

“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 AND CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION 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
WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, HOSPITAL VISITS, HOLY COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events	ST. FIDELIS GIFT SHOP Located in the Parish Office at 601 10th Street, Victoria
ST. FIDELIS GIFT & THRIFT SHOP — 503 MAIN STREET, VICTORIA Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00-2:00; Wednesday 10:00-3:30; Thursday 10:00-4:00	BULLETIN ITEMS Deadline is Wednesday at 10:00 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 <i>The Register</i> , Salina Diocese newspaper	

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December 8, 2024— SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSSES:

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 — 8:30 am — November - April
Saturday — 6:30 pm — May - October

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

THURSDAYS • 9:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.
in St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar
Bishop Vincke asks each parish to include prayers for vocations to religious life.

CONFESSIONS:

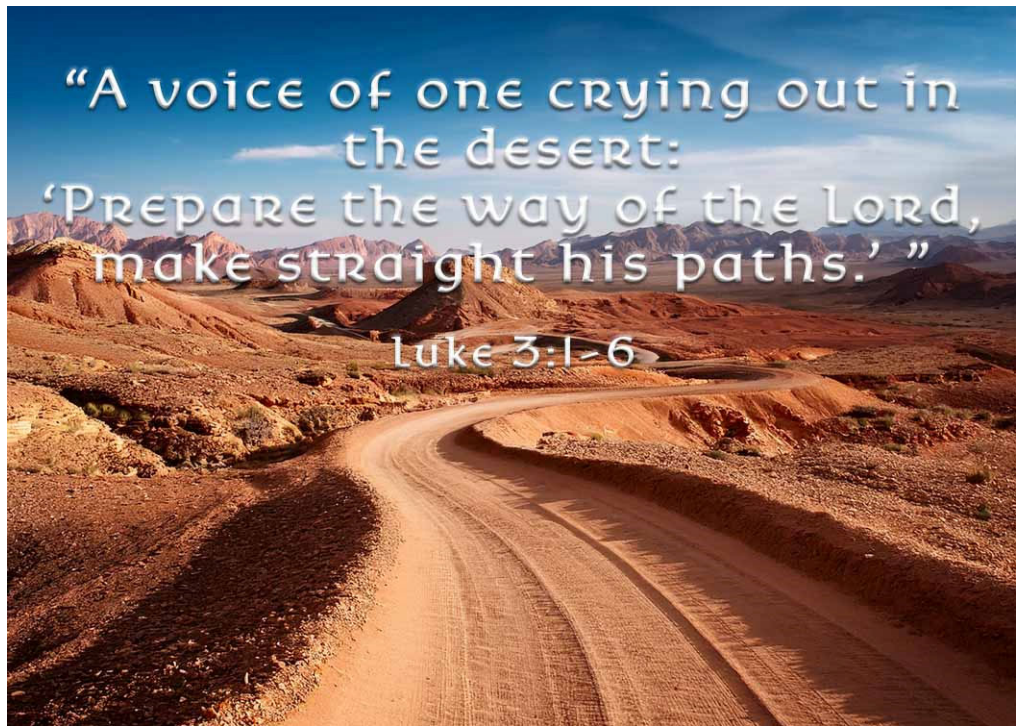
St. Fidelis: Mondays 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
St. Ann: After Mass
St. Boniface: Sundays 7:45-8:15 a.m. (Nov.-Apr.); After Mass (May-Oct.) or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

TRI-PARISH PRAYER LINE

To request prayers for family or friends, call Teresa Shepherd (785-735-9576) to add the request to the Prayer Line

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 24 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon for Christmas
Dec. 25 — Christmas Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Dec. 26 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas
Dec. 31 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon for New Years
Jan. 1 — New Years Day
Mary The Mother of God (*Holy Day of Obligation*) — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



Since December 8, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is transferred to Monday, December 9. Mass will be celebrated at The Basilica of St. Fidelis **on Monday, December 9, at 6:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** (This is a Holy Day of Obligation.)

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD FOLLOWING MASS
The Parish Office will be closed.





History and Faith

Today's gospel is a history lesson. In a subtle way. The reading from Luke situates John the Baptist's announcement of the coming of the Messiah in the historical context of that time. "In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Potius Pilate was governor of Judea . . ."

