


„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 (sftch@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 22, 2019 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)



“The person
who is
trustworthy
in very small
matters is also
trustworthy
in great
ones...”

Luke 16:1-13

Next Saturday, September 28, there will be a special
Victoria High School Alumni Mass at 4:00 p.m.
at the Basilica of St. Fidelis.
THERE WILL NOT BE A 5:00 PM. MASS NEXT SATURDAY.



Children of this World

There are two difficult verses in this Sunday's gospel. "The master commended that *dishonest* steward for acting prudently." Also, "The children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light."

These puzzling verses seem to praise worldliness and dishonesty. But we can resolve that if we understand the dishonest steward as representing the children of this world. The meaning then is that we, the children of this world, are better at our secular business than in our spiritual efforts. The gospel is contrasting the secular with the sacred within each of us. Do we develop our spiritual life as well as we manage our material life?

For example, most of us value efficiency. We are good planners, clever shoppers, careful organizers. We spend our time, our resources, and our money wisely. Are we as prudent in allotting time for church and charity and prayer?

Many men consider themselves to be good mechanics. They can repair broken equipment of any sort. Are they equally adept in repairing the broken hearts of their children, or restoring the damaged parts of their own spiritual life? Women pride themselves on their good taste in style and homemaking. They dress attractively and decorate tastefully. Are they equally creative in the design of their Christian virtues of forgiveness, patience, and charity?

Whatever your trade — a butcher, a baker, or a candlestick maker — you pride yourself on the quality of your work. The gospel is asking if you have the same devotion to the values and virtues of your Christian life.

The danger of a dominantly secular life is becoming professional citizens but amateur Christians. Active in our career, passive in our faith. Full time craftsmen, part time Christians. The gospel suggests that the worldly part of me is better at dealing with the material part of my life, than the spiritual part of me is in dealing with my soul.

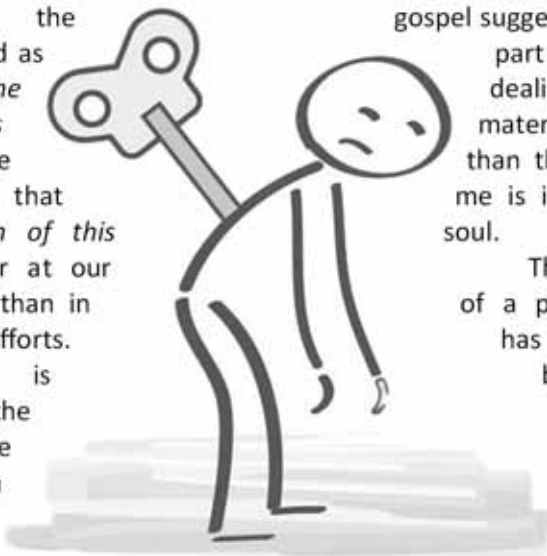
The demanding labor of a purely material life brings not only exhaustion and frustration, but often no satisfying sense of fulfillment.

Some who have reached worldly success have also discovered the vanity of material gain, a haunting sense of an empty prize. Is this all there is?

For those who are exhausted and disappointed as *children of this world*, another gospel verse deserves reflection: "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and you will find rest; for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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Comparison with others is the thief of our joy.



Parish Staff	
Pastor:	Fr. John Schmeidler, OFM, Cap. email: frjohncap@gmail.com
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Groundskeeper:	Julius Dreiling
Maintenance:	Joe Brungardt
Organists:	Kathy Dreiling-Amrein Lou Ann Hammersmith
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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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St. Ann Pastoral Council	Terry Riedel 735-9375 Jerry Nowak 637-5273 Bill Robben 806-669-5264

Contributions September 14-15, 2019	
Envelopes	1623.00
Loose	909.00
Repair Fund	150.00
ST. ANN:	
Envelopes	166.00
Loose	229.00
ST. BONIFACE:	
Envelopes	260.00
Loose	74.00
Candles	47.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~	
Sept. 23	—Doris Weigel, Shirley Weigel
Sept. 30	— Brenda Dreiling

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Cecil M. Patton and Alice (Tholen) Patton** of San Jose, California. Cecil died April 1, 2001, and Alice died March 9, 2019. Alice was born in Vincent and attended Vincent Grade School. Services were held at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Vincent, on Saturday, September 14, 2019, with inurnment in St. Boniface Cemetery, Vincent.

