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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

Catholic Faith Education Office: 785-735-9244

Gift Shop Hours: Monday-Thursday:

Couples planning to marry must contact the 8:30-noon and 1:00-4:30 Parish Office at least 6 months before the Friday: 8:30-noon wedding date for marriage preparations.

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00 Weddings: Baptisms:

All new parents are asked to complete a Baptismal Preparation class before their child is baptized. For information, please call the Parish Office.

Hospital Visits:

To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.

In-Home Mass:

Any homebound or hospice family interested in having Mass in their home should contact the Parish Office.

Holy Communion Brought to Homebound:

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.

BULLETIN ITEMS:

Deadline is Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Connie (sftech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) at the Parish Office.

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

February 10, 2019 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses:

St. Fidel is, 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 • 10:00 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

Feb. 18 — Presidents' Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Mar. 1 — World Day of Prayer

Mar. 6 — Ash Wednesday

Mar. 8 — Stations of the Cross begin on Fridays of Lent

Mar. 9-10 — Anointing of the Sick after all Masses

Mar. 10 — Daylight Savings Time begins - Turn clocks AHEAD 1 hour

Mar. 11 — No scheduled Confessions

@ St. Fidelis—Fr. John not available Mar. 11-15 — No Masses @ St. Fidelis

Fr. John not available

Mar. 11-15 — School Spring Break

Mar. 17 — First Sunday of Lent Mar. 17 — St. Patrick's Day

Jesus said to Simon: "Do not be afraid: from now on you will be catching men."



When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

from the Gospel according to Luke: 5:1-11



Fishers of Men

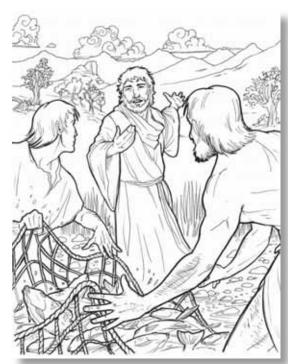
G.K. Chesterton once remarked that he was blessed with a faith so secure that he believed all the gospel miracles despite the fact that they were told to us by fishermen. Aside from the amusing mendacity of fishermen, there are helpful reflections on why Christ chose fishermen to be his apostles.

In gospel times fishermen were rugged, uneducated laborers with few social graces and fewer communication skills. There were many priests, rabbis, and elders

trained in religious matters, yet Christ by-passed those well qualified candidates and chose twelve simple fishermen.

Why? Perhaps the fishermen had no preconceived ideas about the Messiah, unlike the rabbis and priests who thought they knew everything about the promised Savior. The laborers lack religious training and communication skills illustrates that the spreading of the gospel does not depend upon their skills or talents, but on the grace of God acting through them. The spread of Christianity has defied all the odds. It still amazes historians.

There is also the analogy between fishing and faith. Landing fish and leading people to God



follow similar patterns. The fish are hidden from view, as is the human soul; the net must be cast to gather the fish, as the word of God must be spread to the people. The fish are lured with bait, as the truth of the gospel attracts the spiritually hungry.

There are lessons here for modern Christians. Many today have a religious inferiority complex, a low religious self-esteem. Too many sell themselves short spiritually. They feel that their lack of formal religious training disqualifies them from engaging their faith more seriously, both in developing their own faith and in using their gift of faith in service of others. Consequently, many enriching opportunities are lost: lay ministries, Bible study, renewal programs, and parish activities. The selection of apostles from common fishermen reminds us that Christian ministry, as well as Christian life, is for all the baptized.

Consider this interesting hypothesis: if Christ came again to choose anew his apostles, whom would he select? If today's gospel is any indication, the most likely candidate would not be a bishop nor a priest nor a deacon, but YOU. In a very real sense, every baptized Christian is an apostle. You were chosen not only to live the gospel, but also to offer it to others.

You are called to be a fisher of souls. Not a stereotypical fisherman who tells tall tales, but one who lives and speaks the truth of the gospel.

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Fishermen get their haircut in a bobber shop.

