Jesus teaches mostly with parables. But in John's gospel Jesus preaches with personal discourses, metaphors, and analogies. Jesus says things like: "I am the bread of life." "I am the light of the world." "I am the resurrection and the life." "I am the way and the truth and the life."



Two of the analogies in John's gospel, that Jesus is the shepherd and the vine, are developed more extensively than the others. In the tenth chapter of John, Jesus elaborates on himself as the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep, the sheep gate who guards his flock, and the shepherd who leads his sheep gathering them into one flock. (Jn 10)

In today's gospel reading from the fifteenth chapter of John, Jesus develops the analogy of the vine and the branches. "I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." (Jn 15:5) The significance of this analogy is that it offers a concrete image of grace, one of the most significant yet elusive theological concepts of our faith. Grace is the unseen means by which we share in the life of God.

The essence of Christianity is the incarnation, the historical fact that God took on our human form in Jesus of Nazareth. It follows that if God shared in our life, we then in some way share in the life of God. This is a fundamental teaching of our Christian faith. Many expressions of this truth can be found in the gospel of John: "Remain in me as I remain in you." (Jn 15:2) "Just as you and I are one, Father, may they be one in us." (Jn 7:21) "I am the bread of life. Whoever eats this bread will live forever." (Jn 6:45)

Those words of our Lord express well the concept of grace, yet the full import of them may easily escape us as words alone often do. The analogy of the vine and branches, however, gives us a familiar mental picture from our own experience with living plants. Even an amateur gardener will appreciate the meaning of these words: "Just as a branch cannot bear fruit of its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." (Jn 15: 4)

In his commentary on this gospel Pope Francis emphasized that followers of Christ must bear fruit from their union with the vine. "Each one of us is a branch of the one vine that is Jesus; and all of us together are called to bear the fruits of union with Christ and the Church. We are to be living branches in the Church and witness in the world. According to our own particular vocation, we participate in the one saving mission of Jesus Christ, the Lord."

## ... and mirth

The vitamin for Christians is B1.

## 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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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  
email: sftch@ruraltel.net

## 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

### St. Fidelis Finance Council

John R. Braun 735-2622  
Harland Rupp 735-2206  
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 April 21-22, 2018

### **ST. FIDELIS:**

Adult 2808.00 Loose 1305.01

### **ST. ANN:**

Adult 907.00 Loose 208.25

### **ST. BONIFACE:**

Adult 375.00 Loose 237.00

## ~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

**Apr. 30** — Bob and Phyllis Stramel

**May 7** — Ivan and Verda Werner

## With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Susan M. (Kuhn) Davis**, who passed away on Thursday, December 28, 2017. Services were held at Little Sisters of the Poor, Kansas City, Missouri, on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, Inurnment was in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria, on April 24.

### WANTED: Old Photos of Walker School

St. Ann Christian Mothers is collecting old photographs taken in or around the Walker school building, which now serves as the parish hall. The building was used first as a high school, then a grade school, from 1925 to 1971. If anyone has photographs of sports teams, graduations, or other activities, the photograph would be copied and used in a historical collage. The original photograph would be returned to you.

If you have a photograph that you would be willing to share, please contact Mary Kay Schippers at 785-650-3050. Thank you!

## ST. ANN

### St. Ann Dates to Remember:

- ◆ No coffee and rolls Saturday, April 28.
- ◆ Mass time switches to 7:30 AM on Sundays beginning May 6.

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

### Save the Date!

#### Daughters of Isabella

#### Mother/Daughter Mass/Crowning

Sunday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m.

at The Basilica of St Fidelis

A brunch will follow at the Victoria V.F.W.  
Please RSVP to Sandy Glassman at 785-259-3343  
or Deb Geschwentner at 785-735-4226.

### Volunteers Needed to Pray Rosary

The Daughters of Isabella are in need of volunteers to say the Rosary on the third Sunday Mass of each month. Please call JoAnn Berens 785-639-1948.

## SCENES FROM FIDELISFEST — SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018



The Basilica of St. Fidelis' Fidelisfest was held outside again this year on the north side of the Parish Office building on Sunday, April 22, near the feast day of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen which falls on April 24.

Thank you to all of you who participated in anyway through donations or attendance or helping with the booths.

Photos by Joe Brungardt

# Jr. CYO Dance a Success!

Story and photos by Randy Huser

The first ever Jr. CYO End-of-School Dance was held on Friday, April 20. The evening began with a supper at the Huser farm at Vincent, followed by a hay ride across the creek, then through the pasture to St. Boniface Church. The kids, along with their families, had much to enjoy on the way to the church as the trailer got quite noisy at times, signifying the fun everyone was having! One stopping point along the way was a view of four Catholic churches, where

Gorham, Walker, Victoria, and Vincent churches can all be seen from one spot. The kids also viewed the wagon tracks from the early 1900's where limestone was hauled out from the quarry.

