

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Mark 13:24-32

Nov. 27 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon for Thanksgiving

Nov. 28 — Thanksgiving Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

CONFESSIONS: St. Fidelis: Mondays 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays 4:00 p.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

St. Boniface: Sundays 7:45-8:15 a.m.

St. Ann: After Mass

Nov. 29 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for Thanksgiving

Dec. 1 — First Sunday of Advent

Dec. 6— Feast of St. Nicholas

Dec. 8 — FHSU Cathedral Concert

Dec. 9 — Immaculate Conception — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



To Give or Not to Give

Today's gospel is a form of biblical literature known as apocalyptic literature which presents the struggle between good and evil with symbols. It often focuses on our ultimate destiny at the end of time. Each of the four gospels has an *apocalyptic description* of the end of the world which we read at the end of the liturgical year. And these gospels offer this paradoxical message: the end of the world will not be the end of the world.



The end of the world has multiple meanings depending on the context: the collapse of the cosmic universe; the moment of each individual's death; and those tragic moments when our lives become unraveled. For each of these, the gospel reminds us that the end of the world will not be the end of the world.

Apocalyptic scripture is not a literal description of the end of time, but an allegorical message of hope and courage in our present struggles. These passages were written during the persecution of the early Christians in a coded language of faith, clear to the faithful but senseless babbling to their persecutors. They were written to assure oppressed Christians that the present persecution was neither the end of the church nor of their world.

The Second Vatican Council said of the end of the world: "We do not know the time of the end of the earth and of humanity. Nor do we know how all things will be transformed. The shape of this world, now deformed by sin, will pass away. And God is preparing a new dwelling where justice will abide.

Meanwhile during the time that is left, we are to nurture human dignity, freedom, peace and all that is good in this life, for we will find them again, but free of stain, and transfigured." (GS 39)

The end of the cosmic world will not be a disaster but a fulfillment. It will be а transformation of this world into something greater and better. Apocalyptic scripture is about the struggle between divine goodness and satanic evil with the promise that goodness will triumph because God is good, loving, and faithful.

So whether your present anxiety is the collapse of the cosmic world, or our cultural world, or your personal world, the gospel assures us that divine goodness will triumph over all evil. Every cosmic ending will be the beginning of something better. The end of the world will not be the end of the world.

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What a caterpillar calls the end of the world, a butterfly calls a birthday.

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CONTRIBUTIONS NOVEMBER 9-10, 2024

ST. FIDELIS: <u>Envelopes</u> 2858.00 <u>Loose</u> 803.00 <u>Cemetery</u> 155.00 <u>Repair Fund</u> 620.00 <u>All Saints Day</u> 10.00

ST. ANN: Envelopes 705.00 Loose 131.00 All Saints Day 20.00

ST. BONIFACE: Envelopes 655.00 Loose 299.00 Candles 24.00



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

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With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Gerald "Allen" Hammersmith**, who passed away on Sunday, November 3, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Thursday, November 7, 2024, with burial in St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery, Walker.

* Sunday Rosary Schedule * 1st - Christian Mothers 2nd - Knights of Columbus 3rd - Daughters of Isabella 4th - Family Life

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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, NOVEMBER 23

5:00 PM — Pam Scheck SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 10:00 AM — Adult Choir

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

5:00 PM — Jane Wagner, Becky Scheck, Wanda Karlin, Diane Gross, Kathy Kuhn

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 — Adult Choir Sings

10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun, Michelle Geist, Jacquelyn Stoffel, Connie Windholz, Teresa Shepherd

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 AM — VOLUNTEERS (please check in the Sacristy before Mass if you are present)

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 5:00 PM — Randy Leiker SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 10:00 AM — Allan Amrein

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 AM — VOLUNTEERS (please check in the Sacristy before Mass if you are present)

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 — Kathy Kuhn SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 5:00 PM — SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 10:00 AM —

MONEY COUNTERS

November 18 — Jerry Schmidtberger, Andrea Ottley **November 25** — Patty Dreiling, Anne Schmidtberger

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due to the Parish Office being closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, items for the **December 1 bulletin** are due



by 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 25.

Items can be brought into the Parish Office or contact Connie at 785-735-2777.

Thank you!

Christmas Food Boxes

The Family Life Committee is preparing for the Tri-Parish Christmas Food Boxes for families in need.

If you wish to donate, we are asking for cash donations only. That way we can purchase the same food items for all the boxes.

You may drop your monetary donations in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the Parish Office. Please mark it as "Christmas Food Boxes".

