

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.
In-Home Mass: Any homebound or hospice family interested in having Mass in their home should contact Bertha Brungardt at 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.	EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAYS 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar

www.stfidelischurch.com

February 1, 2015 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses:

St. Fidelis, Victoria

Saturday — 5:00 pm
Sunday — 10:00 am
Monday, Wednesday — 7:00 pm
Tuesday, Thursday, 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

Feb 2 — Blessing of candles
Feb. 2 — Ground Hog Day
Feb. 8 — Boy Scout Sunday
Feb. 12 — President Lincoln’s Birthday
Feb. 14 — Valentine’s Day
Feb. 15 — Confirmation @ 10:00 Mass
Feb. 15 — Card Party @ PAC
Feb. 16 — President’s Day
Feb. 18 — Ash Wednesday
Feb. 22 — President George Washington’s Birthday
Feb. 28-Mar. 1 — Anointing of the Sick after all Masses

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

(from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:14-20)



Unless you have recently moved to earth from Mars, you know that today is Super Bowl Sunday. Championship games often turn on a critical call by a referee, and this season there have been many disputed decisions, including the condition of the football. Decisions can be challenged, but then someone else must decide. There has to be a final authority. Today's gospel says that Christ taught with such authority, a new authority.

This gospel reading from Mark is the first public appearance of Christ. A clear message of his debut was that he would teach not like the scribes but with a new authority. The people said, "A new teaching, with authority."

At the time of Christ, religious teachers simply quoted the Law and the Prophets of the Old Testament. Christ made no appeal to another source. He taught with an authority of his own. "Amen, amen, I say to you." He himself was the source of his teaching.

We all know people who speak with an authority of their own: doctors, teachers, mechanics, even cooks. They do not quote a book, or repeat the conventional wisdom. They speak out of their own experience and judgment which others have come to respect.

The gospel authority of Christ is that, and more. It is not so much a final authority, but, as the gospel says, a new authority. Final authority has the sense of a burden imposed from without. This new authority of Christ instills a conviction within those who hear his words. His teaching not only informs, it inspires. It does not simply impart new knowledge, it gives a new perspective on life.

When we hear the gospels we experience this unique authority: not coercion, but conscience; not an imposition, but an inspiration. Even when a gospel passage is demanding, we realize that it is a welcome truth. What other leader could gather people around himself by saying, "Deny yourself. Take up your cross and follow in my steps."

And when a gospel passage is puzzling, we do not dismiss it as naïve, as we do with other ambiguous advice. We sense a deeper truth, and we try all the more earnestly to understand it. We wonder about such parables as that of laborers working but one hour being rewarded the same as those who worked a full day. We ponder his enigmatic words, "It is more difficult for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God."

It is said that rebellious children are starved for a proper authority in their lives. We errant children of God hunger for the gospel authority of Christ, a new authority, which commands by changing hearts. The people said, "A new teaching, with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."

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"Anybody who watches two games of football in a row should be declared brain dead." — Erma Bombeck

As for the Super Bowl, we are at the mercy of those in the replay booth.

Parish Staff

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Contributions January 24-25, 2015

ST. FIDELIS:

- Adult 2869.00 Loose 939.25
- Repair Fund 20.00

ST. ANN:

- Adult 243.00 Loose 425.00

ST. BONIFACE:

- Adult 473.00 Loose 145.00
- Candles 41.00

Money Counters

- Feb. 2 — Ivan and Verda Werner
- Feb. 9 — Ramona McCarty, Arlene Pfeifer

TITHING ENVELOPES

Please throw away your tithing envelopes from 2014. Many parishioners have new envelope numbers and by using last year's envelopes, you will not be credited with your donation. Donations are recorded using envelope numbers. Thank you, Jan.

ST. FIDELIS PARISH Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections	
Budgeted Loose / Envelopes per week	\$ 5,145.19
Actual received Loose / Envelopes 1-18-2015	\$ 3,775.65
Budgeted Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date	\$ 149,210.51
Actual received Loose/Envelopes year-to-date 1-18-2015	\$ 171,540.84
UNDER BUDGET	\$ (22,330.33)

BULLETIN ITEMS

The deadline for bulletin articles is Wednesday at noon. Please contact Connie (sftech@ruraltel.net or **785-735-2777**) at the Parish Office if you have an item for the bulletin.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Yearly Dues

Daughters of Isabella dues are now due. Please mail \$15.00 to Wilma VonLintel, PO Box 33, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

The Daughters of Isabella will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, February 3**, at 7:30 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall.

Scholarship Offered

The St. Fidelis Daughters of Isabella are offering a \$250 scholarship to a high school graduating senior.

The applicant must be a Catholic female whose grandmother, mother, sister, aunt, etc. is a member of the local D. of I. Circle.

Contact JoAnn Berens at 785-639-1948 for an application. **The deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 1.**

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

Dues Are Due

Just a reminder that your Christian Mother's dues of \$5.00 are now due. Please drop them in the collection basket or drop them off at the Parish Office if you have not already done so. Thank you!

LITURGY

Adult Choir

PRACTICE: Wednesdays, February 4 and 11, at 7:30 p.m.

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.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, January 28 — K-6 Classes 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28 — 7-11 Classes @ 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 4 — K-6 Liturgy @ **2:30 p.m.**

K-6 classes follow until **4:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, February 4 — 7-12 Classes @ 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 8 — 10:00 a.m. Mass - Jubilee Choir

Wednesday, February 11 — K-6 Classes 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11 — 7-12 Classes @ 7:30 p.m.

Sophomores practice for Confirmation during class

Sunday, February 15 — Confirmation – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday — K-6 Mass @ **3:30 p.m.**

Students return to classroom after Mass and dismissed from school

Wednesday, February 18 — **NO CLASSES FOR 7-12**

Wednesday, February 25 — K-6 Classes 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25 — 7-11 Classes @ 7:30 p.m.

**St. Catherine's 11th Annual
Mardi Gras Celebration**

Saturday, Feb. 14th from 5-11 p.m.

Unrein Building Ellis County Fairgrounds

Join them for a little Valentine flair, face painting, socializing, dinner, and dancing to the Wes Windholz Band. All are welcome to dress in costume.



For tickets or information please call any of these numbers: 735-650-8294, 785-623-3785, 785-625-5278, 785-650-1746, or 785-650-1111. You may leave a message.

Deadline for tickets is Friday, Feb 6.

Thank You!!

I would like to thank everyone who has bene absolutely wonderful to me. I can't find enough words to thank those who prayed for me, sent cards, telephoned, gave me rides to the doctors, and for just everything you have done for me. I am blessed to have such friends.



**Victoria Schools
Calendar**



National School Counselor Week

A huge thank you to Mrs. Kori Braun and Mrs. Christie Sander for all you do for our students at Victoria Schools. Your hard work and dedication is truly appreciated.

Monday — February 2

AIM period—students will have directed study
4:00 pm CPL JH basketball tournament @ St. John—If girls team wins, students will depart at 2:30.
5:15 pm CPL JH basketball tournament @ St. John. If boys team wins Saturday, they will depart at 2:30 traveling with girls
3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

Tuesday — February 3

AIM period—students will have directed study. 7th Grade boys will meet in Mrs. Kori Braun's office
4:30 pm HS basketball @ Ellinwood. Depart at 2:30

Wednesday — February 4

AIM period—students will have directed study. Colby CC rep will be here
2:20 pm PLC: early dismissal
4:00 pm HS boys basketball practice
5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

Thursday — February 5

AIM period—Students will have directed study. 8th Grade boys will meet in Mrs. Kori Braun's office
3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice
TBD—CPL JH basketball tournament

Friday — February 6

AIM period—Students will have directed study
4:00 pm HS basketball @Macksville. Students depart at 1:30

Saturday — February 7

ACT test date

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

JANUARY 31 – MARCH 8, 2015

NEW Gluten Free Trios

Thin Mints, Shortbread, Thanks-A-Lot, Cranberry Citrus Crisps, Lemonades, Peanut Butter Patties, Caramel delites, and Peanut Butter Sandwich

\$4 a package or donate a Cookie Share to the Victoria Food Pantry, Military, or other approved organization.

If you are not contacted by a local girl scout member, contact a Victoria Leader – Laurie McQuade 785-639-3397; Dawn Wasinger 785-735-8148; Primrose Hockersmith 785-35-8182.



Thank you for supporting the Girl Scout Cookie Sale.

**Ellis St. Mary's CYO
Community Fried Chicken Dinner
Sunday, February 1**

**Ellis St. Mary School Cafeteria, 605 Monroe, Ellis, KS
10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or until sold out**

Pan Fried Chicken dinner includes Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn & Green Beans, Coleslaw, Dinner Rolls, and Dessert
Ages 5-9: \$5.00; Ages 10 & over: \$10.00

Still Gathering Box Tops, Tabs, and Receipts

Victoria Elementary School is still collecting **Box Tops**, **Pop Tabs**, and **McDonald's receipts**. The school can earn classroom supplies and money for Their activity fund with the Box Tops and McDonald's receipts. The Pop Tabs are delivered to Topeka to the Ronald McDonald House where they are recycled, and the money raised goes to help with the cost of operating the house.

*They will turn in **Box Tops** at the end of February, and the **Pop Tabs** will be delivered to Topeka over Spring Break.* These items can be dropped off at the school, or you can give them to any elementary school student.

