



## The Ascension on Mother's Day

In some countries, such as Germany, the Feast of the Ascension is also Father's Day. When Christ ascended into heaven, he returned to the Father. We celebrate the feast of the Ascension this year on Mother's Day. The message of the Ascension of the Lord resonates with honoring our mothers today.

Celebrating Mother's Day on the Ascension of the Lord offers an occasion to reflect not only on Christ returning to the Father, but on mothers who have returned to God. Also, the Ascension promise of Christ can be applied to mothers, "I am with you always until the end of the world." The lessons we learned from our mothers remain with us always. The

influence of a mother on a child is indelible. "I am with you always until the end of the world."

We often acknowledge that influence of a mother in the realm of human wisdom. We should also reflect on that influence in the realm of faith. Our mothers taught us not only how to talk, they taught us also how to pray. It was from your mother that you learned how to make the sign of the cross, to pray the Hail Mary, and to say the Our Father, to say your night prayers and your morning prayers. And to go to church on Sunday.

Our mothers taught us not only how to feed ourselves, they prepared us for our First Holy Communion. They taught us not only to say I'm sorry, they also taught us how to go to confession. Our mothers taught us how to walk at home, and they taught us how to kneel in church.

A popular book a few years ago was entitled "Everything I need to know I learned in kindergarten." One could baptize that thought, and reword it as "Everything I need to

> know about my faith I learned from my mother." Such a reflection is not only a tribute to mothers but also a to reminder all mothers of the gravity of their responsibility of training their children in the practice of the faith. Formal instruction in religion has no lasting effect unless it is reenforced bv parents at home.

We observe Mother's Day to acknowledge the contribution of mothers but also to awaken in ourselves a sense of gratitude. Most of our blessings in this life are not of our own making. Everything I ever needed to know I learned in kindergarten. Everything I needed to know about my faith I learned from my Mother. "I am with you always, until the end of the world."

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Nothing is really lost until mom can't find it.

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#### Contributions May 4-5, 2024

ST. FIDELIS: <u>Envelopes</u> 3093.00 <u>Loose</u> 746.00 <u>Repair Fund</u> 161.00 <u>Cemetery</u> 50.00

**ST. ANN:** <u>Envelopes</u> 1115.00 <u>Loose</u> 217.00 <u>Cemetery</u> 10.00 <u>Ascension</u> 60.00

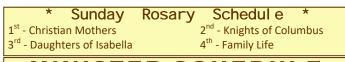
ST. BONIFACE: <u>Envelopes</u> 245.00 <u>Loose</u> 60.00 <u>Candles</u> 27.00 <u>Ascension</u> 25.00

 May 13 — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt
May 20 — Mary Brungardt, Janie Dinges



# With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of Mary Ann (Hertel) Dinkel of Victoria, Kansas, who passed away on Sunday, April 28, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Saturday, May 4, 2024, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria. 



#### 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, MAY 18

5:00 PM — Meagan Wellbrock SUNDAY, MAY 19 10:00 AM — Christie Sander

#### <u>\*EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS\*</u>

**SATURDAY, MAY 18** 5:00 PM — Becky Scheck, Teresa Shepherd, **Diane Gross** 

SUNDAY, MAY 19

10:00 AM — Daughters of Isabella Members

\*LECTORS\<u>COMMENTATORS\*</u>

SATURDAY, MAY 18 5:00 PM — Allan Amrein SUNDAY, MAY 19 10:00 AM — Daughters of Isabella Member

\*HOMEBOUND MINISTERS\*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 — Kathy Kuhn SUNDAY, MAY 19 10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel

## \*MASS SERVERS\*

SATURDAY, MAY 18 5:00 PM — Wesley and Nicholas S., Dax L. SUNDAY, MAY 19 10:00 AM — Daughters of Isabella

## **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

# Sound System in Church Update

You may have noticed the temporary black speakers in the sanctuary. These will be used until we can replace the 15-year-old ones in our system, which have died. Hopefully, we will have the new ones in a few weeks.

# **NEEDED: ST. FIDELIS CHURCH** HANDY MAN

A paid position for a parttime, hourly wage person is needed. This would involve changing light bulbs, mowing grass, helping with chores around the parish offices, and doing some minor repairs around church and PAC as needed. Flexible hours. If interested, please contact Fr. Jim.

# Day Trip to See St. Padre Pio's **First Class Relics**

Please join us Friday, May 17, as we travel to St. John the Baptist Church in Beloit. We will get a tour of their newly renovated church and spend time praying in the Saint Padre Pio Chapel.

Exhibited in this chapel is part of a cloth used to cleanse the stigmata wound in the saint's side.