More information will be provided in future bulletins. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF



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MASS INTENTIO	NS
MONDAY MONDAY	NOVEMBER 18
7:00 pm Floris and Bernie Dome and Brenda Dome	Duff
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 19
6:45 am Donald L. Sander	
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 20
6:45 am Fr. Gilmary Tallman	
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 21
6:45 am Lindy Schmeidler	
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 22
6:45 am Clarence Braun Jr.	
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 23
5:00 pm St. Fidelis John and Josie Braun 70th Weddin	ng Anniversary
6:30 pm St. Ann Wendelin and Linda Schoendaller	
SUNDAYCHRIST THE KING	NOVEMBER 24
8:30 am St. Boniface Dennis and Kay VonLintel	
10:00 am St. Fidelis For the people	
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HELP NEEDED

The parish office staff regrets that Connie Windholz has announced her retirement at the end of this year. She takes care of editing and printing the parish bulletin each week, coordinating the parish calendar, and various other tasks. It requires some computer and organizational skills. If you would like to make application for her position, please call the parish office (785-735-2777). We would love to hear from you soon. Connie will train our hire before she leaves.

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 6:30-7:30pm
- December 4 and 11
- Sponsored by Family Life Committee, contact the Parish Office for more details.

Please Remember Your Parish ...

As we are approaching the end of the tax year, donations to your church can be claimed if you need a tax deduction.

Requesting Information

An individual is compiling a database of past and present Kansas high schools from 1857 to the present day. He is gathering information on each school such as school colors.

He is inquiring if anyone knows the official school colors (if any) for Hays Catholic College, St. Ann's High School in Walker, St. Fidelis High School in Victoria, and St. Francis Seminary in Victoria.

If you know this information, please contact Connie at the Parish Office (785-735-2777).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

30 Days of Cash Giveaway Winners

Winners of the 2024 Knights of Columbus 30 Days of Cash Giveaway are (the first 25 winners receive \$100 a day):

- 1. Jared Windholz
- 2. Kim Taylor
- 3. Pam Lichter
- 4. Lori Hertel
- 5. Gary Reid
- 6. Henrietta Werth
- 7. Emily Gottschalk
- 8. Cameron Weber
- 9. Ed Kuhn
- 10. Dan Kinderknecht
- 11. Jim Scheck
- 12. Jared Schippers
- 13. Lori Vitztum
- 14.

St. Fidelis Cemetery Financial Summary				
INCOME	<u>10/31/2024</u>	EXPENSES	<u>10/31/2024</u>	
Bequests & Donations		Grave Staking	\$110.00	
Envelopes	\$415.00	Maintenance	\$218.17	
Grave Staking	\$140.00	Payroll	\$848.07	
Plots	\$800.00	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$1,066.24	
TOTAL INCOME:	\$1,355.00			
Gross Income:	\$1,355.00			
Total Expenses:	\$1,066.24			
Net Income:	\$288.76			



In celebration of Thanksgiving, the Parish Office will be closed at noon on Wednesday, November 27, through Friday, November, 29.

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INCOME	<u>10/31/2024</u>	EXPENSES	<u>10/31/2024</u>
Bequests & Donations		Clergy	
Church Decoration Fund	\$51.48	Automobile Expense	\$1,109.00
General Funds	\$10,656.98	Living Allowance	\$450.00
Hurricane Relief	\$1,725.00	Salary	\$1,109.00
Memorials	\$100.00	СҮО	
Religious Education	\$200.00	NCYC	\$7,500.00
Repair Fund	\$922.00	Employees	
Roof Repair	\$21,500.01	Benefits	\$953.07
Royalty/Oil	\$35.49	Mass/Wedding Pay	\$305.00
Tourist Donations	\$664.00	Payroll	\$14,194.98
Candles	\$1,566.48	Evangelism & Special Events	\$200.85
Collections		Facilities & Equipment	
Capuchin	\$607.00	Church Repair & Maintenance	\$2,030.00
Diocesan	\$256.00	Janitorial Supplies	\$57.86
Envelopes	\$10,480.00	Liturgical Decorations	\$165.52
Loose	\$3,736.15	PAC Maintenance	\$40.73
Gift Shop	\$698.00	Pest Control	\$192.00
Rosarys/Rosary Cases	\$55.00	Gift Shop	\$206.88
Mass Intentions	\$1,830.00	Grounds, Landscaping	\$120.00
Mission Parishes	\$2,000.00	Insurance	\$4,484.51
Refunds & Reimbursements	\$200.00	Office	
Religious Ed Fees	\$90.00	Business/Accounting	\$29.80
Use of Buildings	\$850.00	Equipment	\$15,011.74
TOTAL INCOME:	\$58,223.59	Subscriptions	\$64.79
		Supplies	\$20.08
		Postage, Mailing Service	\$73.00
		Religious Education	
		Background Checks	\$19.00
		Events	\$170.35
		Subscriptions	\$15.11
		Supplies	\$539.77
		Sales Tax	\$688.16
		Sanctuary Supplies	\$215.64
		Utilities	÷210.01
		Church	\$2,041.03
Gross Income:	\$58,223.59	PAC	\$677.40
Total Expenses:	\$55,235.67	Worship Materials	\$2,550.40
Net Income:	\$2,987.92	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$55,235.67

