

*"Beacon of Faith,"*  
**ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*"Cathedral of the Plains,"*  
**THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS**

*"Pearl of the Prairie,"*  
**ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



<b>Parish Office:</b> 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		<b>Catholic Faith Education Office:</b> 785-735-9244	
<b>Gift Shop Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday: 8:30–noon and 1:00–4:30 Friday: 8:30–noon	<b>Weddings:</b> Couples planning to marry must contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before the wedding date for marriage preparations.	<b>Baptisms:</b> All new parents are asked to complete a Baptismal Preparation class before their child is baptized. For information, please call the Parish Office.	<b>Hospital Visits:</b> To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.
<b>In-Home Mass:</b> Any homebound or hospice family interested in having Mass in their home should contact the Parish Office.	<b>Holy Communion Brought to Homebound:</b> 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.	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:</b> <b>THURSDAYS</b> <b>10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.</b> in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar	

[www.stfidelischurch.com](http://www.stfidelischurch.com) / [www.stbonifacevincent.com](http://www.stbonifacevincent.com)

## April 30, 2017 – Third Sunday of Easter

### 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

### 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

**May 1** — May Day  
**May 4** — National Day of Prayer  
**May 7** — 54th Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
**May 14** — Mother's Day  
**May 14** — High School graduation  
**May 18** — Last day of school  
**May 20** — Armed Forces Day  
**May 25** — Ascension Thursday (not a holy day of obligation)  
**May 29** — Memorial Day—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**June 5** — Feast of St. Boniface  
**June 5-9** — Vacation Bible School  
**June 11** — St. Boniface Church 110th Anniversary celebration  
**June 14** — Flag Day  
**June 18** — Father's Day  
**June 21** — First day of Summer



While he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessings, broke it, and gave it to them.  
With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.

(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:13-35)



We have all gone the wrong way and have had to retrace our steps. Perhaps we took a wrong turn at an intersection, missed an exit ramp, or misread a highway sign. It was embarrassing, frustrating, and a waste of valuable time. But going the wrong way can be a mixed blessing. We learn something about ourselves and about the new territory into which we venture. This is true of our spiritual journey as well as our physical travels.

In today's gospel, the two disciples on the way to Emmaus are going the wrong way. And it turns out to be a hidden blessing. There will be a happy ending to this gospel which begins with two dejected disciples walking away from Jerusalem to an outlying village. "Walking away from Jerusalem" is an image of walking away from a failed faith. "We were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel." (Lk 24:21) They had apparently given up and they were going in the wrong direction.

But Jesus walked with them as they went the wrong way. He challenged them, "How foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke. Was it not necessary that the Messiah had to suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures." (Lk 24) He enlightened them, renewed their faith, and then they joyfully retraced their steps to Jerusalem. When Christians walk away from their faith, the Lord does not abandon them. He walks with them, even as they go the wrong way. He challenges them and offers them the grace to redirect their steps.

Christ brought the disciples to a renewed faith by a double process. First he opened their minds to the meaning of the Scriptures, and he then opened their eyes with the breaking of the bread, the Eucharist. Their journey with the Lord had the format of our celebration of the Mass. Explaining the Scriptures was the Liturgy of the Word; the Breaking of the Bread was the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Every Mass repeats the Emmaus journey. Our experience may not be as dramatic as that of the two disciples in today's gospel. But often we do come to Mass with troubled hearts. Perhaps we are going in the wrong direction. We come with frustrations over family, friends, even faith. We are enlightened by the words of Scripture and we are nourished by the Bread of Life. Often we do not realize such moments of grace until later, upon further reflection, as did the disciples in this gospel story.

In our celebration of the Eucharist we do not come to church to find a God who is only here in church, and nowhere else in our life. We come to church to celebrate the many ways that God is already present in our life every day. Here in church we reflect, in retrospect, on how God has been present to us even when we failed to recognize and appreciate his presence at those moments of grace.

Today's gospel reminds us that the Lord walks with us, even when we go in the wrong direction. His presence, often in disguise as in this gospel, can awaken within us a renewed faith to retrace our steps. "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" (Lk 24:32)

## ... and mirth

Nature has devised its own punishment for the crime of bigamy: two mothers-in-law!

