



#### **Holy Nagging**

Gospel parables are to puzzle us and inspire a new perspective. This Sunday's story of the persistent widow and the dishonest judge has done just that to many, even scripture experts. We tend to assume that the judge represents God and the widow is a desperate Christian begging God for help. But a dishonest, heartless judge is not a fitting image of a merciful God.



Some sheep do not want to be found

Therefore some scholars have interpreted the parable with those roles reversed. The dishonest judge represents a reluctant Christian and the persistent widow represents God. Just as the widow hounded the judge until he granted her justice, God pursues the errant soul until repentance. That is the theme of Francis Thompson's classic poem, *The Hound of Heaven*.

I fled Him down the nights and down the days;

I fled him, down the arches of the years

I fled him down the labyrinthine ways

I hid in laughter and the mist of tears.

The sinner is fleeing from God who follows in pursuit. When the soul finally surrenders to God, the folly of his or her flight is explained, "All things betray thee, who betrayest Me."

Today's parable, as *the Hound of Heaven*, is an image of how God pesters the reluctant to repent. Practicing Christians who attend

church and try to follow the commandments might wonder just how they are fleeing God who is in pursuit. Despite our basic commitment and our regular observance, most of us have certain areas of our faith where we are fleeing from God.

We are all tempted to customize Christianity to suit ourselves, to pick and choose what is to our liking. We may, for example, follow faithfully the moral code of personal conduct but turn a deaf ear to social justice and civic charity. Or we may focus on tolerance and forgiveness but turn a blind eye to our own disregard

of the commandments. And *the Hound* of *Heaven* will pursue us until we have accepted him fully.

We often rejoice that God is merciful and forgiving. We should not forget that God is also a demanding Lord and a nagging Father. Every parent knows the need for *holy nagging*. Children require a constant insistence to do what is right and proper. Our heavenly Father will nag his children until we respond fully to his grace. "Because this widow keeps bothering me, I shall deliver a just decision for her."

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Don't complain about your parish; if it were perfect you couldn't belong.

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Parish Staff

#### Council Members

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#### Contributions October 8-9, 2022

**ST. FIDELIS:** <u>Envelopes</u> 2190.00 <u>Loose</u> 1186.00 <u>Endowment</u> 35.00

**ST. ANN:** <u>Envelopes</u> 105.00 <u>Loose</u> 237.00

**ST. BONIFACE:** <u>Envelopes</u> 313.00 <u>Loose</u> 160.00 <u>Capuchins</u> 80.00 <u>Candles</u> 13.00

October 17 — Brenda Dreiling, Val Schumacher October 24 — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt

#### NOTICE:

The Religious Education phone line (785-735-9244) at the Parish Office is no longer in service. Please use the main Parish Office line at **785-735-2777**.

\* Sunday Rosary Schedul e \* 1<sup>st</sup> - Christian Mothers 2<sup>nd</sup> - Knights of Columbus 3<sup>rd</sup> - Daughters of Isabella 4<sup>th</sup> - 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.

#### <u>\*CANTORS\*</u>

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 5:00 PM — Pam Scheck SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 10:00 AM — Adult Choir

#### **\*EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS\***

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

5:00 PM — Debbie Staab, Mary Brungardt, Becky Scheck SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

**10:00 AM** — Yvonne Braun, Michelle Geist, Connie Braun, Janine Kisner (Adult Choir Sings)

#### \*LECTORS\COMMENTATORS\*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 5:00 PM — Diane Gross SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 10:00 AM — Dave Staab

#### \*HOMEBOUND MINISTERS\*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 — Kathy Kuhn SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

#### \*MASS SERVERS\*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
5:00 PM — Myah Y., Grace Y.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
10:00 AM — Abby B., Averi W., Riley W.

#### **Committee Meeting Dates**

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

Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 5:30 pm

# **Volunteer Help at Parish Office**

We have some great people helping us at the Parish Office with stocking shelves for the **Food Bank and Gift Shop**. However, there are times when they are unable to be here.

We are looking for volunteers who can fill in when needed. We want to put together a list of people we can call when supplies come in and need to be placed on the shelves during office hours.

If you are willing to help, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777 and give us your name and phone number.

#### THANK YOU FOR ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE!

# **CEMETERY NOTE**

St. Fidelis Parish is beginning a project to clean and paint the fence and gates of the cemetery. It was built and installed in 1987.

Sections will need to be removed in order to properly do this and do the powder coating. Some parts will need to be dismantled, which will require some help.

If you would like to help with this, please contact Kenny Pfeifer (785-365-2281) or Randy Leiker (785-259-1392).

Your donations to the Cemetery Fund would also be appreciated to help with the cost of this project.

### St. Fidel is Food Bank



The St. Fidelis Food Bank is available to those in need of food. It is open during Parish Office hours.

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.

#### 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.

St. Fidelis Financial Summary							
INCOME	9/30/2022	_	EXPENSES	9/30/2022			
Bequests & Donations			Church Maintenance	\$2,494.45			
Children's Liturgy	\$100.00		Clergy				
Church Tours	\$50.00		Automobile Expense	\$1,060.00			
General Funds	\$2,350.00		Living Allowance	\$1,060.00			
Jubilee Choir	\$100.00		Salary	\$435.00			
Religious Education	\$500.00		СХО				
Repair Fund	\$1,597.00		NCYC	\$8,095.92			
Royalty	\$118.82		Fines, Penalties, Judgments	\$46.00			
Tourist Donations	\$872.83		Gift Shop	\$59.98			
Candles	\$2,236.54		Insurance	\$3,722.00			
Collections			Liturgical Furniture	\$699.88			
Envelopes	\$10,251.00		Miscellaneous	\$205.32			
Loose	\$4,848.17		Music Ministry	\$479.23			
Diocesan Collection	\$6.00		Office Subscriptions	\$31.23			
Gift Shop	\$181.91		Office Supplies	\$1,338.00			
Mission Parishes	\$2,000.00		Other Expenses/Liabilities				
Refunds & Reimbursements	\$6,274.16		PAC Maintenance	\$90.06			
Religious Ed Fees	\$545.00		Parking Lot Maintenance				
Use of Buildings	\$1,500.00		Pastor's Apprection				
TOTAL INCOME:	\$33,531.43		Payroll	\$17,555.03			
			Religious Ed				
			Background Checks	\$76.00			
			Events	\$150.00			
			Supplies	\$141.35			
			Textbooks/Curriculum	\$842.06			
			Utilities				
			Church	\$2,228.69			
Gross Income:	\$33,531.43		PAC	\$840.77			
Total Expenses:	\$42,052.97		Worship Materials	\$402.00			
Net Income:	\$ (8,521.54)		TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$42,052.97			

#### A LITTLE CHUCKLE

An Officer came to my house and asked me where I was between 5 and 6. I replied, "Kindergarten."

St. Fidelis Cemetery Financial Summary						
INCOME	9/30/2022	-	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<u>9/30/2022</u>		
Bequests & Donations	\$580.00		Grave Staking	\$100.00		
Grave Staking	\$150.00		Maintenance	\$94.57		
Plots	\$1,800.00		Payroll	\$250.30		
TOTAL INCOME:	\$2,530.00		Refunds & Reimbursements	\$28.78		
			TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$473.65		
Gross Income:	\$2,530.00					
Total Expenses:	\$473.65					
Net Income:	\$2,056.35					

#### YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

#### **Calendar for Religious Education Classes**

**October is Respect Life Month** 

Wednesday, October 19 6:30 – 7:30 P.M. Rel Ed Classes, grades 1 – 12 Wednesday, October 26 6:30 – 7:30 P.M. Rel Ed Classes, grades 1 – 12



## Victoria's Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat When? Sunday, October 23rd Beginning at 2 P.M.

Youth groups are going door to door in Victoria to collect nonperishable items for the Ellis County Community Assistance Center in Hays.

If you live within Victoria's city limits and have any nonperishable items you'd like to donate including: nonperishable food, toiletries, household cleaners, baby items, etc. simply set them outside on your door step before/by 2:00 P.M. on October 23! Please label any bags: "TOTSOCE". [Please check expiration dates on all items as we will dispose of any expired items.]

