

"Beacon of Faith,"
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Cathedral of the Plains,"
THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

"Pearl of the Prairie,"
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish 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		Catholic Faith Education Office: 785-735-9244
Gift Shop Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30-noon and 1:00-4:30 Friday: 8:30-noon	Weddings: Couples planning to marry must contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before the wedding date for marriage preparations.	Baptisms: All new parents are asked to complete a Baptismal Preparation class before their child is baptized. For information, please call the Parish Office.	Hospital Visits: To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.
In-Home Mass: Any homebound or hospice family interested in having Mass in their home should contact the Parish Office.	Holy Communion Brought to Homebound: Holy Communion can be brought to homebound parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is unable to come to a Sunday Mass.	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAYS 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar	

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

July 16, 2017 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 — 8:45 am

Confessions:

at St. Fidelis — Mondays — 7:30 pm
 or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

Tri-Parish Prayer Line

Anyone wishing to request prayers for family or friends may call Helen Windholz (735-2508) or Teresa Shepherd (735-9576) to add their requests to the Prayer Line

Dates To Remember

July 26 — Feast of Sts. Ann and Joachim
Aug. 4-5 — Herzogfest
Aug. 15 — Assumption — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Sept. 4 — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Sept. 11 — Patriot Day
Sept. 14 — Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sept. 22 — First Day of Fall
Oct. 4 — Feast of St. Francis of Assisi — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Oct. 9 — Columbus Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Oct. 31 — Halloween
Nov. 1 — All Saints Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Nov. 2 — All Souls Day
 (Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed)



**A sower
 went out
 to sow...
 Some seed
 fell on rich
 soil, and produced
 fruit, a hundred or
 sixty or thirtyfold.**

(from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:1-23)



Of the thirty-two parables in the gospels, ten—almost a third—are about wheat and wheat farming. So Kansas farmers should have keen insight into the gospel parables. But the technical details of the wheat parables can distract farmers who wonder about gospel farming techniques. The difficulty in today's parable is that the farmer sows seed on poor ground. A competent farmer prepares the ground properly and sows only where the seed will bear fruit. In short, the farmer in this parable is a poor farmer.

The gospel is describing farming in ancient Palestine where land was scarce and seed was plentiful. Farmers made the best of what rocky, shallow, thorn-infested land they had. They scattered seed freely and hoped for the best. By modern standards that is poor farming. In today's parable God is the sower, and that makes God a poor farmer.



We need to realize that such parables are not lessons in farming, but a guide to Christian living. The details of the agricultural illustration, only incidental to the moral message, should not distract from the moral message which is paramount.

Yes, God is a poor farmer. He scatters the seed of his word and his grace not only on good soil, but everywhere, even where there is little hope of a fruitful return. And thank goodness that He does! God offers his grace not only to those who are properly disposed to bear fruit, but to everyone. Even the unrepentant, the unforgiving, the uninterested. Scriptures says, "He rains on the just and the unjust."

God is a poor farmer. But he is good father. He is merciful and forgiving. This parable's lavish scattering of God's grace is not fully grasped by simply comparing people who are obstinate with people who are open. The image should contrast not only individuals but also the varying conditions within each individual. Within ourselves.

There is rocky, thorn-infested, shallow soil within even loyal disciples. We all have areas where we are unreceptive to God's grace: Perhaps we welcome the gospel norms on personal morality, but are hardened to its message of social justice. Perhaps we are eager to receive the comfort of prayer, but the call to charity is choked off by selfishness. Perhaps we rejoice in the gentle words of Christ, but reject his admonition to repent. Yet, God keeps showering us with his grace, even in the hardened, thorny, and arid parts of our heart. Some day his word may take root, despite our resistance.

The farmer sowing seed on bad as well as good soil is an image of God our Father who is unreasonably extravagant in dispensing his grace. And thank goodness that He is! We imperfect Christians should be eternally grateful that God is a poor farmer.

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Opportunity knocks but once; temptation bangs on the front door forever.

Parish Staff

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Contributions July 8-9, 2017

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2863.00 Loose 1584.22
Peter's Pence 20.00
Repair Fund 55.00
Missions 1148.75

ST. ANN:

Adult 440.00 Loose 239.00
Missions 309.00 Tour 10.00
Coffee & Rolls 70.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 260.00 Loose 72.00
Candles 23.00
Missions 174.00

July 17 — Connie Dreiling, Janie Dinges

July 24 — Bertha R. Brungardt, Kathy Kuhn

Summer Food Program

St. Fidelis Church is sponsoring a summer food program at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street, **from May 30-August 22**. A free nutritious lunch will be served to any children from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Please use the front entrance of the Parish Activity Center.



There are no enrollments or reservations required but if you are bringing a large group such as a day care group, please let us know that morning by calling 785-735-2777. For more information, contact Jan at the Parish Office.

THANKS

TO ALL OF YOU WHO BROUGHT IN MATERIAL SCRAPS AND SPOOLS OF THREAD FOR THE ST. FIDELIS PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY. YOUR GENEROSITY IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.



We are still accepting material or thread of any color that you no longer need or want. Just bring it in to the Parish Office.



CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Religious Ed Enrollment Dates

For the 2017—2018
school year:

Wednesday, August 2nd
Thursday, August 3rd

Hours of registration on both days are:
9 A.M.—12 P.M. & 1 P.M.—5 P.M.

Registration is open to all families with children in grades K - 12

Location: St. Fidelis Religious Education Office

Parish Activity Center - 601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671
QUESTIONS?

Please contact Jeanette Brungardt at 785-735-9244
or by e-mail: FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net

Get Vitals Checked on Tuesdays



St. Fidelis Parish will have a retired Registered Nurse do vitals checks at the Parish Activity Center in the Meal Site Room on **Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.** beginning Tuesday, May 2. The service is free and open to anyone. She will do blood pressure, respirations, pulse, and weight checks. Thank you in advance for your participation in this new service being offered through the Family Life Office.

ST. ANN

**St. Ann Parish
ANNUAL BRUNCH
Sunday, July 23, 2017
in the parish hall
after 7:30 a.m. Mass**

Parishioners are asked to bring one side dish.

All are welcome!

Youth Service Opportunities



Summer Lunch Program — Parish Activity Center

The Summer Lunch Program began Tuesday, May 30, and will last through August 22, Monday—Friday. Volunteers do not need to RSVP or coordinate a date or time—please arrive at the PAC around 10:30 A.M. to help Father and Jan prepare for the kids to arrive at 11:00. If you do have questions, please contact Jan Brungardt in the PAC: 785-735-2777.

COMMUNITY

Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund Meeting

The Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund, Inc. will have its annual meeting at **7:30 p.m. on July 30, 2017**, at the Parish Activity Center in Victoria. Board of Directors will be elected, the annual treasurer's report will be presented, and regular board business will be conducted. All members are invited to attend.

Veterans of Foreign Wars
POST #1751
 Victoria, Kansas

Support your local V.F.W.

VFW BBQ



*** TODAY ***



SUNDAY, JULY 16 • 11:00 TO 1:30

BRATS, HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS
 ALONG WITH BEANS, SLAW, CHIPS, AND DESSERT

VICTORIA VFW POST 1751

Club Room will be closed from now through August, reopening in September. Arrangements can be made for it to be open to groups by calling 785-806-6095.

If you are looking for a place to gather for Receptions, Weddings, Anniversaries, Family Reunions, Class Reunions, Dances, First Communion, or any type of get together, the VFW has a full kitchen that can be used if needed. For more information to rent the Hall, please call Harland or Edna at 785-623-1368 or 785-735-2206.

City Council Meeting

Victoria City Council meetings are always held on the third Monday of the month. This month's meeting will be **Monday, July 17**, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Community residents are encouraged to attend.

KEEP PRAYING!
BRING YOUR ROSARY

Pray for the Guidance, Wisdom, and Protection for the New Administration

Prayer hour **every 3rd Tuesday** of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Fidelis Church. All are welcome!



Single and Beyond

Single and Beyond is an ecumenical Christian social group for divorced, widowed, and single people located in or near Hays. Their mission is to provide friendship, support, and understanding to one another. Contact Nancy at 785-432-0533 or singleandbeyond@gmail.com. Food and fellowship gathering on **Wednesday, July 19**, at Gutierrez Cocina Mexicana, 1106 E. 27th St., Hays, at 6:00 p.m. All singles welcome; bring a friend.

Budweiser **BUD LIGHT**

MAKE IT A GREAT ROUND
At The 15th Annual VICTORIA HERZOGFEST GOLF TOURNAMENT
JULY 22ND, 2017 ~ RUSSELL GOLF COURSE
BEGINNING AT 8:00 AM
4 Person Scramble \$50 Per Person (Includes Mulligan)
CONTACT RUSSELL GOLF COURSE AT 785-483-2852 FOR REGISTRATION
FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE PRIZE MONEY AWARDED!

Catholic Charities

12th Annual Fundraiser

Sunday, July 23rd • 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Salina Country Club

There is no charge for the dinner and auction, but reservations are required.

RSVP by contacting Catholic Charities at 785-825-0208 or jwarner@ccnks.org.

You may also RSVP at our website www.ccnks.org.

Word of Life

“The challenge is to *make the Church’s ‘yes’ to Life concrete and effective*. The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you. Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion, and your fortitude at the service of life!”

~Pope John Paul II, “Homily,” August 15, 1993

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

July 30 is World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. There are global maps showing the epidemic of human trafficking and reports on the existence of slavery in countries. JOIN US—U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org)—to combat modern-day slavery.

Anniversary Mass

The Anniversary Masses this year will be on Sunday so couples can fulfill their Sunday obligation while celebrating their anniversary. Masses will be as follows:

St. Nicholas, Hays, 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 1

Sacred Heart, Salina, 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 8

More information will be published as the dates get closer.

March for Life

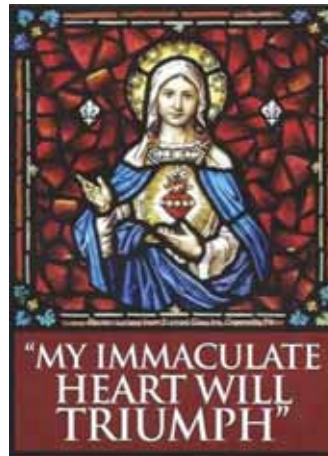
2018 March for Life in Washington, D.C., is Friday, **January 19, 2018**. The Salina Diocese-sponsored pilgrimage to the March will depart the chancery parking lot on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, and will return Sunday, January 21. Mark the dates on your calendar and look for information and details soon to come.

Plan Ahead for Cursillo Weekends

Cursillo in Christianity is an encounter with self, Christ, and others. It is a method to develop, live, and share spirituality in any area of human life where Christians want to dedicate their lives to God. If you are interested in a means of personal growth in living what is fundamental for being a Christian, and encouraging one another in proclaiming the best news of the best reality that God in Christ loves us, please prayerfully consider attending.

The next weekend events: **Men’s weekend July 20-23, 2017**, and **Women’s weekend July 27-30, 2017**. Location: Victoria, Kansas, Spiritual Life Center.

For more information contact Patricia Dusin at 785-302-1220, or patriciad@ruraltel.net.



We have programs and speakers for all ages at the Midwest Catholic Family Conference August 4-6 at the Century II Convention Center in Wichita. Focusing on Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart, your children, middle schoolers, and teens will be able to develop a deeper spiritual life. **Save up to \$30 with early bird registration by July 16**. Register online at catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to midwconf@cox.net.



With the wonderful success of last year’s conference, the Sixth Annual Salina Diocese Catholic Men’s Conference, “Men on a Mission,” will be held again, this year on **Saturday, August 12, 2017**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays. All men are invited. Bring your sons who are in high school or college. The goal is to strengthen Catholic men in their faith and thereby strengthen the Catholic families and parishes.

Men of the Dodge City Diocese are also invited, so register early. To register online or for more information go to salinadiocese.org/family-life or call 785-827-8746, Ext 17.

Registration is requested before August 1. An additional \$10 fee will be assessed after August 1.

