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THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

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Parish Office:

601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 • 785-735-2777 • Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00

Fax: 785-735-2779

Catholic Faith Education Office 785-735-9244

Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, In-Home Mass, Holy Communion to Homebound Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events

Morning Coffee Thursdays 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Office with the Pastor & friends

St. Fidel is Food Pantry For residents of the tri-parishes. Call the Parish Office. Donations accepted.



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 Some items available at Parish Office such as Herzoger, Cookbooks, Postcards, History Books.

BULLETIN ITEMS

Deadline is Wednesday at 11:00 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 The Register, Salina Diocese newspaper

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

April 11, 2021 — Second Sunday of Easter

St. Fidel is, 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

Eucharistic Adoration: THURSDAYS • 9:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

in St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar Include prayers for vocations to religious life.

Confessions:

St. Fidelis: Mondays 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays 4:00 p.m.

St. Ann: Saturdays after Mass (Nov.-Apr.)

St. Boniface: Sundays 7:45-8:15 a.m. (Nov.-Apr.)

or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

Tri-Parish Prayer Line

Anyone wishing to request prayers for family or friends may call Teresa Shepherd (735-9576) to add their requests to the Prayer Line

Dates To Remember

Apr. 18 — First Communion

Apr. 24 — Feast of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

May 9 — Mother's Day

May 15 — Armed Forces Day

May 31 — Memorial Day — PARISH

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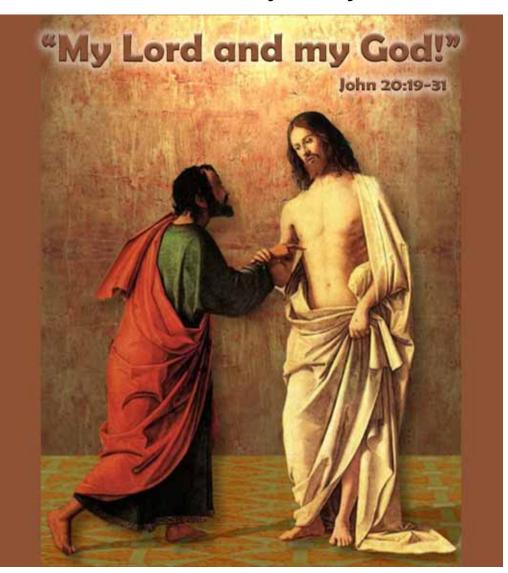
June 5 — Feast of St. Boniface

June 14 — Flag Day

June 20 — Father's Day

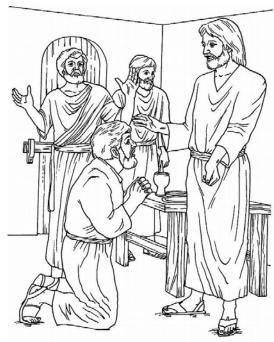
July 4 — Independence Day

Divine Mercy Sunday





Our Twin



Today's gospel refers to the apostle Thomas as "Didymus," which is Greek for "twin." Thomas probably had a twin sister or brother. In the family of faith, we are all twins of the apostle Thomas. If you find it unflattering to be a twin of the *doubting Thomas*, it will be helpful to know more about this remarkable apostle.

The only thing that most people know about Thomas is that he was the stubborn hold-out who demanded tangible proof. Our secular culture refers to a skeptic as a *Doubting Thomas*. However, the apostle Thomas has been the victim of a bad press.

In fairness, Christians ought to know more about this *Doubting Thomas*. In addition to today's well-known passage, there are two other gospel stories involving Thomas. The first occurs when Christ says that he is going back to Bethany to comfort the grieving family of Lazarus. The apostles had just come from Bethany where a mob had tried to kill Jesus. All the other apostles protested that returning to Bethany would endanger them.

Only Thomas spoke up and said, "Let us go along to die with him." This time Thomas is again the odd man out, not in doubt, but in loyalty.

The other gospel story involving Thomas occurs when Jesus said that he must return to the Father. "I am going to prepare a place for you. You know the way that leads where I go." Thomas replied, "We do not even know where you are going; how can we know the way?" That is not a lack of faith, but an honest faith. His confusion is expressed as a desire to understand.