Parish Staff

Pastor:

Fr. John Schmeidler, OFM, Cap. email: frjohncap@gmail.com

Bookkeeper/Minister to the Elderly and Homebound/Thrift Shop/Food Pantry:

Jan Brungardt

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Catholic Faith Education Office:

Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/ Youth Minister

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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

<u>Technology Coordinator</u>: Connie Windholz email: sftech@ruraltel.net

Council Members

St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

Peggy Fitzpatrick 735-8186 (Chair) Andy Kuhn 639-2156 (Vice-Chair) Janea Dinkel 735-9529 (RelEd) Doug Kuhn 650-1058 (Bldgs & Grounds) John Schulte 735-2444 Deb Braun 735-7106 Gina Oberle 735-8056 Jacque Schmidt 735-5011

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

Terry Riedel 735-9375 Jerry Nowak 637-5273 Bill Robben 806-669-5264

Contributions February 2-3, 2019

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2545.00 <u>Loose</u> 978.00 <u>Cemetery</u> 25.00 Repair Fund 597.00

ST. ANN:

<u>Adult</u> 255.00 <u>Loose</u> 163.01 <u>Candles</u> 137.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 595.00 <u>Loose</u> 219.00 <u>Candles</u> 101.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Feb. 11 — Doris Weigel, Shirley Weigel

Feb. 19 (Tuesday) — Brenda Dreiling



The Parish Office
will be closed
Monday, February 18,
for President's Day.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting

Victoria Knights of Columbus Council #1867 members will meet on **Tuesday, February 12**, at 7:30 P.M. at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Monthly Meeting with Mass

A Mass will be said for living and deceased members of the Daughters of Isabella on **Monday, February 11**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Basilica of St. Fidelis. All members are encouraged to attend and sit together as a group.

A regular monthly meeting at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop will follow the Mass.

REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE

Daughters of Isabella dues of \$15.00 are now due. Please mail dues to Wilma VonLintel, P.O. Box 33, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

Sunday, February 10 WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK FEBRUARY 7-14

"Often times we forget that marriage is a vocation that needs to be celebrated and supported.
Rightly lived, the vocation of

marriage comes with sacrifice, pain, and difficulty, but also great joy and love."

~ Corey Lyon, Director Family Life Office, Salina Diocese

(from the SalinaDiocsese.org website)

VALENTINE'S DAY Thursday, February 14





Sacrament of Confirmation received on Sunday, February 10, 2019

This sacrament was presided over by the Most Reverend Bishop Jerry Vincke at the Basilica of St. Fidelis in Victoria, Kansas.

"For these his servants, whom the gift of the Holy Spirit has confirmed:

That, planted in faith and grounded in love,

they may bear witness to Christ the Lord by their way of life,

let us pray to the Lord."

Thank you to our freshman and sophomore catechists: John Braun and Yvonne Braun. You both are a light and joy to the Religious Education program, to our youth, and to our families. You bring so many gifts to your classrooms, it is no surprise that God has chosen you both to prepare our youth to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and Gifts of the Holy Spirit!

May you both know how grateful we are for the many gifts you share with all of us.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY CALENDER

Sunday, February 10

10:00 A.M. Mass – Sacrament of Confirmation received by sophomore class at St. Fidelis

Wednesday, February 13

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Grades 1 – 12 Religious Education classes

Wednesday, February 20

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Grades 1 – 12 Religious Education classes

Sunday, February 24

11:00 A.M. – First Communion parent and student meeting in PAC

Wednesday, February 27

5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir practice

MARCH CALENDER

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday
No Religious Education Classes

Sunday, March 10

10:00 A.M. Mass - Jubilee Choir sings

Wednesday, March 13

Spring Break

No Religious Education Classes





Wednesday, February 13 7:30 P.M. (following religion)

Your CYO sponsors want to share the love with a meal and gathering, just in time for Valentine's Day!
Gather in Meal Site Room following religion. CYO will then be escorted to the Spiritual Life Center (2nd floor gathering space) for a meal and gathering. (Gatherings are shifting over to the Spiritual Life Center due to the large turnout — the space is much more accommodating.):)



A parent and youth informational meeting was held on Wednesday, January 30. An e-mail was sent with important information pertaining to NCYC and how we are preparing NOW!:)

This e-mail was sent to all 8th—11th grade parents. If you want to know how your child (currently in grades 8 – 11) can attend NCYC this November and how they can get on board NOW with fundraising, please contact Jeanette Brungardt A.S.A.P.!:)

Office: 735-9244 Email: Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net

FEBRURAY HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

February 8 is the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita. Her life inspires a firm resolve to work effectively to free girls and women from oppression of violence and return them to their dignity in the full exercise of their rights. You can watch her life story on YouTube.