We will leave from the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m., then visit the church from 10:30 to 11:30. We will eat lunch in Beloit then travel back home arriving at church about 2:00 p.m.

Please contact Stephanie Broyles 785-735-4747 for travel arrangements.

MASS INTENTIONS
MONDAY MAY 13
7:00 pm
TUESDAY MAY 14
6:45 am Alvin Schmidtberger
WEDNESDAY MAY 15
6:45 am Mary Jane Unrein
THURSDAY MAY 16
6:45 am Lindy Schmeidler
FRIDAY MAY 17
6:45 am Neal Schmidtberger
SATURDAY MAY 18
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Eddie Miller and Jennifer Lehmann
6:30 pm St. Boniface James and Marian Rajewski
and Eddie Roth family living and deceased
SUNDAY PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 19
7:30 am St. Ann Severin and Isabelle Scheck and family
10:00 am St. Fidelis Daughters of Isabella Mother Daughter Mass

## Church, Chat, and Coffee



Come by the north sacristy **Tuesday mornings** following Mass for a cup of Joe, and if you can, stay and chat. If time does not permit you to visit, just grab a cup to go. Coffee will be ready and to-go cups available. We look forward to sharing some Java and conversation together.

## Hearing Assists Available for Use During Mass in The Basilica

St. Fidelis has wireless hearing assists with adjustable volume that connect directly to the church's sound system. If you are interested in trying one, come by the Parish Office, pay a small deposit, and keep your unit until you don't need it. We will refund your deposit once the unit is returned.

If you already have personal Bluetooth hearing aids that are controllable from your cell phone, you can download an app on your cell and hear in church through your hearing aids.



church through your hearing aids. Just download the WaveCAST Audio Receiver app by Williams Sound LLC from the Apple App Store on i-phones or from Google

Play or Play Store on android phones.

While in church when the sound system is turned on, click the WaveCAST icon and select the church's "HearingAid" wi-fi option to connect to the system. The password is also "hearingaid".

You will then control the volume, etc. from your individual hearing aid program already on your phone.

## ST. BONIFACE

#### **Parish Meeting**

St Boniface will have a parish meeting on **Saturday**, **June 8**, following Mass. St Boniface members please plan to attend.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### MONTHLY MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m.** at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

#### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

#### **Monthly Meeting**

Daughters of Isabella members will meet at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop on **Monday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m.** for a rosary. The meeting will follow at 7:30. Chairperson is Deb Geschwentner; co-chair is JoAnn Berens.

## D. of I. Mother-Daughter Mass and Brunch Sunday, May 19 - 10:00 a.m.

Members should meet in the vestibule and then process in and sit together for Mass at The Basilica of St. Fidelis. A brunch will follow at the V.F.W. Hall.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY/CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION



Totus Tuus is an opportunity for youth in grades 1-12, during the upcoming school year of 2024-2025, to partake in fellowship and faith activities! (Totus Tuus' day program will be held in lieu of the annual Vacation Bible School.)

Totus Tuus calls upon college students and seminarians from across the United States to inspire young people to the call of holiness! These young men and women are hired for their energy, enthusiasm, love of the Faith, commitment to spiritual growth, ability to work with a team, and a desire to work with youth. Totus Tuus — a Latin phrase meaning "Totally Yours" — was the motto of Blessed John Paul II. Through the Totus Tuus teams examples of joy and service, the youth see that these men and women are on fire with the Catholic Faith and long for the same thing in their lives!

## Mark your calendar! Registration is open NOW through June 28, 2024

Day program— Grades 1—6 ('24-'25): Monday, July 22—Friday, July 26: 9 A.M.—3 P.M. daily

Evening program— Grades 7–12 ('24-'25): Sunday, July 21—Thursday, July 25 7:30—9:45 P.M. daily

