

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

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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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
THURSDAYS
7:45 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.
in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar

www.stfidelischurch.com

September 14, 2014 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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 — 7:30-8:00 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

Sept. 19-20 — VHS Homecoming
Sept. 21 — Catechetical Sunday
Sept. 23 — Autumn begins
Sept. 28 — Liturgy of the Word begins
October — Respect Life Month
Oct. 3 — Petting Blessing 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 3 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: feast of St. Francis of Assisi observance
Oct. 4 — St. Francis of Assisi feast day
Oct. 13 — Columbus Day

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.

(from the Holy Gospel according to John 3:13-17)



“If my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “Not seven times, but seventy-seven times.” There are translations which read “seventy times seven,” but to dispute which translation is more accurate is futile. The number is not mathematical but biblical. It means, “Indefinitely.”

There is Old Testament background for these numbers. When God banished Cain for killing his brother Abel, Cain objected that as an exile he would surely be killed. But God promised, “If anyone kills Cain, Cain shall be avenged seven fold.” When Lamech, a descendent of Cain, killed his enemies, he boasted, “If Cain is avenged sevenfold, then Lamech seventy-seven fold.” In an ironic twist, Christ turned the Old Testament measure of Lamech’s vengeance into the New Testament standard of forgiveness.

Today’s gospel contrasts the forgiving master with his unforgiving servant. The message of the parable is that although God has forgiven us great debts, we often do not forgive others their minor offenses against us. The gospel suggests that the mercy which God has extended to us we should in turn offer to those who offend us.

But then the parable takes a puzzling, paradoxical turn. The master who had forgiven the servant, rescinds his forgiveness, and punishes the servant even more severely for being unforgiving. The merciful master who forgave debts will not forgive unforgiveness.

The gospel then concludes with an apparent threat: “So will my heavenly Father treat you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.” God will forgive us many failings, but not for being unforgiving. Taken literally, that is a contradiction. The rule itself is unforgiving. It makes God vengeful, even petty. “If you are not nice to others, I will not be nice to you.” Such a God would not be merciful.

Fortunately, there is a deeper understanding of gospel forgiveness. God never refuses to forgive us, but we reject His forgiveness when our own hearts are unforgiving. Forgiveness must be both offered and received. The unforgiving heart is suspicious, vengeful, untrusting. It is not open to receive forgiveness when it is offered. An unforgiving heart cannot know forgiveness: not for others, not for itself.

Just as an angry heart punishes itself more than the object of its anger, an unforgiving heart prevents itself from being forgiven. To know in your heart that you are forgiven you must know in your heart that you have forgiven another. Only those who love can truly be loved. Only those who have suffered can be compassionate. Only the generous can appreciate a gift. And only the forgiving can be forgiven.

“Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Not seven times, not seventy-seven times, not seventy times seven times. “Not for just an hour, not for just a day, but always.”

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“I have never been hurt by anything I didn’t say.” - Calvin Coolidge

Parish Staff

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Contributions August 30-31, 2014

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2838.00 Loose 1428.00
Repair Fund 164.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 242.00 Loose 216.00
Coffee and Rolls 97.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 305.00 Loose 271.00
Capuchin Education 25.00
Candles 24.00

Money Counters

Sept. 15 — Bob and Phyllis
Stramel, Dorothy Goetz

Sept. 22 — Ivan and Verda
Werner

“Seniors on the Go”

Fr. John is planning a trip to Colorado from Tuesday thru Friday, Sept 30-Oct 3. If interested, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish office. The cost for sharing a double room is \$450. If you want your own room the cost is \$550. Lunch and Dinner are not included in this price. Breakfast is offered at the hotel. Possible sight options include Mother Cabrini Shrine, Coors, Dinner Theatre, 16th Street, a brewery and other options. Please respond by Tuesday, September 16.

