

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.  $\sim$  taken from *The Register*, Salina Diocese newspaper

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# February 2, 2025 – PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

#### 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

# **Boy Scout Sunday**







#### The Gift of Children

Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord has many messages for our faith. The fulfillment of the promise of a Messiah; the faithful devotion of Joseph and Mary; the dedication of Simeon and Anna. There is also a subtle message pertinent to our age: that children are a gift from God. They

are new life; they are hope. Each one is a child of God destined for eternal life.

The birth rate in America is now below the replacement level of 2.2 children per couple. This is not to suggest that every couple should have the number maximum of children. Some couples have children. cannot Perhaps some couples should not have children, or a very limited number of children. What is at

issue is a pervasive attitude that a child is an optional commodity whose only value is parental fulfillment. That is a failure to see each child as a gift from God, a unique person, who can enrich our human condition and the glory of God

Even on a natural level society has long regarded children as a great blessing. Sometimes with mixed motives. Such as the need for more farm hands, an economic stimulus, social security benefits, old age security, the heir of the family name, and tradition.

The Book of Psalms said: "Sons are a heritage from the Lord. Happy the man who has filled his quiver with these arrows, He will not be put to shame when he faces his foes in the gateway." (Ps 127:5)

Catholicism is not naive about the responsibility of children. Children can

be a disappointment, even a tragedy. In today's gospel the prophet Simeon said of the Christ child, what can be prophetic of all newborn infants, "He is destined for the fall and the rise of many." And to Mary, the mother of Christ, and by extension to all mothers, "Your own heart a sword shall pierce."



Human life is filled with sorrows. But the long range view of human life is overwhelmingly positive. The gospel speaks of the Christ child as "a light to the gentiles, and the glory of your people." That possibility is inherent in every child. A light to others, the glory of your family.

Today many wonder about God's command in Genesis to be fruitful and multiply, and they question the blessings of children and the burdens of raising children. Those are fair questions. But there is a better question. Ask any grandparent, ask any new grandparent, if he or she has been rewarded for having children.

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Parents of young children do not need an alarm clock.

#### PARISH STAFF

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#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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#### Contributions January 25-26, 2025

**ST. FIDELIS:** <u>Loose</u> 719.00 <u>Envelopes</u> 2701.00 <u>Repair Fund</u> 600.00

**ST. ANN:** Loose 133.00 Envelopes 300.00

ST. BONIFACE: Loose 380.00 Envelopes 650.00



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

# **Throats Blessed**

In honor of the feast of St. Blaise (February 3), throats will be blessed during Masses THIS 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.

\* Sunday Rosary Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> - Christian Mothers 3<sup>rd</sup> - Daughters of Isabella 2<sup>nd</sup> - Knights of Columbus

4<sup>th</sup> - 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 8**

5:00 PM — Becky and Jim Scheck

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

10:00 AM — Jubliee Choir

#### \*EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS\*

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

**5:00 PM** — Kathy Kuhn, Deb Geschwentner, Randy Leiker, Jane Wagner, Carol Pfeifer

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 — Jubilee Choir sings

**10:00 AM** — Kenny and Bertha R. Brungardt, Leroy Schmidtberger, Andrea Schmidtberger, Connie Windholz

#### \*LECTORS\COMMENTATORS\*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8** 

5:00 PM — Tammy Lichter **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9** 

10:00 AM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger

#### \*HOMEBOUND MINISTERS\*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 — Jane Wagner **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9** 10:00 AM — Kathy Amrein

#### \*MASS SERVERS\*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8** 5:00 PM — Hadley L., Emma D., Scarlett H. **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9** 10:00 AM — Dax L., Liv W., Vivian W.