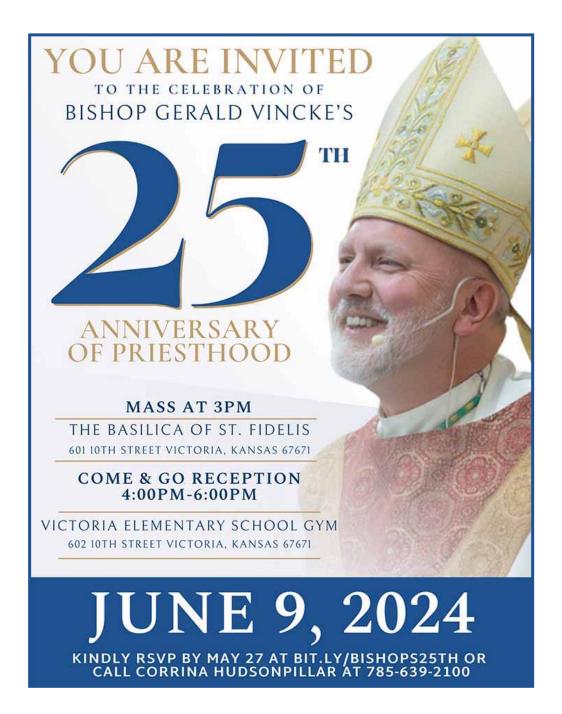
# Victoria High School Graduation

Sunday, May 12, 2022 Baccal aureate Mass 10:00 a.m. - The Basil ica of St. Fidel is Graduation Ceremony 1:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium

Kennidy Amrein Kendall Braun **Brody Brungardt** Trenton Day **Gregory Huser** 

Jasmin Miller Jadyn Peterson **Quincy Pickering Dalton Robben** Lindsey Scheck William Scherrer

Eli Schmeidler Landon Schmidtberger **Chase Schumacher** Seth Schwien **Gracie Sterling** 



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## Catholic Charities 13th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign



Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas will conduct their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Baby Bottle Campaign from Mother's Day weekend, **May 11-12**, to Father's Day weekend, **June-15-16**. This campaign provides support to mothers in our communities facing economic struggles, giving them access to critical resources so they can provide for their babies.

Your contributions support pregnancy services that include emergency assistance, counseling support, and adoption guidance.

Several other options are also available to participate:

- Mail a check to Catholic Charities, C/O Baby Bottle Campaign, P.O. Box 1366, Salina, KS 67402-1366
- Donate via Venmo by visiting our Venmo account at @catholiccharitiesofnk. Please be sure to include "Baby Bottle 24" in the description of your transaction.
- Give online at ccnks.org/babybottle.

All money stays local and helps people who need our services the most. Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas – serving those of ALL faiths for over 60 years!



#### St. Isidore's Day Mass

St. Isidore's Day will be celebrated this year on **Wednesday, May 15**, at St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish in Russell. Mass begins at 11:00 a.m.

## **MAY Human Trafficking Alert**

Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal industries in the world even though it is illegal in every country of the world. It is a multi-billion-dollar business sustained by greed and pleasure. Alliance to End Human Trafficking—Founded and supported by U.S. Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave. 1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.



## COMMUNITY

#### **Taps Across America**

Everyone is invited to attend the third annual "Taps Across America" tribute on **Memorial Day, May 27**, at Honey Braun Park at 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Victoria Community Coalition, the event will include music by Trilogy, taps performed by Cole Dinkel and Linda Richter, an honoring of veterans in attendance, and refreshments. Please join us for a special hour of remembering.

## It's Getting Closer to Summer Lunch Time at the PAC

The Summer Lunch Program will begin on **Monday**, **June 3**, and will continue **through Friday**, **July 26**.

The Summer Lunch Guys (Jerry and Leroy Schmidtberger) are prepared to start cooking and serving—with the help of various volunteers, of course to satisfy hungry kids' appetites.

If you are willing to donate ground beef or money towards its purchase and other supplies for the Summer Lunch Program, please contact the Parish Office at 601 10th Street or call 785-735-2777.

# PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

St. Fidelis will be needing three new members. The parish-wide election will be in later June. If you would like to run for a position and help your parish, we would be very happy if you would call the parish office soon to give us your name.

## FIDELISFEST

Just a reminder to mark your calendar. This year the event will be July 27 after the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass until 11:00 p.m.

#### COMMUNITY

## Bookmobile in Town The Hays Pub Bookmobile will be i

The Hays Public Library's Bookmobile will be in Victoria on Saturday, May 18, from 1:00-2:30

**p.m.** at the Victoria City Park.



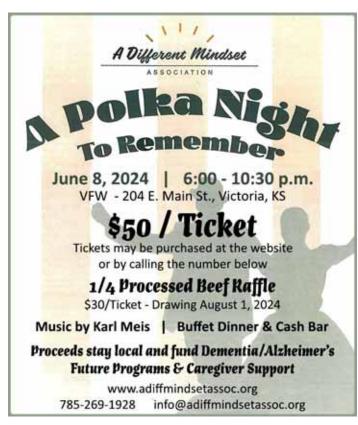
# **Commodities to Be Distributed**

Commodities will be available for pickup on **Monday, May 20, at <u>2:30 p.m.</u>** at the Parish Office, 601 10th Street. Please use the north entrance.

REMINDER: Commodities are on 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.



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