SENIORS ON THE GO TRIP SEPT 30-OCT 3, 2014

Date: _____
 Name: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Number of People Going: _____
 Room (circle one): Single Double

FAMILY LIFE

October is the Month of the Rosary. The Tri-Parish Family Life Commission will lead the Rosary 30 minutes before the 5 pm Mass at St. Fidelis on each of the Saturdays in October.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be an informational meeting for Freshmen Confirmation students and their parents on Wednesday, September 17th, at 7:30 p.m. Important information regarding the two year process of preparing for Confirmation will be discussed. All students and their parents are asked to attend this meeting in the Meal Site dining room at the Parish Activity Center.

There will a meeting for parents of 8th grade students on Wednesday, September 24th at 7:30 p.m. in the Meal Site Dining room of the PAC. All students and parents are asked to attend this meeting. Amanda Truan, the 8th grade catechist, will be giving parents a brief overview of what their children will be discussing this upcoming year. Parents will have the opportunity to voice any concerns or questions regarding the curriculum for this year.

Sunday, September 21st is Catechetical Sunday. At the 10:00 a.m. Mass we will celebrate the ministry of parish catechists and volunteers in the Catholic Faith Education Programs. The Jubilee Choir will be singing during the Mass and the Family Life Commission will be serving juice and rolls on the plaza immediately after Mass. Please help us recognize and support all those who help with the faith education of our children.

Liturgy of the Word classes for pre-school and K-3rd will begin on Sunday, September 28th.

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

ATTENTION

Christian Mothers/Altar Society Members

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

Mass -7:00 p.m.

Reception of New Members

Young women of the parish, consider becoming an official member of St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society organization. If interested please contact Det Younger by phone or email at 785-735-2757 or dyounger@ruraltel.net Business Meeting will follow Mass in north sacristy of the Church.

Victoria Schools Calendar



Monday — September 15

Homecoming Spirit Day: America Day
 AIM Period—Students will have directed study
 8:40 5th grade to FHSU
 3:00 Varsity Tennis here with Hays and Osborne
 6:00 JV Football @ Ellinwood

Tuesday — September 16

Homecoming Spirit Day: Opposite Day
 AIM period—Directed study & Jersey Auction
 4:00 pm HS Volleyball vs. Smith Center and Ellis

Wednesday — September 17

Homecoming Spirit Day: Where's Waldo Day
 AIM period—Students will have directed study.
 Voting for Homecoming during 1st hour
 11:45 Balfour Rep meets with seniors
 5:30 pm HS cheer practice
 6:00 Balfour rep meets with sophomores
 9:00 Homecoming Pep Rally at City Baseball Field

Thursday — September 18

Homecoming Spirit Day: Thrift Shop Day
 3:00 pm Tennis @ Ellsworth. Departure 1:20 pm
 4:30 pm JH Volleyball @ Otis-Bison. Departure 3:10 pm
 4:30 pm CC at WaKeeney. Departure 2:55
 6:30 pm JH Football @ Otis-Bison

Friday — September 19

Homecoming Spirit Day: Maroon and Gold Day
 AIM period—Students will have directed study
 Float building after lunch
 3:00 HS students dismissed
 4:00 Homecoming parade
 4:30 Pep Rally at High School
 5:00 VIP sponsored Tailgate Party
 6:30 Crowning ceremony
 7:00 pm HS football vs St. John

Saturday — September 20

8:00 pm-10:00 pm Homecoming Dance in HS cafeteria

HEALTH CLINIC IN VICTORIA

Everyone for the most part is healthy right now, but as our seasons change we will see more illnesses. You may or may not know that our local clinic has been closed since July 1st. I visited with Dorothy Ochs, ARNP about the possibility of reopening it. She has been working on trying to get someone to back her in the process. One thing that would really help her in her efforts is if everyone could either email or mail her a letter of support for the clinic. This is such a convenience for our community. Please take a minute of your time and send letters of support to dochs@fhsu.edu or mail them to Dorothy Ochs, FHSU, 600 Park St. Hays, Ks. 67601. This letter may help in saving you time on a trip to Hays in the future.

