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THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

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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 <i>The Register</i> , Salina Diocese newspaper		

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January 5, 2025— EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASSES:

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

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

Jan. 29 — Kansas Day —164 years

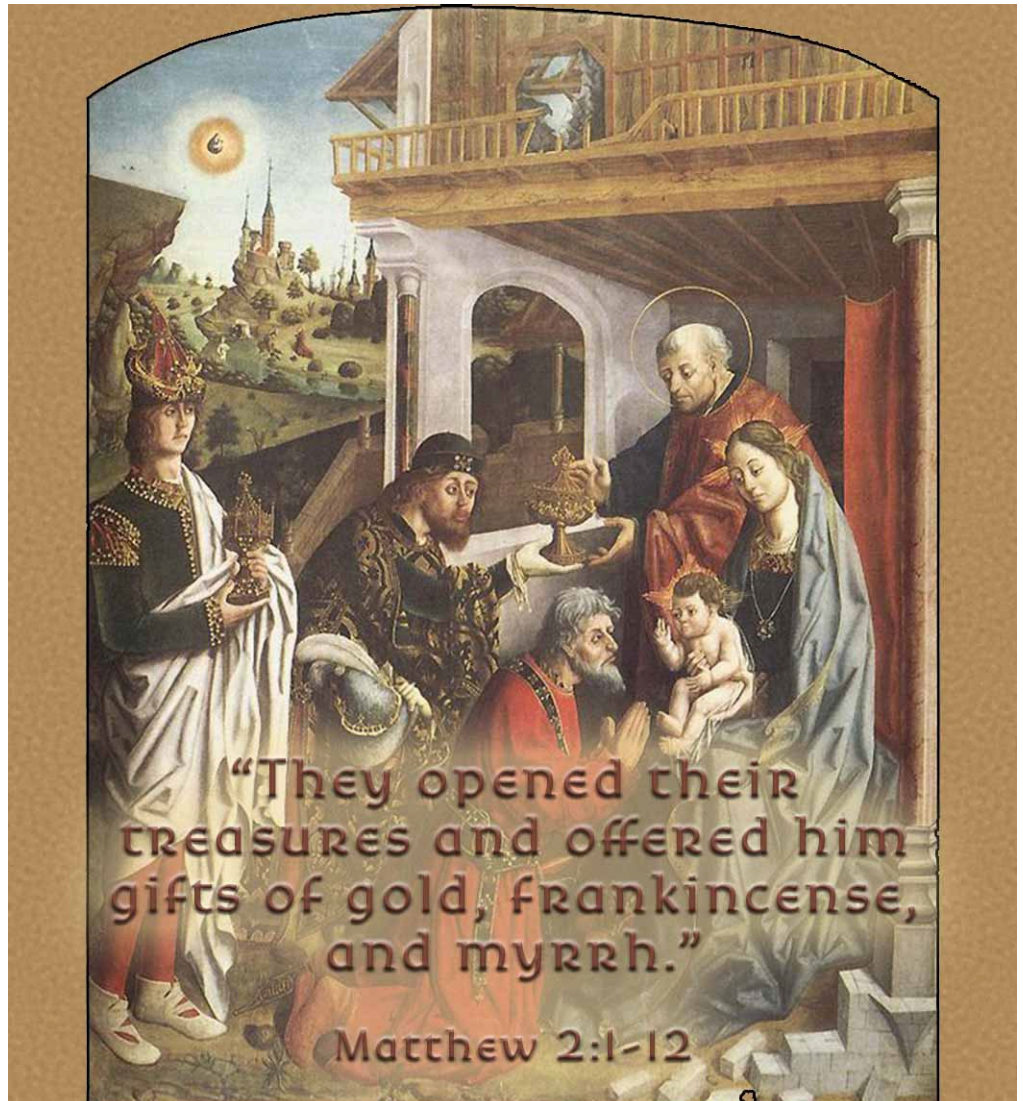
Feb. 1-2 — Blessing of Throats after
Masses