Why these arcane historical details? Because Christianity is an historical religion. That cannot be emphasized too often. Most other world religions are based entirely on visions or apparitions. But Christianity is ultimately founded on the historical events of the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He was born in Bethlehem, raised in Nazareth, preached throughout Judea, was crucified on Mount Calvary, and rose from the dead in Jerusalem. These events did not happen in someone's imagination or visions. They are real, verifiable historical events. Our faith is historical.

It is precisely as historical facts that Christianity holds a valid claim as truth. Some unbelievers have granted that Jesus of Nazareth was a wise moral philosopher but no more. But some modern atheists have seen the contradiction in that stance and so propose that Jesus of Nazareth was an imaginary figure, merely the personification of the ideals and dreams of the early Christians.

Why do they go to the extreme of denying the historical existence of Christ? Because once you acknowledge that Jesus of Nazareth was a real historical person you are left with only two options: he truly was what he claimed to be, or he was a malicious liar. And few would try to defend that

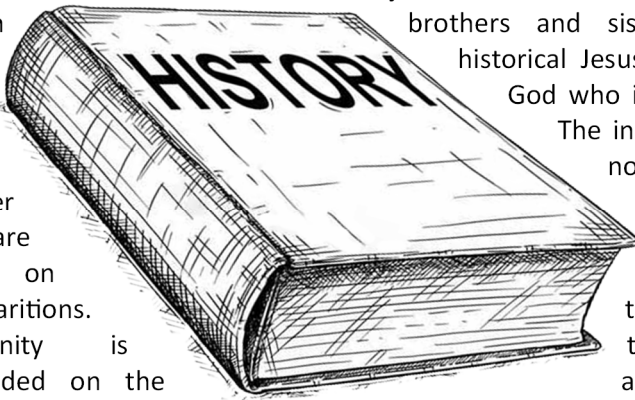
second option.

The historical reality of Jesus of Nazareth has further implications. Since Christ is the divine Son of God, as revealed especially throughout the gospel of John, then God has shared our nature and transformed it. Human life has taken on a new meaning, intimately related to divinity. We are not just rational animals, but truly brothers and sisters of the historical Jesus, children of God who is our Father. The incarnation has not only changed history, but has transformed the meaning and value of human life.

This also has eternal consequences. Through the incarnation we share by grace in the life of God, a life that cannot die. As we have a natural birthday, sons and daughters of our earthly parents, we also have that supernatural birthday, our baptism when we became children of God. During Advent we prepare to celebrate the historical fact of the birth of Christ which is the foundation of our hope not only for a more meaningful life here, but a life with God forever.

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"The future isn't what it used to be." ~ Yogi Berra



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CONTRIBUTIONS NOV. 30-DEC. 1, 2024
ST. FIDELIS: <u>Loose</u> 1047.00 <u>Envelopes</u> 2291.00 <u>Cemetery</u> 50.00 <u>Repair Fund</u> 236.00 <u>Thanksgiving</u> 545.00 <u>Immaculate Conception</u> 20.00
ST. ANN: <u>Loose</u> 244.00 <u>Envelopes</u> 850.00 <u>Thanksgiving</u> 30.00
ST. BONIFACE: <u>Loose</u> 241.00 <u>Envelopes</u> 625.00 <u>Thanksgiving</u> 50.00



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**“In an ever-changing world the Holy Eucharist is a constant reminder of the great reality of God’s changeless love.”
— Saint Teresa of Avila**

*** Sunday Rosary Schedule ***

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

The Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Homebound, and Cantor schedules can be found on the Mass Schedule page of the church website at StFidelisChurch.com.

Please contact Diane Gross (785-735-4804) with any questions about the schedule for the Eucharistic or Lector ministries or if you are willing to volunteer for those ministries.

*** CANTORS ***

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 — Immaculate Conception
7:00 PM — Meagan Wellbrock

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
5:00 PM — Becky and Jim Scheck

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
10:00 AM — John Braun

*** EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ***

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 — Immaculate Conception
7:00 PM — VOLUNTEERS (please check in the Sacristy before Mass if you are present)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
5:00 PM — Jane Wagner, Kathy Kuhn, Carol Pfeifer, Randy Leiker, Tom Tholen

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel, Sandy McAlonan, Marla Robben, Yvonne Braun, Connie Braun

*** LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS ***

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 — Immaculate Conception
7:00 PM — VOLUNTEER (please check in the Sacristy before Mass if you are present)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
5:00 PM — Becky Scheck

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
10:00 AM — Karen Nowak

*** HOMEBOUND * HOMEBOUND MINISTERS ***

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 — Diane Gross
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel

*** MASS SERVERS ***

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 — Immaculate Conception
7:00 PM — Luke T., Emma D., Brody N.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
5:00 PM — Dax L., Hadley L., Scarlett H.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
10:00 AM — Gracyn and Claire S., Addy S.

