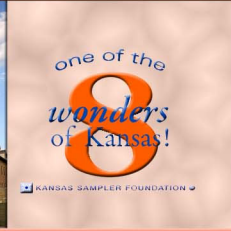


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December 29, 2024— HOLY FAMILY

MASSES:

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Tuesday through Friday — 6:45 am

ST. ANN, WALKER

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Sunday — 7:30 am — May - October

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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

Jan. 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day —
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Jan. 29 — Kansas Day —164 years

Feb. 1-2 — Blessing of Throats after
Masses

Feb. 14 — Valentine’s Day

Feb 17 — President’s Day — PARISH
OFFICE CLOSED

Mar. 5 — Ash Wednesday

Mar. 9 — First Sunday of Lent
Daylight Savings Time begins —
clocks ahead one hour



“After three
days they
found him in
the temple,
sitting in the
midst of the
teachers.”

Luke 2:41-52

Mass: New Years Eve 5:00 p.m. — New Years Day 10:00 a.m.
both at The Basilica of St. Fidelis

This is a Holy Day of Obligation —Mary, Mother of God

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**The Parish Office will be closed at noon on Tuesday, December 31, 2024,
and all day New Years Day, Wednesday, January 1, 2025.**



Home for Christmas

"I'll Be Home for Christmas," is a popular carol which resonates well with our personal experience. Some of our warmest memories, especially of our childhood, are with our families during the holidays. Many make great efforts to visit families during this season, and when that is not possible, we relish the final verse of that carol, "I'll be home for Christmas, if only in my dreams."

Because family is central to this feast of Christmas, our Catholic liturgy celebrates the feast of the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas. This celebration is timely and fitting, but it is not Pollyanna or saccharine. Today's gospel is the account of the teenage Jesus lost in the temple, a story about a misunderstanding typical of every family.

Our holiday experiences with family will resonate with this gospel. Our memories are often bittersweet. There were wonderful moments, but also misunderstandings, difficulties, even lingering hurts. Holiday gatherings, fueled with eggnog, can lead to heated arguments, hurtful remarks, and lingering resentments.

How to deal with these difficulties is the message of today's gospel. Note the honest admission of anxiety and

frank exchange between the parents and child. "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." Then he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. A typical parent-teenage dialogue of misunderstandings.

The result of their honest exchange is in the final verse, "Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. He advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

In his reflections on this gospel on the feast of the Holy Family, Pope Francis noted that every family has its problems. Because we are human, because we are weak, we even quarrel and fight within the family. To deal with his very human reality, he recommended three words that should be common in every family: "Please," "Thank you," and "I'm sorry." If these three words are present in the family, Pope Francis said, the family will be able to find a path to peace even amid difficulties.

The opening prayer at Mass today deserves sober reflection: "O God, who gave us the inspiring example of the Holy Family, grant that we may imitate them in the virtues of family life, that living in the bonds of charity in our own homes we may one day delight together in your eternal home. Amen."

... and mirth

On Christmas all roads lead to home.



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CONTRIBUTIONS DECEMBER 21-22, 2023

ST. FIDELIS:

Loose 926.00 Envelopes 2590.00
Cemetery 58.00
Repair Fund 10,250.00
Thanksgiving 25.00

ST. ANN:

Loose 86.00 Envelopes 1110.00
Cemetery 500.00
Retired Religious 100.00
Immaculate Conception 100.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Loose 230.00 Envelopes 295.00
Candles 41.00



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With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Wilma (Pfeifer) Wellbrock-VonLintel**, who passed away on Thursday, December 12, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Thursday, December 19, 2024, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
THURSDAYS • 9:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.
in St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar

“A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.”
~Pio of Pietreicina

* HELP NEEDED *

The parish office staff regrets that Connie Windholz has announced her retirement. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	DECEMBER 30
7:00 pm Anita J. Lang and Wasinger families living and deceased	
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 31
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Hubert and Jo Sander and Kiley Goetz	
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 1
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	
10:00 am St. Fidelis	
THURSDAY	JANUARY 2
6:45 am Jerome, Irene, and Marvin Windholz and Mary Ann Karlin	
FRIDAY	JANUARY 3
6:45 am Donald Keenan	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 4
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Dale and Ruby Nowak	
6:30 pm St. Ann Harold and Norma Schmeidler family living and deceased	
SUNDAY	JANUARY 5
8:30 am St. Boniface For the people	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Frank and Estella Kuhn family living and deceased	

* 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 ministries or if you are willing to volunteer for those ministries.

