

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

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January 26, 2025 — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES:

St. FIDELIS, VICTORIA Saturday — 5:00 pm Sunday — 10:00 am Monday — 7:00 pm Tuesd ay 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

EUCHARISTIC 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

Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day Feb 17 — President's Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Mar. 5 — Ash Wednesday

Mar. 9 — First Sunday of Lent Daylight Savings Time begins clocks ahead one hour

Mar. 17 — St. Patrick's Day

Apr. 9 — Confirmation 6:00 Mass

- Apr. 13 Palm Sunday Apr. 17 — Holy Thursday — PARISH
- OFFICE CLOSED at noon



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Happy Kansas Day January 29 - 164 years old





The Gospel of Luke

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of the gospel of Luke. This is year C of the liturgical cycle during which we read primarily from the gospel of Luke. Each of the four

gospels has symbol, taken from Ezekiel (1:10)and Revelation (4:7), which convevs the tenor of that gospel as indicated in its opening passage. The symbol for Luke is the ox, since his gospel begins and ends in the temple where the major sacrifice was an ox or a bull.

The evangelist Luke was a well educated Greek, a skilled writer who knew the Hebrew Scriptures. He was probably a convert to Judaism before becoming a Christian. Tradition holds that he was a physician and a painter as is evidenced in the literary details of his writing.

Luke is the longest of the gospels. He also wrote the Acts of the Apostles. Those two books, which comprise almost one third of the New Testament, are a magnificent blending of the story of Jesus and that of the early church.

The gospel of Luke has many nicknames. It is known as the *Gospel of Mary* since it features her prominently in the birth and infancy of Jesus. Luke is also known as the *Gospel of Women* since it treats women more often and more favorably than the other evangelists. This is evident not only with the mother of Jesus, but also the sisters of Lazarus, Martha and Mary, Mary Magdalene, as well as the women in his many parables.

Luke's gospel is also called the Gospel of Prayer. It offers us the four great canticles: the Benedictus, the

> Magnificent, the Nunc Dimittis, and the Gloria in Excelsis. Jesus is found praying more often in Luke than in the other gospels.

> > The Gospel of the Poor is another title for Luke's gospel. The poor, the outcast, the lowly are favored by the Lord in this gospel:

the shepherds, the lepers, the beggars, and the sick. Luke is also the *Gospel of Parables* since it has the most parables, ten of them unique to his gospel. The best known parables are from Luke: the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son.

Familiar gospel stories of forgiveness and compassion in Luke have merited his work also the title of the *Gospel of Mercy*. Such narratives include the sinful woman who washed the feet of Jesus, Zacchaeus the tax collector, and especially the good thief on Calvary.

This coming year the gospel readings from Luke will offer encouragement, hope, and joy to weary Christians.

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To belittle is to be little.

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CONTRIBUTIONS JANUARY 18-19, 2025

ST. FIDELIS:

<u>Loose</u> 698.00 <u>Envelopes</u> 2370.00 <u>Cemetery</u> 100.00 <u>Repair Fund</u> 210.00 <u>New Years/Solemnity</u> 30.00

ST. ANN: Loose 93.00 Envelopes 485.00 <u>New Years/Solemnity</u> 1.00

ST. BONIFACE: Loose 112.00 Envelopes 135.00 Hall Rent 50.00



Scan the QR Code to go to our on-line Donate page.

I ost & Found

• Pink and blue toddler water cup found in St. Fidelis Church over the January 11-12 weekend.

To claim, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.

* Sunday	Rosary	Schedule *
1 st - Christian Mothers		nd - Knights of Columbus
3 rd - Daughters of Isabella	4	th - 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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

5:00 PM — Brinley Lichter

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:00 AM — John Braun

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

5:00 PM — Jerry Schmidtberger, Kathy Kuhn, Jane Wagner, Jody Dinkel, Peggy Fitzpatrick

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:00 AM — Jacquelyn Stoffel, Bertha A. Brungardt, Yvonne Braun, Michelle Geist, Marla Robben

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 5:00 PM — Marilyn Braun **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

10:00 AM — Shanna Dinkel

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29 -**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

10:00 AM — Kathy Amrein

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 5:00 PM — Myah and Grace Y., Parker B. **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2** 10:00 AM — Brody N., Rhett H., Wesley S., Jackson S.