*** MONEY COUNTERS ***

December 10 (Tuesday) — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt
December 16 — Wanda Karlin, Janie Dinges

**New Beginnings:
The Story of Salvation Fulfilled**

Delve into the richness of Luke’s Gospel using The Great Adventure Bible Series from Ascension Press.

- Includes individual daily reflections and weekly one hour session with video and group discussions in the north sacristy.
- Wednesdays during Religious Ed. Class from 6:30-7:30pm
- December 4 and 11
- Sponsored by Family Life Committee, contact the Parish Office for more details.

Communal Penance Service

at the Basilica of St. Fidelis on
Monday, December 16,
after the 7:00 p.m. Mass

Communal Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered on **Saturday, December 14, after the 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Ann** and on **Sunday, December 15, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Fidelis.**
Due to time constraints no anointing will be held after the 5:00 p.m. Mass at Victoria or the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Vincent.

“Those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament. ...A sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery. ...Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present.”
[Pastoral Care of the Sick, nn. 8, 10-11]

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	IMMACUALTE CONCEPTION	DECEMBER 9
	(A Holy Day of Obligation)	
	6:45 am	
	7:00 pm Jesse Hockersmith	
TUESDAY		DECEMBER 10
	6:45 am	
WEDNESDAY		DECEMBER 11
	6:45 am	
THURSDAY		DECEMBER 12
	6:45 am	
FRIDAY		DECEMBER 13
	6:45 am	
SATURDAY		DECEMBER 14
	5:00 pm St. Fidelis Norman, Yvonne, and Val Schumacher	
	6:30 pm St. Ann For the people	
SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	DECEMBER 15
	8:30 am St. Boniface Anna and Anton Schmeidler and family	
	10:00 am St. Fidelis Oliver and Theresa Kuhn and Kathy Kuhn Thomas	

Tri-Parish Cards & Games Party

***TODAY* - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 2:00 — 4:00 p.m.**

Parish Activity Center (north entrance)

Everyone is invited.

Pick up a friend and come join the fun!

You are welcomed to bring a snack of any kind for everyone to enjoy.

LET'S PLAY!

- Pinochle
- Skip-Bo
- Phase 10
- Farkle
- Dominos
- Rummikub



ST. BONIFACE

St. Boniface Nativity Story on PBS

The history and story of the St. Boniface "Little Town of Bethlehem" nativity will be on Smoky Hills PBS Cottonwood Connections episode of "A High Plains Holiday" this **Sunday, December 8, at 6:00 p.m.**; **Friday, December 13, at 1:30 p.m.**; and **Saturday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m.**

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration

A 24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration at St. Boniface Church will begin **Saturday, December 7, at 8:00 a.m.** and conclude **Sunday, December 8, at 8:00 a.m.** then Bishop Jerry Vincke will preside at the 8:30 Mass on Sunday morning. A breakfast will follow in the Parish Hall.

FAMILY LIFE

Christmas Food Boxes

The Family Life Committee is preparing for the Tri-Parish Christmas Food Boxes for families in need.

If you wish to donate, we are asking for cash donations only. That way we can purchase the same food items for all the boxes.

You may drop your monetary donations in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the Parish Office. Please mark it as "Christmas Food Boxes".

Know Someone Who Needs a Food Box?

If you or someone you know would like one of these Christmas Food Boxes please contact the

Parish Office at 785-735-2777

by Monday, December 16, 2024. This deadline is necessary for the team of volunteers to purchase the food, pack the boxes, and have them ready for **pickup on Friday, December 20.**

All recipients will be assigned a time to come to the Parish Office and pick up their Food Box.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT!



Little Town of Bethlehem Viewing Ready at St. Boniface in Vincent

The "Little Town of Bethlehem" nativity at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Vincent will be open for visitors on **Sundays December 8, 15, and 22, as well as Christmas Day. All times are 1:00-5:00 pm.** Appointments can also be made at any other time by calling Carol at 785-735-9282.