Feb. 14 — Valentine’s Day

Feb 17 — President’s Day — PARISH
OFFICE CLOSED

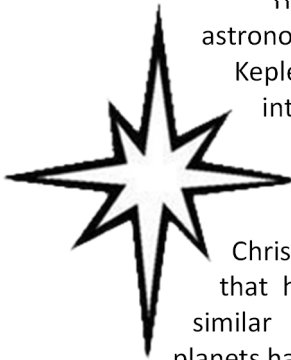
Mar. 5 — Ash Wednesday

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





The Wise Still Follow His Star



The great astronomer Johannes Kepler was so intrigued by a rare alignment of the planets at Christmas in 1604, that he calculated a similar conjunction of planets had occurred in 6 BC. That is still the dominant theory of the Star of Bethlehem among astronomers. This may disappoint those whose image of the Christmas Star is a brilliant diamond in the sky. Yet, whatever the star of Bethlehem was, it was something that only a few astronomers noticed.

Today we celebrate the coming of the Magi on the feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany means *manifestation*. God manifests himself in many ways. The Magi were astronomers, and God led them to Himself by their study of astronomy. It was their profession, their daily work, that led them to God.

It is evident to Christians that God comes to us in church and at prayer. The Magi remind us that He comes to us also in our daily work, our profession. He comes to us by the tools and talents of the craftsman, the pots and pans of the cook, the paper and pencil of the student. The Magi were astronomers and God called them to himself through their study of the stars.

Most astronomers did not respond. Only three came. The rest saw stars, and nothing else. Their work did not lead them closer to God. Perhaps away



from Him. That can be true of us, if the tools of our trade and the wages of our work do not enrich our faith, but erode it. In the competition and the confusion of our work we can lose our way. As did the Magi. They followed the star not to the Christ Child, but to a dead end.

When they were lost their only hope was to go to the Holy City of Jerusalem to find where the Messiah was to be born, not from experts in astronomy, but from the Word of God in Scripture. The star set them on their journey. But astronomy itself was not sufficient. Reason led them, but the Word of God showed them the final decisive step.

The Magi remind the wise of our age that God draws us to himself through the marvels of nature and the mastery of our work. These set us on our way. But the ultimate answers of life are hidden in the mysteries of our faith. When we get lost in the maze of modern life we need to follow the light of faith to find the newborn King. The wise still follow His star.

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Why have we never seen the headline, "Psychic wins Lottery!"

PARISH STAFF

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CONTRIBUTIONS DECEMBER 28-29, 2024

ST. FIDELIS:

Loose 16,013.00 Envelopes 3,300.00

ST. ANN:

Loose 193.00 Envelopes 550.00
Candles 323.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Loose 125.00 Envelopes 705.00
Candles 51.00
Solemnity of Mary 100.00



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*** Sunday Rosary Schedule ***

1st - Christian Mothers
3rd - Daughters of Isabella

2nd - Knights of Columbus
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 11

5:00 PM — Marlaina Kuhn

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

10:00 AM — Jubilee Choir

*** EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ***

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

5:00 PM — Becky Scheck, Kathy Kuhn, Diane Gross, Randy Leiker, Carol Pfeifer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 — (Jubilee Choir sings)

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

*** LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS ***

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

5:00 PM — Tammy Lichter

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

10:00 AM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger

*** HOMEBOUND MINISTERS ***

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 — Diane Gross

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

10:00 AM — Bertha and Kenny Brungardt

*** MASS SERVERS ***

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

5:00 PM — Dax L., Hadley L., Devyn H.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

10:00 AM — Ethan S., Nicholas S., Broc N.

*** MONEY COUNTERS ***

January 6 — Patty Dreiling, Anne Schmidtberger

January 13 — Brenda Dreiling, Sandra Dreiling

Tithing Envelopes

Tithing envelopes for 2025 have been placed at all of the tri-parishes. If you do not see your name and would like a box, contact the parish office at 785-735-2777. Any boxes left after Sunday, January 26, will be brought to the Parish Office to be picked up from there.

PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR OLD ENVELOPES FOR YOUR 2025 TITHING. YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER MAY HAVE CHANGED.