Upon arriving at St. Boniface shortly before dark, the clouds were thickening to the point that the rain was coming soon! The kids quickly formed two teams and played man-hunt on the parish grounds. They enjoyed running in the country freedom until the clouds opened up right at dark. As the youth entered the hall for the dance, they wiped

their shoes and started hopping!

The night of dancing was mixed with all kinds of fun including a limbo game won by Macy Hammerschmidt. At one point the kids even went out in the rain to do a rain dance. A variety of music entertained the kids throughout the night, and the kitchen of snacks and drinks kept them energized to the point of not wanting to go home! The dance was to end around 9:30, but with the momentum of the kids in full swing yet, the adults just could not stop their fun. So the dance was extended to 11:00 which kept their happy hearts going!

The night was a great investment in our youth. Thank you to the many parents that brought food and helped chaperone. Also thank you to the Knights of Columbus for financially providing the supper, homemade ice cream, and drinks. Faith was the common denominator of the whole event, and many elements of our faith made the night a success! When kids celebrate faith together, they create unity in themselves and unity with God.

***PS: When the dance was over we heard the words "Can we do this again?" So looking at the fall calendar, the CYO Back-to-School BBQ and Dance is scheduled at St. Boniface for Saturday, September 22.***



**Twenty Jr. CYO kids line up to go through two tables of food at the Jr. CYO end-of-school supper and dance.**



Enjoying the hayride on the way to St. Boniface Church. (This photo by Jeanette Brungardt)



Nearly all 20 kids make their moves on the dance floor at St. Boniface parish hall.

*"Can we do this again?"*



Kids playing Man-hunt on the St. Boniface grounds before the dance, using the propane tank as base.



Jaci VonLintel gets down under the bar (a cattle stick) in the Limbo game.



Time to take a "train dance" outside along St. Boniface Church.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION CALENDAR

APRIL CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 2

2:30 P.M. – 3:15 P.M. – May Crowning practice in Basilica of St. Fidelis

Sunday, May 6

10:00 A.M. Mass – May Crowning with the Daughters of Isabella

Last Sunday of Liturgy of the Word for Children, Grades K-2

Sunday, May 13

10:00 A.M. Mass – Baccalaureate Mass

Tuesday, May 22

7:00 P.M. – Religious Ed Committee Meeting

Saturday, May 26 – Tuesday, May 29 Jr. CYO Rock Springs Camp

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day – Office closed

Monday, June 18 – Friday, June 22

Vacation Bible School, “A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments”

A very warm and heartfelt thank you to our catechists and volunteers:

Tammy Lichter	Ashley Dome	Andrea Hoffman	Marge Rome	Jade Herl
Jacque Schmidt	Becky Scheck	Primrose Hockersmith	Carla Schmeidler	
Melissa Robben	Cheri Dorzweiler	Karen Nowak	Harland Rupp	Randy Huser
Amanda Truan	John Braun	Yvonne Braun	Tom Tholen	Judy Dreiling
Jay Dinkel	Bob Brungardt			

You each deserve all the recognition and appreciation, for every Wednesday evening for the past 7-8 months you have entered the Parish Activity Center ready to serve our youth. There is no heart like that of a volunteer and you each truly have a servant’s heart. I cannot thank you enough for the gifts you share with our youth and families. Wishing you all a Blessed summer.

*Jeanette B.*



“Teacher, you may not see the fruit of today’s work, but you have seeded a lifetime of knowledge.”  
Unknown



The second grade class is invited to participate in the May Crowning Service on Sunday, May 6, alongside the Daughters of Isabella at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Practice for the May Crowning Service will be this Wednesday, May 2, from 2:30 to 3:15 P.M. in St. Fidelis Church with Jeanette Brungardt.



Thank you to the youth and parent’s who volunteered and oversaw the children’s games at this year’s Fidelisfest!



Tune in to Divine Mercy Radio on 88.1 FM this Wednesday, May 2nd, at 2:00 P.M.

Youth from our March for Life trip will be live and on air discussing their trip to D.C. this past January.



## Stir into Flame

Tune in to Divine Mercy Radio  
 Tuesday-Friday, May 1-4, for  
**KVDM's Spring Care-a-Thon**

\*Chance to win prizes play Catholic Trivia, hear from local guests \*

Guests of particular interest for the tri-parishes of  
 St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface are:  
 (for a complete schedule go to [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com))

### Tuesday, May 1

10:00 a.m. – A Special Announcement

### Wednesday, May 2

8:00 a.m. – Fr. John Schmeidler  
 2:00 p.m. – Randy Huser and Students

### Friday, May 4

4:00 to 6:00 p.m. – Straight Talk with Fr. Fred (Live)  
 (Time to call in and ask any question about the Catholic  
 Faith. Call-in number: 785-621-5061.)