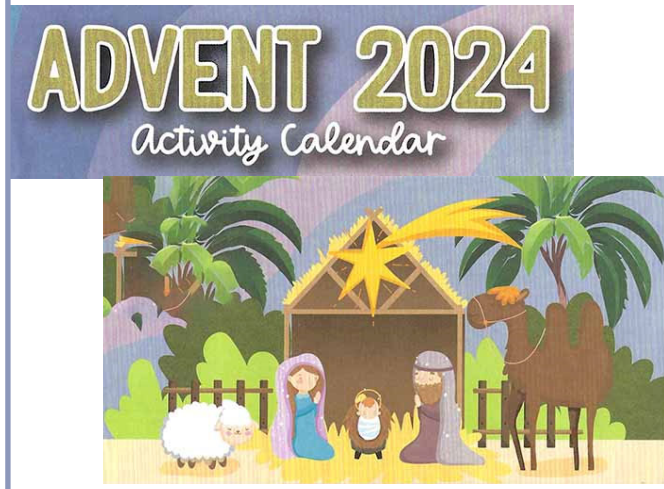
This is the 98th year of the nativity, begun by the parish priest Fr. Callistus Rectenwald in 1927. Over the years, the nativity has become a worldwide representation of Christmas. Rocks from all 50 states and 105 countries surround the scene, in particular rocks from the Cave of Lourdes and the Sea of Galilee. Infant Jesus is from Spain, and Mary, Joseph, and the Three Kings are from Germany.

A special section of the nativity is dedicated to our veterans who could not be home for Christmas over the years, featuring rocks from Germany, Vietnam, Korea, Japan, Wake Island, and Christmas Island to name a few.

The nativity has had special lighting effects added the last few years — a color changing rock show and a neon blue-lit sky in the background. Four trickling waterfalls, animals and shepherds dot the scene surrounding the Bethlehem Inn, and the stable made from a nearby pear tree in 1927.

St. Boniface Catholic Church is located 5.5 miles south of Victoria and two miles east.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>8 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p>Prepare the Way of the Lord!</p>	<p>9 <i>The Angel visits Mary</i></p> <p>The Annunciation</p> <p>Read Luke 1:26-38</p>	<p>10 <i>The Jesse Tree</i></p> <p>Jesse, the father of King David, was the ancestor of Jesus. Make a Jesse tree out of paper, cardboard, or a real tree branch. Each day of Advent, cut out one symbol of Jesus' ancestors and hang it on the tree with glue, tape, or string. On Christmas day put the symbol for Christ on the top of the tree.</p> <p>Here are some ideas: Adam: an apple Noah: the ark Jacob: a ladder</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Make a card for someone who is sick or elderly, and send it to them or go visit them.</p>



FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>13 <i>Kris Kringle!</i></p> <p>Have everyone in your family write their names on slips of paper and put in a hat. Everyone pulls out a name and becomes a Kris Kringle-Christ Child-for their secret friend. Pray for them, give them cards or little gifts, but keep it secret until Christmas Day! Shhhhh!</p>	<p>14</p>

Please Remember Your Parish ...

As we are approaching the end of the tax year, donations to your church can be claimed if you need a tax deduction.

ST. ANN

St. Ann ladies will do their annual cleaning of the church on **Saturday, December 14, starting at 9:00 a.m.**



DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

D. of I. and V.F.W. Auxiliary Combined Christmas Party
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

Social starting at 11:00 a.m.
Meal provided at noon at the V.F.W. Hall, Victoria

There will be an optional \$10 Gift Exchange.
 Please RSVP to Kathy Kuhn (785-735-5040) by Monday, December 9.

St. Ann's Christmas Potluck & Bingo
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024
after 6:30 p.m. Mass

Every family is asked to bring a bingo gift—the gift can be for any age level .



Monthly Meeting

Daughters of Isabella members will attend the Holy Day of Obligation Mass for the Immaculate Conception on **Monday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m.** After Mass, they will gather at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop for a meeting. Chairperson is Sandy Glassman; co-chair is Kathy Kuhn.

