

“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, 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. Fidelis Thrift Shop: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00—2:00; Wednesday 10:00—3:30; Thursday 10:00—4:00 If these hours do not work to drop off donations, contact Jan at the Parish Office.		St. Fidelis Food Pantry: For residents of the tri-parishes. Call the Parish Office. Donations accepted.
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

September 15, 2019 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catechetical Sunday

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

Eucharistic Adoration:

THURSDAYS • 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.
 in St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar

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

- Sep. 23** — First Day of Autumn
- Sep. 27-28** — VHS Homecoming
- Sep. 28** — VHS Alumni Homecoming
Mass at 4:00 pm—NO 5:00 pm Mass
- Oct. 4** — Feast of St. Francis of Assisi —
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Oct. 14** — Columbus Day — PARISH
OFFICE CLOSED
- Oct. 27** — Priesthood Sunday
- Oct. 31** — Halloween
- Nov. 1** — All Saints Day — PARISH
OFFICE CLOSED
- Nov. 2** — All Souls Day
- Nov. 3** — Daylight Savings Time Ends
(Turn clocks back 1 hour)

Rejoice with me
 because I have found
 my
 lost
 sheep.

Luke 15:1-10





Naming Names

“Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me.” That familiar children’s rhyme is only half true. Names can hurt. They are often an ugly weapon in bullying and prejudice. Names can also help. They can assign worth and restore confidence. Names can also remind us of values and responsibilities.

There are subtle uses of names in this Sunday’s parable of the Prodigal Son. That begins with the name given to the passage. The most popular title is the Prodigal Son, which focuses attention on the irresponsible younger son. Another title is the Parable of the Two Sons, which reminds us that both sons were at fault; the younger reckless, the older stubborn. The story is also called the Parable of the Forgiving Father, which highlights the mercy of the father as an image of our heavenly Father.

A more scriptural title for the story is the Parable of the Lost Son, since in the full gospel passage it is the final of three parables about the lost being found: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son.

A very subtle use of names is employed during the conversation of the father with his older obstinate son. When the older son returns from the field the servant tells him, “Your *brother* has returned.” But the older son refuses to refer to him as his

brother. When he confronts his father about his younger brother he says not *my brother*, but *your son*. Then the father reminds him of his fraternal responsibility when he responds not *my son* but, “*Your brother* was dead and has come to life again, he was lost and has been found.”

Gospel parables are not simply about the characters in the story. Ultimately they are about us. We can be guilty of avoiding responsibility or inflicting harm by the names we use for others. It is a sharp weapon in gossip. We can also be kind and thoughtful and even forgiving with our words as well as our actions.

Yes, our speech must be honest. The Orwellian doublespeak too common in our society often masks the truth to promote a personal agenda.

We cannot avoid our responsibilities by evasive terminology. An important message of today’s gospel is that our duties toward others cannot be shirked by referring to them as someone else’s responsibility. Regardless of what names we use to refer to them, all of God’s children are our brothers and our sisters.

... and mirth

Nothing makes you more tolerant of a neighbor’s noisy party than being there.



Parish Staff

Pastor:

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Groundskeeper:

Julius Dreiling

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Joe Brungardt

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Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

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Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

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Connie Windholz
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Council Members

St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

Peggy Fitzpatrick 735-8186 (Chair)
Andy Kuhn 639-2156 (Vice-Chair)
Janea Dinkel 735-9529 (RelEd)
Doug Kuhn 650-1058 (Bldgs & Grounds)
John Schulte 735-2444
Deb Braun 735-7106
Gina Oberle 735-8056
Jacque Schmidt 735-5011

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Carol Freitag 735-9282
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Terry Riedel 735-9375
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Contributions September 7-8, 2019

ST. FIDELIS

Adult 2907.00 Loose 1328.08
Repair Fund 2.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 407.00 Loose 223.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 410.00 Loose 113.00
Candles 35.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Sept. 16 — Ivan and Verda
Werner

Sept. 23—Doris Weigel, Shirley
Weigel

Mass At Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer will host a Mass to commemorate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross **TODAY— Sunday, September 15, at 3:00 p.m. Celebrants will be Bishop Jerry Vincke and Fr. Reggie Urban.** Music will be provided by Trilogy.



Seed wheat will be blessed.

There will be a social in the school building following the Mass.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

You seriously have no idea what people are dealing with in their personal life.
So just be nice;
it's that simple.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

K. of C. Has Rel Ed Fund Tickets Available

Knights of Columbus Council 1867 has tickets for the Kansas Knights of Columbus Religion Education Fund. This fund helps to support the religious education of children enrolled in our Religious Education Classes.

The local council has 10 tickets at \$100 each.