MONEY COUNTERS

January 27 — Wanda Karlin, Janie Dinges February 3 — Stephanie Broyles, Bertha Brungardt

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

FINANCE COUNCIL 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

PASTORAL COUNCIL

LITURGY COMMITTEE 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

6:45 am Thomas (anniv), Troy, and Terence Dreiling WEDNESDAY.....JANUARY 29

6:45 am Leroy Sander THURSDAY.....JANUARY 30 6:45 am Phillip and Henrietta Tobben FRIDAY.....JANUARY 31 6:45 am Capuchin Franciscans at St. Fidelis Friary SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1 5:00 pm St. Fidelis Dale and Ruby Nowak 6:30 pm St. Ann Theresa Klaus and Terry Klaus SUNDAY PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRUARY 2 8:30 am St. Boniface For the people

10:00 am St. Fidelis Clete and Rose Younger

7:00 pm Don and Betty Pfeifer

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of Albertine "Tina" (Pfeifer) Rajewski, who passed away on Friday, January 10, 2025. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Saturday, January 18, 2025, with burial in St. Boniface Cemetery, Vincent.

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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 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- January 8 through February 12
- Thank you Religious Education Office for sponsoring this event!

Living Joy God created you for JOY—and He wants that for you here and now!

Join us for "The 9 Rules for Living Joy". Chris Stefanick explains these rules and each "rule" consists of two short, 5-minute videos, with the second usually focusing on more practical application of that rule.

We will discuss one rule a week every Tuesday morning at 7:45 AM in the north sacristy.

Come find your Joy!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAYJANUARY 27

TUESDAY.....JANUARY 28

Throats Blessed

In honor of the feast of St. Blaise (February 3), throats will be blessed **during Masses next weekend**, **February 1-2**. Fr. Jim will give a blessing to all present by extending his hands over the congregation, without the crossed candles, while saying the prayer of blessing.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAYS • 9:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

in St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar

"Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries for this personal visit from you."

~ St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei

JOB OPPORTUNITY at St. Fidelis Parish Office

Position: Secretary

Location: Victoria Job Type: Hourly Hours: 32/week **Compensation:** \$16 - \$18/hour Position Summary: Performs clerical and receptionist duties. Responsibilities: Answering phone, taking messages when necessary Monitor safety & security Parishioner registrations Money counting Maintain church calendar Help tourists and parishioners who come into the office Help maintain history books, gift shop pamphlets, etc. Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent Basic computer knowledge Once Hired: Background check All Safe Environment Training as required by the Diocese How to Apply: Resumes can be sent to fidelis@ruraltel.net or mailed to 601 10th St., Victoria, KS 67671.

Nativity Pictures Dated Before 1961

We are looking for pictures of the indoor nativity scene that Brother Wendelin Weisner used to set up in The Basilica of St. Fidelis. Brother Wendelin died in January 1961, so the pictures would have to be dated before that time. All the pictures in our files seem to be of the crib

that we currently set up at Christmas time. If you have access to a picture of the indoor crib before 1961, we would appreciate getting a copy of it for the church records. If you don't have the ability to scan it as a good quality JPG file, we can scan it here at the Parish Office. Thank you for any help you can give us.

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. *Please make checks payable to: Christian Mothers.*

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/ALTAR SOCIETY

Dues Are Due

St. Fidelis Christian Mother's dues of \$5.00 are due for 2025. There is an envelope in the parish tithing envelope box for your use — please be sure to put your name on the envelope. They can be dropped in the collection basket or mailed to Teresa Shepherd, PO Box 324, Victoria, KS 67671. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

K. of C. Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (**as of January 1**) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2025 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held **Sunday, January 26**, at the Victoria High School Gymnasium. The gym will open approximately at noon, and the contest will start at 1:00 p.m.

Participants are required to furnish written parental consent and proof of age (a copy of birth certificate). Entry forms will be distributed by the school. For additional forms or information, contact Troy Schippers at 785-735-4625.

All Knights of Columbus are invited/encouraged to attend the competition.

NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

Church in Latin America

Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ.

To Give:

Anytime during the month of January, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "Church in Latin America", or simply add it to the memo line of a check!



TOGETHER, LET US BE DISCIPLES OF JESUS ON MISSION!

Catholic Charities Igniting Hope Campaign

On behalf of the entire Catholic Charities team, thank you to everyone who has and is still contributing to the 2024 Igniting Hope Annual Campaign. Through your faithful generosity, you are meeting the needs of those across northern Kansas facing food insecurity, financial hardships, lack of support, and mental health challenges. All donations made will be matched up to \$165,000, instead of \$150,000, meaning your gift will go even further to help families in need! It is not too late to make your mark. To donate to the 2024 Annual Campaign, visit https://ccnks.org/ignitinghope

A MILLION MEMORARES

Every parish across the diocese has available special postcards designed specifically for the Million Memorares for Hope challenge.