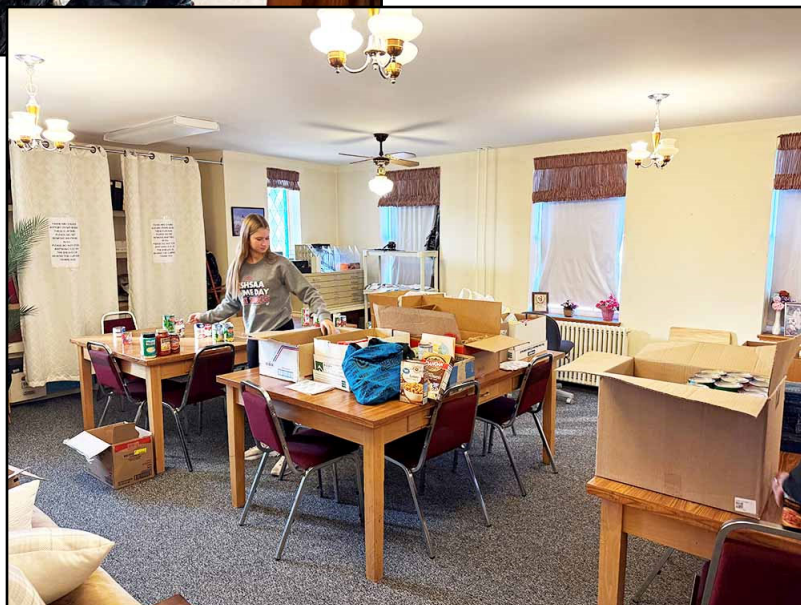
STEWARDSHIP HAPPENS

IN
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OF
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A big
THANK YOU
to
Mrs. Karen Nowak's
Victoria Junior/Senior
High School
Community
Connections class
for helping sort
and stack all these
items
this past Tuesday
morning.



Over 800 items were
donated to the St. Fidelis
Food Bank from the
Victoria Elementary
School Food Drive held in
November.



STEWARDSHIP HAPPENS



Several ladies of St. Fidelis Parish demonstrated stewardship by helping sort and stack food items that the Community Connections students were unable to finish in their allotted time.

A big **THANK YOU** to (left to right) Diane Gross, Wanda Karlin, and Mary Pfeifer for the time and effort they put in Tuesday afternoon, December 3.

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

THAT EXPLAINS IT

A pig walks into a bar, orders 15 beers, and knocks them down one after the other.

"You've had a lot to drink. Would you like to know where the bathroom is?" the bartender asks.

"No," says the hog. "I'm the little pig that goes wee-wee-wee all the way home."

HELP NEEDED

The parish office staff regrets that Connie Windholz has announced her retirement at the end of this year. She takes care of editing and printing the parish bulletin each week, coordinating the parish calendar, and various other tasks. It requires some computer and organizational skills. If you would like to make application for her position, please call the parish office (785-735-2777). We would love to hear from you soon. Connie will train our hire before she leaves.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m.** at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

30 Days of Cash Giveaway Winners

Winners of the 2024 Knights of Columbus 30 Days of Cash Giveaway are (the first 25 winners receive \$100 a day):

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|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Jared Windholz | 17. Joshua Schulte |
| 2. Kim Taylor | 18. Heidi Rupp |
| 3. Pam Lichter | 19. Marla Robben |
| 4. Lori Hertel | 20. Bonnie Dickinson |
| 5. Gary Reif | 21. Neil and Ann Gottschalk |
| 6. Henrietta Werth | 22. John and Josie Braun |
| 7. Emily Gottschalk | 23. Paula and Brady Mattison |
| 8. Camron Weber | 24. Joe Roth |
| 9. Ed Kuhn | 25. Aggie Kuhn |
| 10. Dan Kinderknecht | 26. Wayne Kieffer (\$250) |
| 11. Jim Scheck | 27. Brian Kuntz (\$250) |
| 12. Jared Schippers | 28. Cason Grezeszak (\$500) |
| 13. Lori Vitztum | 29. Kyle Frasier (\$750) |
| 14. Darla Braun | 30. Shane Roder (\$2,000) |
| 15. Joan Karst | |
| 16. Dale Pfeifer | |

ANOTHER LITTLE CHUCKLE

Wedding Bliss

Did you hear about the two spiders who just got engaged?