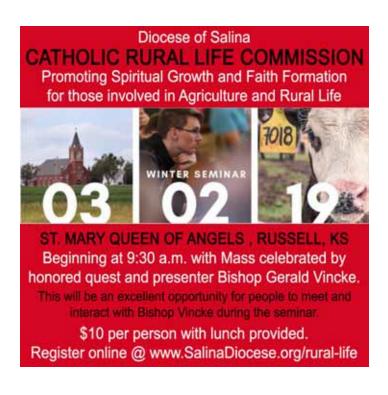
U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainsttrafficking.org).

SAVEIDATE

Mass for Mothers Who Have Lost a Child

Catholic Charities and the Office of Family Life will host a Mass for mothers who have lost a child—at any age, either before or after birth—on Thursday, May 9, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Russell. Personal invitations will not be sent out this year. If you would like to participate in this Mass, please call the Office of Family Life at 785-827-8746 ext. 24.

If you would like to submit 1 or 2 photos of your child, please scan and email them directly to wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org (please include their name, birthday, and year of death). More details will be coming next month.





St. Isadore's Day Observed —SAVE THE DATE

St. Isidore's Day will be observed on May 15, 2019, at Sacred Heart parish in Plainville. Plan to join the Diocesan Rural Life Office for Mass, Blessing of the Fields and Flocks, lunch, and a tour of an agricultural activity in the area.

2019 Diocesan Men's Conference **SAVE THE DATE!**

The Office of Family Life and NFP is excited to announce the speakers for the 2019 Men's Conference—Peter Herbeck and Pete Burak.





Peter Herbeck

Pete Burak

9th Annual Catholic Men's Conference SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019 **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hays**

This conference is for Catholic men—fathers, sons, married, single, young, old....

DIOCESE

"The future of humanity passes by way of the family." ~ Saint John Paul II







A family is our first community and the most basic way in which the Lord gathers us, forms us, and acts in the world. The basic vocation of every baptized person is the same: "Follow the way of love, even as Christ loved you." The Lord issues this call to your family and to every family regardless of its condition or circumstances.

"Make your house, your family, another Nazareth, where love, peace, joy, and unity reign, for love begins at home." ~ Mother Theresa

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WHAT IS THE VISION OF CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE?

Should Catholic families be different from other families, and, if so, what does that look like?

Five "Marks" of the Catholic Family, by Dr. Gregory K. Popcak

1. Catholic Families Worship Together—The Eucharist is the source of the deep *love* and intimacy Catholic families are called to live out. To celebrate this, Catholic families attend Mass together on Sundays and Holy Days, and actively participate in the sacramental life of the Church. Also, recognizing that we sometimes struggle to *love* each other as we should, Catholic families regularly go to confession to seek God's healing, grace, and inspiration to *love* more fully.
2. Catholic Families Pray Together—Catholic families are called to *love* each other with the *love* that flows from God's own heart. We can only do this if we ask God together to teach us what this means. Therefore, in addition to both our individual prayer life and our worship with our parish communities, we gather together for family prayer each and every day. We use our daily, family prayer time to: Praise and thank God for his blessings. Ask forgiveness for the times we didn't *love* as we should. Ask for the grace to *love* each other and the world better. Pray for both our needs and the needs of the Family of God. Seek God's will for our life. We treat family prayer, not as a duty or a chore, but as the key to true intimacy and joy in our home.