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:**

Fr. John Schmeidler, OFM, Cap.  
email: frjohncap@gmail.com

**Bookkeeper/Minister to the Elderly and Homebound/Thrift Shop/Food Pantry:**

Jan Brungardt  
email: fidelis@ruraltel.net

**Catholic Faith Education Office:**

Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/  
Youth Minister

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Shirley Brungardt, email:

sfreled@ruraltel.net

**Housekeeping/Sacristan:**

Darlene Dreiling

**Groundskeeper:** Julius Dreiling

**Maintenance:** Joe Brungardt

**Organists:** Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

Lou Ann Hammersmith

**Choir Director:** Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

**Technology Coordinator:**

Connie Windholz

email: sftech@ruraltel.net

### Council Members

**St. Fidelis Pastoral Council**

- Randy Leiker 259-1392 (Chair)
- Andy Kuhn 639-2156 (Vice-Chair, B&G)
- LeeAnn Schmidtberger 735-9486 (Sec)
- Janea Dinkel 735-9529 (FamLife)
- Peggy Fitzpatrick 735-8186 (RelEd)
- Doug Kuhn 650-1058 (Bldgs & Grounds)
- Donna Juenemann 735-9700 (Liturgy)
- John Schulte 735-9535

**St. Fidelis Finance Council**

- John R. Braun 735-2622
- Harland Rupp 735-2206
- Dave Juenemann 656-0647

**St. Boniface Pastoral Council**

- Carol Freitag 735-9282
- Randy Huser 735-4836
- Fred Tholen 735-4801

**St. Ann Pastoral Council**

- Helen Windholz 735-2293
- Terry Riedel 735-9375
- Jerry Nowak 637-5273

### Contributions April 22-23, 2017

**ST. FIDELIS:**

Adult 2351.00 Loose 1240.16  
Repair Fund 50.00

**ST. ANN:**

Adult 385.00 Loose 148.36  
Candles 138.00

**ST. BONIFACE:**

Adult 260.00 Loose 321.00  
Candles 21.00

**May 1** — Mary Brungardt, Det Younger

**May 8** — Connie Dreiling, Janie Dinges

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

You are called by name. If you are struggling with your abortion decision come and see what Jesus has prepared for you. Give yourself His "gift" of a retreat weekend.

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

*Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time*

**Next retreat: June 23-25**

**1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383)**

**rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org**

Confidential

## Word of Life—April 2017

"If we are filled with the love of God, a culture of encounter and solidarity will begin to bloom."

(If you have a smartphone with a QR scanner app, you can scan the QR code at the right to quickly access the article "Serene Attentiveness to God's Creation" from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops USCCB website.)



## ST. ANN

### Annual Barbecue

The annual St. Ann barbecue will be held after Mass on **Saturday, April 29**, the last Saturday evening Mass for the season. Beginning May 7, Mass will be held at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays. Meat and drinks at the barbecue will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring a side dish to share with others. All are invited!



### Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas will conduct their 6th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Bottles can be picked up here at church the weekend of May 6-7 and returned the weekend of June 24-25.

Your contribution supports:

Pregnancy Services That Include Emergency Assistance, Counseling Support, Adoption Guidance

All money stays local and helps people who need our services the most. **Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas – serving those of ALL faiths.**

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

### Mother/Daughter Brunch

The Daughter of Isabella annual Mother/Daughter Mass and Brunch will be held on **Sunday, May 7**. Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. A free-will brunch will follow at the V.F.W.

Monetary donations for the Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home may be given at this time.

**Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 2**, to Norma Keenan (785-735-2877) or JoAnn Berens (785-639-1948).

### Catholic Charities Needs

- Diapers (sizes 4, 5 and 6)
- Wipes and Diaper Cream
- Baby Formula
- Breast Milk Storage Bags
- Nursing Pads

**Address:** 122 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St. | Hays

**Hours:** 8:00 – 5:00 Monday – Thursday  
8:00 – 2:30 Friday

We appreciate your support of our neighbors in need. For more information or to drop off items outside of our business hours, contact

Jeanne Riedel at 785-625-2644 or [jriedel@ccnks.org](mailto:jriedel@ccnks.org).

