

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

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

August 21, 2016 – 21st 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

Confessions:

at St. Fidelis — Mondays — 7:30 pm
 or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

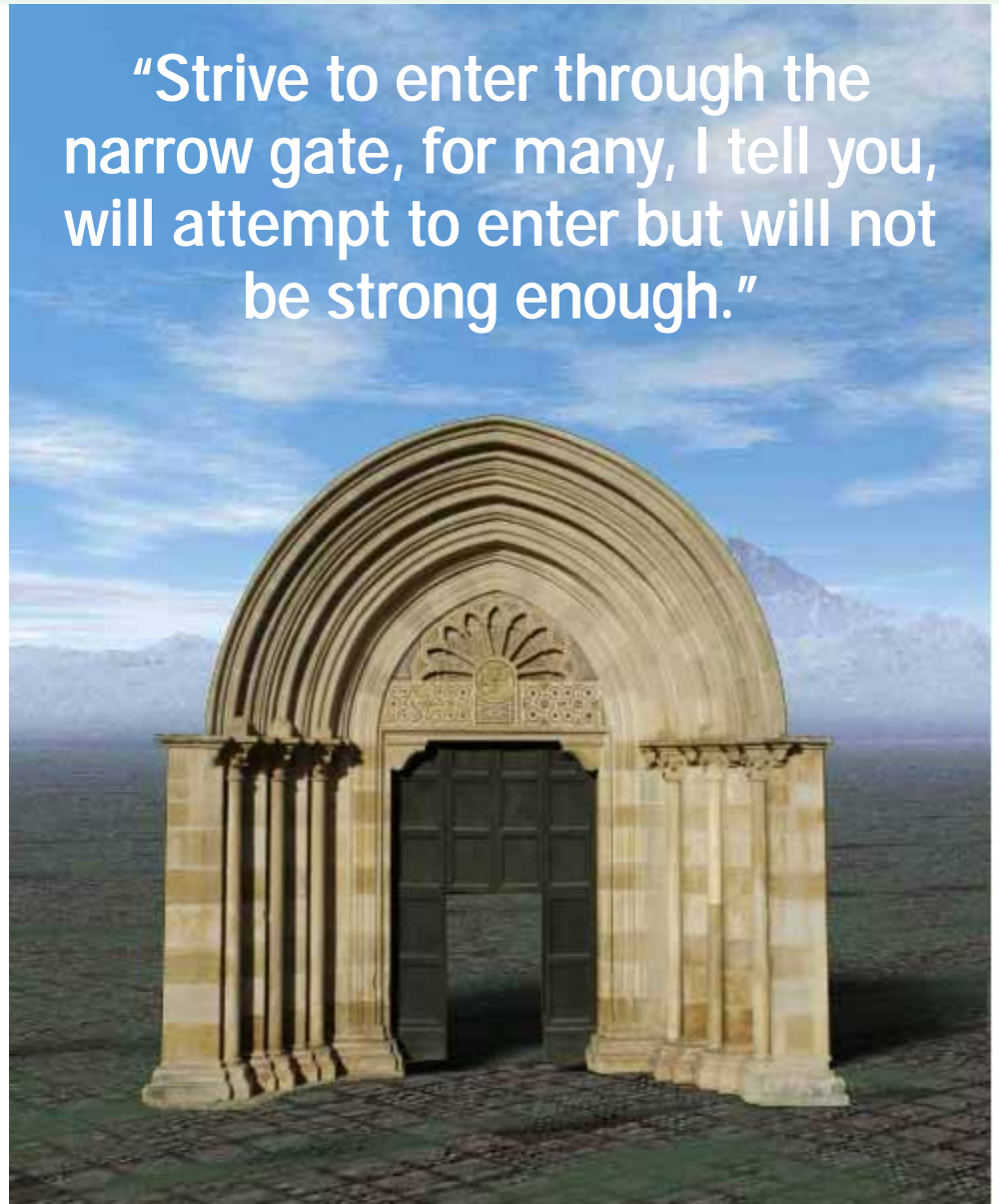
Tri-Parish Prayer Line

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

- Aug. 24** — First day of school
- Sept. 5** — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Sept. 10-11** — Blessing of seed wheat at all Masses
- Sept. 11** — Patriot Day
- Sept. 11** — Grandparents Day
- Sept. 14** — Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Sept. 18** — Children's Liturgy begins
- Sept. 18** — Catechetical Sunday
- Sept. 23-24** — Homecoming activities; 4:30 Alumni Mass; No 5:00 Mass
- Oct. 10** — Columbus Day
- Oct. 31** — Halloween
- Nov. 1** — All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Nov. 6** — Daylight Savings Ends (turn clocks back 1 hour)

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."