Each classroom K-6 will receive in the next couple of weeks a box of 20 books from the Sunny D Book Spree so thank you to everyone who helped collect the Sunny D labels as well. Thanks for all your help in collecting all these items!

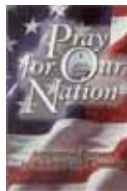
TMP-Marian Dinner Theater

Thomas More Prep-Marian proudly presents their annual Dinner Theater "Dinner, Dance, and Romance with the TMP Singers" on **Saturday, February 7**, at 6:30 p.m. and **Sunday, February 8**, at 12:00 noon. The meal will be served in the TMP cafeteria and the show portion will be presented in the Dreiling Theater.

Tickets can be purchased by calling TMP at 785-625-6577 or by contacting Kathy Amrein at dreilingk@tmp-m.org or 785-650-4371. Come and enjoy a night of fine dining, good music, and dance.



**Inside me lives a skinny woman
crying to get out.
But I can usually shut her up with
cookies.
~ Erma Bombeck**



Prayer Hour for Our Nation

A "Prayer for Our Nation" prayer hour will be held **every third Tuesday** of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Fidelis Church.



Inconsolable

A yuppie was driving along the Pacific Coast Highway in his BMW during a horrendous rainstorm. Suddenly he was swept off the road by a mudslide, and crashed.

As he crawled out from the wreckage he started to wail, "My BMW is ruined! Ruined!"

He began to make his way up the hill back to the road, crying more intensely as he climbed, "My BMW's gone, ohhh, ruined..."

He plopped himself on the guard rail, looked up at the gathering onlookers, pointed to his prized car and continued to sob.

A woman came over to him and said, "You're alive, man! Be thankful!" But the yuppie was inconsolable.

"Oh, but my BMW's gone," he blubbered.

The woman suddenly realized that the man's arm had been severed at the elbow. "My heavens, man, you're hurt! You've lost your arm!"

The man looked at his wound and screamed. "Oh no! Aauuugh!!! My Rolex!!!"

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.

The group will have "Food and Fellowship" meetings on **February 4 and February 18** at Quoba, 33rd and Vine, Hays, at 6:00 p.m.

Community Assistance Center — 12th and Oak, Hays

GARAGE SALE

Tuesday, February 3 • 8-11 a.m.

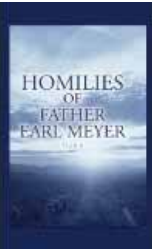


Throats and Candles Blessed

In honor of the feast of St. Blaise (February 3), throats will be blessed after all Masses the weekend of **January 31 and February 1**.

World Day for Consecrated Life is February 2 (celebrated the weekend of **February 7-8**). In 1997, Pope John II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

On **Monday, February 2**, candles that will be used throughout the year will be blessed during the **7:00 p.m. Mass** at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. If you have candles you would like blessed, please place them on the Communion rail before Mass and remember to collect your blessed candles after Mass.



In the Parish Office and Gift Shop

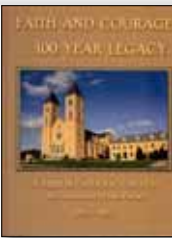
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Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer begins at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays (before the 7:00 Mass). A special prayer book is required and will be provided for the participants. We invite everyone to join in this special prayer. 

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

MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 2
7:00 pm Jane Ruder Don Smith	
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 3
6:45 am James "Fritz" Wohler Joseph (anniv), Anna, and Art Stegman	
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 4
2:30 pm St. Fidelis Children's Intentions 7:00 pm St. Fidelis Cyrilla Dinkel	
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 5
6:45 am St. Fidelis Olinto Lodovici	
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 6
6:45 am Nicholas Korbe Wendelin Stang	
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 7
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Norman and Yvonne Schumacher 6:30 pm St. Ann For the parishes	
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 8
8:45 am St. Boniface Wendelin and Clarita Braun (anniv) 10:00 am St. Fidelis Denis Schulte Jacob and Catherine Younger family living and deceased	

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE			
Saturday, February 7, 5:00 pm			
Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Pam	Ramona McCarty	Noah Dreiling	George /
Scheck	Debbie Staab	Wyatt Dreiling	Mary Ann
Lector	Diane Gross	Vance	Dinkel
Verda	Ivan Werner	Hockersmith	Kathy Kuhn
Werner	Verda Werner		
Comm.	Carol Billinger		
Shannon	Gib Billinger		
Radke			
Sunday, February 8, 10:00 am			
Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Children's	Anne Dinkel	Addie Roth	Jamey Roth
Choir	Jan Brungardt	Jacob Roth	family
Lector	Wanda Kuhn	Kassi Weber	Tom / Det
Cora	Jamey Roth		Younger
Schulte	Joan Wellbrock		
Comm.	Janine Kisner		
Randy	Colleen Kuhn		
Leiker			



St. Fidelis Food Pantry

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