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.

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

All Are Invited to Christian Mothers/Altar Society-Sponsored 'Hospice' Presentation

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, September 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 at 785-735-7029.

If you remember anything of me,
after I leave this world,
remember that I loved
even when it was foolish.
That I cared even when it was unwanted.
When my body is gone,
remember my heart.

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2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEGGED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGGED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	13,200.00	14,050.00	11,295.00	69
Vincent	1,000.00	365.00	365.00	5
Walker	5,600.00	8,670.00	7,419.98	11

As of September 17, 2019,
\$1,727,538.05 has been pledged and \$1,496,174.72 has been received toward the \$1.21 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

"I felt as if there was an inner darkness in me that was fearful, trying to make me run. When I left on Sunday I did not feel that darkness. For the first time I felt God's grace, and oh, did it feel good!"

~ Testimony after a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Healing and grace are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

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

SEPTEMBER HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

Traffickers prey on children as young as 9 years old and may target their victims through social media websites, telephone chat lines, after school programs, at shopping malls, and through friends and acquaintances who recruit students. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainsttrafficking.org).**

Religious Education and Youth Ministry Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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



Bishop Vincke will preside over the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Basilica of St. Fidelis on Sunday, February 9, 2020, at 9:00 A.M. There will be NO 10:00 A.M. Mass at St. Fidelis on Sunday, February 9.

Mass schedule for Sunday, Feb. 9: 7:45 A.M. Mass at St. Boniface (no 8:45 A.M. Mass)
9:00 A.M. Mass at St. Fidelis (no 10:00 A.M. Mass)

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.

COMMUNITY

ROSARY RALLY Saturday, October 12 12:00 noon

601 10th Street,
Victoria

On the Northeast corner
of the St. Fidelis Parish
Office by the Blessed
Mother statue.



**Please bring your own chair,
(some will be provided).**

For more information, please contact
Jean Brungardt 785-735-2393.

VICTORIA FLU SHOT CLINIC

Sponsored by the Ellis County Health Department

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019

8:00-9:00 AM

V.F.W. Hall, 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.

Box Top, Pop Tabs, and Dillons Rewards Can Help Victoria Elementary School

Victoria Elementary School is once again collecting **Box Tops** and **Pop Tabs**. They are also a part of the **Dillons Community Rewards Program**. The school receives money for their activity fund with the Box Tops. They have earned \$14,215.50 for VES just by clipping that little Box Top! Now you can get a Box Tops mobile app, scan your receipt, and earn cash for the school.

Be sure to sign up online to enroll in the Dillons Community Rewards, and each time you swipe your Dillons Plus Shopper's Card, USD 432 automatically starts earning a rebate.

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. Last year the school collected 165 pounds of pop tabs, which totaled \$75 that was delivered to the RMH.

The school will turn in **Box Tops** at the end of February and the **Pop Tabs** will be delivered to Topeka over Spring Break. Ask grandparents, neighbors, and anyone else you know to help VES collect these items and swipe those Dillons cards this school year!!



HOMECOMING WEEK—Spirit Week—Around the World

Monday — September 23 — Spirit Day—Australia

Lunch Menu: Chicken breast, hand-tossed bun, chicken flavored rice, green beans, pears, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Grade check
 6:00 pm JV football vs. Macksville

Tuesday — September 24— Spirit Day—Egypt

Lunch Menu: Cheeseburger pocket, steamed peas, fresh cauliflower, fruit cocktail, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Activity
 4:00 pm HS volleyball vs. St. John with Otis-Bison