(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 13:22-30)



Those bells not only call students back to class, they also announce a return to a more regular life for their parents and all of us. Evenings at the ballpark, vacation travel, and days at the lake are now memories and we must all return to a more routine daily life. We adults may not like it any more than the students, but we know that it is necessary and good for us. The *daily grind* works. It gets things done. It holds us to a timetable to complete the task at hand. If we do not set a schedule for ourselves our duties too easily go unmet.

The same is true in our spiritual life. We need a routine. We need to be faithful to our commitments. Today one often hears the opposite, that the life of the spirit is spontaneous and free from all schedules. A spiritual life free from all structure is not unlike the wish of a school boy for an endless summer – a flight of fancy from reality. Yet many moderns will insist, “I don’t need Sunday church. I don’t need daily prayers. My spiritual life is the spontaneous freedom of the spirit.”

It is true that openness to the promptings of the spirit is an essential element of the spiritual life and we must be willing to be moved by the spirit to new ways of thinking and acting. But the spiritual life rests on a foundation of basic values that must be nurtured by regular observance.

We need only look at the great spiritual leaders of the ages to realize the importance of faithful observance in religious practices. From the Tibetan Monks to the Trappist Monks, from Gandhi to the Dali Lama, from Mohammed to our Messiah — all were faithful to the religious practices of their community.

The gospel of Luke tells us that the parents of Jesus were devout observant Jews, who “according the Law of Moses, took the child up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord,” and “Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover.” Christ and his disciples faithfully observed the Jewish feasts, such as the Passover, Pentecost, and the Feast of Tabernacles. The gospel of Luke (4:16) tells us that Jesus, “went to the synagogue on the Sabbath, *as was his custom.*”

It is true that an unbending fixation on routine can be a hindrance. But lack of routine is often more harmful. Christian virtues have been defined as “habits of the heart,” natural responses to the challenges of life as the result of daily practice. Take a lesson from any successful student: set a goal, develop a program, and keep a schedule.

Jean Millet’s famous painting, *The Angelus*, depicts a peasant couple pausing from their work in the field to pray as the angelus bell, which rings at fixed hours each day, peals from the church steeple in the distance. The daily prayer of the church, since the time of the early Christians, has been called the “Liturgy of the Hours,” reminding us by its very name that we are to be faithful to regular prayer.

School bells ring anew each fall to call students to new adventures in learning. Church bells ring each day to praise God, and to invite us to learn the will of God in our life by being true to the practice of our faith.

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Television may insult your intelligence, but nothing rubs it in like a computer.

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Contributions August 6-7, 2016
ST. FIDELIS: <u>Adult</u> 3527.00 <u>Loose</u> (not available) <u>Catholic Charities</u> 127.00 <u>Repair Fund</u> 70.00
ST. ANN: <u>Adult</u> 464.00 <u>Loose</u> 203.00 <u>Catholic Charities</u> 106.00
ST. BONIFACE: <u>Adult</u> 370.00 <u>Loose</u> 301.00 <u>Catholic Charities</u> 145.00 <u>Candles</u> 20.00

Aug.22 — Connie Dreiling, Janie Dinges
Aug. 29 — Dianne Crawford, Marilyn Braun

Mass At Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer will host a Mass to commemorate the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross on **Sunday, September 11, at 3:00 p.m.** Celebrant will be Fr. John Schmeidler. 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.

Baptism



We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Avery Lynn Hearld** and **James Hudson Hearld**, twin children of James and Aubrey (Dreiling) Hearld born March 25, 2016. They were baptized at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, by Father John Schmeidler on Saturday, August 13, 2016. Avery Lynn's godparents are Jason Ball and Bethany Schartz. James Hudson's godparents are Austin Dreiling and Hannah Hearld.

TOUR GUIDES NEEDED—We are looking for individuals or couples to conduct tours of the church for visiting groups and tourists. For more information, contact Jan at the Parish office.

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

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

New Rel Ed Commission Members

The Catholic Faith Education Commission met on Thursday, August 11, and welcomed Naomi Dinkel, Mary Kay Schippers, and Scott VonFeldt as new members of the Commission.

Tammy Lichter, Crystal Robben, Deb Braun, Doug Kuhn, Kristin Mauch, and Jeanna Wellbrock are also members of the board.

Thank you to outgoing members, Nicole Schwien, Melissa Robben and Jacque Schmidt.

RCIA Classes Beginning 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 begin on **Monday, September 26, 2016**. For more information, please call Shirley Brungardt at the Catholic Faith Education Office at 785-735-9244.