* CANTORS *

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

5:00 PM — Christine L. and Jackie E.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

10:00 AM — Sheila Stone

* EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS *

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31— New Years Eve

5:00 PM — Becky Scheck, Diane Gross, Kathy Kuhn, Jane Wagner, Peggy Fitzpatrick

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 — New Years Day

10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger, Karen Nowak, Kenny and Bertha R. Brungardt, Connie Windholz

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

5:00 PM — Jerry Schmidtberger, Keith Billinger, Jane Wagner, Jody Dinkel, Peggy Fitzpatrick

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

10:00 AM — Jacquelyn Stoffel, Marla Robben, Kaylee Robben, Yvonne Braun, Michelle Geist

* LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS *

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31— New Years Eve

5:00 PM — Tammy Lichter

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 — New Years Day

10:00 AM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

5:00 PM — Nichole Hunter

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

10:00 AM — Shanna Dinkel

* HOMEBOUND MINISTERS *

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1— Jane Wagner

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

10:00 AM — Kathy Amrein

* MASS SERVERS *

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31— New Years Eve

5:00 PM — Ethan and Alice S., Dawson S.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 — New Years Day

10:00 AM — Hadley L., Emma D.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

5:00 PM — Grace and Myah Y., Scarlett H.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

10:00 AM — Mason and Mya M., Brayden S.

* MONEY COUNTERS *

December 30 — Jerry Schmidtberger, Andrea Ottley

January 6 — Patty Dreiling, Anne Schmidtberger

MANY THANKS

to everyone who contributed in any way to the Tri-Parish Assistance Fund in cash, clothing, food, toys, etc. As a result we have been able to make Christmas a bit more happy for a good number of individuals and families in need.

Various parishioners also helped plan, organize, and carry out the mechanics of this endeavor. We especially thank the Family Life Committee and other volunteers.

This combined effort helped to keep Christ in Christmas and to spread the light of His love for all of us—giving and receiving.

New Beginnings:

The Story of Salvation Fulfilled

Delve into the richness of Luke's Gospel using The Great Adventure Bible Series from Ascension Press.

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- Wednesdays during Religious Ed. Class from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- January 8 through February 12
- Thank you Religious Education Office for sponsoring this event!

Tithing Envelopes

The 2025 tithing envelopes are at the entrances to the tri-parish churches 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.

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. *Please make checks payable to: Christian Mothers.*

Due to the New Year holiday, items for the **January 5 bulletin** are due by **noon on Monday, December 30.**

Thank you for your cooperation!
Happy New Year!



As the year ends, there are so many ways to make a meaningful impact through a year-end gift. Consider supporting your parish, the Bishop's Annual Appeal, or seminarians who are preparing for a life of service in the Church. Your generosity strengthens the mission of the Church and helps ensure these ministries thrive for generations to come.

If you plan to make a 2024 contribution be sure to have it postmarked or brought to the Parish Office by Tuesday, December 31, 2024.

Thank you for being a vital part of our Catholic family and for sharing your blessings.

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.

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

December 25, 2024 – January 6, 2025

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN
THE JANUARY 12, 2025, BULLETIN
and

ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE AT
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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.**



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 are available at the tri-parish church entrances.

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.**

Great Opportunity, Hays, KS

Comeau Catholic Campus Center

The Comeau Catholic Campus Center is accepting resumes for a full-time Campus Minister position. The Campus Minister oversees the student leadership team in various aspects and coordinates the Catholic Tigers weekly events.

This includes initiating and managing the calendar of retreats, events, speakers, trips, etc. to make sure they are in line with the Catholic Campus Center goals of greater prayer and community.

Skills desired include ability to work with various constituencies, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, cultivating college students, and thoroughness in planning events. The Campus Minister must be rooted in the Catholic faith, with a mission to bring college students to Christ. This position is full time with a competitive benefits package.

For the complete job description or more information contact Sandy Losey at 785-259-1222 or sandy.losey@catholictigers.org. Resumes must be submitted by January 31, 2025.

COMMUNITY

EARLY NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

2:00-5:00 PM

Rose Garden Ballroom, 230 E. 8th St., Hays

The Hot Shots Band will provide the music.

Cost is \$8.00

This event is open to the public.

Sponsored by the Sunflower Polka Club. For more information, call 620-897-7778.

A LITTLE CHUCKLE

Taxi Please

Friends, please be careful. Yesterday I went to a Christmas party. I had a few beers, followed by a few cocktails, followed by a few shots.

I still had the sense to know that I was over the limit. That's when I decided to do what I have never done before: I took a cab home.

Sure enough, there was a police road block on the way home, and since it was a cab, they waved it past. I arrived home safely without incident. This was both a great relief and a surprise because I had never driven a cab before. I don't even know where I got it from and, now that it is in my garage, I don't know what to do with it.

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