Wednesday — September 25— Spirit Day—Greece

8:30 am FCCLA district planning meeting in Central Plains. Mrs. C. Braun and select students will attend
 Lunch Menu: Roast beef with gravy, Mashed potatoes, corn, orange slices, dinner roll, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study
 5:30 pm Financial Aid Night in JH/HS cafeteria
 8:30 pm Homecoming Pep Rally at city baseball field—home bleachers. In case of inclement weather, the pep rally will be held in the gym

Thursday — September 26—Spirit Day—Mexico

Lunch Menu: Mexican chicken, black bean salsa with chips, applesauce, cinnamon bread, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study
 4:00 pm JH volleyball @ Ness City. Depart 1:50 pm
 5:00 pm Cross country @ Hill City. Depart 1:55 pm
 6:30 pm JH football @ Ness City

Friday — September 27—Spirit Day—Victoria, KS

Lunch Menu: pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, cole slaw, cantaloupe, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study
 4:00 pm Homecoming parade
 4:30 pm Pep rally in front of high school
 6:30 pm Crowning Ceremony
 7:00 pm HS football vs. Lincoln
 Homecoming Dance will start one hour after the end of the football game in the HS cafeteria and will be two hours long

Saturday — September 28

9:00 am Varsity tennis @ Trego. Depart 7:00 am



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

National Life Chain Sunday 2019

On **Sunday, 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 starts at **2:45 p.m.** 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 3:00-4:00 p.m.



City Council Meeting

Victoria City Council meetings are held on the third Monday of the month. **THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE WAS POSTPONED TO MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, at 5:30 p.m.** at City Hall. Community residents are encouraged to attend.

"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 OF SUICIDE is a support group offering family members and friends of those who have lost a loved one to suicide a place to connect with others who are dealing with this highly specialized grief recovery process. The group will eat dinner at **5:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 25**, at Chinese Food Express, 1312 Main St., Hays. They will then gather at 7:00 at the Center.

Ellis St. Mary CYO

Community Fried Chicken Dinner

TODAY—Sunday, September 22, 2019

Knights of Columbus Hall, 1013 Washington St., Ellis, KS

10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or until sold out

COME EARLY

Pan-fried Chicken dinner includes Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Vegetable, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, and Dessert

Ages 5-9: \$5.00; Ages 10 & over: \$10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 23
7:00 pm Daniel Brungardt Christian Mothers	
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 24
6:45 am Joe, Albina, and Mary Rome Don and Bob Gross	
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 25
6:45 am	
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 26
6:45 am Peter J. and Alice Braun family	
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 27
6:45 am	
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 28
4:00 pm St. Fidelis Victoria High School Alumni Mass Willie and Bertha Pfeifer Leroy Simoneau	
SUNDAY	26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 am St. Ann Norbert and Theresa Robben	
8:45 am St. Boniface	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Mildred Windholz	

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, Sep. 28, 4:00 PM — Adult Choir — *(Notice change in Mass time)*

Sunday, Sep. 29, 10:00 AM — Pam Scheck

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Sep. 28, 4:00 PM — ALUMNI MASS — *(Notice change in Mass time)*

Sunday, Sep. 29, 10:00 AM — Abby B., Ethan S., Wyatt G.

Saturday, Oct. 5, 5:00 PM — Juliana D, Caidyn D, Mackenzie H

Sunday, Oct. 6, 10:00 AM — Zoe D., Drayden K., Averi W.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, Sep. 28, 4:00 PM — VICTORIA HOMECOMING ALUMNI — *(Notice change in Mass time)*

Sunday, Sep. 29, 10:00 AM — Bertha R. Brungardt, Kenny Brungardt, Randy Leiker, Yvonne Braun, Connie Braun, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER

LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS

Saturday, Sep. 28, 4:00 PM — VICTORIA HOMECOMING ALUMNI — *(Notice change in Mass time)*

Sunday, Sep. 29, 10:00 AM — Karen Nowak, VOLUNTEER

GREETERS

Saturday, Sep. 28, 4:00 PM — VICTORIA HOMECOMING ALUMNI — *(Notice change in Mass time)*

Sunday, Sep. 29, 10:00 AM — Leroy & Joanne Braun, VOLUNTEER