

Sept. 14 — Exaltation of the Holy Cross



### An Act of God

In the hurricane season insurance companies refer to violent weather as an *Act of God.* They are not expressing a faith in divinity, but simply acknowledging that these forces are beyond human control. In today's gospel the apostles expressed this wonder when they asked rhetorically, "Who then is this, that wind and sea obey him?"

That question and its answer are derived from today's first reading in the Book of Job, which complements the gospel reading. In the Book of Job,



God claimed authority over nature when He commanded the sea that its "proud waves be stilled." In the gospel, Christ echoes that command to the wind and sea, "Quiet. Be still!"

The Apostles, schooled in the Old Testament, surely saw the similarity. In the book of Job, Satan argued that Job's faith was shallow. So God permitted Job to be tested with grave hardships and severe suffering. Many people have abandoned their faith and stopped going to church because of such suffering and hardship, angry at God and the church.

But Job chose to remain faithful. He had no idea why his life had become a living hell, and he was angry about it. He did not understand the mystery of suffering, but he understood that he needed God to endure such trials.

Today's gospel sees a parallel between Job and the early Church. The boat in the gospel is an analogy of the church, which is often referred to as "the bark of Peter." The Christians who first heard this gospel were persecuted by Nero. It must have seemed that God was asleep in their boat. Yet, as Job, they did not abandon their faith; they affirmed it.

> The gospel is also an analogy of our own personal spiritual journey on the stormy sea of life. So often during the storms of our own personal lives it seems that Christ is asleep in our boat. And Christ may well be asleep in our boat. Christ slept well in the storm because of his unwavering faith in his Father.

The frightened apostles, by contrast, exemplify a lack of such trust. The Apostles reflect our own weakness. So often we panic because Christ is asleep in our boat during the storms of our lives.

Christian life is not a life without storms. But faith is the assurance that God is with us in those storms, even when He is asleep. If the violent weather of a storm is an *Act of God*, His presence with us at such times is also an *Act of God*.

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A clean conscience does not mean that it has never been used.

### Parish Staff

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### Contributions June 15-16, 2024

**ST. FIDELIS:** <u>Envelopes</u> 3161.00 Loose 832.00 <u>Cemetery</u> 26.00 <u>Mission Coop</u> 535.00 <u>Repair Fund</u> 20.00

ST. ANN: Envelopes 765.00 Loose 370.00 Mission Coop 25.00

ST. BONIFACE: Envelopes 210.00 Loose 22.00



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# **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.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> - Christian Mothers

Schedul e 2<sup>nd</sup> - Knights of Columbus

3<sup>rd</sup> - Daughters of Isabella

4<sup>th</sup> - Family Life

### MINISTER SCHEDULE

Rosary

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, JUNE 29**

5:00 PM — Trilogy **SUNDAY, JUNE 30** 

10:00 AM — Becky and Jim Scheck

### \*EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS\*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29** 

5:00 PM — Carol Pfeifer, Tom Tholen, Randy Leiker, Jane Wagner

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30** 

10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun, Andrea Schmidtberger, Jacquelyn Stoffel, Michelle Geist

### \*LECTORS\COMMENTATORS\*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29** 5:00 PM — Becky Scheck **SUNDAY, JUNE 30** 10:00 AM — Shanna Dinkel

### \*HOMEBOUND MINISTERS\*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 — Carol Pfeifer **SUNDAY, JUNE 30** 10:00 AM — Kathy Amrein

### \*MASS SERVERS\*

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 5:00 PM — Hadley L., Devyn H. **SUNDAY, JUNE 30** 10:00 AM -

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JUNE 24 — Marilyn Braun, Kenny Brungardt JULY 1 — Mary Brungardt, Jane Dinges

### **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

## St. Fidel is Pastoral Council **El ection Next Weekend**

An election will be held next weekend (June 22-23) for the St. Fidelis Pastoral Council. Three members will be chosen and they will serve a three-year term.

Those agreeing to run for election are Curt Kuhn, Doug Kuhn, Jan Piesker, Daren Lang, and Diane Gross.