The above numbers do not include the annual parish tax paid to the diocese. This tax is based on the number of families in the parish and the ordinary income. This years tax was \$19,569.00

YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Christmas Wish Lists

This Christmas the tri-parishes are providing support and gifts to families, in need, within the communities of Victoria, Vincent, and Walker. To complete a wish list for your children, please reach out to the parish office at 785-735-2777 and ask for Andrea or Jeanette. Wish lists are due by November 20. *All information is kept completely confidential.*





1. Contact the parish office to adopt a family in need in our community this Christmas.

Parish office number is 785-735-2777 Ask for Andrea or Jeanette Andrea: Fidelis@ruraltel.net / 785-656-2208 Jeanette: Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net / 785-639-5067

2. How to adopt or sponsor a family

There are two ways to adopt a family.

 You can request a Christmas Wish List, provided by the family, and you shop for the family. Then you turn the items, purchased for the family, into the parish office by/ before December 11. (Gifts do not have to be wrapped.) The wish list provided to a sponsor will not be the original wish list provided by the family, so as to keep all of the family's information completely confidential.
You can donate monetarily and we will shop for you. The families and donors are anonymous either way.

3. Return gifts to the PAC by December 11

Gifts and any monetary donations should be returned to the parish office by Wednesday, December 11 (Office hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM-12:00 PM & 1:00—4:30 PM, Friday: 8:30 AM-12 PM) We are happy to meet you after hours as well, if needed.

Box of Joy

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Box of Joy shoeboxes! **83 shoeboxes** were packaged and delivered to the Diocese of Salina to be distributed by Cross Catholic Outreach to children in need.

A very special thank you to A Stitch and a Prayer group for your donations of handmade dresses and shorts as well as many others who made homemade jump ropes, sewed babydoll pillows and baby doll blankets, made homemade toys and donated a wide variety of items to stock the boxes with! Thank you to the youth who helped package the shoeboxes and thank you to those who donated monetarily to help with the cost of shipping the boxes.

For more info on this ministry please visit: https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/

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2024 Catholic Charities Igniting Hope Annual Campaign for Neighbors in Need

The 2024 Catholic Charities Igniting Hope Annual Campaign weekend took place October 26-27 across parishes throughout the diocese. This campaign helps to provide compassionate care for individuals and families across the Salina Diocese.

YOU make this mission possible! It is not too late to donate! If you have not yet contributed, you can mail a check or donate online at https://ccnks.org/ ignitinghope.

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.

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.

Save the Date: New Hays Office Grand Opening

Mark your calendars 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. Stay tuned for more details!

Scholarship Fund Tax Credit

Support Catholic Education in the Salina Diocese and receive a 75% State Tax Credit! The Scholarship Granting Fund for the Catholic Diocese of Salina is accepting donations and is able to offer a 75% tax credit.

Please email Heather Hartman, Director of Development for the Catholic Foundation, at heather.hartman@salinadiocese.org.

For the 2024-2025 school year, over \$137,000 will be awarded to schools for 102 students in the Salina Diocese. These funds go directly to help with the cost of education for the qualifying student.

Example - Bob has an upcoming 2024 Kansas State Income tax obligation of \$750. To fulfill this obligation, he can EITHER:

- 1. Write a check to the KS Dept of Revenue in the amount of \$750 or
- Write a check to the Scholarship Granting Fund for the Diocese of Salina for \$1,000, receive a "KS Tax Credit Certificate" to fulfill 100% of Bob's 2024 Kansas Income Tax obligation.

ANY individual income taxpayer, corporate income taxpayer, privilege taxpayer, or insurance premium taxpayer is eligible for the tax credit Please consult your tax advisor to see if this is right for you.

!! SPAM WARNING !!

Once again there are reports of people receiving texts, voice mail, or email messages supposedly from Fr. Jim Moster or parish staff.

Please be aware that these could be fake messages. Fr. Jim would never text asking you to send money or gift cards. DO NOT CLICK ON ANY LINKS OR RESPOND TO THE INITIAL MESSAGE.

