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ST. FIDELIS 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 *The Register*, Salina Diocese newspaper

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February 16, 2025 — SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


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 — 8:30 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

- 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
- Apr. 18 — Good Friday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Apr. 19 — Holy Saturday
- Apr. 20 — Easter Sunday

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.”

Luke 6:17,20-26



	The Parish Office will be closed Tomorrow—Monday, February 17, in honor of Presidents Day.
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Blessings and Woes

Today's gospel is Luke's version of the eight Beatitudes. The more popular version of the Beatitudes is a list of eight blessings from Matthew's gospel. We like that. Blessed are the peacemakers, the poor, the persecuted. Luke's Beatitudes are four blessings and four warnings. The deprived are blessed, the prosperous are warned.

Mathew is concerned with the fulfillment of God's prophecies. Luke's gospel is focused on the comfort, healing, and forgiveness of God. The poor are especially blessed.

Yet many wonder: How are the poor blessed? They seem to be distressed. Why are the rich in danger? They appear to be doing just fine. This gospel does *not* mean that the poor have a free ticket to heaven. It does not mean that the rich are on the highway to hell.

Our great saints include the rich and the poor, the successful and the struggling. The poor are blessed in that God is with them in the pursuit of justice. The rich are in danger if their wealth estranges them from God.

The poor and the hungry realize their dependence on God in a way that the rich and comfortable seldom do. It is not their hardship, in and of itself, that is blessed, but only when it better disposes them to trust in God. The rich and the comfortable are seldom aware of such a need for God. Even we middle-class Americans with credit cards and investments seldom feel a need for God.



Yet there is one area of our lives where we do know our dependence on God. And that is in sickness. In serious illness we realize our total dependence on God, just as the poor know that need every day in every facet of life. Perhaps that is why, as people age and their health ebbs, their faith often blossoms.

We can also be poor in our personal relationships and our inner struggles. Such trials can be a hidden blessing IF through them we come to know better our dependence on God.

"Woe to you rich" reminds the fortunate of their obligation to be God's agents in bringing justice to the poor, the hungry, the outcast.

The danger of wealth is that it easily isolates one from the needy and blinds one to the demands of justice.

St. Paul wrote, "I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned to be content with whatever I have. For I can do all things, through him who strengthens me." (Phil 4:11)

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Cleaning the house with small children is like shoveling the walk while it's snowing.

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CONTRIBUTIONS

FEBRUARY 8-9, 2025

ST. FIDELIS:

Loose 906.00 Envelopes 3895.00
Cemetery 60.00

ST. ANN:

Loose 271.00 Envelopes 205.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Loose 556.00 Envelopes 425.00
Candles 36.00



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

Contribution Receipts

All contribution receipts have been sent out. There was an issue with the merge that may cause some receipts to be incorrect. Please review your receipt and if there is a discrepancy please call Andrea at the parish office at 785-735-2777.

* 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 *

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

5:00 PM — Pam Scheck

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

10:00 AM — Adult Choir

* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS *

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

5:00 PM — Diane Gross, Jody Dinkel, Tom Tholen,
Jane Wagner, Carol Pfeifer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 — Adult Choir

10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun, Andrea Schmidtberger,
Sandy McAlonan, Teresa Shepherd,
Michelle Geist

* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS *

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

5:00 PM — Nichole Hunter

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

10:00 AM — Allan Amrein

* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS *

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 — Kathy Kuhn

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel

* MASS SERVERS *

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

5:00 PM — Hadley L., Dax L., Luke T.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

10:00 AM — Graycee H., Brynn H., Dawson S.

* MONEY COUNTERS *

February 18 (Tuesday) — Patty Dreiling, Anne Schmidtberger

February 24 — Brenda Dreiling, Sandra Dreiling

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

FINANCE COUNCIL
4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

PASTORAL COUNCIL
1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

LITURGY COMMITTEE
2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

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!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

THURSDAYS • 9:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

in St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar

“The best, the surest, and the most effective way of establishing PEACE on the face of the earth is through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.”

~Pope John Paul II

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2025 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

These are the tri-parish totals collected as of February 12 towards the 2025 Annual Appeal goal of \$2.5 million.

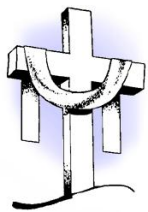
PARISH	GOAL	PLEGDED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Walker	18,500.00	3,000.00	00.00	1
Vincent	2,000.00	600.00	00.00	1
Victoria	26,000.00	3,120.00	50.00	5

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	PRESIDENT’S DAY	FEBRUARY 17
7:00 pm Paul Urban		
TUESDAY		FEBRUARY 18
6:45 am Leland and Marlene Dinkel		
WEDNESDAY		FEBRUARY 19
6:45 am		
THURSDAY		FEBRUARY 20
6:45 am		
FRIDAY		FEBRUARY 21
6:45 am		
SATURDAY		FEBRUARY 22
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Vitus and Anita Lang family living and deceased		
6:30 pm St. Ann Mary and Clara Mermis		
SUNDAY	7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	FEBRUARY 23
8:30 am St. Boniface For the people		
10:00 am St. Fidelis Aaron Marsh		

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS LENTEN YARD CROSS PROGRAM

The Knights of Columbus will be providing wooden crosses in the yards of people that would like to have one during the Lenten season.