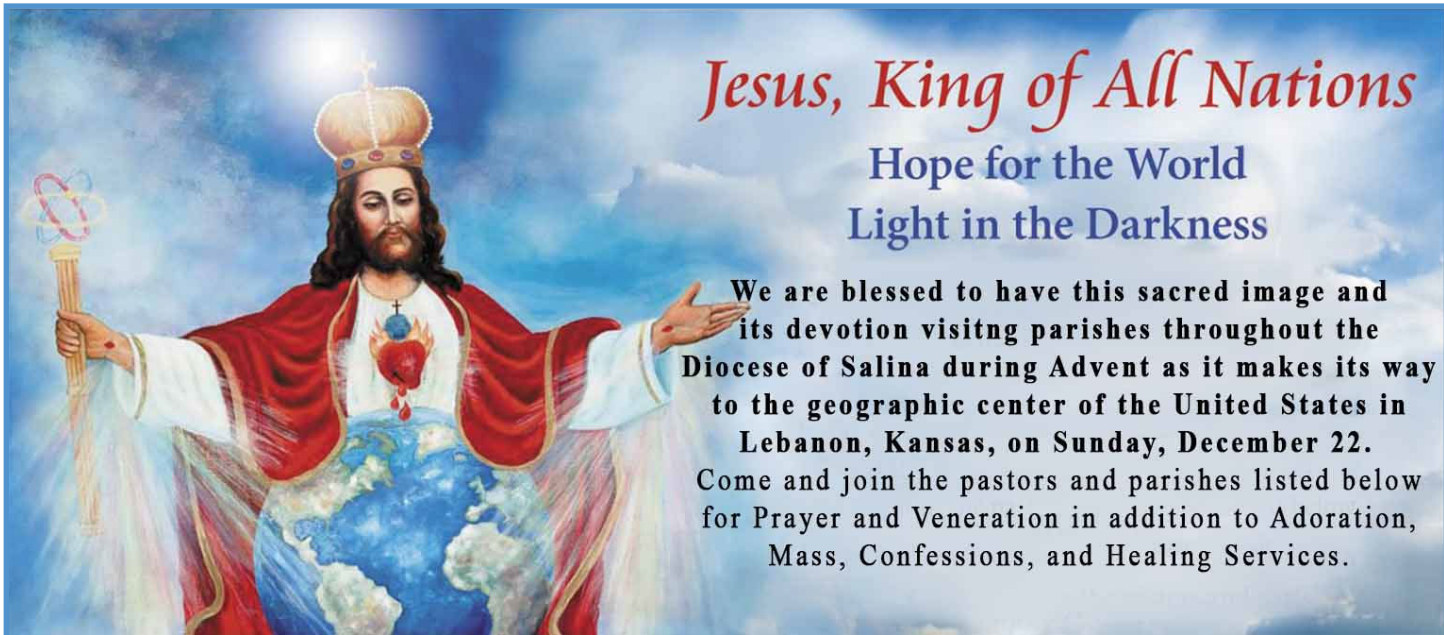
I hear they met on the web.

St. Fidelis Financial Summary

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>11/29/2024</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>11/29/2024</u>
Bequests & Donations		Clergy	
Church Decoration Fund	\$100.00	Automobile Expense	\$1,109.00
General Funds	\$245.00	Living Allowance	\$450.00
Memorials	\$12,110.00	Salary	\$1,109.00
Religious Education	\$7,500.00	Diocesan Collection	\$1,981.00
Repair Fund	\$1,385.00	Employees	
Tourist Donations	\$468.25	Benefits	\$593.15
Bulletin Ads	\$4,020.00	Mass/Wedding Pay	\$115.00
Candles	\$1,633.41	Payroll	\$14,023.91
Collections		Facilities & Equipment	
Diocesan - Hurricane Relief	\$35.00	Church Repair & Maintenance	\$8.69
Envelopes	\$12,942.47	Liturgical Decorations	\$32.82
Loose	\$4,242.25	PAC Maintenance	\$196.55
Gift Shop	\$386.00	Pest Control	\$192.00
Mission Parishes	\$2,000.00	Security	\$147.00
Refunds & Reimbursements	\$962.16	Sound System	\$742.57
TOTAL INCOME:	\$48,029.54	Gift Shop	\$45.90
		Insurance	\$4,484.51
		Music Ministry	\$620.34
		Office	
		Calendars	\$609.70
		Subscriptions	\$64.79
		Supplies	\$61.55
		Postage, Mailing Service	\$146.00
		Printing & Copying	\$70.08
		Refunds & Reimbursements	\$50.00
		Religious Education	
		Background Checks	\$19.00
		Events	\$105.04
		Subscriptions	\$30.22
		Supplies	\$614.16
		Property Tax	\$96.80
		Sanctuary Supplies	
		Candles/Votives	\$735.06
		Utilities	
		Church	\$732.48
		PAC	\$432.48
		TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$29,618.80
Gross Income:	\$48,029.54		
Total Expenses:	\$29,618.80		
Net Income:	\$18,410.74		