# Summer Lunch Program

St. Fidelis Church is sponsoring the Summer Lunch Program at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Lunch is served in the east room of the PAC from 11:00-11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday.

### Anyone in the Victoria area (children or adults) is invited and encouraged to attend. There is no pre-registration or cost.

# LUNCH PROGRAM MENU

_	Lasagna
—	Pulled Pork Sandwich
	Krinkle Cut Fries
—	Beef & Bean Burritos
—	Chicken Pattie Sandwich
	Curly Fries
—	Corn Dogs, Krinkle Cut Fries

The main dishes are accompanied by a vegetable, fruit or other dessert, and a drink.

**NOTE:** The menu could change depending on supplies.

MASS INTENTIONS MONDAY	NE 24
7:00 pm Elmer and Edna Schulte	
TUESDAYJUN	NE 25
<b>6:45 am</b> Adonna Sis	
WEDNESDAYJUN	<b>NE 26</b>
6:45 am Clarence Braun Jr.	
THURSDAYJUN	NE 27
6:45 am	
FRIDAYJUN	<b>NE 28</b>
6:45 am	
SATURDAYJUN	VE 29
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Francis and Estella Kuhn family	
6:30 pm St. Boniface For the parishes	
SUNDAY 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>VE 30</b>
7:30 am St. Ann Mary, Clara, Alfred, Verlin, and Norman Mern	nis
and Dale Pfannenstiel	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Terry Keenan (anniv)	
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SAVE THE DATE Annual Parish Fundraiser FIDELISFEST

following 5:00 p.m. Mass on

SATURDAY,

JULY 27, 2024

Raffle tickets will be mailed out soon.

### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

### **Gather for World Day of Prayer**

Members of the Daughters of Isabella are asked to gather in the front pews of The Basilica of St. Fidelis on **Saturday, June 29, at the 5:00 Mass** for the World Day of Prayer.

### ST. ANN

### **Nominations for Pastoral Council**

Saint Ann Parish is accepting nominations for Pastoral Council for the 2024-2027 term. Any registered member of the Parish is eligible to run. If you are interested and willing to accept a nomination, please visit with Father Jim or contact him at the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.

### DIOCESE

### **JUNE Human Trafficking Alert**

Human trafficking is a scourge, a crime against the whole of humanity. It is time to join forces and work together to free its victims and to eradicate this crime that affects all of us, from individual families to the worldwide community. "Pope Francis. Alliance to End Human Trafficking—Founded and supported by U.S. Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave. 1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.

### A LITTLE CHUCKLE

Shout out to everyone who can still remember their childhood phone number but can't remember the password they created yesterday. You are my people.

# Please Pick Up Your Pictorial Directory!

Every family who had their picture taken last September/October for the directory is entitled to one free book. SOMEONE WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER MASS AT <u>The Basilica of St. Fidelis</u> THIS WEEKEND TO GIVE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PICKED THEIRS UP ANOTHER CHANCE TO DO SO.

If you didn't have a chance to get your book after Mass, please pick it up at the Parish Office soon.

# HELP NEEDED

# at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop

Do you like to meet new people?



Are you looking for some activity to keep you busy for a few hours a week?

Does volunteering give you a feel-good feeling?

How about volunteering for a shift at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop?

If interested, please call the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.

### 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 or just grab a cup to go. 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, they are available at the Parish Office. Just pay a small deposit which will be refunded upon its returned. Those who are already using them have given good comments for the sound.

If you have personal Bluetooth hearing aids that are controllable from your cell phone, you can download the WaveCAST Audio Receiver app by Williams Sound LLC. While in church—when the sound system is turned on, click the WaveCAST icon and select the church's "HearingAid" wi-fi option. The password is also "hearingaid". You can control the volume, etc. from the individual hearing aid program already on your phone.

# Thank You

to whoever dropped off the old newspapers from 1967 to 1970 at the Thrift Shop and to Rosie Kreutzer for salvaging them from entering the trash bin. It is so interesting seeing the price of food back then compared to now—chicken was 29¢ a pound. And women back then did not have first names; they were almost always referred to as

Mrs. Jim Somebody or Mrs. Bob Somebody, never Mary or Susie, unless of course if they were still single, then they had first names.

