# reacon of Faith. ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# 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. Fidel is Food Bank Available during Parish Office hours. Donations accepted.

### 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 Some items available at the Parish Office such as Die Herzoger, Cookbooks, Postcards, History Books.

**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

www.StFidelisChurch.com / www.StBonifaceVincent.com

# December 11, 2021 — Third Sunday of Advent

### Masses:

# St. Fidel is, Victoria

 $\begin{array}{l} {\rm Saturday-5:00~pm} \\ {\rm Sunday-10:00~am} \end{array}$ 

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

### **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

Dec. 17 — Anointing of Sick after Masses at Walker

**Dec. 18** — Anointing of Sick after Mass at Victoria

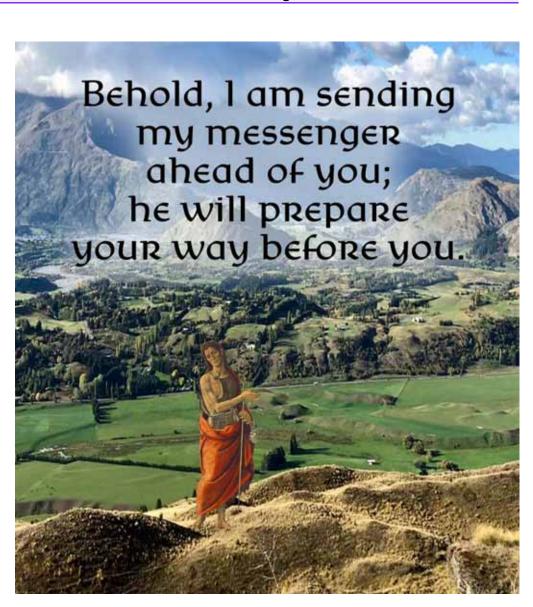
Dec. 19 — Communal Penance Service after 7:00 pm Mass

Dec. 23 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas

Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve

Dec. 25 — Christmas Day

Dec. 26 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED day after Christmas





# **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Tomorrow, December 12, is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas. There are many reported apparitions of Mary, but Our Lady of Guadalupe is of special significance to the Americas—especially Central America.

The ancient native people of Mexico were suspicious of foreign missionaries as representing outside oppression and the Aztec religion dominated their culture. Then in 1531 a Mexican peasant, Juan Diego, reported a vision of the Virgin Mary at Tepeyac and within a few decades millions of natives were baptized Christians.

Mary told Juan Diego to ask the bishop to build a church on the site of her appearance, but the bishop demanded proof. So Mary sent Juan Diego to Tepeyac on a cold December day to gather roses for the bishop. Imprinted on the mantel in which he carried the roses she left that majestic image of herself. That cloak was made of cactus fibers which should have deteriorated in twenty years but it shows no sign of decay 500 years later. The image still defies all scientific explanations of its origin and rich symbolic meaning has been found in its many details.

The image of Mary on that cloak is central to the native people's devotion to her and their Christian faith. She identified herself as the "Virgin Mary, Mother of the True God, the Creator of all things, Lord of heaven and the earth." Guadalupe teaches us that God uses Mary to lead people to Jesus. Hispanics are uniquely devoted to Our Lady of Guadalupe who led them to her Son.

Mary did not appear to Juan Diego in the image of the European Madonna of the first missionaries, but as a beautiful Aztec princess speaking to



him in his own native language. If we want to help others appreciate the gospel, we must honor the heritage of such people and the culture in which they live. Only then can they come to understand and know Christ. That is true not only of missionaries in foreign lands but also of Christians living in a secular world.

The power of devotion to Mary is revealed in these statistics about the annual pilgrims to major religious shrines: Jerusalem, 2 million; Mecca, 2.5 million; Fatima, 4 million; Assisi, 5 million; Lourdes, 5 million, Padre Pio's tomb, 6 million; and the Basilica of our Lady of Guadalupe, 20 million. David Carrasco of Harvard Divinity School wrote, "It is difficult to overstate the importance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Central American culture. In Mexico she is everyone's mother."

# and mirth

If not for marriage, many people would think they have no faults.