Religious Ed Registration

If you have not yet registered your children for K-12 Religious Education classes please stop at the Religious Ed office any time during office hours to complete the paper work.

Thank you. Jeanette and Shirley

FACEBOOK & TWITTER—The CYO and Jr. CYO have separate Facebook accounts. Information on upcoming events within the tri-parishes of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface pertaining to our youth will be updated regularly! You can find us on Facebook by searching for "St. Fidelis CYO" or "St. Fidelis Jr. CYO". The CYO and Jr. CYO have a joint Twitter account at www.twitter.com/fidelisyouth.

R.E. FACEBOOK & TWITTER—Our Religious Education program is now on Facebook and Twitter! Visit: www.facebook.com/StFidelisReligiousEd AND/OR twitter.com/StFidelisRelEd. Updates regarding grades K-12: cancellations of religious education classes, reminders of special events, and other noteworthy occurrences will be posted. Both sites will be overseen by the Office of Religious Education at the Parish Activity Center.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 7 – First day of religious Ed classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6-12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Wednesday, September 14 – 5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir Practice at St. Fidelis Church

Religious Education classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

*Eighth grade parent/student meeting at 7:30 P.M. – Meal Site Room

Sunday, September 18 – 10:00 A.M. Mass — Liturgy of the Word begins

10:00 A.M – Jubilee Choir performs

Catechetical Sunday

Wednesday, September 21 — Religious Education classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

*Freshman Confirmation parent/student meeting at 7:30 P.M. – Meal Site Room

Wednesday, September 28 — Religious Education classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Parent's Blessing Before the First Day of School

Lord our God,
in your wisdom and love
you surround us with the mysteries
of the universe.
In times long past you sent us your
prophets to teach your laws
and to bear witness to your undying love.
You sent us your Son
to teach us by word and example
that true wisdom comes from you alone.
Send your Spirit upon these students and their teachers
and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.
Grant that during this academic year
they may devote themselves to
their studies and share what they
have learned from others.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Child's Prayer Before the First Day of School

Loving Father,
We aren't sure
we feel like celebrating today,
Because tomorrow
is the first day of school.
Some kids like school;
some kids don't.
Some days **we** like school;
some days **we** don't.
There's a strange feeling inside
because we don't know what's coming.
We give you this feeling, Father,
and this year of school.
Please be with us
so we'll look for what's good
in each day
and then do our very best.
Amen.

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Catholic Charities

Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported the 2016 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Your contribution will allow Catholic Charities to continue to offer hope to individuals and families for another year. If you have not yet contributed, it is not too late to partner with Catholic Charities to serve the poor and most vulnerable within our communities. Please request a remittance envelope to mail your donation directly to Catholic Charities or leave with our parish office. Thank you again for supporting your neighbors as we reflect upon the words of Pope Francis, "To change the World, we must be good to those who cannot repay us."

If you have any questions, please contact Development Director, Eric Frank, at 785-825-0208 or efrank@ccnks.org.

March for Life in January

The Diocese of Salina Respect Life Office will sponsor a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., **January 25-29, 2017**. The trip includes bus fare, hotel for two nights, Mass, the March for Life, National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, sightseeing, and the Life is VERY Good Rally. Information can be found at www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx (optional, additional cost).

Cost of the trip is \$325 per person. Online registration will be available at <http://salinadiocese.org/respect-life>. There is a \$50 non-refundable reservation fee. **Reservations are due no later than September 30**. For more information contact Bradley Stramel at 785-259-5437 or brstramel@gmail.com.

AUGUST-ALERT

This month might be vacation time for some but traffickers are busier than ever, buying and selling men, women, and children for financial gain. About 700,000, primarily women and children are trafficked annually within or across international borders. Call 888-3737-888 if you suspect a person being trafficked. Don't forget to view sistersagainstrafficking.org, the website of U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

Married Couples to Be Honored

The Diocese of Salina wishes to honor all couples who are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ or more years of marriage. Celebrations with Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, celebrant, are planned at St. Joseph Parish, Hays, **Sunday, October 23**, at 3:00 p.m. and at St. Mary, Queen of the Universe Parish, Salina, on **Sunday, October 30**, at 3:00 p.m.

If you would like to participate in one of these celebrations, please notify the parish office **by Thursday, September 8**, requesting a personal invitation.



Please provide Last Name, First Name of Husband and Wife, Street Address, City, State, ZIP, Phone Number, Home Parish, Anniversary Date and Year Married, Anniversary number being celebrated in 2016, and the location of the parish where you will be attending.