If we miss your home, we apologize and do our best to get all of the homes within the city limits. Please drop your item(s) off at St. Fidelis' Parish Office in the Youth Ministry/Religious Ed Office, during business hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:30–12 & 1–4 and Fri: 8:30–12 Thank you! :)

Jeanette Brungardt—Office: 735-9244 Cell: 785-639-5067 Email: Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net

ST. BONIFACE

# ST. BONIFACE

invites you to attend the inaugural

# BUFFET-STYLE GERMAN MEAL DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

\$15/adult (14 & up); \$8/ 6-13 yr old; 5 & under FREE Menu and Country Store:

Galuskies | Sausage & Kraut | Creamed Dumplings with Potatoes Fried Noodles/Cooked Beans | Cole Slaw | Bread | Cake | Drink

> Sunday, October 23 11:00 am - 2:00 pm (or until food is gone) St. Boniface Parish Hall

Proceeds will go towards upkeep of church & grounds RSVP appreciated by 10/8/2022 Karen 785-735-4682 (text or call) Teri 785-735-7097 (text or call) Edie 785-735-4238 (call only)

#### **Rachel's Vineyard Retreats**

"I have never been more convinced that God moves powerfully to love His wounded people back to life than that weekend at the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. It was a mountaintop experience!"

~Testimony after a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™

Healing and hope are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat<sup>™</sup>.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time Next retreat: November 11-13, 2022 877-I-GRIEVE (877-447-4383) rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org confidential

#### Catholic Charities Annual Appeal "Together, We Can!"

"Adoption is so handwoven by God. There's a child in one mother's womb. She realizes she can't give this child the life that she wants. She then loves him enough to let him go. That child is then born from the heart of his adopted mother. When I look at what Bryce has brought to my life, if it was not for Catholic Charities and God orchestrating that connection, Bryce would not be Bryce."

This quote comes from a woman named Mary Hickman. 21 years ago, Mary adopted her son Bryce through Catholic Charities. Since that blessed day, their lives have been enriched in immeasurable ways.

This weekend is the 2022 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal—Together, We Can! By donating to the Appeal, you are ensuring that married couples who, like Mary, have always dreamed of having a baby, can receive the gift of parenthood through adoption. These stories of hope cannot happen without YOU! Your support of the Annual Appeal is essential to the growth and continuation of our mission.

To donate to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal, please use the pledge cards and remittance envelopes that can be found at the entrance to the church. You may place your envelope in the collection plate during Mass or mail it directly to Catholic Charities. You can also donate at ccnks.org/ annualappeal.

Your support gives life to those struggling throughout northern Kansas. Thank you and God Bless! For questions, please contact our Director of Development, Eric Frank, at 785-825-0208 or efrank@ccnks.org.

#### ENVELOPES FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES.

#### **October Human Trafficking Alert**

It's Trick or Treat Time and tricking potential victims into promising them something they may never be able to get on their own is a given for traffickers, a way they make their money. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501c(3) organization**, 2039 N. Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131. (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

#### Listening Sessions with the Bishop

Bishop Jerry Vincke wants to hear from the lay people about their vision for the future of ministry in the Diocese of Salina. The process for this will be like the synod listening sessions held last spring.

The session scheduled nearest our tri-parishes will be held at St. Nicolas Parish, 2901 East 13th, Hays, at **2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 23**.

#### $\mathcal{A}$ nniversary $\mathcal{M}$ asses

Please join in the Annual Anniversary Mass. These Masses are where we get a chance to celebrate and recognize couples celebrating their 1st anniversary or any anniversary ending with a 5 or 0 (5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, etc.).

Bishop Vincke will celebrate the Masses on Sunday, October 16, at 3:00 p.m. in Salina at St. Mary, Queen of the Universe parish and on Sunday, October 30, at 3:00 p.m. in Hays at St. Nicolas of Myra parish.

Registration and event details are available online. Family members and friends of the couples are welcome to attend. Go to: https://salinadiocese.org/news-andupdates/family-life-officehosts-annual-anniversary-mass/.

For questions, contact Bill Meagher, director of Youth Ministry and Religious Education for the Diocese, at 785-827-8746, Ext. 49.

