

„Beacon of Faith“
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

„Cathedral of the Plains“
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. FIDELIS GIFT SHOP Located in the Parish Office at 601 10th Street, Victoria
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	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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December 15, 2024— THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSSES:

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:

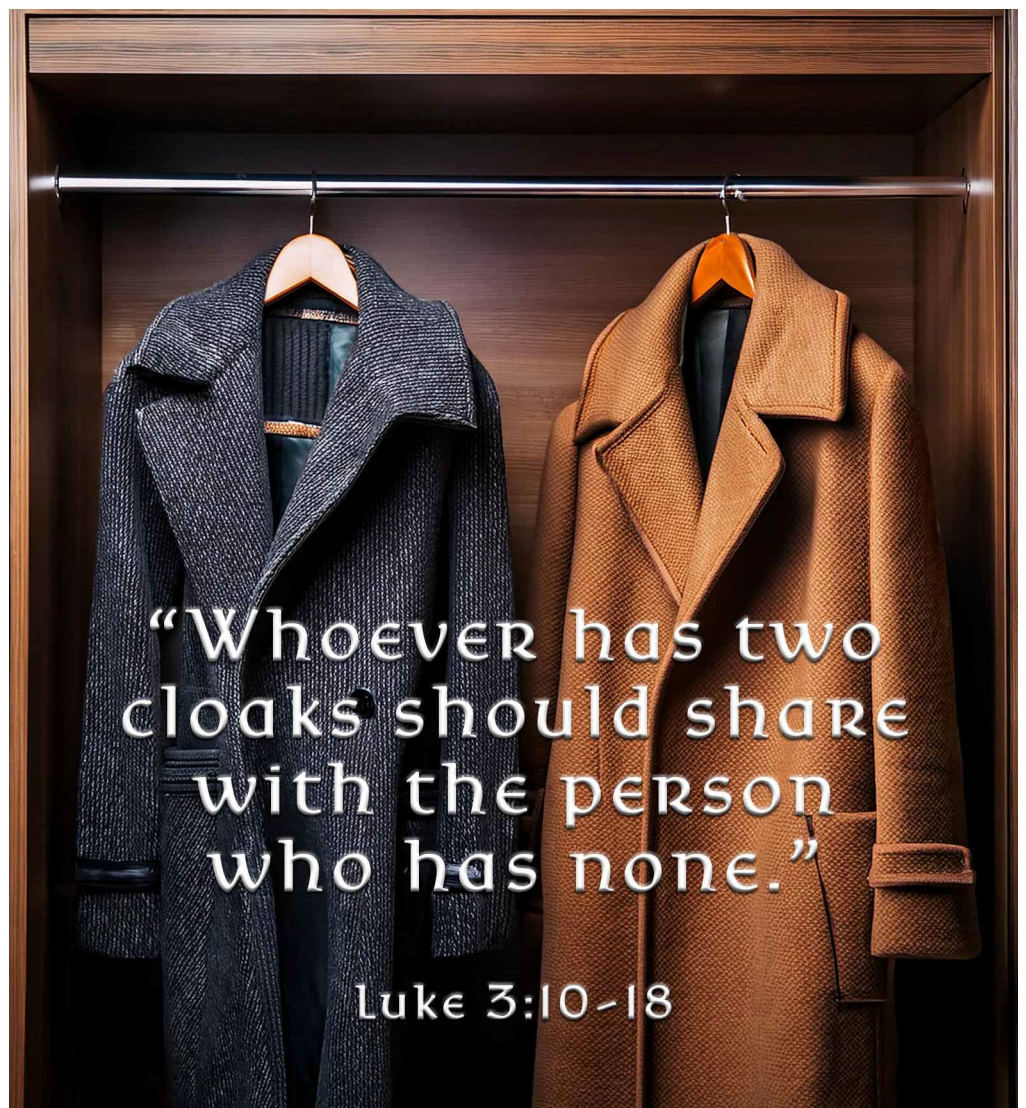
St. Fidelis: Mondays 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
St. Ann: After Mass
St. Boniface: Sundays 7:45-8:15 a.m. (Nov.-Apr.); After Mass (May-Oct.) or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

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

Dec. 24 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon for Christmas
Dec. 25 — Christmas Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Dec. 26 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas
Dec. 31 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon for New Years
Jan. 1 — New Years Day
Mary The Mother of God (*Holy Day of Obligation*) — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED





The Coat That Isn't Yours

In today's gospel when the people asked John the Baptist what they should do to enter the kingdom of God, he replied, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none." St. Philip Neri, who worked with the homeless youth of Rome, said it more poignantly, "The second coat in your closet does not belong to you. It belongs to the child who has none."

That would sting the conscience of a Scrooge. Yet it can be misconstrued as a guilt trip. It does not mean that it is wrong to have two coats. It means that when others are in need, we are obliged to share our abundance with them. And in today's world the vast majority of us live with an abundance of stuffed closets, attics, garages and basements. Not to mention wallets, credit cards, and pantries.

Most of the time we are oblivious to this. But not during this season. As Christmas approaches we become aware of those in need and our obligation to share with them. The meaning of the birth of Christ, too often drowned out by the commercial hype, is still alive and still stirs our conscience. The endurance of the message of the Christ Child, the fulfilment of the promised Messiah, overcomes even the secular allure of modern materialism. Somehow, that little Baby touches every heart.

There is another dimension to this obligation to care for those in need. We must attend to our own needs. Not

in material things but in the realm of our inner spiritual life. The coming birth of Christ should awaken our conscience not only to share with the others but to attend to our own spiritual needs. We may be materially comfortable, but spiritually restless.



Scripture speaks of "the mantle of justice" (Bar 5:2) and "the robe of salvation." (Is 61:10) There is a "cloak of grace" that we all need to give to the spiritual child within us. Our Catholic faith provides many opportunities to attend to our inner needs in this season: the liturgical celebrations of Advent, the sacramental opportunities for confession and Communion. These sacramental graces of God can give you the Christmas gift of peace of the soul.

"The second coat in your closet does not belong to you. It belongs to the child who has none." Share with those in need during this season but also attend to your own inner needs. The spiritual child within you may be in need of the inner warmth of the graces offered to you by the sacraments of the church.

... and mirth

Never trust atoms; they make up everything.

PARISH STAFF

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Wilmer Dinkel

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CONTRIBUTIONS DECEMBER 7-8, 2024

ST. FIDELIS:

Loose 1017.00 Envelopes 2725.00
Repair Fund 40.00
Retired Religious 162.00
Immaculate Conception 551.00

ST. ANN:

Loose 265.00 Envelopes 592.00
Immaculate Conception 60.00
Retired Religious 25.00
Thanksgiving 25.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Loose 423.00 Envelopes 420.00
Immaculate Conception 20.00
Retired Religious 25.00
Candles 23.00



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With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Capuchin-Franciscan Brother Joseph McGlynn**, of St. Fidelis Friary, Victoria, who passed away on Thursday, November 29, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Thursday, December 5, 2024, with burial in the Friar's Plot in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Cora Lou Ryan**, who passed away on Sunday, December 1, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	DECEMBER 16	
7:00 pm Dan and Angie Billinger family living and deceased		
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 17	
6:45 am		
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 18	
6:45 am Don Billinger		
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 19	
6:45 am Lindy Schmeidler		
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 20	
6:45 am Connie Dreiling		
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 21	
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Dan and Angie Billinger family living and deceased		
6:30 pm St. Ann Severin and Isabelle Scheck and family		
SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	DECEMBER 22
8:30 am St. Boniface For the people		
10:00 am St. Fidelis Verna and Rich Robben		

* 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

* CANTORS *

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:00 PM — Jerry Schmidtberger and Rick Colmenero

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 — Christmas Eve

5:00 PM — Jubilee Choir—Children's Pageant

10:00 PM — Adult Choir

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 — Christmas Day

10:00 AM — Amrein Family

* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS *

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:00 PM — Becky Scheck, Diane Gross, Anne Weber, Keith Billinger, Carol Pfeifer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger, Andrea Schmidtberger, Yvonne Braun, Marla Robben, Michelle Geist

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 — Christmas Eve

5:00 PM (Jubilee Choir) — Jane Wagner, Andrea Schmidtberger, Leroy Schmidtberger, Wanda Karlin, Keith Billinger

10:00 PM (Adult Choir) — Deb Geschwentner, Connie Braun, Diane Gross, Tom Tholen, Kathy Kuhn, Jody Dinkel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 — Christmas Day

10:00 AM — Connie Windholz, Kenny and Bertha R. Brungardt, Yvonne Braun, Anne Dinkel

* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS *

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:00 PM — Nichole Hunter

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

10:00 AM — Teresa Shepherd

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 — Christmas Eve

5:00 PM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger

10:00 PM — Tammy Lichter

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 — Christmas Day

10:00 AM — Allan Amrein

* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS *

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 — Kathy Kuhn

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 — Carol Pfeifer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 — 10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

* MASS SERVERS *

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:00 PM — Myah and Grace Y., Parker B.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

10:00 AM — Brody and Broc N., Rhett H.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 — Christmas Eve

5:00 PM — Graycee and Brynn H., Ethan and Alice S.

10:00 PM — Hadley L., Wesley S., Brayden S.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 — Christmas Day

10:00 AM —

* MONEY COUNTERS *

December 16 — Wanda Karlin, Janie Dinges

December 23 — Stephanie Broyles, Bertha Brungardt

Communal Penance Service

at the Basilica of St. Fidelis on
TOMORROW — Monday, December 16,
after the 7:00 p.m. Mass

Communal Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered on **Saturday, December 14, after the 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Ann** and on **Sunday, December 15, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Fidelis.**

Due to time constraints no anointing will be held after the 5:00 p.m. Mass at Victoria or the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Vincent.

“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]

FAMILY LIFE

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”.

Know Someone Who Needs a Food Box?

If you or someone you know would like one of these Christmas Food Boxes please contact the

Parish Office at 785-735-2777

by TOMORROW—Monday, December 16, 2024. This deadline is necessary for the team of volunteers to purchase the food, pack the boxes, and have them ready for **pickup on Friday, December 20.**

All recipients will be assigned a time to come to the Parish Office and pick up their Food Box.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT!



Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, items for the **December 29 bulletin** are due by **noon on Monday, December 23.**

Items for the **January 5 bulletin** are due by **noon on Monday, December 30.**

Thank you for your cooperation!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

ST. BONIFACE

St. Boniface Nativity Story on PBS

The history and story of the St. Boniface “Little Town of Bethlehem” nativity will be on Smoky Hills PBS Cottonwood Connections episode of “A High Plains Holiday” this **Sunday, December 8, at 6:00 p.m.; Friday, December 13, at 1:30 p.m.; and Saturday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m.**

Little Town of Bethlehem Viewing Ready at St. Boniface in Vincent

The “Little Town of Bethlehem” nativity at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Vincent will be open for visitors on **Sundays December 8, 15, and 22, as well as Christmas Day. All times are 1:00-5:00 pm.** Appointments can also be made at any other time by calling Carol at 785-735-9282.

This is the 98th year of the nativity, begun by the parish priest 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 Catholic Church is located 5.5 miles south of Victoria and two miles east.

St. Teresa of Calcutta:

*“Every Holy Hour we make so pleases
the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in
Heaven and retold for all eternity!”*

ST. ANN

St. Ann ladies will do their annual
cleaning of the church on
Saturday, December 14,
starting at 9:00 a.m.



St. Ann’s

Christmas Potluck & Bingo

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024
after 6:30 p.m. Mass

Every family is asked to
bring a bingo gift—the gift can
be for any age level .



DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

**D. of I. and V.F.W. Auxiliary
Combined Christmas Party**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

Social starting at 11:00 a.m.
Meal provided at noon
at the V.F.W. Hall, Victoria

There will be an optional \$10 Gift Exchange.

Please RSVP to Kathy Kuhn (785-735-5040)
by Monday, December 9.



COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

FINANCE COUNCIL
4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

LITURGY COMMITTEE
2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

PASTORAL COUNCIL
1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

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.

Tithing Envelopes

The 2025 tithing envelopes will be at the entrances to the tri-parish churches this weekend—December 14-15—for those who have been using them in the past.

You may not have the same number as last year, so please, starting in January, use the new envelopes only. Please do not use previous year envelopes.

For those who have not received tithing envelopes in the past but would like some, please contact Andrea at the Parish Office (785-735-2777). She can arrange to get you some.

**The Basilica of St. Fidelis
12 Days of Christmas
Cash Giveaway**

December 25, 2024 – January 6, 2025

The drawing will start soon. All 500 tickets were sold. Winners will be notified by phone and will be listed on the parish website and in the bulletin.

- Dec. 25—Jan 2..... 2 winners/day @ \$100 each
- Jan. 3 2 winners/day @ \$250 each
- Jan. 4 2 winners/day @ \$500 each
- Jan. 5 2 winners/day @ \$750 each
- Jan. 6 2 winners/day @ \$1,000 each

GOOD LUCK!!

Every raffle ticket will be included in
ALL 12 DAILY Drawings.

SUNDAY	MONDAY
<p>15 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p>Rejoice in the Lord!</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Make Christmas placemats for the family today. Get some 11" x 17" white paper. Write each person's name in the center and decorate the letters. Draw Christmas scenes like Mary and Joseph, Baby Jesus or angels around the name.</p>

ADVENT 2024

Activity Calendar

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>17 <i>The First Nativity Scene</i></p> <p>A long time ago, Saint Francis of Assisi and some friends brought an ox, a donkey, a manger, and some straw to a cave to help people remember that Jesus was born in a stable. Today, set up your Nativity scene, with an empty crib, if possible. Jesus wants us to prepare a place for Him, not only in the manger, but also in our hearts. We do this when we pray, when we are obedient and kind, and when we love one another.</p>	<p>18</p>



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>19 <i>The Candy Cane</i></p> <p>The Candy Cane...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is hard to show Jesus is our Rock • Is white for His purity • Is red for His Blood • Is shaped like a shepherd's crook to show His care for us. 	<p>20</p> <p>Bend a pipe cleaner into a candy cane shape. Wind red ribbon around the cane. Glue or tape the ribbon into place. Hang your candy cane on the Christmas tree!</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Light the Advent candles tonight (ask your parents first!) and sing "O Come O Come Emmanuel."</p>

2024 Holiday Mass Schedules

CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

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.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31, 2024

THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS, Victoria
 5:00 p.m.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (New Year's Day)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

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

CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH, Vincent
 8:30 a.m.

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

*December 25 and January 1
are both Holy Days of Obligation*

Sunday, December 8, 2024 the second grade class celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation

May you always rejoice in the peace of Jesus.



Congratulations to the children and their families! We extend our most heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the catechists: Mrs. Jeanna Wellbrock & Mrs. Jana Fross for your dedication, support, and whole hearted investment in helping educate and witness to the personal relationship Jesus wishes to have with each of His children.

National Catholic Youth Conference 2025

Attention current 8th-11th grade teens! Planning is underway to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, IN, November 20-22, 2025. The pilgrimage will take you to St. Louis to tour the awe-inspiring cathedrals, witness the St. Louis arch, and then on to Indianapolis' Lucas Oil Stadium for NCYC. Gather with 20,000+ Catholic teens. You will experience SO much within these short few days! Information is available now, as a parent and teen meeting was held Wednesday, December 4. Please reach out to CYO sponsor, Jeanna Wellbrock at 785-259-6564 or Jeanette Brungardt at 785-639-5067.

Initial deposits of \$50 are due to St. Fidelis CYO by THIS Wednesday, December 18, to secure your Early Bird ticket!



The annual Christmas Pageant will be held on Christmas Eve, December 24, during the 5:00 P.M. Mass. Jubilee Choir will also sing. The title of this year's pageant is "The Christmas Stations". Our kindergarten and first grade children are so excited to participate and bring the story of Jesus' birth to you all in this pageant! God Bless!

Religious Education Class Schedule

There are no religious education classes on Wednesday, December 18, December 25, or January 1. Religion classes will resume on Wednesday, January 8, at 6:30 P.M.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year! Merry Christmas!

