

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 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

January 25, 2015 – 3rd 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

Jan. 29 — Kansas Day (154 years old)
Jan. 31-Feb. 1 — Blessing of throats after all Masses
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

Jesus
said to
them,
“Come
after me,
and will
make
you
fishers
of men.”



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



“Sticks and stone may break my bones, but words can never hurt me.” That nursery rhyme encourages children to ignore trivial insults, avoid retaliation, and keep peace with their playmates. But that adage is not entirely true. Words can hurt, very deeply, and leave permanent scars.

The recent barbaric killing of seventeen people in France has rightly drawn international condemnation of such terrorism. The crime cannot be justified by any means and all parties involved must be brought to justice. Without in any way condoning such barbaric behavior, we must try to understand why these things happen and may continue to happen. This tragedy raises the question of freedom of speech.

The stated motivation of the massacre was revenge for blaspheming Mohammed. “Mohammed is avenged.” The French Journal *Charlie Hebdo* had repeatedly ridiculed and mocked the prophet Mohammed and for Islam that is also blasphemy of Allah.

The Catholic Catechism (2147) defines blasphemy as “words of hatred or defiance in speaking ill of God.” Blasphemy violates the second commandment. Scripture says that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is an unforgiveable sin.

How is one to deal with such a serious moral wrong? Although commentators on the Koran suggest deadly retaliation, the Koran itself does not propose any punishment for blasphemy. The book of Levitus (24:16) says, “One who blasphemes the name of the Lord shall be put to death.” But for Christians that is not in force since the New Testament has supplanted the law of the Old Testament. Although civil authorities may punish crimes against human beings, the punishment for crimes against God, such as blasphemy, is in the hand of God alone.

That is not to suggest that such behavior is to be condoned under the rubric of freedom of speech. Every right has a corresponding responsibility, and the greater the right the greater the responsibility. Those who must listen to our speech also have rights. The editor of *Charlie Hebdo* has claimed his right to ridicule Islam, “Mohammed is not sacred to me.” Sorry, that is not enough. Mohammed is sacred to Muslims. Everyone has the right that their religious values be respected in the public forum, even those not shared by others. There is a place for satire, but not for derision.

When Pope Francis was asked about the terrorist violence in France he said, “You cannot kill in the name of God. That is an aberration. Freedom of religion and freedom of expression are both fundamental human rights. Everyone has not only the right but the obligation to say what one thinks for the common good, openly but without offending. We must not react violently, but if you say a curse word against my mother, you should expect a punch. You cannot provoke, you cannot insult the faith of others, you cannot make fun of faith. You cannot make a toy out of the religion of others. Freedom of expression has limits.”

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A liberal is a conservative who has been arrested. A conservative is a liberal who has been mugged.

Parish Staff	
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Contributions January 17-18, 2015	
ST. FIDELIS:	<u>Adult</u> 2852.00 <u>Loose</u> 923.65
ST. ANN:	<u>Adult</u> 96.00 <u>Loose</u> 258.00
ST. BONIFACE:	<u>Adult</u> 303.00 <u>Loose</u> 185.00 <u>Crib</u> 52.00

Money Counters
Jan. 26 — Bob and Phyllis Stramel, Dorothy Goetz
Feb. 2 — Ivan and Verda Werner

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.

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)

LITURGY

Adult Choir

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

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.

BULLETIN ITEMS

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

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.

ST. ANN

Christian Mothers Yearly Dues

Christian Mothers dues of \$3.00 are now due. Please give or mail to Lou Ann Hammersmith, PO Box 163, Gorham, Kansas 67640.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

2015 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 2015 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held **Wednesday, January 28**, at the Victoria High School Gymnasium at 6:30 p.m.



Participants are required to furnish proof of age (copy of birth certificate) and written parental consent. Entry forms will be distributed by the school. For additional forms or information, contact Troy Schippers 785-735-4625. All Knights of Columbus are invited/encouraged to attend the competition.

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.



Ain't Going!

Did you hear about the lady who wouldn't go to her 20 year kindergarten reunion?

She'd put on about 100 pounds. .

Victoria Schools Calendar 

Monday — January 26

- AIM period—students will have directed study. There will be a FHSU rep here during AIM
- 4:00 pm JH basketball vs. Western Plains
- 3:30 pm HS girl's basketball practice @ VES
- 5:00 pm HS boy's basketball practice @ VES

Tuesday — January 27

- AIM period—students will have directed study
- 3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VES. Boys at HS
- 4:45 pm HS basketball @ Ellis. Depart at 3:30

Wednesday — January 28

- FCCLA District Elections @ Osborne.
- AIM period—students will have directed study
- 3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VES. Boys in tin gym
- 3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
- 5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice
- 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest at VHS gymnasium

Thursday — January 29 — Kansas Day

- AIM period—Students will have directed study. FHSU representative here during AIM.
- 8th grade girls will meet in Mrs. Kori Braun's room.
- 3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
- 5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice
- 4:00 pm JH basketball @ Macksville. Depart at 1:35

Friday — January 30 — SNOWBALL

- AIM period—Students will have directed study
- 3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at VES. Girls in tin gym
- 4:00 pm HS basketball vs. LaCrosse. Snowball ceremony 1/2 time of Varsity Boys game

Saturday — January 31

- 9:00 am JH CPL basketball tournament @ St. John. Times and games TBA
- 8:00-11:00 pm Snowball Dance at HS cafeteria. Students and guests must arrive before 8:30. Students who leave early will not be allowed to return. Admission \$3.00 per person and \$5.00 per couple

SOUP LUNCHEON

Sunday, Jan. 25

11 a.m. to 2 .pm.