Thank you,
 Coleen Dickinson RN, USD 432 School Nurse

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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.

Community Assistance Center — 12th and Oak, Hays

GARAGE SALE

Tuesday, Sept 16, Oct 7, 21 8-11 am



4th Annual 2014 HAROLD DORZWEILER Cancer Memorial Fund

For The Families Of Cancer Patients To Help With Their Expenses.
 DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT: BANK OF HAYS

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20th & SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21st
 At The Ellis County Fairgrounds - Hays, KS

Saturday Sept. 20th~11:00 am - 10:00 pm Polka Mass Sunday at 10:30 am With
 Sunday Sept. 21st~10:30 am - 6:00 pm Father Earl & The Catherine & Victoria Choir

DANCE ON THE "WOODEN FLOOR" TO:
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The Hot Shots
The Wes Windholz Band
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The Alpine Polka Dots

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Janie Dorzweiler
 785-625-5256

CAMPERS CALL:
 Leo Dorzweiler
 785-623-6847

Basilica of St. Fidelis German Meal

Victoria Grade School Cafeteria

September 28, 2014

Meal Times: 11:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

Schmeltz Kneble & Kartoffel, Noodles & Beans,
Sausage (Hot Dog-Children) & Dessert

Adults: \$10.00 Children (5-12) \$6.00

(limited tickets will be available to purchase at the door.)

Advance Tickets will be available to purchase
from one of the following individuals:

Brenda Dreiling: 735-2332

Rosie Kreuzer: 656-3298


Pam Scheck: 735-2894

Jacque Schmidt: 735-5011

Rose Ann Dreiling: 735-9266



GERMAN MEAL CLARIFICATION: due to a misunderstanding or choice of words, many think that the German meal on September 28th is food reheated from Herzogfest. Fr. John along with the St. Fidelis Herzogfest committee would like to clarify that the leftovers being used up are bagged noodles, dried beans, butter and cream which have been frozen. We will be planning a work day to make dumplings once we get our final count on ticket sales. We will also be requesting donations of cakes. We ask that you call Brenda at 735-2332 or Rose Ann at 735-9266 if you are willing to donate a cake. We need to keep track so we do not have an abundance leftover.

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	SEPTEMBER 15
7:00 pm Fred "Fritz" Dreiling	
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 16
6:45 am Joseph A. and Theresa Sander family	
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 17
7:00 pm Neola Schmidtberger James "Fritz" Wohler	
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 18
6:45 am Lawrence "Bud" Brungardt, Jr.	
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 19
6:45 am Francis and Anna Schippers family living and deceased	
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 20
3:00 pm St. Fidelis Victoria High School Homecoming Mass 5:00 pm St. Fidelis Leonard "Doc" Bell	
SUNDAY	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 am St. Ann Linda Schoendaller 8:45 am St. Boniface For rain 10:00 am St. Fidelis Gilbert Rohleder Cletus Younger	SEPTEMBER 21

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 20, 5:00 pm

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
John Kenne	Cora Schulte Jamey / Angie	Eric Braun Justin Braun	Kim Schmidtberger
<u>Lector</u>	Roth	Jalyn Dinkel	Bill / Diana Schmidtberger
Diane Gross	Jane Wagner Tom Tholen		
<u>Comm.</u>	Colleen Kuhn		
Connie Dreiling	Tammy Dome		

Sunday, September 21, 10:00 am

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Children's Choir	Anne Dinkel Michelle Geist	Madisyn Gerhardt	Andy / Wanda Kuhn
<u>Lector</u>	Connie Braun	Ethan Rupp	Ron / Gloria
Det Younger	Randy Leiker Keith Billinger	Lydia Sander	Braun
<u>Comm.</u>	Wanda Kuhn		
Shannon Radke			

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