#### COMMUNITY

#### **Commodities to Be Distributed**

Commodities will be available for pickup on **Monday, October 24, at 1:30 p.m.** at the Parish Office, 601 10th Street. Please use the north

entrance. There will be no commodities November.



#### COMMUNITY



# Sunday, November 20, 2022 Immaculate Heart of Mary Church 1805 Vine Street, Hays 3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Free Will Offering

6 Recording Albums

Never Be The Same Ways of The Wise El Muro se Callo Cup of Life Hands in Heaven Hope/Esperanza

Originally from Rivas, Nicaragua, born without arms and a clubbed foot due to the drug, Thalidomide. Tony's mother was prescribed this drug for morning sickness by her doctor and had no idea how it would affect her unborn son. At the age of one Tony's family immigrated to the USA so Tony could have corrective surgery on his left foot in order for him to walk.

Tony travels with his brother Jose and together they share with young and old their message of hope, encouragement, and faith. Tony's message and story are presented with music and his personal life stories. As they continue to travel they focus on young people by going into elementary schools, junior high schools, high schools, colleges, and universities.

Tony moved from California and now resides in Branson with his wife Lynn and two kids, Marisa and Andres. Despite all the travel over the last 31 years, Tony continues to resist the siren song of stardom, hoping only to develop his musical career and share his God given gifts. "I don't feel like a celebrity," he says with a smile. "I just feel like me!"

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#### Ellis D. of I. Special Presentation on Support Groups and Resources

When the world says "Give up," hope whispers "One more time."

Recognizing that there have been MANY personal losses over these past couple of years, the Ellis Daughters of Isabella ladies now invite EVERYONE to a special presentation on **Tuesday**, **October 25**, at **7:00 p.m. at the Ellis Knights of Columbus Hall**. A guest speaker from the Center for Life Experiences in Hays will give information about the support groups and educational resources they can provide. A short demonstration on creating a memorial display or a memorial garden will also be given.

For more information, contact Ellis D. of I. Regent Margie Mickelson at 785-726-1280 or Gini Augustine at 785-726-4257.

This event is open to ALL—not just D. of I. members. Men and women, Catholics and non-Catholics, old and young are encouraged to attend this special presentation.

#### "Healing" Support Groups

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

Below are the schedules for upcoming meetings:

- CFLE Support Series "Fostering Connections" (For kids in the Foster Care System): Mondays, October 17 and 24 at 5:00 p.m.
- "Healing After Loss" Support Group (For those who have lost a loved one, such as a spouse): Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m.
- "Healing After Loss of Suicide" Support Group (For those who have lost a loved one to suicide): Wednesday, October 19, 6:30 p.m.
- CFL Book Circle" Discussion Series (Discussion around a selected book. Current series topic: Divorce): Thursday, October 27, 5:00 p.m.
- "It's Good to Talk" Support Group (Topic: Neurodivergent: Autism Support): Wednesday, October 26, 5:00 p.m.
- NAMI Hays Connections: Monday, October 17, 7:00 p.m. NAMI Hays affiliate office. For info, namihays@namikansas.org or 785-214-4538.
- "NAMI Family Support Group": Wednesday, October 26, 7:00 p.m. NAMI Hays affiliate office. For info, namihays@namikansas.org or 785-214-4538.

# Popcorn Balls – Halloween Treats

#### Victoria Community Coalition (VCC)

is sponsoring another popcorn ball fundraiser.

Brenda Dreiling's popcorn balls would make wonderful Halloween Treats for those little spooks and goblins.

Selling for \$25 a baker's dozen All orders must be placed in advance by Thursday, October 20, due to supply ordering.

Text or call Brenda (785-735-4141) or Marilyn (785-735-4968) OR e-mail your order to VictoriaCommunityCoalitionInc@ruraltel.net.

The popcorn balls will be available for pick up after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28, and Saturday, October 29, at the High School cafeteria. If unable to pick up, make arrangements for delivery when ordering.

# Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.



- Three Little Kittens—Beach Schmidt, Hays
- Friday October 21

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FHSU health behavioral science day

7:00 pm HS football @ Otis Bison

#### Saturday — October 22

HS volleyball—Substate @ Quinter Regional Cross Country @ TBD

#### 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 INTENTIONS