### Parish Staff

#### Pastor:

Fr. Jim Moster, OFM, Cap. email: james.moster@capuchins.org

#### Secretary/Bookkeeper:

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Sacramental Records
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### **Housekeeping/Sacristan:**

Darlene Dreiling

#### **Cemetery Groundskeeper:**

Wilmer Dinkel

<u>Maintenance</u>: Ken Pfeifer, Randy Leiker **Organists**: Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

Lou Ann Hammersmith

<u>Choir Director</u>: Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

<u>Technology Coordinator</u>: Connie Windholz

email: sftech@ruraltel.net

### Council Members

#### St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

John R. Braun 735-2622 (Chair)
Angie Roth 735-8035 (Vice-Chair)
Ryan Lichter 650-7361 (Sec)
Marilyn Braun 735-9265
Bertha R. Brungardt 735-4106
Patty Dreiling 735-4479
Curt Kuhn 735-8820
Rosie Kreutzer 656-3298

### St. Fidelis Finance Council

Harland Rupp 735-2206 Frank Dreiling 735-8385 David Ottley 735-8434

### St. Boniface Pastoral Council

Fred Tholen 735-4801 Curt Wellbrock 259-6564 Kathy Huser 735-4193

### St. Ann Pastoral Council

Bill Robben 806-669-5264 Patrick Zwenger 402-452-6253 Bob Brungardt 735-4410

### Contributions December 3-4, 2021

### ST. FIDELIS:

Envelopes 3039.80 Loose 1320.00 Repair Fund 536.00 Retired Religious 100.00

### ST. ANN:

Envelopes 130.00 <u>Loose</u> 152.00 <u>Candles</u> 173.00

### ST. BONIFACE:

<u>Envelopes</u> 227.00 <u>Loose</u> 130.00 <u>Candles</u> 2.00

**December 12** — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt

**December 19** — Cora Schulte, Ivan Werner

# St. Fidel is 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.

# **Communal Penance Service**

at the Basilica of St. Fidelis on Monday, December 19, after the 7:00 p.m. Mass

# Sunday

### Rosary Schedule

1st - Christian Mothers

2<sup>nd</sup> - Knights of Columbus

3<sup>rd</sup> - Daughters of Isabella

4<sup>th</sup> - Family Life

### MINSTER 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, DECEMBER 17** 

**5:00 PM** — Trilogy

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18** 

10:00 AM — Becky & Jim Scheck

# \*EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS\*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17** 

5:00 PM — Keith Billinger, Jane Wagner, Kathy Kuhn SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

**10:00 AM** — Anne Dinkel, Yvonne Braun, Bertha A. Brungardt

# \*LECTORS\COMMENTATORS\*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17** 

5:00 PM — Teresa Shepherd

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18** 

10:00 AM — Dave Staab

# \*HOMEBOUND MINISTERS\*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 — Diane Gross

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel

# \*MASS SERVERS\*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 5:00 PM — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 10:00 AM —

# **Committee Meeting Dates**

Finance Council 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 5:30 pm

Liturgy Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 5:30 pm Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

# **Christmas Basket Drive**

It is that time of year again to prepare for the Tri-Parish Christmas Basket Drive.

If you wish to donate to the Drive this year, we are asking for cash donations only. That way we can purchase the same items for all the baskets .

You may drop your monetary donations in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the parish office. Please mark it as "Christmas Basket Drive".

The Tri-Parish Family Life Committee is spearheading this project.

# Know Someone Who Needs a Basket?

If you or someone you know would like one of these Christmas baskets please contact the Parish Office at 785-735-2777

by December 16, 2022. This deadline is necessary for the team of volunteers to purchase the food, pack the baskets, and have them ready for pickup on Wednesday, December 21.

When you call in, you will be informed that these Christmas baskets must be picked up the afternoon of Wednesday, December 21. A schedule of pickup times will be made in 10-minute increments for social distancing and confidentiality.



THANK YOU TO ALL
WHO
SUPPORT THIS PROJECT!

# **Advent Bible Study**

Family Life is sponsoring an Advent Bible Study. We will meet every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Meal Site at the PAC.

We will begin on Tuesday, November 22, and conclude on Tuesday, December 20.

We will use the "Opening the Word" Series on Formed which follows the Year A Sunday readings.

> For more information contact Jane Wagner 785-735-2587 or Stephanie Broyles 785-735-4747.

Everyone is welcome to attend all or any session.

# Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered after Masses according to the following schedule:

Saint Ann—Saturday, December 17 Saint Fidelis — Sunday, December 18

Due to time constraints between Masses, there will NOT be an anointing at Saint Fidelis on Saturday, December 17, or at St. Boniface on Sunday, December 18.