Home Made Soups



Chili

Green Bean & Dumpling

Chicken & Noodle

Home Made Bread, Pies



and Desserts



\$7.00 ----- Adults

\$4.00-----5 to 10 years

free -----4 and under

\$7.00 --quart carry out

SENIOR CENTER GORHAM, KS

Sponsored by Daughters of Isabella

**Cleaning out your attic?
Or that closet that hasn't been
opened in years?**

If you find a **bunch of stuff** concerning the history of St. Fidelis Church, please consider bringing those items to the Parish Office. We would love to go through them and see if we need them **for our archives.**

We may already have some of what you have, but maybe not.

Before you throw history items away, please consider bringing them in to the office.

These items could include (but are not limited to):

◆ Old Bulletins

◆ Newspapers/Magazine Articles

(It helps to have the name of the publication and date published)

◆ Parish Council / Finance Minutes

◆ **Items that once resided inside the church but were thrown away because someone didn't realize the historical significance**

Thank you, Connie Windholz, Church History Organizer

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.

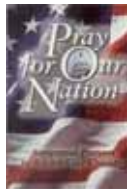
Each classroom K-6 will receive in the next couple of weeks a box of 20 books from the Sunny D Book Spree so thank you to everyone who helped collect the Sunny D labels as well. Thanks for all your help in collecting all these items!

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.



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.

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 a Super Bowl Party on **Sunday, February 1**, at Nancy's house, 1302 E. 25th (phone 785-628-3347). Bring snacks and favorite beverage.

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

THANK YOU

My family and I would like to thank everyone who made the benefit a truly amazing and memorable event. We were blown away by the outpouring of love and support shown us that night.

Words cannot begin to express how grateful we are for each and every one of you who were a part of it.

Thank you to Fr. John for the beautiful mass.

To our dear friends who organized and made this happen, to the members of the fire department for all your help, to all who donated to the bingo, bake sale and auction, to our family, friends, co-workers, class of 83, and members of our wonderful community of Victoria and surrounding towns who came or sent cards....

THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts.

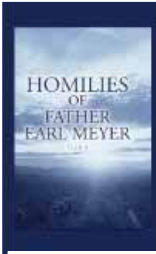
We are truly blessed to come from such a caring community and a place we call home.

We could not go through this journey without all of you!

I have completed the first part of my treatment, and still have a long road ahead, but I am very optimistic about the outcome. Your continued thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated!

Again, THANK YOU and God Bless you all!!


Robert Schmidt and Family



In the Parish Office and Gift Shop

**"Homilies of Father Earl Meyer
- Year A"**
and
**"Homilies of Father Earl Meyer
- Year B"**

Hard cover \$20; soft cover \$10.
Also available online as a Kindle or Nook.

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

Contribution Envelopes

If you have not received contribution envelopes for 2015 and would like a box, please contact me at the Parish Office.

Please remember to use your 2015 envelopes from now on. Your box number may have changed from last year. In order for me to record your contribution, I need the correct number.

Thanks, Jan.

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Copies available at the Parish Office
for **\$20.00.**
(plus \$6.00 shipping and handling)



MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY	JANUARY 26
7:00 pm Harold and Carol Cline family	
TUESDAY	JANUARY 27
6:45 am Jerome and Irene Windholz	
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 28
7:00 pm St. Fidelis Linda Schoendaller	
THURSDAY	JANUARY 29
6:45 am St. Fidelis Craig Gasper	
FRIDAY	JANUARY 30
6:45 am Theresa Schippers	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 31
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Wilmer, Irene, and Beverly Dinkel	
6:30 pm St. Ann Lucile and Alvin Robben	
SUNDAY	4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:45 am St. Boniface For the parishes	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Lance Lang	
Michael V. and Anna Weigel family living and deceased	

DIOCESE

The Register

Read *The Register* and learn more about what's happening in parishes of the Diocese of Salina, as well as news about the diocese and the universal Church. Every family registered at a parish in the diocese receives the *The Register*, which is printed on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Instead of requiring a subscription, we ask for a \$20 donation to cover printing and mailing costs. Your November 14 issue included a donation envelope. If you haven't already, please return it with your donation as soon as possible. If you no longer have your envelope, you may mail your donation check to *The Register*, P.O. Box 1038, Salina, KS 67402. Thank you for your support!

*** Sunday Rosary Schedule ***

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 31, 5:00 pm

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Megan Karst	Jane Wagner Keith Billinger	Jalyn Dinkel Madisyn	Regis / Wilma VonLintel
<u>Lector</u>	Tom Tholen	Gerhardt	Jim / Becky
Amorette Windholz	Mark Schroeder Danita Schroeder	Jaxon Dinkel	Scheck
<u>Comm.</u>	Kathy Kuhn		
Diane Gross	Mary Lou Rome		

Sunday, February 1, 10:00 am

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
John Braun	Katie Bellendir Ken Brungardt	MaKayla Crawford	Mark / Danita Schroeder
<u>Lector</u>	Bertha Brungardt	Hannah Radke	family
LeeAnn Schmidtberger	Cora Schulte Bob Stramel	Grant Schoenrock	Dorothy Goetz
<u>Comm.</u>	Phyllis Stramel		
Becky Scheck	Norma Keenan		

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