If we piece together all three accounts of Thomas in the gospels, we have not only the well-known doubting Thomas, but also the loyal Thomas, and the honest Thomas. Honest, loyal, yet questioning. Those are the qualities, not of a skeptical cynic, but of a sincere believer. Saint Gregory wrote, "Our faith owes more to the doubts of Thomas than to the faith of all the other apostles," meaning that our doubts must be faced if our faith is to grow.

An unexamined faith is not an authentic faith. Thomas is a model for modern Christians who raise honest questions, from the perspective of a sincere faith. Our consistent faith is more important than our occasional doubts, loyalty more important than lapses, strengths more important than weaknesses.

We should rejoice that we are twins of Thomas in faith, and proud to say along with him, "My Lord and my God."

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Wrinkles are something other people have, similar to my character lines.

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Contributions April 3-4, 2021

ST. FIDELIS:

Repair Fund 463.00

ST. ANN:

Coffee & Rolls 100.00 Catholic Relief 100.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Catholic Relief 25.00 Candles 39.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

April 12 — Jerry Schmidtberger,
 Andrea Schmidtberger
 April 19 — Patty Dreiling, Anne
 Schmidtberger

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Dorothy Louise (Walters) Goetz**, who passed away on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Scholarships Available

The Daughters of Isabella has state and local scholarships available. Contact JoAnn Berens (785-639-1948) for details.

Monthly Meeting

The Daughters of Isabella will meet on **Monday, April 12**, at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop. A rosary will be said at 7:00 p.m. followed by a meeting at 7:30.

ST. BONIFACE

Parish Meeting & Safety Training

There will be a St. Boniface Parish meeting **TODAY— Sunday, April 11—**after Mass. An Environmental Safety Training will follow the parish meeting.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Free Online Membership Extended

Men can continue to join the Knights of Columbus Order online for free by using the promo code MCGIVNEY2020 at **kofc.org/joinus** through June 30.

Monthly Meeting

Knights of Columbus members will meet on **Tuesday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m.** at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

Restoration Fund

The fund for the restoration of the Basilica of St. Fidelis is now at \$62,780.

Parish Council Elections

St. Fidelis will have Parish Council elections in May. If you would like to run for the St. Fidelis Parish Council, please contact Fr. Jim, any St. Fidelis parish council member listed in the bulletin, or Jan at the Parish office.

Mass & Confession Times Changing at St. Ann and St. Boniface

St. Boniface and St. Ann will be switching Mass and Confession times starting the weekend of May 1 and 2.

Mass at St. Boniface will be at 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays with Confessions following Mass.

Mass at St. Ann will be at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays with Confessions following Mass.

High School Students Wanting To Visit Homebound, Elderly

A group of high school girls would like to visit our homebound, shut ins, and elderly. They will come once a week at a time that is convenient for you. They also may even bring a cooked meal for you.

Please consider welcoming these girls into your home for a visit. They will do this until the end of the school year, and maybe longer if it works out.

If you would like a visit, please contact Jan at the parish office.

Committee Meeting Dates

Finance Council 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Liturgy Committee 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm Pastoral Council 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Contributions
Holy Thursday
ASSISTANCE FUND
April 18, 2019

ST. FIDELIS:

Loose 319.00 Envelopes 640.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 120.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 10.00

Contributions Good Friday HOLY LAND April 19, 2019

ST. FIDELIS:

Loose 488.00 Envelopes 736.00

ST. ANN:

Envelopes 250.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Envelopes 5.00

Contributions
Easter
April 20-21, 2019

ST. FIDELIS:

Loose 2553.00 Envelopes 5672.00

ST. ANN:

Loose 282.00 Envelopes 2615.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Loose 291.00 Envelopes 840.00

A peak at Holy Week with our youth



"There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us."

St. John Paul II

Eucharistic Adoration and penance service, grades 6-12, Wednesday, March 31





Jr. CYO retreat followed by Maundy Thursday service (washing of the feet- above)



Youth kneeling at the altar, during
Eucharistic Adoration, before the exposed
Blessed Sacrament. Thank you CYO and to the
high school youth who led scriptural readings
and selected music for praise & worship!

"O Come to the Altar, the Father's
arms are open wide"



Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil
Mass, pastor
Father Jim
and altar
servers:
Gracyn &
Claire S. and
Caidyn D.