"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]

# **Church Cleaning for the Basilica**

It's that time again. We need to spruce up the Basilica for Christmas. Please plan to help if you are available on Saturday morning December 17, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. If we get lots of help it should only take a couple of hours. We could use 2 or 3 additional vacuums, some Swiffers, a few buckets, and a couple of wet mops. We will be cleaning the new tile, vacuuming the rug, and dusting wherever we can reach. All are welcome and much appreciated.

# DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

# D. of I. Christmas Party

Monday, December 12 at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop

There will be a short meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided. \$10 Gift Exchange



# ST. FIDELIS ADULT CHOIR

# Practice Schedule

There will be choir practice every Wednesday until Christmas from 7:30-8:40 p.m. in the Basilica of St. Fidelis choir loft. EVERYONE IS INVITED.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# **MONTHLY MEETING**

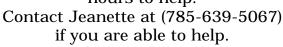
The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

### ST. ANN

St. Ann Ladies will clean the church on

Saturday, December 17 @ 9:00 a.m.

They are looking for several young people who need service hours to help.





St. Ann's **Christmas Potluck** & Food Bingo Saturday, December 17

after 6:30 p.m. Mass

## YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

# Jubilee Choir ~ Christmas Eve Mass

Youth in 2nd Grade and older are invited to sing in the Jubilee Choir at the Christmas Eve 5:00 P.M. Mass at St. Fidelis Church. Youth should plan to arrive at 4:30 P.M. and gather in the choir loft on Christmas Eve.

\*\*There will be one practice on Friday, December 23, from 4:30—5:30 P.M.\*\*

If your child would like to join in singing, please kindly RSVP to Mrs. Becky Scheck at 785 -735-8129 by Wednesday, December 14. Thank you!

# **Religious Education Christmas Break**

There are no Religious Education classes on the following Wednesday's:

December 14, December 21, December 28

# **Christmas Eve Pageant Deadlines**

Wednesday, December 7: RSVP's due to Jeanette B.

Sunday, December 18, following 10 A.M. Mass: Pick-up costumes

Wednesday, December 21: Practice from 4:30—6:30 P.M. in St. Fidelis Church Friday, December 23: Practice from 10 A.M.—12 P.M. In St. Fidelis Church

## **DIOCESE**



HELP AGING RELIGIOUS. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.

# **December Human Trafficking Alert**

A gift to US Catholic Sisters can make a difference in our efforts to confront the Human Trafficking pandemic. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501c (3) organization, 2039 N. Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131. (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

# 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEDGED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEDGED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Walker	10,200.00	.00	5,200.00	9
Vincent	1,000.00	.00	1,110.00	9
Victoria	15,200.00	200.00	15,597.00	56

As of November 30, 2022, \$2,019,063.68 has been raised, exceeding the \$2 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

# St. Boniface Nativity "Little Town of Bethlehem"

The "Little Town of Bethlehem" nativity at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Vincent will be open for visitors December 11, 18, and 25 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Appointments can also be made at any other time by calling Carol at 735-9282.

This is the 96th year of the nativity, begun by 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 Church is located 5.5 miles south of Victoria and two miles east.

# Bishop Gelebrating at St. Boniface

Bishop Jerry Vincke will celebrate Mass as St. Boniface Church next **Saturday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m.** 

A parish meal will follow the Mass.

# **24-Hour Adoration**

The annual 24-Hour Adoration at St. Boniface Church will begin **Friday**, **December 16**, at **3:00 p.m.** and conclude **Saturday**, **December 17**, at **3:00 p.m.** 

As nine-year-old Jimmy listened to the Bible story of Noah's Ark, he suddenly realized that the children who were not on the Ark were not saved from the flood.

He looked at his mom with sad eyes and a questioning face.

His mom could only say, "Their parents didn't make sure they were on the ark."

One of the most important things for parents to do is to make sure their children have a relationship with Jesus so they can "be on the Ark."

# OPTIONS for ADVENT PRAYER

# Third Sunday of Advent - Joy

Activity for the Week – Make phone calls, send cards, or visit those who are homebound.