For a complete list of all items we accept, go to

[www.ccnks.org](http://www.ccnks.org).

### Monthly Meeting

The Daughters of Isabella will meet on **Monday, May 8**, at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop starting with a rosary and litany. Meeting will follow at 7:30.

# *Congratulations to the First Communicants* *Sunday, April 30, 2017*



Leah Dinkel

Kaylee Kuhn

Mackenzie Hattenbach

Alex Leiker

Derrius Mason

Mason Mauch

Gracie McDonald

Weston Scherrer

Eleanor Stoffel

Ashtyn Washburn

Mary Jane Woolsey

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## **Religious Education Committee Meeting**

**When: Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 P.M.**

**Location: Parish Activity Center's Meal Site Room**

Thank you to all who have served and will serve on the Religious Education Committee – especially to those members who will be retiring and have volunteered for the past three years!

We appreciate all of our committee member's thoughtfulness and care when making decisions regarding the faith formation of our children.

## May Crowning Practice Reminder

Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

2:30 – 3:30 P.M. St. Fidelis

For all second graders participating in the very special May Crowning Service on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, there is a practice scheduled for this Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 2:30 – 3:30 P.M. at St. Fidelis Church. Please come dressed in your normal clothing. Please notify Jeanette in the Religious Ed Office if your child needs escorted back to Victoria Grade School for CARE following the practice.

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## JR. CYO Camp

Rock Springs Ranch

May 27 – May 30, 2017

**Just a reminder – registration forms and pre-registration fee are due to the Diocese of Salina by this Friday, May 5' 2017.**



## Summer Lunch Program Fundraiser & Jr. CYO bake sale

Next weekend: Please pay attention to the large tri-fold posters and flyers being handed out by some of our Jr. CYO members regarding the Jr. CYO's Food Drive for the St. Fidelis Summer Lunch Program! Information will include what items are needed for the food drive/ Summer Lunch Program and will be available following Mass next Saturday and Sunday (May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>) throughout the tri-parishes.

The food drive is scheduled for the following dates, times & locations:

\*Items may also be dropped off at the PAC during business hours.

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

10 am – 12 pm

St. Fidelis Church  
parking lot (across  
the street from PAC)

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Corner of 10<sup>th</sup> St. and  
Cathedral (caddy corner  
from St. Fidelis Church)



# FIDELISFEST Children's Games Thank You!



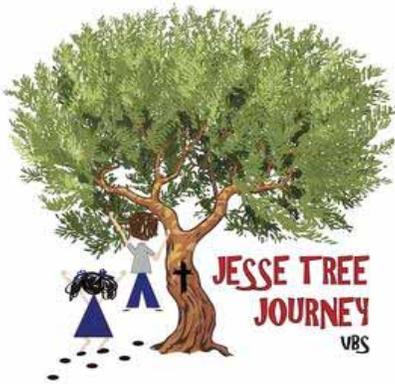
Thank you to the volunteers: our junior high and senior high students as well as parents, who oversaw the children's games and bounce houses and to the parents who allowed the youth to help! ☺

Thank you as well to all of you who donated children's toys and prizes or gave a monetary donation.

You all made Fidelisfest so enjoyable for the children! The children's games and entertainment would not have been possible or nearly as fun ☺ without each of you .

Sincerely,  
Jeanette B.

## Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School



**The Jesse Tree Journey VBS**  
**June 5 – June 9**  
**8:30 – 11:30 A.M. daily**  
**Victoria Grade School**

The Jesse Tree Journey is an exciting journey through the Old Testament to the Gospels of the New Testament. The lessons and activities included in this Vacation Bible School are approved with an Imprimatur from a Catholic Archbishop. The richness of Church tradition and Scripture is embraced while praying, creating, singing, and role playing during this summer program.

