

*"Beacon of Faith,"*  
**ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

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



<b>Parish Office:</b>	601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 • 785-735-2777 • Fax: 785-735-2779 <b>Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00	<b>Catholic Faith Education Office:</b> 785-735-9244	
<b>Gift Shop Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday: 8:30-noon and 1:00-4:30 Friday: 8:30-noon	<b>Weddings:</b> Couples planning to marry must contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before the wedding date for marriage preparations.	<b>Baptisms:</b> All new parents are asked to complete a Baptismal Preparation class before their child is baptized. For information, please call the Parish Office.	<b>Hospital Visits:</b> To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.
<b>In-Home Mass:</b> Any homebound or hospice family interested in having Mass in their home should contact Bertha Brungardt at the Parish Office.	<b>Holy Communion Brought to Homebound:</b> 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.		<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:</b> <b>THURSDAYS</b> <b>10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.</b> in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar

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## December 27, 2015 – Holy Family

### 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

**Jan. 18** — Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
**Jan. 22** — 44th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade—Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn children  
**Jan. 29** — Kansas Day (155 years)  
**Feb. 2** — Ground Hog Day  
**Feb. 10** — Ash Wednesday  
**Feb. 14** — Valentine's Day — Card Party — First Sunday of Lent  
**Feb. 15** — Presidents Day  
**Feb. 21** — Confirmation  
**March 4** — World Day of Prayer  
**March 13** — Daylight Savings (turn clock ahead 1 hour)  
**March 17** — St. Patrick's Day  
**March 20** — Palm Sunday



**After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him**

**were astounded at his understanding and his answers.**

(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:41-52)

**IN CELEBRATION OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD,  
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE  
New Year's Eve @ noon, Thursday, December 31  
and New Year's Day, Friday, January 1**



## What Makes a Family Holy?

A reflection on a holy family by Pope Francis

### First: the family prays.

I would like to ask you, dear families: Do you pray together from time to time as a family? Some of you do, I know. But so many people say to me: But how can we? But in the family how is this done? After all, prayer seems to be something personal, and besides there is never a good time, a moment of peace. Yes, all that is true enough, but it is also a matter of humility, of realizing that we need God. All of us! We need his help, his strength, his blessing, his mercy, his forgiveness. And we need simplicity to pray as a family: simplicity is necessary! Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents, all praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: prayer.

### Second: the family keeps the faith.

Here too, we can ask: How do we keep our faith as a family? Do we keep it for ourselves, in our families, as a personal treasure like a bank account, or are we able to share it by our witness, by our acceptance of others, by our openness? We all know that families, especially young families, are often "racing" from one place to another, with lots to do. But did you ever think that this "racing" could also be the race of faith? Christian families are missionary families. They are missionary in everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and the leaven of faith! Keeping the faith in families and bringing to daily things the salt and the leaven of faith.

### And finally: the family experiences joy.

I would like to ask you all a question today. But each of you keep it in your heart and take it home. It is a kind of *homework*. Only you must answer. How are things when it comes to joy at home? Is there joy in your family? Can you answer this question?

Dear families, you know very well that the true joy which we experience in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well. True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey. But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God, the presence of God in the family and his love, which is welcoming, merciful, and respectful towards all. And above all, a love which is patient: patience is a virtue of God and he teaches us how to cultivate it in family life, how to be patient, and lovingly so, with each other. To be patient among ourselves. A patient love. God alone knows how to create harmony from differences. But if God's love is lacking, the family loses its harmony, self-centeredness prevails and joy fades. But the family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society as a whole.

Dear families, always live in faith and simplicity, like the Holy Family of Nazareth!

The joy and peace of the Lord be always with you!

## Parish Staff

### Pastor:

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### Sacristan: Katie Scheck

### Housekeeping: Darlene Dreiling

### Groundskeeper: Julius Dreiling

### Maintenance: Joe Brungardt

### Organists: Kathy Dreiling-Amrein Lou Ann Hammersmith

### Choir Director: Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

### Technology Coordinator:

Connie Windholz  
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## Council Members

### St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

Randy Leiker 259-1392 (Chair)  
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### St. Boniface Pastoral Council

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Helen Windholz 735-2293  
Allen Hammerschmidt 735-2447  
Jerry Nowak 637-5273

## Contributions December 19-20, 2015

### **ST. FIDELIS:**

Adult 4295.00 Loose 2049.00  
Retired Religious 150.00

### **ST. ANN:**

Adult 334.00 Loose 121.00

### **ST. BONIFACE:**

Adult 275.00 Loose 237.00  
Retired Religious 20.00  
Candles 43.00

## Money Counters

**Dec. 28** — Jim and JoAnn Pfanenstiel

**Jan. 4** — Anita Braun, Crystal Robben



# Happy New Year

May our Saviour  
guide us through  
the year 2016.