**** 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	JANUARY 6
7:00 pm Vitus and Anita Lang family living and deceased	
TUESDAY	JANUARY 7
6:45 am Judy Donley	
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 8
6:45 am	
THURSDAY	JANUARY 9
6:45 am	
FRIDAY	JANUARY 10
6:45 am Michael Weigel (anniv)	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 11
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Paul Urban	
6:30 pm St. Ann Landry Robben and Virgil and Wilma Staab	
SUNDAY	BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 12	
8:30 am St. Boniface Robert (anniv) and Amelia VonLintel	
10:00 am St. Fidelis For the people	

**CONTRIBUTIONS CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 24-25, 2024**

ST. FIDELIS:

Loose 3,950.00 Envelopes 14,750.00
Repair Fund 300.00 Retired Religious 75.00

ST. ANN:

Loose 1,270.00 Envelopes 890.00
Cemetery 310.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Loose 1,300.00 Envelopes 585.00

**CONTRIBUTIONS NEW YEARS
DECEMBER 31, 2024—JANUARY 1, 2025**

ST. FIDELIS:

Loose 914.00
Envelopes 1,490.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 645.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 35.00

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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!

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

“The Eucharist is a fire that inflames us, like lions breathing fire, we may retire from the altar being made terrible to the devil.”

~Saint John Chrysostom

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.*

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS / ALTAR SOCIETY

Dues Are Due

St. Fidelis Christian Mother's dues of \$5.00 are due for 2025. There is an envelope in the parish tithing envelope box for your use — please be sure to put your name on the envelope. They can be dropped in the collection basket or mailed to Teresa Shepherd, PO Box 324, Victoria, KS 67671. Thank you.

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

FINANCE COUNCIL
4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

LITURGY COMMITTEE
2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

PASTORAL COUNCIL
1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

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 are listed

**ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE AT
StFidelisChurch.com**

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.

ST. FIDELIS 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.

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 the 2025 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held **Sunday, January 26**, 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.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT GUIDELINES

Education & Screening

All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, employees, educators, as well as volunteers who minister with minors are required to complete a background check and safe environment training. For more information about safe environment compliance requirements, please contact your parish/school safety coordinator or visit www.salinadiocese.org

Reporting & Victim Assistance

Report allegations of the abuse of a minor to the Department of Children and Families
800.922.5330
KBI Crime Hotline/800.572.7463

If you suspect abuse of a minor by church or school personnel, in addition to contacting civil authorities, use one of the confidential diocesan reporting resources below:

Phone: 866.752.8855
Website: reportandprotect.com
Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org
Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator

To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Bishop or Religious Superior, currently, or in the past, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service provides a confidential
Hotline: 800.276.1562
Website: reportbishopabuse.org

The Diocese of Salina complies with Kansas laws regarding reporting suspected abuse to civil authorities and cooperates with civil authorities as they investigate reports of suspected abuse by all persons, including, but not limited to church personnel.

Any questions in regards to education, reporting, or victim assistance can be directed to the Safe Environment Office/ Diocese of Salina
785.827. 8746



7-2024

The Safety Coordinator for our Parish is:
Jeanette Brungardt
Office: 785-735-2777
Email: Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net

Self-doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will.

Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.

~ G.S. Lewis

COMMUNITY

Older Kansans Employment Program

Older Kansans Employment Program (OKEP) is offered by the Kansas Department of Commerce to unemployed Kansans who are 55+ years of age. Finding new direction after retirement can be a challenge. This free program provides opportunities for finding employment in a familiar industry. The Department of Commerce partners with other non-profits and community agencies to ensure that you have access to the best resources. Program specialists will assess your training needs and assist with identifying barriers and challenges to gaining employment. Their specialists are readily available to assist you with a variety of services for your plans to reenter the workforce.

OKEP services include job referrals, job readiness skills, resume preparation, employment exploration, basic computer training, assistance with job applications, and employment opportunity meetings.

For more information, contact NorthWest Kansas Area Agency on Aging, 510 W. 29th Street, Hays (785-628-8204) www.nwkaaa.com.



Dementia & Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Groups

Zoom Meetings

2nd Thursday of every month
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Contact Micki at maacarmstrong@gmail.com for Zoom link info

In-Person Meetings

4th Thursday of every month
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Center for Health Improvement 2500 Canterbury Dr. Hays, KS
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