#### \*MONEY COUNTERS\*

February 3 — Stephanie Broyles, Bertha Brungardt February 10 — Jerry Schmidtberger, Andrea Ottley

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

**FINANCE COUNCIL** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** 

LITURGY COMMITTEE 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 5:30 pm

1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

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

**New Beginnings:** 

The Story of Salvation Fulfilled

- 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 INTENTI	ONS	
MONDAYFEAST OF ST. BLAISE	FEBRUARY 3	
7:00 pm Judy Matranga		
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 4	
6:45 am Elsie Huser		
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 5	
6:45 am Ben and Olivia Windholz family living and deceased		
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 6	
6:45 am Gladys Pfeifer		
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 7	
6:45 am Elsie Huser		
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 8	
5:00 pm St. Fidelis For the People		
6:30 pm St. Ann Linda and Wendelin Schoenda	iller and	
Anton and Anna Younger families liv	ring and deceased	
SUNDAY5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIM	EFEBRUARY 9	
8:30 am St. Boniface Ben and Oliva Windholz		
10:00 am St. Fidelis Benny Schulte and Ed and	Minnie Braun	

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

in St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar

"Here on earth it is impossible to perform a more meritorious act than visiting Jesus often in the Holy Eucharist."

Tri-Parish Cards & Games Party	<ul> <li>Dinachla</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Farkle</li> </ul>
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 • 2:00 — 4:00 p.m.	<ul><li> Pinochle</li><li> Skip-Bo</li><li> Phase 10</li></ul>	<ul><li>Parkie</li><li>Dominos</li><li>Rummikub</li></ul>
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.	N. C.	

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> St., Victoria, KS 67671.

#### **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.

#### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

#### Daughters of Isabella VALENTINE SOUP SUPPER



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 7:00 P.M.

St. Fidelis Thrift Shop

Meeting to follow @ 7:30. Chair: Yvonne Braun

Co-chair: Judy Dreiling

#### Membership Dues Are Due

Yearly Daughters of Isabella membership dues of \$20 are now due. Please make checks payable to Daughters of Isabella. Send payment to Kathy Kuhn, PO Box 375, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

#### A LITTLE CHUCKLE

Eggs are fantastic for a fitness diet. If you don't like the taste, just add cocoa, flour, sugar, butter, baking powder, and bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

#### D. of I. Scholarships Offered

The Daughters of Isabella Circle #364 is offering a scholarship to anyone who has a mother, grandmother, step-mother, or step-grandmother as a member of the local D. of I. Circle. Applications are available at Victoria High School or you can contact JoAnn Berens at 785-639-1948. State D. of I. scholarships are also available.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



The winners pictured left to right: Rhett Hoffman, Addy Sander, Kasen Truan, Stella Rodger, Easton Nuss, Brantley Pfeifer, Aria Haselhorst, and Chelsie Huser.

# 2025 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

Eight boys and girls from the Victoria area, ages 9 to 13, were named local champions of the 2025 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship and have earned the right to compete at the regional level. St. Fidelis Council #1867 of Victoria sponsored the local competition at the Victoria High School Gymnasium on **Sunday, January 26**. All youngsters ages 9 to 14 (as of January 1) were eligible to participate.

Nine-year-old champion was Rhett Hoffman in the boys' bracket, and Addy Sander was the 9-year-old girls' champion. Kasen Truan was the 10-year-old boys' champion. In the 11-year-olds' bracket, Stella Rodger was the girls' champion and Easton Nuss was the boys' champion. Twelve-year-old winner in the girls' division was Aria Haselhorst, and Brantley Pfeifer won the boys' division. The 13-year-old girls' division was won by Chelsie Huser.

Each contestant was allowed 15 free throw attempts in the contests. Ties were settled by successive rounds of five free throws per contestant until a winner emerged. Each of these winners can compete in the regional competition to be held on **Sunday, February 16**, at the Tipton Community Center, Tipton, Kansas, with an eye toward moving on to the state, and international levels.

The kids in the winners picture are left to right: Rhett Hoffman, Addy Sander, Kasen Truan, Stella Rodger, Easton Nuss, Brantley Pfeifer, Aria Haselhorst, and Chelsie Huser



All of the 2025 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Contestants

#### 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! The Bishop's Annual Appeal kicks off next weekend—February 7-8. Watch for the posters in church and the envelopes you will be receiving in the mail.

# 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.

# 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.

#### **ANOTHER LITTLE CHUCKLE**

Poor Giraffe

A giraffe's coffee would be cold by the time it reached the bottom of its throat. Ever think about that? No, you only think about yourself.

#### COMMUNITY

#### V.F.W. Auxiliary Meeting

Victoria V.F.W. Auxiliary members will meet on **Thursday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m.** at the V.F.W. Hall.



# Hays Public Library Bookmobile

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

## 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:



