

Groundhog Day

OFFICE CLOSED

Feb. 5 — Boy Scout Sunday

Feb. 12 — Card Party @ PAC Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day

Throats

Masses

Feb. 3 — Feast of St. Blaise/Blessing of

Feb. 4-5 — Blessing of Throats after all

Feb. 20 — President's Day — PARISH

"Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Matthew 4:12-23



Thy Kingdom Come

If Jesus of Nazareth returned to earth today, what would he say? Many suggest their favorite gospel verse. Perhaps, "You shall love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself." Or "Whatever you do to the least of my children that you do to me." Or, "Love your enemies." All good answers. But all wrong — according to scripture scholars.



Those scholars tell us that if Jesus returned he would repeat the key verse in today's gospel, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." That was the theme of the preaching of John the Baptist as well as Jesus of Nazareth. "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand" has three concepts: repent — kingdom of God — at hand. A word on each.

Repent: this means much more than converting from a life of sin to a life of grace. It means continual growth in your commitment to your faith, something that must happen everyday. You cannot live today on the faith you had yesterday.

The kingdom of God: this is one of the most important concepts in the gospels. Yet, it defies a simple definition. We do know what it is not. It is not a geographical or social structure. The church is part of the kingdom of God but the church is not the totality of the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is wherever the power of God is acting in the world. It is what God wills the world to become, as we pray in the Lord's prayer, "Thy kingdom come."

Finally, at hand: some view this as the threat of a deadline. A dire final warning! However. the message of at hand is not a deadline; it is an opportunity. It is not a threat; it is a promise. The meaning of *at hand* is the presence of our Savior among us. God has become one of us, he has shared our humanity, he is near to us. At hand can also be translated as near, or among you. All of which mean that grace is offered now, a chance to be a better person. The kingdom of God is at hand is an invitation to be part of His life of grace.

A proper response to, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand," is illustrated in the second part of today's gospel where Christ called the fishermen to follow him. The gospel says, "He called them, and *immediately* they left their boats and their father and followed him." *Repent*, *for the kingdom of God is at hand*.

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"Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let him sleep."

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Contributions January 14-15, 2023

ST. FIDELIS:

<u>Envelopes</u> 2845.00 <u>Loose</u> 1051.80 <u>Repair Fund</u> 595.00

ST. ANN: Envelopes 525.00 Loose 159.00 Christmas Crib Donations 3.85

ST. BONIFACE: <u>Envelopes</u> 205.00 <u>Loose</u> 142.00 <u>Ukraine</u> 100.00 <u>Candles</u> 45.00 <u>Hall Rent</u> 100.00

January 23 — Brenda Dreiling, Val Schumacher January 30 — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt

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.

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

The Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Homebound, and Cantor schedules can be found on the Mass Schedule page of the church website at StFidelisChurch.com.

Please contact Diane Gross (785-735-4804) with any questions about the schedule for the Eucharistic or Lector ministries or if you are willing to volunteer for those ministries.

CANTORS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 5:00 PM — Brinley and Addison SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 10:00 AM — Shiela Stone

<u>*EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS*</u>

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 5:00 PM — Tom Tholen, Wanda Karlin, Carol Pfeifer SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 **10:00 AM** — Yvonne Braun, Cora Schulte, Anne Dinkel

LECTORS\COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 5:00 PM — Allan Amrein SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 10:00 AM — Karen Nowak

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 — Carol Pfeifer **SUNDAY, JANUARY 29** 10:00 AM — Cora Schulte and Kathy Amrein

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, JANAUARY 28 5:00 PM -SUNDAY, JANAUARY 29 **10:00 AM** — Averi W., Riley W., Mya M.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

No scheduled Confessions on Monday, January 30, due to the St. Joseph Prayer Service following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

2023 Tithing Envelopes

can be picked up at the entrances of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface Churches. Please discard envelopes dated for previous years.

Candlemas — Candles Blessed

Fr. Jim Moster will bless candles during the 6:45 a.m. Mass at the Basilica of St. Fidelis on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Thursday, February 2. If you would like your personal candles blessed for your home use, you may place them on the Communion rail for Fr. Jim to bless.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

K. of C. Free Throw Championship

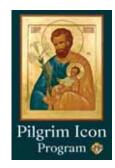
All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of January 1) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for Knights of Columbus the 2023 Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Sunday, January 29, at the Victoria High School Gymnasium. The gym will open approximately at noon, and the contest will start at 1:00 p.m.

Participants are required to furnish written parental consent and proof of age (a copy of birth certificate). Entry forms will be distributed by the school. For additional forms or information, contact Troy Schippers at 785-735-4625.