Good and gracious Father, during these busy days of Advent, open our hearts in welcome and remove the things that hinder us from receiving Jesus with joy. We want to find you in the every day moments, in the day-to-day events of our lives. Fill our hearts with **JOY** and gratitude for all the blessings you have given us. May we feel joyful in knowing that the coming of Jesus in the stable is near.

# **HALLOW**

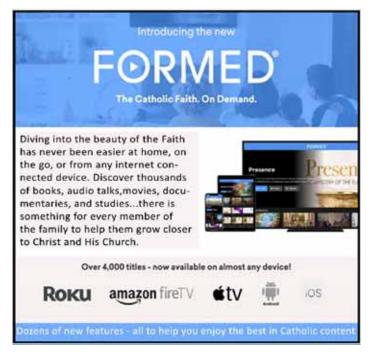


# 'Hallow' for Advent

The tri-parishes of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface have partnered with Hallow this Advent to encourage all parishioners to prepare their heart this season by incorporating prayer into each day. This Advent, we're inviting you to join Hallow's #Pray25 Challenge: Journey through Salvation History feat. The cast of "The Chosen."

Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes 1,000 prayer sessions available for free, and over 5,000 audio-guided sessions in an upgraded premium subscription.

Hallow is designed to help you grow closer to God and develop a daily habit of prayer, and includes prayers for kids and families, resources for mental health, meditations for sleep, seasonal music, multiple languages (including Spanish, Portuguese, and Polish!), daily trivia, podcast-style courses to learn more about faith, and more! Register today by scanning the QR code on the flyers inserted in this bulletin or on the banners that are displayed in all three churches.



# 'FORMED' for Advent

The Diocese of Salina has renewed its subscription to FORMED.ORG, which it has subscribed to for several years. FORMED provides access to books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, and studies.

You can easily access FORMED by using the church's website at StFidelisChurch.com and select "FORMED Website" under the Organizations-Links tab. Just follow the instructions on that page.

Or do the following:

- Go to Formed.org
- If you have used FORMED, select Sign In.
- Otherwise, select: Sign Up as a Parishioner
- Type in 67671 (as the parish zip code)
- Select St. Fidelis Church
- You will need to provide your name and email.
- Then browse to see all that you can watch.

St. Fidelis Financial Summary						
INCOME	<u>11/30/2022</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	11/30/2022			
Bequests & Donations		Clergy				
Christmas Flowers	\$85.00	Automobile Expense	\$1,060.00			
Christmas Trees	\$748.76	Living Allowance	\$435.00			
General Funds	\$4,488.41	Salary	\$1,060.00			
Repair Fund	\$922.00	Employees				
Tourist Donations	\$338.10	Benefits	\$956.69			
Bulletin Ads	\$4,840.00	Mass/Wedding Pay	\$545.00			
Candles	\$994.28	Payroll	\$16,106.16			
Collections		Facilities & Equipment				
Military Services	\$20.00	Church Repair & Maintenance	\$356.58			
Mission Sunday	\$5.00	Cleaning Supplies	\$80.56			
Retired Religious	\$105.00	PAC Maintenance	\$453.15			
Envelopes	\$12,119.00	Pest Control	\$174.47			
Loose	\$4,058.00	Family Life Committee				
Family Life		Care Notes	\$322.00			
Care Notes	\$5.00	Grounds, Landscaping	\$34.94			
Gift Shop	\$379.65	Insurance	\$3,722.00			
Mission Parishes	\$4,000.00	Miscellaneous	\$4,998.69			
Oil/Royalty	\$171.57	Music Ministry	\$65.38			
Refunds & Reimbursements	\$3,153.91	Office				
Use of Buildings	\$2,200.00	2023 Calendars	\$609.70			
TOTAL INCOME:	\$38,633.68	Bookkeeping	\$1,320.00			
		Equipment	\$729.32			
EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES		Subscriptions	\$57.23			
Liturgical Furniture	\$2,200.40	Postage, Mailing Service	\$97.05			
Security	\$2,915.00	Printing & Copying	\$1,493.75			
TOTAL:	\$5,115.40	Sanctuary Supplies	\$155.34			
		Candles/Votives	\$8,834.24			
		Utilities				
		Church	\$1,495.48			
Gross Income:	\$38,633.68	PAC	\$627.52			
Total Expenses:	\$47,978.60	Worship Materials	\$2,188.35			
Net Income:	-\$9,344.92	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$47,978.60			