St. Fidelis Cemetery Financial Summary

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>11/29/2024</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>11/29/2024</u>
Bequests & Donations		Maintenance	\$390.83
Envelopes	\$266.00	Payroll	\$873.25
Memorial	\$345.00	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$1,264.08
Plots	\$1,200.00		
TOTAL INCOME:	\$1,811.00		
Gross Income:	\$1,811.00		
Total Expenses:	\$1,264.08		
Net Income:	\$546.92		



Jesus, King of All Nations

Hope for the World
Light in the Darkness

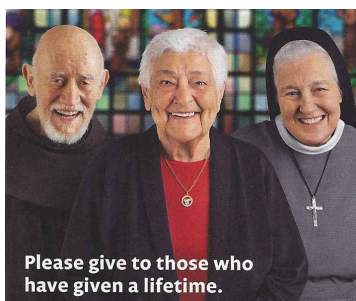
We are blessed to have this sacred image and its devotion visiting parishes throughout the Diocese of Salina during Advent as it makes its way to the geographic center of the United States in Lebanon, Kansas, on Sunday, December 22. Come and join the pastors and parishes listed below for Prayer and Veneration in addition to Adoration, Mass, Confessions, and Healing Services.

St Mary Catholic Parish

703 Monroe Street, Ellis
Phone 785.726.4522
Father Dana Clark, Pastor
Thursday, December 19 • 8:00 AM - Noon
Procession, School Mass, Adoration, Confessions, Devotion Prayers, and Veneration, Enthronement of the Sacred Image

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

206 North Washington Street, Plainville
Phone 785.434.4658
Father Michael Raj Kothalamuthu, Pastor
Thursday, December 19 • 3:00 PM - 11:59 PM
Procession, Confessions, Devotion Prayers, Adoration and Veneration
Friday, December 20 • Midnight - Noon
Adoration, 8:15 AM Mass, Enthronement of Sacred Image, Devotion Prayers, and Veneration



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Support those who have given a lifetime.

Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—

usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.

Envelopes are in your tithing boxes dated December 8 or you can use a different envelope marked as "Retirement Fund for Religious".

DECEMBER Human Trafficking Alert

Give a gift and join us to help strengthen initiatives which seek to educate the public about human trafficking and to identify and support victims of trafficking. **Alliance to End Human Trafficking**—Founded and supported by **U.S. Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave. 1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.**

MORE CHUCKLES

Cause of Death

Wife: Did I get fat during the quarantine?

Husband: You weren't really skinny to begin with.

Time of Death: 11:00 p.m.

Cause: Covid

Just bought a head of lettuce.

Should I throw it away now, or wait two weeks like usual?

Win Big and Make a Difference! Support the Capuchin Franciscans

Don't miss out on the 16th Annual Road to Rome Raffle—your chance to win unforgettable trips while supporting the Capuchin Franciscans' vital work with the poor and marginalized. Each ticket purchased helps advance their mission, and you could be on your way to one of these amazing destinations!

Imagine a 7-day Alaskan Railroad Adventure for two, winding through Alaska's breathtaking wilderness. Or, perhaps a 12-day British Isles Cruise departing from Amsterdam is calling you, with stops at Europe's most historic and scenic sites. And the Grand Prize? An Italy Dream Vacation for four! Discover the wonders of Rome, Pompeii, Sorrento, and the stunning Amalfi Coast, all with luxurious accommodations, expert-guided tours, and airfare included.

Tickets are \$50 each, with bundles for more chances to win: 3 for \$135, 5 for \$220, or 10 for \$400. Visit roadtoromeraffle.com or call 720-607-7826 to get your tickets today.