At a cost of \$20, the Knights will install and remove the cross.

Crosses will be installed on Saturday morning, March 1, prior to Ash Wednesday. If you choose, you may decorate the cross with a ribbon or cloth, but nothing that would permanently mark or damage the cross.

Crosses will be removed on the Saturday after Easter, the morning of April 26.

The Knights will install crosses in the county as well as the City of Victoria.

If you are interested, please contact John Braun (785-735-2622), Harland Rupp (785-623-1368), or Leroy Schmidtberger (785-639-3570) or pick up a sign-up slip and a flag in the west vestibule of The Basilica of St. Fidelis. You are asked to place the flag in your yard where you want the cross installed.

The sign-up slips and payment can be given to one of the Knights listed above or brought into the Parish Office at 601 10th Street. All proceeds will go towards the Parish's Summer Lunch Program.



Victoria Knights of Columbus Fish Fries

Dine-in or carry-out service available.



Serving:

Deep-fried Pollock, Fried Noodles and Beans, Coleslaw, Baked Potatoes, Bread, and Drink

\$15 for adults | \$5 for children ages 6-12

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Fridays — March 14, March 28, April 11

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at the Victoria VFW Hall

Home delivery is available by calling

Leroy Schmidtberger at 785-639-3570.

Please help us help our communities.

4th of Degree Meeting

Members of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree will meet on **Wednesday, February 19, at 8:00 p.m.** at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

COMMUNITY

Hays Public Library

Bookmobile

Saturday, February 15 | 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

at the Victoria City Park.

Holy Hour in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

An icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be the centerpiece of a Sacred Heart of Jesus Holy Hour at **2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 23**, at St. Fidelis Basilica.

The holy hour, flowing from the jubilee for the 350th anniversary of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us), is sponsored by St. Fidelis Council of the Knights of Columbus.

The Sacred Heart Holy Hour will include readings from Sacred Scripture and reflections from Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers to the Sacred Heart, and time for silent prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The prayer service will lead all present to grow in their love of God and devotion to his Most Sacred Heart.

Heartland Center for Spirituality Great Bend Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 8 | 9:00 am – Noon

Presenter: Phil St. Romain

Cost \$35 — Add lunch \$12

Opening to God

God is always lovingly present to us, attempting to guide and grow us every minute of the day.

During this retreat, we will explore ways we can become more open to God's loving guidance and why, at times, we do not detect it.

To register visit our website:

<https://heartlandspirituality.org/lenen-retreat/>

Or contact Ann Axman at 620-792-1232 or

ann.axman@heartlandspirituality.org

HOSTED BY ST. FIDELIS CYO

St. Fidelis Parish Breakfast

TODAY — Sunday, February 16, 2025

9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

Victoria Elementary School

Cost: Free will donation

*All proceeds support the tri-parish
Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)*



“My father used to buy simple goods from poor people at high prices, even though he did not need them. Sometimes he even used to pay extra for them. I got concerned by this and asked him why does he do so? My father replied, ‘It is a charity wrapped in dignity, my child.’”

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS / ALTAR SOCIETY

Jesus Is Waiting

The Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed for continued adoration following the Religious Ed. Classes’ hour of adoration on **February 26**. Come and see what time spent with your Creator can do for you. Feel free to come any time from **6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** and stay as long as you want. Experience some quiet time with the Lord.

Celebrate Mardi Gras

All funeral dinner workers, desert providers, Stitch & a Prayer participants, and Christian Mothers/Altar Society members are invited to a Mardi Gras celebration **Tuesday, March 4, beginning at 6:00 p.m.**, at the VFW

In honor of Shrove Tuesday, pancakes will be provided along with coffee and tea. Bring your favorite breakfast side dish and share an evening with your fellow parishioners. Let’s enjoy some fun before Lent begins!

Christian Mothers/Altar Society Notice

On **Monday, March 3**, St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society will have a meeting in the North Sacristy of the Basilica following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Prospective members, please join us in the front pews.

Even if you do not attend meetings, your membership supports our parish and unites your prayers with women around the world. Think how powerful that can be.

Dues are \$5.00 payable to St. Fidelis Christian Mothers and can be sent to Teresa Shepherd, PO Box 324, Victoria, Kansas 67671, paid at the meeting, or placed in an envelope and dropped in the collection basket. Yellow envelopes at the church doors are available for your convenience. For more information, call Jane Wagner, 785-735-2587.

Father Jim Visits 3rd and 1st Graders



ABOVE: Father and students in a heart-felt group hug.



BELOW: Students reciting the prayer they said in class for Father.



LEFT: Father Jim, the third graders, and the first graders take a group picture in the sacristy after a big thank you for all of the work he does.

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.

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.

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