Easter Egg Hunt (bunny on left—
we have the BEST!)

Thank you to the children who made
it so much FUN! (WOW! What a turn
out!) And thank you to those who
sponsor this event: Robben Oil,

Victoria Lumber, Gorham State Bank,
Sunflower Bank, & Nextech.



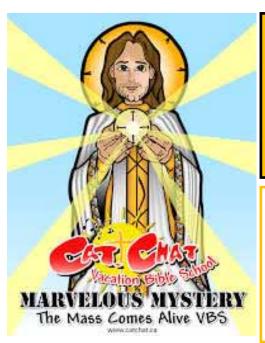
YOUTH MINISTRY/CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

The St. Fidelis religious ed and youth ministry office could reuse your used Easter Eggs and baskets (good condition — can be any size) for next year's Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop off at the parish office, office hours are as follows:

Monday -Thursday: 8:30-12:00 & 1:00-4:30 Friday: 8:30 - 12:00

On the weekend please feel free to drop off at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop located on Main Street in Victoria. Please let the volunteers know and mark donations as "Attention: Religious Ed" or "Jeanette Brungardt"





Marvelous Mystery! Vacation Bible School

Who? current Pre-K through 4th graders within tri-parishes
(during '20-'21 school year)
When? June 7—June 11, 2021
8:30 A.M.—11:30 A.M. daily

Where? St. Fidelis Spiritual Life Center, Victoria

Registration Info:

Registration due by May 5th

Visit www.stfidelischurch.com "Religious Ed" then "Vacation Bible School" - Form can be completed online and emailed— Small good will donations appreciated to help offset costs

The overall goal of this week-long program is to help the children better understand the Catholic Mass and deepen their love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

Volunteers needed to lead FAITH, SNACK, MUSIC, GAMES, ART stations and to supervise groups!

Jr. High, high school youth and adults (21 years +) welcome to volunteer.

Please contact and apply with Jeanette, Coordinator of Religious Education, at 785-639-5067 or by email Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net

2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEDGED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEDGED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Walker	5,000.00	10,325.00	8,075.00	11
Vincent	2,000.00	610.00	610.00	5
Victoria	15,000.00	14,465.00	9,825.00	44

As of April 6, 2021,

\$1,420,530.21 has been pledged and \$1,234,380.56 has been received toward the \$1.85 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

Mother's Mass for Grieving Moms

A Mother's Mass for grieving moms that have experienced the death of a child at any time from conception to adulthood is scheduled for **Thursday, May 13, @ 2:00 p.m.** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Concordia, Kansas.

Moms wanting to attend can register on the Salina Diocese website at the following link:

https://salinadiocese.org/events/

If for some reason you don't get registered, you can still attend; it just helps to have numbers ahead of time to prepare.



From the Salina Diocese Safe Environment Office newsletter "The Shepherd"

April is National Ghild Abuse Prevention Month

National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of communities working together to help families thrive and prevent child abuse.

During the month of April and throughout the year, schools, parishes, and communities are encouraged to increase awareness about child and family well-being and work together to implement effective strategies that support families and prevent child abuse and neglect.

Families are central to child safety, permanency, and well-being, and ALL families need support.

For families with limited resources or those facing additional challenges, the need for assistance is even greater.

We are part of a culture that is called to protect and heal. We value the prevention of abuse and the support of those who have been abused. Each one of us must continue to play a role in strengthening this culture within families. We must continue to be vigilant by making sure abuse is taken seriously and reported. We must be aware of inappropriate behaviors and report concerns through proper channels. We must advocate for the victims by listening and believing their story.

Let us pray for all victims of abuse, for those who provide help for the abused, and for teachers and mentors who work with children. And finally, let us pray for all families who are the first to show God's love, that they can provide safe and nurturing environments for their own children.

Let us continue to help children thrive by supporting families BEFORE they reach a crisis.

Our voices are more powerful together. Spread the Word About Child Abuse Prevention!

Remember to Save Those Box Tops & Tabs

Be sure to sign up online to enroll in the **Dillons Community Rewards**, and each time you swipe your Dillons Plus Shopper's Card, USD 432 automatically earns a rebate. Last year Dillons gave USD 432 \$1,788.78!!