Due to the New Year holiday, items for the **January 3 bulletin** are due by **noon on Tuesday, December 29.**

Thank you for your cooperation!  
**Happy New Year!**



## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

### D of I Scholarship

The Kansas State Daughters of Isabella Order is offering a \$500 scholarship to a female high school graduate. She must be enrolled in a post-secondary school or college, or attending one. For application instructions contact Victoria High School or Norma Keenan at 785-735-2877. **Applications must be postmarked before February 1, 2016.**

## CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Wednesday, December 30 — **No Religious Education Classes**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Needing a Place to Gather?** If you are looking for a place to host a reception, baby or bridal shower, family reunion, or a get-together, 1867 Memorial Home in Victoria is available for you to rent. For more information, call Jeff at 785-650-1640.

## ST. BONIFACE



### ST. BONIFACE NATIVITY DISPLAY

The "Little Town of Bethlehem" Nativity display at St. Boniface Church will be open for visitors from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. this weekend, **Saturday and Sunday, December 26-27.**

Cookies and cider will be served each day.

Anyone wanting to see the nativity at times other than those listed may call Carol at 785-735-9282.

[www.StBonifaceVincent.com](http://www.StBonifaceVincent.com)

# Holiday Schedules

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

at St. Fidelis

No Adoration on New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31  
(Next Adoration scheduled for Thursday, January 7)

## NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

**Mary, Mother of God** (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 31 — *New Year's Eve*

5:00 p.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

Friday, January 1 — *New Year's Day*

10:00 a.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>DECEMBER 28</b>
7:00 pm Valerian Hammerschmidt	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>DECEMBER 29</b>
6:45 am William P. and Caroline Dreiling family	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>DECEMBER 30</b>
6:45 am Mildred and Elmer Hoff	
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b> ..... <b>DECEMBER 31</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Emanuel and Vera Pfeifer family and Tom Pfeifer	
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD—NEW YEAR'S</b> ..... <b>JANUARY 1</b>
10:00 am St. Fidelis Lance Lang	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>JANUARY 2</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Gilbert and Mary Jane Miller family	
6:30 pm St. Ann Donald Braun	
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> ..... <b>JANUARY 3</b>
8:45 am St. Boniface Robert (anniv), Amelia, and Gary VonLintel	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Ed and Martha Schulte	
Lance Lang	
Lawrence D. Herman	

## COMMUNITY

### 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 785-628-3347 or [singleandbeyond@gmail.com](mailto:singleandbeyond@gmail.com). Food and Fellowship gathering on **Wednesday, December 30**, at Gutierrez Mexican Restaurant, 1106 E. 27th St., Hays, at 6:00 p.m. All singles welcome; bring a friend.



### COMMUNITY PEP BAND PRACTICE

will resume on **JANUARY 4, 2016**.

The Community Pep Band is still recruiting band members. If you have played an instrument sometime in your past and would like to play but don't have an instrument, Mr. Luke Johnson will find one for you. Anyone one in the surrounding area is invited.

**PRACTICES:** Monday nights  
**WHERE:** High School Band Room  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.

Join the fun and help ignite the enthusiasm to get band music back into our community and school activities.

For more information contact:

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### \* Sunday Rosary Schedule \*

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

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### New Years Eve, Dec. 31, 5:00 pm

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Adult	Janine Kisner	Brady Dinkel	Kim
Choir	Norma Keenan	Ally Dinkel	Schmidtberger
<u>Lector</u>	Fran Robben	Dalton Stout	family
Anne	Dianne Gross		Charlotte
Dinkel	JoAnn Pfanenstiel		Weber
<u>Comm.</u>	Jamey / Angie Roth		

### New Years Day, Jan. 1, 10:00 am

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Megan	Brenda Robben	Eli Schmeidler	Francis / Helen
Karst	Theresa Shepherd	Shelby	Windholz
<u>Lector</u>	Connie Braun	Schmeidler	Joan Wellbrock
Yvonne	Tom Tholen	Cody Pfeifer	
Braun	Joan Wellbrock		
<u>Comm.</u>	Wanda Karlin		
Connie	Volunteer		
Dreiling			

### Saturday, January 2, 5:00 pm

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Kevin	Wanda Kuhn	Brooklyn	Rick / Kim
Juenemann	Mark / Danita	Nowak	Ptacek
<u>Lector</u>	Schroeder	Caden Oberle	Mary Windholz
Shanna	Debbie	Alexis Truan	
Dinkel	Geschwentner		
<u>Comm.</u>	Gib / Carol Billinger		
Teresa	Colleen Kuhn		
Shepherd			

### Sunday, January 3, 10:00 am

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Marilyn	John Braun	Kassi Weber	Andy / Wanda
Braun	Tammy Dome	Ashlyn	Kuhn
<u>Lector</u>	Keith Billinger	Windholz	Rick / Marla
Becky	Norma Keenan	Katelyn	Robben
Scheck	Dianne Gross	Windholz	
<u>Comm.</u>	Mary Brungardt		
Det	Bertha A. Brungardt		
Younger	Volunteer		