St. Fidelis Cemetery Financial Summary						
<u>INCOME</u>	11/30/2022		<u>EXPENSES</u>	11/30/2022		
Bequests & Donations	\$1,753.00		<b>Grave Staking</b>	\$100.00		
<b>Emmeram Donation</b>	\$100.00		Maintenance	\$200.60		
Grave Staking \$150.00 Payroll		Payroll	\$88.80			
Headstone Flagging	\$100.00		TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$389.40		
Plots	\$600.00					
TOTAL INCOME:	\$2,703.00					
Gross Income:	\$2,703.00					
Total Expenses:	\$389.40					
Net Income:	\$2,313.60					

# **New Bell Strikers and Control System for the Basilica**

The Basilica of St. Fidelis received four new strikers (clappers) from The Verdin Company out of Cincinnati, Ohio, for the bells in the south tower of the church.

Verdin is expected to be here sometime this month to install digital control boxes for the strikers in the south sacristy. The new system, which has a remote control, will make it much easier to regulate

ystem, which has a remote control, vill make it much easier to regulate when the bells will ring.

The strikers arrived

back in October, but getting them into the tower where they belong was a process that took some thinking.

As a solution, the church's maintenance crew—Kenny Pfeifer and Randy Leiker, along with Curt Kuhn, John Schulte, Eric Pfeifer, Frank Dreiling, Doug Kuhn, John Braun, Bobby Schmidtberger, and Larry Brown—used a CAT line pulley system on Friday, November 25, to carefully lift the heavy equipment to the tower. It took them about three hours to accomplish this task.

The outside Christmas Crib was set up the same day with the help







# **2022 Holiday Schedules**

# **CHRISTMAS EVE**

\*SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022\*

**BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS, Victoria** 

5:00 p.m. (Children's Liturgy with Pageant)

10:00 p.m. (Adult Choir singing)

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Walker

7:30 p.m.

# **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**\*SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022\*** 

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH, Vincent

8:00 a.m. (1/2 hour earlier than usual)

BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS, Victoria 10:00 a.m.

# **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

\*SATURDAY DECEMBER 31, 2022\*

**BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS, Victoria** 

5:00 p.m.

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Walker

6:30 p.m.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(New Year's Day)

\*SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023\*

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH, Vincent

8:30 a.m.

**BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS, Victoria** 

10:00 a.m.

# COMMUNITY

The Victoria Community Coalition Holiday Home Tour is over, but the

# **VCC Christmas Raffle**

is on-going.

Tickets are one for \$5 or 5 for \$20.

# The Raffle Drawing will be held Tuesday, December 20.

Raffle tickets can be purchased from Rosie (785-656-3298), Marcie (785-259-0289), Brenda (785-735-4141),

Andrea (785-656-2208), or Connie (785-735-8095).

Tickets can also be picked up at the St. Fidelis Parish Office ask for Andrea or Connie.

Profits from this event will go to the VCC which is currently focusing on the restoration of the old St. John Rest Home,

now known as St. John's Place.

Your support of this project is very much appreciated.

### RAFFLE PRIZES

\$300 cash: Warren Davidson Trucking \$200 cash: Warren Davidson Trucking \$100 cash: Gorham State Bank

\$75 gas certificate: Robben Oil

\$50 certificate: Hickok's Steakhouse

Scentsy Gift Basket: Andrea Schmidtberger

3 - \$25 certificates: The Library3 - \$10 certificates: Taco Shop\$25 certificates Mac's Liguer Shock

\$25 certificate: Mac's Liquor Shack \$25 certificate: Meridy's Restaurant &

Lounge

Meat Bundle: Bigg E Meats \$10 certificate: Taco Grande \$10 certificate: Dominos Pizza

2- \$25 certificates: Total Convenience Etched Rock (name only): Wilmer Dinkel

\$10 gift card: Klema's of Russell DeWalt drill or saw: Victoria Lumber \$25 certificate: Lifeforce Chiropractic \$50 certificate: Myers Furniture Inc.

2 - \$25 certificates: United Ag of Gorham \$25 gift card: Gella's Diner & Lb. Brewing Go.

\$200 certificate: Furniture Look \$10 gift card: Augustine's Bakery

\$10 gift card: Tiger Burger or Taco Grande

Treager Spices and Rubs (\$50 value): Westlake Hardware

Faux Christmas Floral Arrangement: Regeena's

A complete list of prizes can be viewed on the VCC website at www.VictoriaKSCommunity.com.