Also keep saving those **Box Tops** and **Tabs**! Remember to download the Box Tops app and scan your store receipts. The school has collected \$638 so far and they have until June 30 to see how much more they can collect for this school year. Every Box Tops counts! Their 201 pounds of **Tabs** were recycled, and they were able to give the **Ronald McDonald House** in Topeka a check for \$52.26.

If you have any of these items be sure to give them to any elementary school student or staff member, or you can drop them off at the school. Thanks again for all your help!



Speaker Al Kresta

Well-known Catholic speaker and author Al Kresta looks at all of life through the lens of Scripture and the teaching of the Catholic Church,

providing a daily conversation — personal, authentic, human — about the things that matter most. Tune in to Kresta in the afternoon from 3:00-5:00 p.m. weekdays. The call-in number is 877-573-7825.



Divine Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. TODAY—Sunday, April 11, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The hour will include Eucharistic

Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers, and meditation.

Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina on April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church.

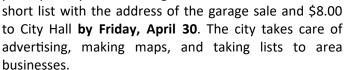
Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are at the church entrances at St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface.

<u>Confessions will be heard beginning at 2:00 p.m. at IHM</u>
<u>Church</u>. This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio.

City-Wide Garage Sale

The City-Wide Garage Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 8**.

If anyone would like to participate, you can bring a



If you have questions, call City Hall at 785-735-2259.





All events/activities are subject to change.

Monday — April 12

10th Grade math state assessments

FCCLA state conference. Mrs. C. Braun and select students will attend

Lunch Menu: General chicken, fried rice, steamed broccoli, fruit cocktail, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study

3:30 pm JH/HS track practice

4:00 pm HS softball/baseball practice at Russell

7:00 pm Board of Education meeting

Tuesday — April 13

10th Grade math state assessments

10:00 am JH track meet @ Stockton. Depart 8:00 am

Lunch Menu: Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll, grapes, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Finish activity/directed study 3:30 pm HS track practice

4:00 pm HS softball at Goodland with Russell. Depart 12:40 4:00 pm HS baseball at Russell

Wednesday — April 14

10th Grade math state assessments

Lunch Menu: Soft taco, Mexican rice, steamed peas, peaches, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study 3:30 pm JH/HS track practice

4:00 pm HS softball/baseball practice at Russell

Thursday — April 15 — School dismissed 12:30 pm

10th Grade math state assessments

Lunch Menu: Goulash, green beans, pineapple, French bread, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study 1:00 pm JH track meet in Victoria

4:00 pm HS softball/baseball practice at Russell

Friday — April 16

10th Grade math state assessments

Lunch Menu: Sub sandwich, seasoned potatoes, Pacific blend, pears, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study 3:00 pm HS track meet at Hill City. Depart 12:50

3:30 pm JH track practice

4:00 pm HS softball @ TMP with Russell. Depart 2:30

4:00 pm HS baseball @ TMP with Russell. Depart 2:30

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

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, Apr. 17, 5:00 PM — Lydia & Christie Sander **Sunday, Apr. 18, 10:00 AM** — Pam Scheck

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, Apr. 17, 5:00 PM — Debbie Staab Sunday, Apr. 18, 10:00 AM — Colleen Kuhn

LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS

Saturday, Apr. 17, 5:00 PM — Becky Scheck Sunday, Apr. 18, 10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

Wednesday, Apr. 14 — Diane Gross Sunday, Apr. 18, 10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel

Mass on St. Fidelis YouTube Channel Go to www.StFidelisChurch.com

and click the link on the *Home Page* to view a Mass.

CURRENTLY, Sunday Mass is uploaded to YouTube along with some weekday Masses that are recorded when possible.

MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY	. APRIL 12
7:00 pm Joseph and Albina Rome family	
TUESDAY	. APRIL 13
6:45 am Minnie, Ed, and Everett Braun	
WEDNESDAY	. APRIL 14
6:45 am Louise Hammerschmidt	
THURSDAY	. APRIL 15
6:45 am For the Pour Souls	
FRIDAY	. APRIL 16
6:45 am Lavon Weber	
SATURDAY	. APRIL 17
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Verlin, Patty, and Stephan Dreiling	
6:30 pm St. Ann Lawrence Brungardt Jr.	
SUNDAYTHIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	APRIL 18
8:30 am St. Boniface Farron Leiker	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Mike Weigel and Catherine Weigel	

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