All Knights of Columbus are invited/encouraged to attend the competition.

St. Joseph Prayer Service

The Knights of Columbus will hold a St. Joseph Prayer Service on Monday, January 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Father Jim Moster will lead the prayer service, which includes the Rosary with meditations on St. Joseph. All are encouraged to attend this devotion to St. Joseph.



Wonderful Opportunity!

As part of Fidelisfest, we are re-thinking the ways in which we can raise funds for the parish.

We have been presented with an opportunity to develop a commemorative rosary of the Basilica. The rosary would be hand made in Italy and could have the medals/medallions resemble images of items that are significant to the Basilica.

The company who makes the rosary stresses that this should be a parish activity. We are asking for volunteers to help design it in conjunction with the Ghirelli company.

If you are interested in helping with this project, please call the office and leave your name and phone number with Andrea. You will be *contacted* regarding the first meeting, to be held on Thursday, January 26.

More details will be discussed at the meeting.

ST. ANN

Christian Mothers Dues

St. Ann's Christian Mothers dues of \$5.00 are due and payable to Lou Ann Hammersmith, Box 163, Gorham, Kansas 67640.

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

Dues for 2023

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society dues for 2023 are due and will continue to be \$5. Please mail your dues to Teresa Shepherd, PO Box 324, Victoria, Kansas 67671, or put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket.

If you have any questions as to whether yours are paid, please call Teresa at 785-735-9576.

SDCCW Annual Workshop TODAY — Sunday, January 22 at Sacred Heart Church, Park, Kansas All Catholic women of the diocese are invited and encouraged to come

The day will start with Mass at 10:00. Blessing Bags will be put together for Catholic Charities and Hope's Place, a pregnancy support center in Goodland. Susan Kirtland will explain the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary movement for the Diocese of Salina

A list of items for the Blessing Bags that attendees are asked to bring with them (one or more items) can be found at the entrances of St. Fidelis Church.

If you are interested in attending and want to carpool, contact Jane Wagner at 785-735-7029.

College Scholarships

The Diocese of Salina is again offering two college scholarships. The Monsignor Clement A. Kruse and the Marymount Memorial Educational Trust make available a limited number of scholarships each year.

The applications for these two scholarships is onlineonly. The link for all graduating seniors and current college students to apply for both is:

https://salinadiocese.type form.com/scholarship 2023.

Application is due by March 1, 2023.

The Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina is pleased to announce the Susie Deges Memorial Scholarship. This will be given to a high school senior who has been active in their local CYO. **This application is due by March 1, 2023**, and more information and a link to the application will be included in the January edition of The Register.

IGNITE Rally Mass for Life

Every parish in the Salina Diocese is urged to send representatives to the IGNITE Kansas Rally for Life. Kansas is one of the most liberal states in the Union in the extremes it allows for abortions to happen. **DO NOT** sit by and let our state become a destination point for women seeking abortion.



Herzogfest Looking for Pictures for 40th

This August we will be celebrating the 40th Herzogfest. The Herzogfest Committee has awesome things planned to make this year the best festival yet. Right now they are looking for pictures from the past. If you or a family member have pictures from any past Herzogfests, please contact Andrea Schmidtberger at 785-656-2208 or amcarver2@gmail.com.

Only have hard copies? No worries, they can scan them and get your copy back to you right away. The older, the better!

Can't wait to celebrate on August 11 and 12!

Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund Meeting

The Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund, Inc. will have its semi-annual meeting at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at the Parish Activity Center in Victoria. All parishioners are invited to attend.



Sunday — January 29

12:00 pm K. of C. free throw championship

12:00pm: Stocker/Feeder Sale

Sellers and buyers can donate \$1 per head to the FFA to be split between the Kansas FFA Foundation and the local Kansas FFA Chapter of their choosing. All per head donations will be matched by Heartland Regional Stockyards.

Contact Heartland Regional Stockyards w/ questions: 785-688-4080 or Brandon Hamel: 785-434-6280



A LITTLE CHUCKLE

Tell someone you love them today, because life is short. But SHOUT it at them in German. because life is also terrifying: "I ch liebe dich!"

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

7:00 pm TUESDAY JANUARY 24 6:45 am WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25 6:45 am THURSDAY JANUARY 26 6:45 am FRIDAY JANUARY 27
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SATURDAY JANUARY 28
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Thomas James Dreiling
6:30 pm St. Ann Herman and Sophie Berens and family
SUNDAY
8:30 am St. Boniface For the Parishes
10:00 am St. Fidelis Floris and Bernie (anniv) Dome and
Brenda Dome Luff

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