## A LITTLE CHUCKLE

# Mom's Favorite

I may not have been my mother's favorite child, but I'm the first one she thought of when the police showed up.

# **ANOTHER LITTLE CHUCKLE**

# Get Out!

When I go to someone's house and they tell me to make myself at home, the first thing I do is throw them out because I don't like visitors.



# Commodities to Be Distributed

Commodities will be available for pickup on Monday, December 19, at 2:00 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.

However, we do have a Food Bank and can provide food boxes through that. We just ask that you call ahead for Food Bank boxes so you do not have to wait while we prepare a box for you. Contact us at 785-735-2777 for a Food Bank box.

# "Healing" Support Groups

The Center for Life Experience, Inc. hosts meetings for various support groups. All meetings are held in the CFLE Conference Room 103C East 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays, unless otherwise indicated. For information, email info@cflehope.org, call 785-259-6859, or visit cflehope.org.

Below are the schedules for upcoming meetings:

- CFLE Support Series "Coping with Mental Functioning Decline" (For those experiencing or caring for someone with mental functioning decline): Monday, December 12 at 5:00 p.m.
- CFLE Book Circle" Discussion Series (Discussion around a selected book.) Series topic "Self-Sabotage": Thursday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m.
- "Bonding Through Creativity" (For kids 8 and up to de-stress over an art project and conversation): Wednesday, December 14, at 5:00 p.m. at The Niche, 707 Main St., Hays

# Stars and Stripes Breakfast

Sunday, December 11, 7:30 a.m. until Noon

Hays VFW, 22<sup>nd</sup> & Vine All you can eat!!

A portion of advance ticket sales goes to St. Nicholas of Myra Ladies Guild. Advance tickets are \$9.50 adults, \$4.50 children ages 5-12, and children under 5 free.

Call Clare Gustin (785-635-3511), Barb Zimmerman (785-628-8074), Theresa Flax (785-623-4431), Janet Koerner (785-623-3407), or any Ladies Guild member for tickets.

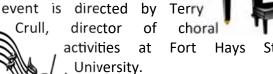
# Cathedral Christmas Concert

The annual FHSU Cathedral Christmas

Concert will be presented TODAY—

Sunday, December 11, at 3:30

p.m. in the Basilica of St. Fidelis. The



The concert is free and open to the public. Come and enjoy some beautiful music.





\*\*All events/activities are subject to change.\*\*

Monday — December 12

4:00 pm MS basketball vs Osborne 7:00 pm Board of Education meeting

Tuesday — December 13

4:00 pm HS basketball vs Osborne

Wednesday — December 14

3:30 pm Tips and training from Teri (Berkgren) 7:00 pm District-wide Winter Concert

Thursday — December 15

7th & 8th FastBridge M&R

PTO Gingerbread houses

7th & 8th Saebrs/GPS

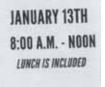
4:00 pm MS basketball vs Ness City

Friday — December 16

2:45 pm Knights Varsity Buddy Reading 6:30 pm FCCLA Christmas Banquet







FREE STUDENT
ADMISSION &
POPCORN
TMP-M VS ELLIS
BASKETBALL GAME THAT
EVENING STARTING AT
4:30 P.M.

TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

REGISTER BY E-MAILING MRS. MELISSA SCHOEPF AT SCHOEPFM@TMPMARIAN.ORG

### 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.

Fr. Jim will also come to your home and offer the anointing of the sick or confessions.

MASS INTENTION	S
MONDAY DE	CEMBER 12
7:00 pm Albert and Clara Dinkel family	
TUESDAY DE	CEMBER 13
<b>6:45 am</b> For the Parishes	
WEDNESDAY DE	CEMBER 14
6:45 am Bette Paniziko Mermis	
THURSDAY DE	CEMBER 15
<b>6:45 am</b> Thomas Dreiling family	
FRIDAYDE	CEMBER 16
6:45 am Oliver and Theresa Kuhn and Kathy Kuhn Thor	mas
SATURDAYDE	CEMBER 17
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Alfred J. and Tillie Kuhn family	
6:30 pm St. Ann Rich and Verna Robben	
SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DE	CEMBER 18
8:30 am St. Boniface For the Parishes	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Floris and Bernie Dome and Brenda	Dome Luff

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