*Please pray for this evangelization mission. Thank you.*

## Victoria Recreation Looking for Volunteers

Victoria Recreation  
 is looking for VOLUNTEERS to teach a craft or skill.  
 If you would be interested in donating your time or  
 have any questions, please contact  
 Sharon Bleske @ 785-735-4081 or  
 Marla Robben @ 785-735-8073.



Community Assistance Center — 12th and Oak, Hays

## GARAGE SALE

Tuesday, May 1 • 8:00-11:00 am  
 MONEY IS USED TO SUPPORT THE CENTER.



## City-wide Garage Sale Saturday, April 28, 2018

## City-wide Clean Up Friday - Saturday - Sunday April 27, 28, and 29

Dumpsters will be available at the  
 compost site during the following times:

**April 27 — 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**April 28 — 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
**April 29 — 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



*No tires, appliances with Freon, and no household hazardous  
 waste will be accepted.*

## VICTORIA VFW POST 1751

**Please call in advance if you would like the Club Room  
 to be open on Friday evenings.**

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.

## Victoria Schools Calendar



### Monday — April 30

7:00 am 5th Grade field trip to Abilene  
 Lunch Menu: General Chicken, fried rice, peas, pears, fruit cobbler,  
 salad, milk  
 AIM Period — Students have directed study  
 3:30 pm JH track practice  
 4:00 pm HS baseball with Russell @ Beloit. Depart 1:00  
 6:00 pm NHS Induction in cafeteria

### Tuesday — May 1

Lunch Menu: Chili crunch, green beans, banana, cinnamon roll,  
 salad, milk  
 AIM Period — Students have directed study  
 1:00 pm JH track meet @ Clafin. Depart 11:00  
 3:30 pm HS track practice  
 4:00 pm HS baseball with Russell vs. Beloit. Depart 1:00

### Wednesday — May 2 — *School dismissed 2:20*

1st Grade field trip @ Rolling Hills  
 FCCLA District B meeting  
 Lunch Menu: Bratwurst, baked beans, pasta salad, cantaloupe,  
 salad, milk  
 AIM Period — Students have directed study  
 2:20 pm Early dismissal  
 3:30 pm JH/HS track practice  
 4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

### Thursday — May 3 — *School dismissed 12:30*

HS will eat first today. JH will have AIM first  
 Lunch Menu: Breaded pork patty, mashed potatoes, corn, French  
 bread, fruit cocktail, salad, milk  
 AIM Period — Students have directed study  
 1:00 pm Victoria Invitational Track Meet

### Friday — May 4

NHS trip to Denver. Mrs. Somers and select student will participate  
 5th Grade Famous Figures  
 3rd Grade field trip @ Hays  
 Lunch Menu: Pizza, mixed vegetables, banana cake, applesauce,  
 salad, milk  
 AIM Period — Students have directed study  
 3:30 pm JH/HS track practice  
 4:00 pm HS baseball with Russell @ SE of Saline. Depart 11:30

**Mass at St. Ann Church, Walker,  
will be said at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays  
starting NEXT Sunday, May 6.**

This schedule will be followed until November.

**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.



**Christian Mothers/Altar Society**

**Meeting Date Set**

The Christian Mothers will meet in the north sacristy of the Basilica of St. Fidelis on **Monday, May 7**, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

Any members who have not yet paid their dues, please do so. Payment can be given to Teresa Shepherd (785-735-9576).

**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.

**COMMUNITY**

**Victoria High School will be conducting  
Make A Difference Day  
on Thursday, May 3.**

If you would like student help or need students to do a project for you, please contact Dylan Dronberger at [ddronberger@ruraltel.net](mailto:ddronberger@ruraltel.net) or you can call the high school at 785-735-9211 and leave a message with Michelle.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>APRIL 30</b>
7:00 pm Galen, Bonavent, Margaret, Leo, Gilbert, Donnie, David, and Leland and Marlene Dinkel Andrew J. and Miriam Wasinger	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>MAY 1</b>
6:45 am Robert Dinges	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>MAY 2</b>
6:45 am	
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>MAY 3</b>
6:45 am Katie Scheck	
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>MAY 4</b>
6:45 am Don Sander Doris Younger Pfeifer	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>MAY 5</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Herman, Regina, and Joyce Brungardt	
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> .....
<b>MAY 6</b>	
7:30 am St. Ann Don Sander Bernita Kinderknecht	
8:45 am St. Boniface Lavern Braun and Wendelin and Clarita Braun	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Joseph and Albina Rome Don Gross Daughters of Isabella Mother/Daughter Mass	

**Art & Nature Walk**

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
10am - 3pm

Location:  
Victoria, Ks — west on 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
about ¼ mile onto sand road.

**Admission: FREE**

(see Sand Plum Art on facebook)

<b>* Sunday Rosary Schedule *</b>	
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, May 5, 5:00 PM** — Christy and Lydia Sander  
**Sunday, May 6, 10:00 AM** — Leroy Schmidtberger

**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.