# Lost & Found

- Pair of pink-framed sunglasses found on register table in west vestibule of The Basilica of St. Fidelis the weekend of June 8-9, 2024, possibly at Bishop Vincke's Jubilee celebration.
- Pair of black-framed reading glasses were found in a pew up front middle aisle north side in of The Basilica of St. Fidelis on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, may have been left on Monday.
- 2 Pair of sunglasses are still unclaimed. They were found a number of weeks ago in The Basilica of St. Fidelis.

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

IF NO ONE CLAIMS THESE ITEMS SOON, THEY WILL BE TAKEN TO THE THRIFT SHOP.

### COMMUNITY

# History Articles of The Basilica of St. Fidelis

If you are cleaning out closets, attics, garages, or whatever, and you find articles of interest to the history of our church, we would appreciate you donating them to the parish. We want to preserve information or items concerning our beautiful, magnificent church. Volunteers are currently working on preparing and pasting newspaper and magazine articles into a large scrapbook.

### **Volunteer Crossing Guard Needed**

Victoria Elementary School is looking for a Volunteer Crossing Guard for their Friday morning shift from 7:20-8:00, for the 24-25 school year. Or if you want to volunteer but can't commit to every day and would like to be placed on their crossing guard sub-list to be called when one of their regular guards can't make it, please get in touch with Carla Schmeidler at VES 785-735-2870; carlaschmeidler@usd432.org.

# In Need of Eucharistic Ministers

St. Fidelis Parish is in need of more Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist (Eucharistic Ministers). Eucharistic Ministers are scheduled for weekend and Holy Day Masses. If you are willing to help with this ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 785-735-2777. We will arrange for training before you start ministering.

### 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.

### **VCC Sponsoring Childcare Meeting**

The whole community has an essential role to play in the growth and development of its children. Please join Victoria Community Coalition (VCC) on

### Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 6:30 -7:30 p.m. at the Victoria VFW

to discuss community childcare needs. During the past two and a half years the topic of childcare has come up during our public meetings. VCC is putting together a task force to assess these needs and determine an informed path forward.

### WE NEED YOU!

If you are a current childcare provider, interested in becoming a childcare provider, have young children, are expecting a child, or are just interested in early childhood development in Victoria, please join us! Dana Stanton, Childcare Program Specialist with NWKS Innovation Center, and Betty Johnson, Dane G. Hansen Foundation, will be facilitating this meeting.

Childcare will be provided during the meeting at Honey Braun Park or the VFW Hall, depending on the heat index.

Questions? Call Jeff Pfeifer (913) 904-8618 Victoria Community Coalition, Inc.



Name:	Address:	
Phone:		
Email:		

### TICKET OPTIONS BELOW:

- Adult Tickets \$30 (Age 12 & up)
- Child Ticket \$20 (Ages 2-11)
- Family/Household Package -This package is for parents & children who live at home so a family's total registration cost will not exceed \$100 (Please add each family members names and the total will be \$100)
- Clergy Ticket (Priests, Deacons & Seminarians)

TICKET TYPE	NAME ON TICKET	Adult=\$30 Youth=\$20 Family \$100	OPTIONAL T-SHIRT (\$10)	TOTAL
			Size	

For young people ages 2-11, there will be two options. Their ticket will allow a child to attend the sessions with their parents or go to the offsite daycare that will be available during the conference on Saturday

TICKET TOTAL	
T-SHIRT TOTAL	
TOTAL	

PLEASE MAIL YOUR FORM AND MONEY TO THE CHANCERY OFFICE 103 N 9TH ST. SALINA, KS 67401

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR SPEAKERS AND SCHEDULES <u>HTTPS://SALINADIOCESE.ORG/EUCHARISTIC-CONFERENCE/</u>

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AUGUST 9TH REGISTRATION - 5:00PM OPENING SESSION - 7:00PM AUGUST 10TH Keynotes & Sessions - TBA Closing Mass - 5:15PM



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