Enter by midnight on Tuesday, December 10. The drawing takes place on Thursday, December 12, 2024.

Buy your tickets today! Not only could you win an extraordinary vacation, but your support makes a powerful impact in the lives of those the Capuchin Franciscans serve.

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

Join in Unity of Prayer Across America to restore the protection of **LIFE**, the **FAMILY**, and the **CHURCH**, establish **PEACE**, and inspire **COURAGE** in the soul of our nation!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church, Hays

HOURLY SCHEDULE FOR PRAYER, ADORATION, AND SONG:

- 7:00 p.m.: Eucharistic Exposition
- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.: Daughters of Isabella will lead
- 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.: Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus will lead
- 9:00 - 10:00 p.m.: Catholic Tigers will lead
- 10:00 p.m.: Benediction

If my people ... humble themselves and pray and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land.
~2 Chronicles 7:14)

COME PRAY WITH US!!

Fort Hays State University Cathedral Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 8 | 3:30 p.m.

in the "Cathedral of the Plains"
The Basilica of St. Fidelis

Start the Advent/holiday season on a glorious note with the FHSU choirs: Fort Hays Singers, Concert Choir, and Smoky Hill Chorale at the annual Cathedral Christmas Concert in Victoria.



Hays High School Chamber Singers and the St. Fidelis Church Choir are the guest choirs.

Also appearing: Tom Meagher, organ; FHSU Horn Ensemble; FHSU Flute Ensemble; several FHSU music faculty will perform; plus other members of the Music & Theatre Department.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Gorham Community
Development Association

Soup Luncheon and Bingo

WITH *Santa*

DECEMBER 8th • 10:00 AM

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Photos with Santa available

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE
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State Tax Credits Available When You Support St. John's Place

Victoria Community Coalition (VCC) is pleased to announce they have received **\$166,600** in Community Service Program (CSP) Tax Credits through the Kansas Department of Commerce. The available tax credits will be used to enhance fundraising efforts for **Phase I Apartments**.

Businesses and individuals subject to Kansas income tax are eligible to receive a tax credit through this program. Donors giving at least \$250 to **St. John's Place** redevelopment may qualify for a **70%** tax credit. For example, a donor making a \$1,000 gift receives a **\$700** tax credit when they file their state taxes, making the net cost to the donor only **\$300**.

For more information contact Jeff Pfeifer at 913- 904--8618, Marilyn Braun at 785- 735-4968 or visit VictoriaKSCommunity.com.

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CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR



Saturday, December 14

5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 15

2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Houses for viewing this year:

Yvonne Braun – 1101 Cathedral

Jamey and Angie Roth – 1202 Hickory Street

Cody and Anna Thiede – 1212 Squires Avenue

Diane Crawford – 503 Cathedral

Joe and Brenda Dreiling – 2581 Springhill Road

Christmas treats and updates on St. John's Place will be available at Joe and Brenda Dreiling's home throughout the tour.

HOME TOUR TICKETS

\$20 Advanced | \$25 At the Door

50/50 SPLIT THE POT TICKETS

\$5 each or 5 for \$20

(The winner will be drawn January 1.)

FOR ADVANCED TOUR TICKETS & SPLIT THE POT TICKETS CONTACT

Brenda Dreiling 785-735-4141

Andrea Schmidtberger 785-656-2208

Holiday Home Tour Advanced Tickets also available at Impressions Salon, 215 W. 10th St., Hays



V.F.W. Meeting

Victoria V.F.W. members will meet on **Thursday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m.** at the V.F.W. Hall.



Dementia & Alzheimer's

Caregiver Support Groups

Zoom Meetings

2nd Thursday of every month

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Contact Micki at maacarmstrong@gmail.com for Zoom link info

In-Person Meetings

4th Thursday of every month

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Stars and Stripes Breakfast

VFW Hall, 22nd and Vine St., Hays

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 7:30 - noon

Advance tickets benefit St. Nicholas Ladies Guild.

Members will be selling tickets in the gathering space of St. Nick's before and after Masses this weekend (5:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday) or contact Clare Gustin (785-635-3511). Advance tickets are \$11.50 for Adults, \$6.50 for Children. Under 5 free.

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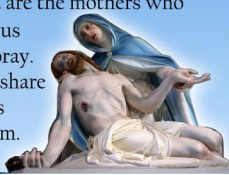
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