Contact Harland Rupp at 785-623-1368 (cell) or 785-735-2206 (home) to purchase a ticket. Please leave a message if there is no answer and he will get back to you as soon as possible.



I was sitting in my truck at Walmart watching this guy who apparently forgot where he parked. He kept putting his remote in the air and every time he squeezed it...I honked my horn.

YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION



STAY WITH US

Catechetical Sunday September 15, 2019

“O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists (names mentioned below) to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs. May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles. We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ’s prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Rhoda Urban

Jacque Schmidt

Becky Scheck

Primrose Hockersmith

Jacquelyn Stoffel

Karen Nowak

Tammy Lichter

Harland Rupp

Tom Tholen

Keith Billinger

Amanda Truan

John Braun

Yvonne Braun

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Beginning Sunday, September 15th, at St. Fidelis Church pre-K and Kindergarten aged children will gather in the Bridal Room for LWC. Grades 1—3 will gather in the north sacristy for LWC.

Liturgy of the Word for Children begins on Sunday, September 15th. All children aged Pre-K through 3rd grade are welcome to attend!



Freshman Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, September 22, 2019

St. Fidelis Church

Begins with the 10:00 A.M. Mass

Confirmandi only, no parents & no sponsors

Freshman Confirmation prep Parent and student meeting

When? Wed., Sept. 18th

Where? St. Fidelis chapel

6:30—7:30 P.M.

Informational meeting for our freshman confirmandi and their parents regarding the two year process of Confirmation prep. Father John, John Braun: 9th grade catechist, and Mrs. Brungardt will visit with the confirmandi and parents.

RCIA Classes Will Begin Soon

**Are you interested in joining the
Catholic Church?**

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – is the process by which a person can study Sacred Scripture and explore the teachings of the Catholic Church through classes that are offered in an environment free of pressure and among others who have similar questions in this point in their lives.

Inquiry classes will begin **September 29, 2019**.

For more information, please call Shirley Brungardt at the Parish Office at 785-735-9244.

Religious Education and Youth Ministry Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday, September 15

Catechetical Sunday
Liturgy of the Word for Children begins (Pre-K & K gather in Bridal Room, grades 1-3 gather in north sacristy)

Wednesday, September 18

6:30-7:30 P.M. – Religious Education grades 1-12
6:30-7:30 P.M. – 9th grade Confirmation parent + student orientation in St. Fidelis chapel

Sunday, September 22

Freshman Confirmation Retreat
10:00 A.M. Mass – 12:30 P.M.

Wednesday, September 25

6:30-7:30 P.M. – Religious Education grades 1-12

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 2

6:30-7:30 P.M. – Religious Education grades 1-12

Friday, October 4

St. Francis of Assisi – Office closed

Sunday, October 6

10:00 A.M. Mass – Entrance & Covenant Rites for 9th and 10th grade Confirmation
Immediately following Mass – Sophomore Confirmation Retreat

Wednesday, October 9

5:15-6:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir practice
6:30-7:30 P.M. – Religious Education grades 1-12

Sunday, October 13

10:00 A.M. Mass – Jubilee Choir sings

Monday, October 14

Columbus Day – Office closed

Wednesday, October 16

6:30-7:30 P.M. – Religious Education grades 1-12
Teaching Mass for grades K-5

Wednesday, October 23

6:30-7:30 P.M. – Religious Education grades 1-12

Sunday, October 27

Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat

Wednesday, October 30

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Religious Education grades 1-12

CYO KICK-OFF
Wed. Sept. 18th
following religion classes

Come for pizza and drinks
Fellowship
CYO Ski trip....
...and more! :)

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY, 2019

On October 6, 2019, across the United States and Canada, a visible and resolute voice will be provided for the voiceless children who are threatened by the surgical abortionist's cruel instruments or by the deadly chemicals in abortive birth controls. The event itself will start at 2:45 pm at St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. All will gather at the Memorial of the Unborn for a brief prayer service, then proceed to Vine Street from 26th Street north for the Life Chain from 3-4 pm.

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEGDED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGDED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	13,200.00	13,600.00	10,690.00	67
Vincent	1,000.00	365.00	365.00	5
Walker	5,600.00	8,670.00	7419.98	11

As of Sept. 8, 2019,
\$1,709,856.37 has been pledged and \$1,467,451.72 has been received toward the \$1.2 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

DIOCESE ASKING CATHOLICS TO PLEASE SIGN "REVERSE THE RULING" PETITION FOR LIFE

Because of a recent State Supreme Court abortion ruling, Kansas is no longer Pro-Life. In fact, the ruling means Kansas law is pro-abortion, similar to states like New York. Fortunately, we have the power to overturn this injustice.