Church Organizations and Volunteers Gather for Potluck Supper and Entertainment



BELOW: Everyone, including Bertha Brungardt and Rosie Kreutzer, is concentrating on finding the answers to one of the games.



A festive Christmastime potluck gathering was held at the V.F.W. Hall on Thursday evening, December 5, for members of the Christians Mothers organization, A Stitch and a Prayer participants, funeral dinner helpers, and dessert providers.

Those in attendance brought loads of potluck food described by the hungry group as “delicious and plentiful”.

After supper, the happy group played a Christmas trivia game followed by a word game unscrambling letters to make Christmas carol titles.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was karaoke begun by Rosie Kreutzer who received a prize for being the first brave soul to belt out a song.

Other prizes were given to the winners of the games and to the oldest and youngest participants.

LEFT: As usual, there was plenty to eat at the potluck supper.

BELOW: Norma Keenan and Wanda Karlin help themselves to dessert.





Oh, what fun it is to sing a jolly song tonight
at the Potluck Supper!



LEFT: Good conversation was part of the evening—just ask Leroy and LeeAnn Schmidtberger and Phyllis and Bob Stramel.



Right: Stephanie Broyles seems to be really enjoying her supper. Mmmm good!



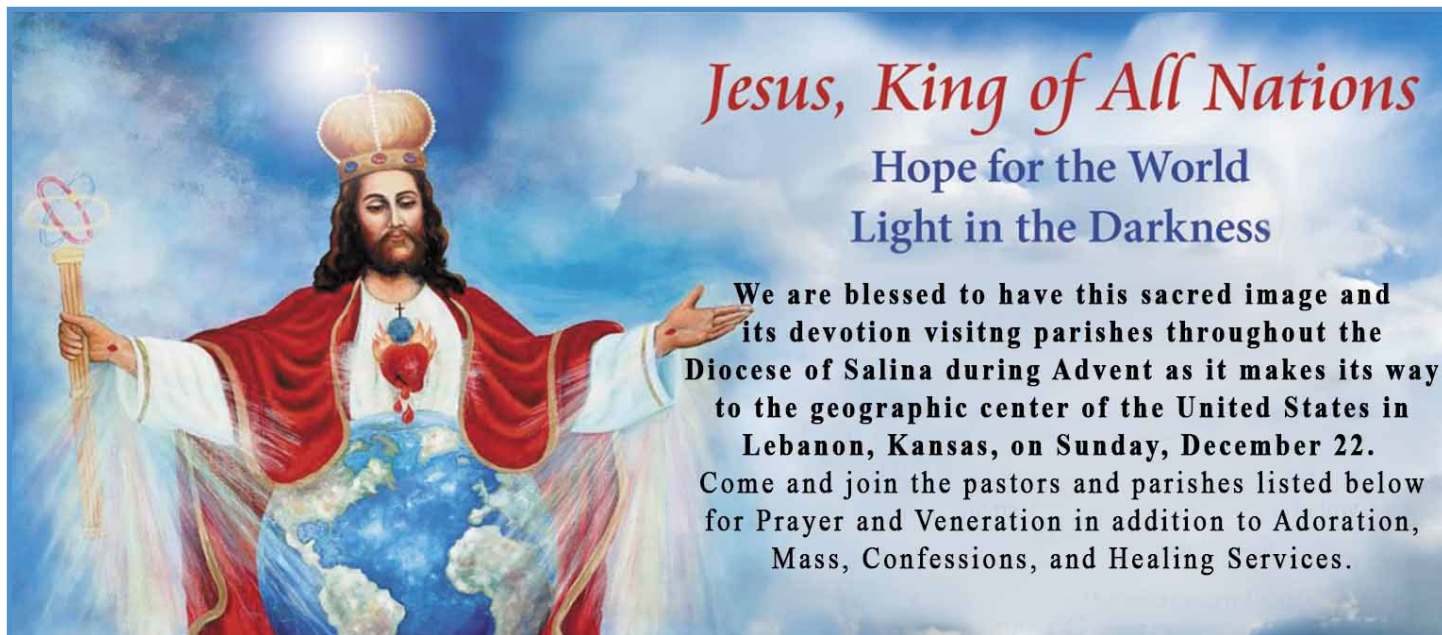
Please Remember Your Parish ...