The Jesse Tree (or Jesus' Family Tree), Scripture, role plays, and music are included in the opening and closing assemblies. Children rotate to prayer, art, game, and snack stations that include energetic lessons and activities that connect to the day's Scripture reading and Jesse Tree hero.

Our volunteers fulfill roles such as leading game, art, snacks, and prayer stations. The volunteers also follow and supervise groups as they rotate from station to station and consist of junior high, high schoolers, and adults. Not only do volunteers teach or supervise our children, they also

encourage a fun and Catholic environment of inclusiveness and love. This Vacation Bible School would not be possible if it weren't for the volunteers!

**If you would be available to help volunteer at any point during the Vacation Bible School, please contact Jeanette Brungardt in the Religious Ed Office to discuss what areas you would be most comfortable helping with. ☺ Volunteers are still needed for June 5<sup>th</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**City of Victoria will have dumpsters available at compost site for Victoria residents only**



**April 28** — 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**April 29** — 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**April 30** — 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*No tires, batteries, paint, or household hazardous waste, and nothing with Freon.*

**Victoria Elementary Still Collecting Box Tops, Tabs**

The **Pop Tabs** have been delivered to the **Ronald McDonald House** in Topeka! Victoria Elementary had a total of 144 pounds of tabs, and we were able to donate a check of \$69.12 this year. They have already started to collect for next year! Remember they are also collecting **Box Tops** so if you have any of these items be sure to give them to any elementary school student or staff member, or you can drop them off at the school. Thanks again for all your help!




**What YOU can do to live a healthy life with CHF**

For those who have had open heart surgery, stents (PTCA), Congestive Heart Failure (CHF), or a heart attack (MI) and the people who care about them.

**TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017**

5:30 p.m. Healthy Snacks—6:00-7:00 p.m. Presentation and Round Table featuring Anil Pandit, MD

**RSVP by Monday, May 1 (tomorrow)**

Haysmed.com/event/coffee-and-conversation-what-can-you-do-to-live-a-healthy-life-with-CHF. Registration required. Limited to first 50 respondents.

**LOCATION**

Center for Healthy Improvement Education Room  
 2500 Canterbury Drive, Hays (Use South Entrance)



Community Assistance Center — 12th and Oak, Hays

**GARAGE SALE**

**Tuesday, May 2 • 8:00-11:00 am**



**Victoria Schools Calendar** 

**Monday — May 1**

Lunch Menu: Glazed chicken breast, rice pilaf, peas, peaches, hand tossed bun,, salad, milk  
 AIM period—Students have directed study  
 3:30 pm JH track practice  
 3:30 pm HS track meet @ Ellis. Depart 1:50  
 4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

**Tuesday — May 2**

Lunch Menu: Chili crunch, green beans, banana, cinnamon roll, salad, milk  
 AIM period—Students have directed study  
 1:00 pm JH track meet @ Claflin. Depart 11:00  
 3:30 pm HS track practice  
 4:00 pm HS baseball with Russell vs. Beloit. Depart 2:30

**Wednesday — May 3 — School dismissed 2:20**

FCCLA District B meeting in Victoria  
 Lunch Menu: Hog dog, cheese potatoes, steamed carrots, tropical fruit oatmeal cookie, salad, milk  
 AIM period—Students have directed study  
 2:20 pm Early dismissal  
 3:30 pm JH/HS track practice  
 4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

**Thursday — May 4 — School dismissed 12:30**

**PRIDE ASSEMBLY**  
 HS will eat first today. JH will have AIM first  
 Lunch Menu: Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, corn, French bread, fruit cocktail, salad, milk  
 AIM period—Students have directed study  
 1:00 pm Victoria Invitational Track Meet

**Friday — May 5**

NHS trip to Wichita. Mrs. Somers and select students will participate  
 5th Grade Famous Figures  
 3rd Grade field trip @ Hays  
 Lunch Menu: Calzone, mixed vegetables, banana cake, pineapple, salad, milk  
 AIM period—Students have directed study  
 3:30 pm JH/HS track practice  
 4:00 pm HS baseball with Russell @ SE of Saline. Depart 11:30

**VICTORIA VFW POST 1751**

**Club Room will be open to the public on Friday evenings from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be available. (This is on a trial basis.)**

If you are looking for a place to gather for Receptions, Weddings, Anniversaries, Family Reunions, Class Reunions, Dances, First Communion, or any type of get together, the VFW has a full kitchen that can be used if needed. For more information to rent the Hall, please call Harland or Edna at 785-623-1368 or 785-735-2206.