Free Skin Cancer Screening from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, August 5 on the Herzogfest grounds

sponsored by the

Ronald J. Wasinger Melanoma Research Fund,
Midwest Cancer Alliance
and the University of Kansas Cancer Center

35th Annual Herzogfest

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2017

- 5:00 pm—Grounds & Vendors Open
- 5:00 pm—Fun Cycles & Banana Rides
- 5:00-7:00 pm—Free Swimming
- 6:00 pm—Welcome Ceremony
- 7:00 pm—Blake Ruder
- 9:00 pm—Home Brew



SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017

- 8:00 AM—5k Run/Walk (Sponsored by Nex-Tech)
- 8:00-10:00 am—Breakfast (VHS Volleyball Team)
- 8:00 am-1:00 pm—Market Vendors 6th & Main to 7th & Main
- 8:00 am-2:30 pm—Herzogfest 8th Annual Rod, Custom and Cycle Show (Sponsored by Weber Body Shop)
- 9:00 am—3 on 3 Basketball, Soccer, & Tennis (Registration 8:30; Location: West of Victoria Elementary School; Sponsored by D & L Body Shop)
- 10:00 am—Food Vendors Open
- 10:00 am-1:00 pm—Free Cancer Screening (Sponsored by Ronald J. Wasinger Melanoma Research Fund, Midwest Cancer Alliance & University of KS Cancer Center; Location: Tent on west side of Market Vendors)
- 10:00 am-4:00 pm—Knockerball
- 11:00 am—Horseshoes
- 11:00 am—Inflatables (Sponsored by Grand Rental Station)
- 11:00 am-4:00 pm—Free Swimming (Sponsored by Hays Medical Center)
- 12:30 pm—Free Bingo (Sponsored by Predator Pipe Testing; Location: Victoria VFW Hall; Transportation will be provided; Total of \$500 will be given out)
- 1:00 pm—Eagle Med Helicopter
- 1:00 pm—Roller Rockers 3rd Annual Valve Cover Races (Sponsored by Victoria City Motor Company)
- 2:30 pm—Awards for Rod, Custom, & Cycle Show
- 4:00 pm—Polka Mass
- 5:00 pm—Wes Windholz Band
- 5:00 pm—Fun Cycles & Banana Bikes
- 7:00 pm—Pinochle (Thrift Shop—former K. of C. Hall)
- 7:00 pm—Kill Creek Rising
- 9:30 pm—Lucas Maddy & the Kansas Cartel
- Eagle's Golden Egg Hunt sponsored by Eagle Communications, Inc. will release clues daily at 9:00 am & 2:00 pm starting Wednesday, August 2—www.eagle.net



PLenary INDULGENCE GIVEN WHEN VISITING A BASILICA

The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting a minor basilica. An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment for a previously forgiven sin. 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*, the Salina Diocese newspaper

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE is held at the Parish Office at 9:30. Come and join Fr. John, other parishioners, and friends at the Parish Office for a cup of coffee and a snack.



BULLETIN ITEMS—The deadline for bulletin articles is **Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.** Please contact Connie (sftech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) at the Parish Office if you have an item for the bulletin.



St. Fidelis Food Pantry

Parish Activity Center (PAC) • 601 10th St. • 785-735-2777

ST. FIDELIS THRIFT SHOP is always accepting donations. Thrift Shop hours are Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10-2, Thursday from 10-4, Wednesday from 10-3:30. If these hours do not work to drop off your donations, contact Jan at the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	JULY 17
7:00 pm Firma Hammersmith	
TUESDAY	JULY 18
6:45 am Ray Schulte	
WEDNESDAY	JULY 19
6:45 am Terry, Leroy, and Jeanette Brown	
THURSDAY	JULY 20
6:45 am Emery Rome	
FRIDAY	JULY 21
6:45 am Vernon Berens	
SATURDAY	JULY 22
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Wilmer, Irene, and Beverly Dinkel Marvin Hammersmith	
SUNDAY	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 23
7:30 am St. Ann Richard and Isabelle Rupp family	
8:45 am St. Boniface	
10:00 am St. Fidelis James R. and Elizabeth Dreiling	

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

- 1st - Christian Mothers
- 2nd - Knights of Columbus
- 3rd - Daughters of Isabella
- 4th - Family Life

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, July 22, 5:00 PM — John Braun

Sunday, July 23, 10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger

MINISTERS

The ministry schedule continues to be on a volunteer basis. Please sign the schedule by the north entrance or come to the sacristy before Mass to see if anyone is needed.