Bishop Vincke and all the Bishops of Kansas are asking each voting-age Catholic to sign the "Reverse the Ruling" petition. This is the first step in letting our elected officials know how we feel

The petition is available at the church entrances and an online version with additional information can be found at www.KansasCatholic.org.

Anniversary Masses

The Diocese of Salina wishes to honor all couples who are celebrating 1st anniversaries and ALL other anniversaries ending in 0 or 5.

Masses with Bishop Gerald L. Vincke are planned at **St. Joseph Parish, Hays, at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 6,** and **St. Mary Queen of the Universe Parish, Salina, at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 13.**

If you would like to participate in one of these celebrations, please complete the registration form online at salinadiocese.org/family-life, call the Office of Family Life at 785-827-8746, or come into the Parish Office and we can print off a form for you from the Diocesan website. Each couple wishing to attend an Anniversary Mass must register.

If you have questions, please contact familylife@salinadiocese.org or 785-827-8746. **DEADLINE for reservations is September 23, 2019.**

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

When we remember and mourn our losses, we free our souls to move beyond the pain. Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and remember, mourn, and be set free.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time

Next retreat: October 4-6, 2019
1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383)
rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org

Confidential

Encountering Christ As The School Year Begins

Retreat led by:
Father Steve Heina
along with
Corey Lyon and
Wendy Backes

Includes:
-Personal Reflection
-Mass
-Adoration
-Confession

COST: \$10 (includes Lunch)

09.28.19
9 am - 4:30 pm
St. Mary Parish, Ellis, Kansas

REGISTER
by Sept. 21:
* Online at Salinadiocese.org/Family-Life
or
* Call 785-827-8746 #24
or
* Pick up a registration form at the Parish Office

Sponsored by the Offices of Family Life and New Evangelization
For more information, contact Wendy Backes 785.827.8746 #24

“Healing” Meetings

THE CENTER FOR LIFE EXPERIENCE, INC.
OFFICE: 205 E. 7th St., Suite 251, Hays (Hadley Center)
MEETINGS IN SUITE 257

For information on these groups, contact
Ann Leiker at 785-259-6859 or email cfl1@eaglecom.net
PLEASE CALL TO RESERVE CHILDCARE.

HEALING AFTER LOSS is a support group offering hope, encouragement, and understanding to those who have had an adult loss such as a spouse, parent, sibling, or friend in their lives. The group will eat dinner at **5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17**, at Thirsty’s Bar & Grill, 2704 Vine St., Hays. They will then gather at 7:00 at the Center.

SINGLE AND BEYOND FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

September 18
Golden Q, 809 Ash, 6:00 pm
Contact Nancy at 785-432-0533
singleandbeyond@gmail.com

Victoria Schools Calendar



Monday — September 16

Lunch Menu: Hamburger, Oven Fries, Pasta Salad Watermelon, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Grade check/Activity

3:00 pm Varsity Tennis in Victoria

6:00 pm JV football at Central Plains

Tuesday — September 17

Lunch Menu: Breaded pork patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, French bread, Banana, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Activity

4:00 pm HS Volleyball at Golden Plains with Northern Valley

Wednesday — September 18

Mrs. K Braun and yearbook in Hays

Lunch Menu: Chicken Penne, Steamed Broccoli, Bread Sticks, Peaches, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — HS-Letter Jacket presentation;

JH students will have directed study

Thursday — September 19

Lunch Menu: BBQ Meatball, Baked Potato, Steamed Carrots, Fruit Cobbler, Mandarin oranges, salad, milk

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

3:00 pm V Tennis @ Ellsworth

4:00 pm Cross Country at Sand Creek Course outside Victoria

4:30 pm JV Volleyball vs Central Plains

6:30 pm JH Football vs. Central Plains

Friday — September 20

Lunch Menu: Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Doritos, Cucumber Salad, Fresh Broccoli, Tropical Fruit, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Vaping Awareness Presentation for all students

7:00 pm HS football @ Macksville

Saturday-September 21

9:00 am HS JV Tennis at Trego

City Council Meeting

Victoria City Council meetings are held on the third Monday of the month. This month’s meeting will be **Monday, September 16**, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Community residents are encouraged to attend.

Community Assistance Center Garage Sales

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month

8:00—11:00 a.m.

12th and Oak St., Hays

Book About Coach Al Billinger Available

Just released is a book about Al Billinger. Those who were taught and coached by Al Billinger at his alma mater, St. Joseph’s Military Academy, now Thomas More Prep-Marian Junior/High School, know what an extraordinary, and yes, even legendary, individual he was and the impact he had on everyone. This is a story worth telling.