**Don't Conform, Transform**

**Tune in to Divine Mercy Radio May 2-5 for KVDM's Spring Care-a-Thon**

Tune in to hear from local priests and deacons and testimonies of faith and conversion!

You'll hear about topics such as human trafficking, euthanasia, and preparing and transforming marriage.

Play Catholic trivia, win prizes and have fun!  
**Friday, May 5, from 4:00 to 6:00 Fr. Fred will be answering questions about the Catholic faith.**

*Call-in number: 785-621-5061*

**Starting next weekend (May 7),  
the weekend Mass at St. Ann in Walker will  
be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays.**

## Summer Food Program

St. Fidelis Church is sponsoring a summer food program at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10<sup>th</sup> Street, from **May 30-July 28**. A free nutritious lunch will be served to any children from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Please use the front entrance of the Parish Activity Center. There are no enrollments or reservations required but if you are bringing a large group such as a day care group, please let us know that morning by calling 785-735-2777. For more information, contact Jan at the Parish Office.



### 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

**THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE** is held at the Parish Office at 9:30. Come and join Fr. John, other parishioners, and friends at the Parish Office for a cup of coffee and a snack.



**BULLETIN ITEMS**—The deadline for bulletin articles is **Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.** Please contact Connie (sftech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) at the Parish Office if you have an item for the bulletin.



## St. Fidelis Food Pantry

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

**ST. FIDELIS THRIFT SHOP** is always accepting donations. Thrift Shop hours are Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10-2, Thursday from 10-4, Wednesday from 10-3:30. If these hours do not work to drop off your donations, contact Jan at the parish office.

## Pastoral Council Nominations

If anyone is interested in serving on the St. Fidelis Parish Council or if you want to nominate someone for a position, please contact the Parish Office at 785-735-2777. Thank you.

## Get Vitals Checked on Tuesdays

St. Fidelis Parish will have a retired Registered Nurse do vitals checks at the Parish Activity Center in the Meal Site Room on **Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.** beginning Tuesday, May 2. The service is free and open to anyone. She will do blood pressure, respirations, pulse, and weight checks. Thank you in advance for your participation in this new service being offered through the Family Life Office.



### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>MAY 1</b>
7:00 pm Robert Dinges	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>MAY 2</b>
6:45 am Russ and Ann Kaltenbach Verlin, Patty, and Stephen Dreiling	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>MAY 3</b>
6:45 am Joseph and Albina Rome Don Gross	
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>MAY 4</b>
6:45 am Doris Younger Pfeifer Donald Sander	
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>MAY 5</b>
6:45 am Charles Braun family	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>MAY 6</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Susie Klein Herman, Regina and Joyce Brungardt	
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> ..... <b>MAY 7</b>
7:30 am St. Ann Clara, Alfred J., Jr., Verlin, Darita, Dorothy Mermis Gene Gallart Don Sander	
8:45 am St. Boniface LaVern Braun	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Alvin and Martina Schmidtberger Daughters of Isabella	

### \* Sunday Rosary Schedule \*

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

### MINISTER SCHEDULE

#### CANTORS

**Saturday, May 6, 5:00 PM** — Becky and Jim Scheck  
**Sunday, May 7, 10:00 AM** — Leroy Schmidtberger

#### MINISTERS

The ministry schedule continues to be on a volunteer basis. Please sign the schedule by the north entrance or come to the sacristy before Mass to see if anyone is needed.

### ART FESTIVAL

Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
(10am - 3pm)

near Victoria, Ks.

West on 10th about 1/4 mile onto sand road

Artists from across Kansas and  
a 3 level scavenger hunt  
for kids & adults

Free - sponsored by Sand Plum Art

Visit the

St. Fidelis  
Gift Shop

601 10th Street—Victoria