3. Catholic Families are Called to Intimacy—Most importantly, the Christian life is a call to intimate communion. Catholic families serve that goal by being schools of *love* where we learn how to *love* God and each other with our whole hearts, minds, souls, and strength. To do this, we constantly seek new ways to be even more open with and *loving* to each other as husband and wife, parents, and children. For instance, children are supposed to be the visible sign of the *loving* union between husband and wife. Catholic families live this out both in our openness to life and by working hard on the quality of our relationships with each other. To do this, we cultivate marriage and parenting habits that make each member of the family feel *loved* and valued and practice all the virtues that help us live life as a gift. For instance, we choose *loving* guidance approaches to discipline that teach virtue and good behavior instead of merely punishing wrongdoing. We schedule regular one-on-one time with each family member so that we can get to know each other's thoughts, feelings, and heart's desires on the deepest level possible. And we take an active interest in all the things that each family member finds true, good, and beautiful even when those interests don't come naturally to us.

4. Catholic Families Put Family First—Because our family relationships are the primary means God uses to help us become the people he created us to be, we treat family life, itself, as the most important activity in our week. We create and protect family rituals—like regular family dinners, time for prayer and worship, weekly game nights, and "family days," and regularly scheduled times for communication and relationship-building—that give us regular time to work, play, talk, and pray together. We hold these activities as sacred rituals of the domestic church and value them over all other activities that would seek to compete with them.

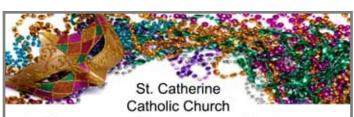
5. The Catholic Family is a Witness and Sign—We recognize that God wants to change the world through our families. We actively participate in this plan in two ways. First, we work hard to be witnesses of the *love*, joy, and intimacy that every human heart longs for. We'll share this *love* in good times and bad, in sickness and health, for richer or poorer. Second, we carry this *love* outside the home by serving our community in a manner that keeps our family together. We intentionally practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy within our home and outside of it. We regularly talk about how we can do a better job of living out our family mission to be a sign of God's *love* in the world.



PUBLIC RECEPTION FOR

Verlin Hammerschmidt Sunday, February 10, 2019 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Victoria Fire Station Verlin is retiring from the Fire Department after 42 years of service.



GERMAN MARDI GRAS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**NOTICE CHANGE IN LOCATION and TIMES: Kennedy School Cafeteria, Hays

\$17.50 per person

Social at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00.

Dance to Wes Windholz Polka Band 7:00-10:00.

Raffle prizes.

Please call Glenda 785-650-1746 for tickets.

One raffle item consists of an evening of dinner, drinks, and conversation with Father Earl Befort and 8 guests at Gella's Diner.

AVAILABLE

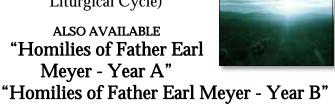
in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop soft cover \$10

"Homilies of

Fr. Earl Meyer-Year C"

(We are now in Year C of the Liturgical Cycle)

ALSO AVAILABLE "Homilies of Father Earl Meyer - Year A"



HOMILIES

FATHER EARL MEYER





"Healing" Meetings

THE CENTER FOR LIFE EXPERIENCE, INC.
OFFICE: 205 E. 7th St., Suite 251, Hays (Hadley Center)
MEETINGS IN SUITE 257

For information on these groups, contact
Ann Leiker at 785-259-6859 or email cfle1@eaglecom.net

HEALING AFTER LOSS OF SUICIDE is an organization offering family members and friends of those who have lost a loved one to suicide a place to connect with others who are dealing with this highly specialized grief recovery process. The group will eat supper at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 13, at Chinese Food Express, 1312 Main St., Hays. They will then gather at 7:00 at the Center (NOTICE: new address for the meetings).

HEALING HEARTS is a program providing support for immediate family members who are healing from the death of a child in their lives. It is where parents, grandparents, and siblings can connect with others who understand the journey toward healing after the loss of a child. The group will meet on Thursday, February 14, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Center (NOTICE: new address for the meetings).

Heartland Parishes Mission Hosted By: Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish 1805 Vine Street Hays, Kansas February 24th, 25th, and 26th Join Us As We Welcome CATHOLIC CATHOLIC The mission will be hosted by national radio host, author, and speaker, Gus Lloyd, host of Seize the Day on Sirius XM's The Catholic Channel. The mission theme is Loving, Learning, and Living Your Faith. Each evening begins at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your faith. Be sure to invite your family and friends. Please join us February 24th, 25th, & 26th in Hays!!