The book is available for \$20.00 each at St. Joseph Church parish office, 215 West 13th, Hays (785-625-7356). The author will be in Hays during the TMP-M Homecoming September 19-22 at various places to sign books.

All profits from the sale of the book go towards the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the Al Billinger Fieldhouse.



Hays, Kansas Sunflower Chapter of American Historical Society of Germans from Russia's 1st Annual
HERITAGE FEST
HISTORY - GENEALOGY - FOOD - MUSIC - and MORE

DATE: Saturday, October 12, 2019

WHERE: St. Joseph Parish School Cafeteria
(formerly Kennedy School, 14th & Ash, Hays)

REGISTRATION: \$45.00 per person for all-day event
(To participate only in the 8:00 p.m. dance by the Redd Hotz - \$10 a head)

TIME: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

8:00 Registration | 9:00 S1 Introduction | 9:45 S2 Catherine the Great
10:30 S3 Villages | 11:30 Lunch on own | 1:00 S4 Bolsheviks
2:00 S5 Volga German Origins | 2:45 S6 Resources for Genealogy
3:45 S7 Deportation & Today's Descendants | 5:00 Break, Mass, Visiting
6:30 Traditional Volga German meal | 8:00 Dance to Redd Hotz



SPEAKER:
Dr. Brent Mai

Evening ends with cash raffle drawing.

For more information or Registration contact:
Kevin Rupp, 1206 East 31st, Hays, KS 67601
785-656-0329 or krupp@ruraltel.net

VICTORIA FLU SHOT CLINIC

By the Ellis County Health Department

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019

8:00-9:00 AM

VFW, 204 East Main, Victoria

COST: Regular Flu Shot-\$35.00
Flublok (ages 50-64) -\$60.00
High Dose (65 & over)-\$65.00

The Health Department can bill all insurance companies, but be aware, they are only in network with Medicare, BC/BS, and KanCare. If the insurance doesn't pay, you will be billed for the flu shot

HOSPICE

Are you aware of what Hospice can do for you or a loved one should the need arise? St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society will sponsor an informational presentation from Sue Noll, Hospice Supervisor, on Monday, Sept. 23, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. The presentation will be in the church and all are [welcome](#). The Christian Mothers/Altar Society meeting will follow immediately after the presentation. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. Any woman of the parish is invited to join this organization. Come gain some knowledge and join the organization that supports the parish and our young people, especially through prayer. For more information, please contact Jane Wagner, 785-735-7029.

The RED CROSS
is having a Blood Drive on September
16th at the VFW in Victoria.

Ellis St. Mary CYO
will be having our monthly pan fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 22, 2019.
Pan fried chicken dinner includes:
Mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, dinner roll and dessert.
10:00 until 1:00pm or
until sold out.
Ellis Knights of Columbus hall
1013 Washington Street
Ellis KS 67637
Ages 5 through 9 \$5.00
Ages 10 and over \$10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 16
7:00 pm Leland and Marlene Dinkel	
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 17
6:45 am For the parishes	
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 18
6:45 am Nick and Martha Korbe	
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 19
6:45 am For the Poor Souls	
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 20
6:45 am Tyler Kuhn	
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 21
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Bob and Marie (anniv) Schmidtberger	
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 22
7:30 am St. Ann Lawrence and Barbara Rohr, Gerhardt and Agnes Rohr, and Gilbert Rohr family	
8:45 am St. Boniface Anton and Anna (anniv) Schmeidler and family	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Ronald Lee Leiker	

St. Fidelis Minister Schedules
for September 2019 can be found at the
north church entrance.

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, Sep. 21, 5:00 PM — Meagan Wellbrock
Sunday, Sep. 22, 10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Sep. 21, 5:00 PM — Jarron & Jillian S., Lauren K.
Sunday, Sep. 22, 10:00 AM — Brody & Broc N., Brinly L.
Saturday, Sep. 28, 5:00 PM — ALUMNI MASS
Sunday, Sep. 29, 10:00 AM — Abby B., Ethan S., Wyatt G.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, Sep. 21, 5:00 PM — Phyllis Stramel, Bob Stramel,
Becky Scheck, Jane Wagner, Karie Younger, Tina Braun,
Keith Billinger
Sunday, Sep. 22, 10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun, Joan Wellbrock,
Carol Pfeifer, Brenda Robben, Bertha A. Brungardt, Melissa
Schmidt, VOLUNTEER

LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS

Saturday, Sep. 21, 5:00 PM — Randy Leiker, Anne Dinkel
Sunday, Sep. 22, 10:00 AM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger, Connie
Dreiling

GREETERS

Saturday, Sep. 21, 5:00 PM — Louise Robben, Pete & Tina
Braun
Sunday, Sep. 22, 10:00 AM — Jared & Andrea Windholz