If you are unsure, please call the Parish Office to verify the legitimacy of any message you may have received. This is true for any text, email, or phone message you may receive from anyone. Always verify with the individual by calling them directly before clicking on a link, even if it looks like it came from someone you know.

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.

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

Grandma's been staring through the window ever since it started to snow. If it gets any worse, I'll have to let her in.

Victoria Community Coalition 3RD ANNUAL



CHRISTMAS / Home Tour



Saturday and Sunday, December 14-15

Details to be announced on the VCC website VictoriaKSCommunity.com and in future bulletins.

ST. JOHN'S PLACE APPARTMENTS AVAILABLE IN APRIL 2025

The VCC would like to announce that apartments will be available to lease at St. John's Place in April 2025. All interested individuals can get additional information and applications on the VCC web site at www.VictoriaKSCommunity.com. VCC is now accepting applications.

We will have an open house for the public and interested parties on **Sunday, November 24, from 11:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** to view the layout of the rooms and progress of apartments.

Contacts: Brenda Dreiling 785-735-4141 or Marilyn Braun 785-735-4968.

I've been watching my weight.

It's still there.

ANOTHER LITTLE CHUCKLE

Curious Wife

A man approached a very beautiful woman in a large supermarket and said, "I've lost my wife here in the supermarket. Can you talk to me for a couple of minutes?"

"Why do you want to talk to me?" she asked puzzled.

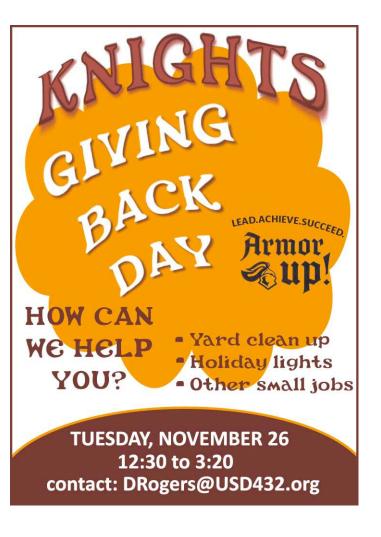
"Because every time I talk to a beautiful woman, my wife appears out of nowhere."

Older Kansans Employment Program

Older Kansans Employment Program (OKEP) is offered by the Kansas Department of Commerce to unemployed Kansans who are 55+ years of age. Finding new direction after retirement can be a challenge. This free program provides opportunities for finding employment in a familiar industry. The Department of Commerce partners with other non-profits and community agencies to ensure that you have access to the best resources. Program specialists will assess your training needs and assist with identifying barriers and challenges to gaining employment. Their specialists are readily available to assist you with a variety of services for your plans to reenter the workforce.

OKEP services include job referrals, job readiness skills, resume preparation, employment exploration, basic computer training, assistance with job applications, and employment opportunity meetings.

For more information, contact NorthWest Kansas Area Agency on Aging, 510 W. 29th Street, Hays (785-628-8204) www.nwkaaa.com.



Commodities to Be Distributed

Commodities will be available for pickup on **Monday, November 25, 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 so 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.

LET'S DANCE! Sunflower Polka Club Dance

VFW Hall, Victoria

Sunday, November 17



Doors open @ 1:00 p.m. Dance 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.



VICTORIA HOLIDAY MARKET

Over 20 vendors – cash bar FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND 6:30 PM − 10:30 PM VFW in Victoria



Tune into Divine Mercy Radio's Spring Care-a-thon **December 3-6** where we will discover joy in the gospel. Of particular interest to our tri-parishes:

Wednesday, December 4 9:00 a.m. — Fr. Curtis Carlson 2:00 p.m. — Jeanne Riedel and Cindy Schulte A full schedule can be found at dvmercy.com. For trivia and pledges call 785-621-4110. Listen on radio, computer, phone app, or Alexa. Live on Rumble, Facebook, and YouTube.

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

Join in Unity of Prayer Across America to restore the protection of <u>LIFE</u>, the <u>FAMILY</u>, and the <u>CHURCH</u>, establish <u>PEACE</u>, and inspire <u>COURAGE</u> in the soul of our nation!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church, Hays

HOURLY SCHEDULE FOR PRAYER, ADORATION, AND SONG:

7:00 p.m.:	Eucharistic Exposition
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.:	Daughters of Isabella will lead
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.:	Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus will lead
9:00 - 10:00 p.m.:	Catholic Tigers will lead
10:00 p.m.:	Benediction

If my people ... humble themselves and pray and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land. ~2 Chronicles 7:14)

COME PRAY WITH US!!

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