V.F.W., Auxiliary Valentine Meal/Meeting and Upcoming Breakfast

V.F.W. members and the V.F.W. Auxiliary will meet on

Thursday, February 14, at the V.F.W. Hall. The Auxiliary will serve a Valentine lunch at 6:30 p.m. The meetings will follow at 7:30.

The V.F.W. will sponsor a "Stars and Stripes Breakfast" in March and will start

selling tickets this Sunday (February 10). More information will be published later.

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

Sunday, February 10 ● 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Music by Hot Shots Band
V.F.W., 248 Bob Dole Drive, Russell, Kansas
\$8.00 per person
Snack bar included
Sponsored by Sunflower Polka Club
EVERYONE IS INVITED



Victoria Schools Calendar



Monday — February 11

6:00 am HS boys basketball practice

Lunch Menu: Chicken warp, seasoned potatoes, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice

 $4:00~\mathrm{pm}$ JV HS boys basketball tournament in Lyons. Game times TBD

7:30 pm BOE meeting

Tuesday — February 12

Lunch Menu: Spaghetti, corn, pineapple, garlic bread stick, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

4:00 pm HS basketball @ Kinsley. Depart 1:45

Wednesday — February 13

7:00 am FCCLA State Star events @ Smith Center

Lunch Menu: Ham and cheese sandwich, pasta salad, green beans, tropical fruit, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice

5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

Thursday — February 14

7:30 am Wichita State University College Tour. Mrs. K. Braun and select students will attend

Lunch Menu: Taco salad, black bean salad, steamed peas, applesauce, banana muffin, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice

5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

Friday — February 15

Lunch Menu: Sloppy Joe, oven fries, California blend, grapes, salad, milk

AIM period—HS students will have SEL time. JH students will have directed study

4:00 pm HS basketball vs. Ness City. Depart 1:50

ST. ANN

Christian Mothers Dues

St. Ann's Christian Mothers dues of \$5.00 are due and payable to Lou Ann Hammersmith, Box 163, Gorham, Kansas 67640.

Christian Mothers Meeting

The annual St. Ann Christian Mothers meeting will be held after Mass in the parish hall on **Saturday evening, March 9**. All members are encouraged to attend.

St. Ann Parish Potluck and Game Night!

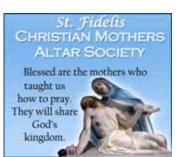
Saturday, February 9, 2019
St. Ann Parish Hall



Join us for a fun evening of food and games.

Bring your Kids! Bring your friends! Bring a dish to share!

EVERYONE IS INVITED!







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.





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.

MASS INTENTIONS MONDAY FEBRUARY 11 7:00 pm Daughters of Isabella living and deceased members TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12 6:45 am Wayne Billinger WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13 6:45 am THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14 6:45 am FRIDAY...... FEBRUARY 15 6:45 am Linda Rogers SATURDAY..... FEBRUARY 16 5:00 pm St. Fidelis Leland and Marlene Dinkel Sam and Marilyn Braun 50th Wedding Anniversary 6:30 pm St. Ann Linda Schoendaller Norma Schmeidler SUNDAY...... SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 17 8:45 am St. Boniface Marvin and Betty Rajewski 10:00 am St. Fidelis Fred "Fritz" Dreiling

* Sunday Rosary Schedul e *

1st - Christian Mothers 2nd - Knights of Columbus 3rd - Daughters of Isabella 4th - Family Life

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, Feb. 16, 5:00 PM — Hannah Schmidt **Sunday, Feb. 17, 10:00 AM** — Becky and Jim Scheck

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Feb. 16, 5:00 PM — Jarron & Jillian S., Eric B.
Sunday, Feb. 17, 10:00 AM — Averi W, Mary Jane W, Lauren K

Saturday, Feb. 23, 5:00 PM — Myah Y., Addie R., Wyatt D. Sunday, Feb. 24, 10:00 AM — Emma & Ally D., Brinly L.

Eucharistic Ministers\Lectors

These ministries are on a volunteer basis. Please sign up by the north entrance or come to the sacristy before Mass to see if anyone is needed.