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

Food for thought

Wouldn't it be ironic if Popeye's chicken was fried in Olive Oil?

DIOCESE



Jesus, King of All Nations

Hope for the World
Light in the Darkness

We are blessed to have this sacred image and its devotion visiting parishes throughout the Diocese of Salina during Advent as it makes its way to the geographic center of the United States in Lebanon, Kansas, on Sunday, December 22. Come and join the pastors and parishes listed below for Prayer and Veneration in addition to Adoration, Mass, Confessions, and Healing Services.

St Mary Catholic Parish

703 Monroe Street, Ellis

Phone 785.726.4522

Father Dana Clark, Pastor

Thursday, December 19 • 8:00 AM - Noon

Procession, School Mass, Adoration, Confessions, Devotion Prayers, and Veneration, Enthronement of the Sacred Image

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

206 North Washington Street, Plainville

Phone 785.434.4658

Father Michael Raj Kothalamuthu, Pastor

Thursday, December 19 • 3:00 PM - 11:59 PM

Procession, Confessions, Devotion Prayers, Adoration and Veneration

Friday, December 20 • Midnight - Noon

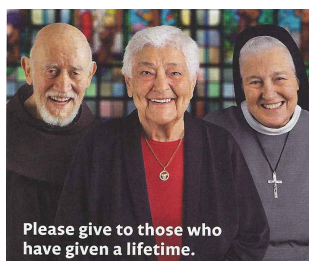
Adoration, 8:15 AM Mass, Enthronement of Sacred Image, Devotion Prayers, and Veneration

Retirement Fund for Religious

Women and men religious offer gratitude.

"Sincere thanks to the donors of the Retirement fund for Religious. I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next," says Sister Teresa Korycka, 81, of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior women and men religious, providing them a dignified retirement.

To learn how your donation helps, visit retiredreligious.org.



DECEMBER Human Trafficking Alert

Give a gift and join us to help strengthen initiatives which seek to educate the public about human trafficking and to identify and support victims of trafficking. **Alliance to End Human Trafficking**—Founded and supported by **U.S. Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave. 1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.**

Lost & Found

- Hoop earring found in The Basilica of St. Fidelis after the FHSU Cathedral Concert on Sunday, December 8.
- Green food container found in The Basilica of St. Fidelis after the FHSU Cathedral Concert on Sunday, December 8.

To claim, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.

DIOCESE



Every parish across the diocese will have special postcards designed specifically for this challenge available for parishioners.

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 will be available at the tri-parish church entrances sometime before Christmas.

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.**

COMMUNITY

State Tax Credits Available When You Support St. John's Place

Victoria Community Coalition (VCC) is pleased to announce they have received **\$166,600** in Community Service Program (CSP) Tax Credits through the Kansas Department of Commerce. The available tax credits will be used to enhance fundraising efforts for **Phase I Apartments**.

Businesses and individuals subject to Kansas income tax are eligible to receive a tax credit through this program. Donors giving at least \$250 to **St. John's Place** redevelopment may qualify for a **70%** tax credit. For example, a donor making a \$1,000 gift receives a **\$700** tax credit when they file their state taxes, making the net cost to the donor only **\$300**.

For more information contact Jeff Pfeifer at 913-904-8618, Marilyn Braun at 785-735-4968 or visit VictoriaKSCommunity.com.

Victoria Community Coalition, Inc.

3RD ANNUAL



CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR



Saturday, December 14

5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 15

2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Houses for viewing this year:

Yvonne Braun – 1101 Cathedral

Jamey and Angie Roth – 1202 Hickory Street

Cody and Anna Thiede – 1212 Squires Avenue

Diane Crawford – 503 Cathedral

Joe and Brenda Dreiling – 2581 Springhill Road

Christmas treats and updates on St. John's Place will be available at Joe and Brenda Dreiling's home throughout the tour.

HOME TOUR TICKETS

\$20 Advanced | \$25 At the Door

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\$5 each or 5 for \$20

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