On the postcard, individuals are able to write a special intention, as well as share what gives them hope. For every card filled out, the individual is challenged to pray one hundred Memorares.

Once completed, the card can be mailed to the chancery. Upon receipt, Bishop Vincke will take the time to pray over the cards, lifting up the intentions of those who have participated.

The goal is to have a million Memorares prayed, creating a powerful wave of hope throughout the community. Everyone is invited to join in seeking grace and strength through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

These postcards are available at the tri-parish church entrances.

Memorare Prayer

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. **Amen**.

Catholic Charities New Hays Office

Join us for the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of Catholic Charities' new Hays office and Thrift Store on February 14, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. Come tour the new space and learn more about our services and how this expansion will positively impact the communities we serve in the Hays service area. We're thrilled to share this milestone with you—stay tuned for more details!

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

Ouch, It Hurts!

A gingerbread man went to the doctor's office complaining of a sore knee.

"A sore knee?" the doctor said. "Have you tried icing it?"

Tri-Parish Cards & Games Party SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 • 2:00 — 4:00 p.m.	LET'S PLAY! • Pinochle • Farkle • Skip-Bo • Dominos		
Parish Activity Center (north entrance) Everyone is invited. Pick up a friend and come join the fun!	Phase 10 Rummikub		
You are welcomed to bring a snack of any kind for everyone to enjoy.			

In Need of Eucharistic Ministers

St. Fidelis Parish is in need of more Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist (Eucharistic Ministers). Eucharistic Ministers are scheduled for weekend and Holy Day Masses. If you are willing to help with this ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 785-735-2777. We will arrange for training before you start ministering.

Tithing Envelopes

Tithing envelopes for 2025 have been placed at all of the tri-parishes. If you do not see your name and would like a box, contact the parish office at 785-735-2777. <u>Any</u> <u>boxes left after Sunday, January 26, will be brought to</u> <u>the Parish Office to be picked up from there.</u>

PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR OLD ENVELOPES FOR YOUR 2025 TITHING. YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER MAY HAVE CHANGED.

New Parishioners

If you would like to join one of the Tri-Parishes— St. Fidelis, St. Ann, or St. Boniface— Parishioner Forms are available at the Parish Office, 601 10th Street, or on the Home Page of our website: www.StFidelisChurch.com.

Homebound Services

St. Fidelis offers homebound Eucharistic ministry to all three parishes every Wednesday morning and every Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. If you would like to receive Communion in your home, contact the Parish Office at 785-735-2777. Fr. Jim will also come to your home and offer the anointing of the sick or confessions.

ST. FIDELIS FOOD BANK

The St. Fidelis Food Bank is available during Parish Office hours to those in need of food. Please call the office at 785-735-2777 in advance so you won't have to wait while we prepare a box of food for you. Boxes can be picked up at the northwest door of the Parish Office. Donations of food or money are always welcome to help supply the Food Bank.



COMMUNITY



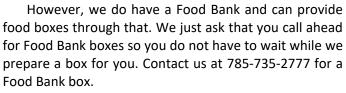
Hays Public Library Bookmobile

Saturday, February 3 | 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Victoria Elementary School.

Commodities to Be Distributed

Commodities will be available for pickup on **Monday, January 27, at 2:30 p.m.** at the Parish Office, 601 10th Street. Please use the north entrance.

REMINDER: Commodities are on a first-come, first-served basis. According to Government commodity regulations we are not allowed to hold boxes back for specific individuals.



Soup Luncheon provided by Gorham Daughters of Isabella

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Senior Center, Gorham, Kansas 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Eat in or take out Homemade Soups:

Chili, Green Bean & Dumpling, Chicken & Noodle Homemade Bread, Pies, and Desserts \$8 per person | 5 and under Free | \$15 a quart

All Welcome

Don't forget to stop by and check out the Country Store.



WHEN: March 24th @ 6:00pm

WHERE: VES Cafeteria

WHAT TO BRING:



ANOTHER LITTLE CHUCKLE

A Little Help Here, Please!

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?"

He answered, "Call for backup."

Please patronize those who advertise in our bulletin.

Single Ad = \$20.¹⁰, Quarterly Ads = \$60.¹⁰ Monthly Ads = \$100.¹⁰, Weekly Ads = \$300.¹⁰ To place an ad, contact Connie @ 785-735-2777

Thank you for advertising in our bulletin!