**Ellis St. Mary CYO
Community Fried Chicken Dinner
Sunday, August 28**

Knights of Columbus Hall, 1013 Washington St, Ellis, KS
10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or until sold out

Pan-fried Chicken dinner includes Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, and Dessert
Now offering Chicken Fried Steak for those that don't like Chicken. Also, buckets to go!!
Ages 5-9: \$5.00; Ages 10 & over: \$10.00

VICTORIA VFW POST 1751—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 Dennis at 785-639-4621.

STARS & STRIPES BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. * Hays V.F.W. Hall**

A portion of the proceeds go to help the Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia.



ADVANCED TICKETS:
Adults—\$7.50 (\$8.00 at door)
Children 5-12 years—\$3.50 (\$4.00 at door),
under 5 years—free
Tickets available at the St. Joseph Parish Service Center, Hays

For more information about the Sunflower Chapter of AHSGR, contact Kevin Rupp at krupp@ruraltel.net.



First Care Clinic

Hours will be:
**Monday – Thursday
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM – Noon**
Phone: **785-735-3710**



AVAILABLE
in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop
**“Homilies of Fr. Earl Meyer - Year A”
“Homilies of Father Earl Meyer - Year B”
“Homilies of Father Earl Meyer - Year C”**
Hard cover \$20; soft cover \$10
Also available online as a Kindle or Nook.



Available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop

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**We Will Remember
\$15.00**

(\$4.00 from each Music CD sale will be given to The Basilica of St. Fidelis)

**Victoria Schools
Calendar** 

- Monday — August 22 — Teacher In-Service**
7:00 pm New student iPad orientation
- Tuesday — August 23 — Teacher In-Service**
3:00 pm JV tennis at Trego. Depart 1:00
- Wednesday — August 24 — 1st Day of School 8:00 A.M.**
Lunch Menu: Chicken leg, mashed potatoes, corn, cantaloupe, dinner roll, salad, milk
AIM period—Students have directed study
- Thursday — August 25**
Lunch Menu: Sub sandwich, sun chips, baked beans, peaches, salad, milk
AIM period—Students have directed study
3:00 pm JV tennis at Russell. Depart 2:00
- Friday — August 26**
Lunch Menu: Soft taco, Mexican rice, refried beans, steamed peas, apple wedges, salad, milk
AIM period—Students have directed study. FCCLA activity for Freshman and new students
4:00 pm HS volleyball @ LaCrosse with Trego. Depart 2:30
- Sunday — August 28**
FCCLA Take AIM conference at Manhattan.

Victoria Elementary Still Collecting Box Tops

Victoria Elementary School is still collecting **Pop Tabs** for the Ronald McDonald House and **Box Tops**. 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.


We must be in prayer for our nation at this time of crisis.

Pray for the Conversion Our Nation

We need a lot of prayer, since we are in an important election season. Prayer hour **every 3rd Tuesday** of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Fidelis Church. All are welcome!



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 for you to drop off your donations, contact Jan at the parish office.

 **Something to Contemplate**
 What's one of the worse feelings you can have? Is it that millisecond you're sure you are going to die after leaning your chair back a little too far.

CHOIR

ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir will resume practice on Wednesday, September 7.

PRACTICE: Wednesdays, September 7, 14, and 21 at 7:00 p.m.

SING: Saturday, September 24 @ 4:30 p.m. for the Alumni Homecoming Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**K. of C. Charities Aid Foundation, Kansas State Council
 2016 Religious Education Fund Raffle**

\$100 per ticket

Only 1,700 applications will be accepted.

Contact Harland Rupp for tickets (785-623-1368)

*Make checks payable to:
 Kansas State K of C Religious Education Fund*

The drawing will be held December 3, 2016.

28 prizes will be given away: one \$25,000, one \$6,000, two \$4,000 each, five \$2,000 each, and nineteen \$1,000 each.

Need not be present to win. These donations are not tax deductible.

Last year a total of \$1,125 came back to the tri-parish (St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface) Religious Education program.

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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.



MINISTER SCHEDULES for Masses at the Basilica of St. Fidelis can be found on the church's website on the "Mass Schedule" page.
www.StFidelisChurch.com

MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY	AUGUST 22
7:00 pm	
TUESDAY	AUGUST 23
6:45 am Doris Younger Pfeifer	
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 24
6:45 am Alvin M. and Ventura Weigel	
THURSDAY	AUGUST 25
6:45 am	
FRIDAY	AUGUST 26
6:45 am Rich and Barbara Weber Melvin Scheck	
SATURDAY	AUGUST 27
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Cletus Younger	
SUNDAY	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 am St. Ann Bill and Paul Schrant	AUGUST 28
8:45 am St. Boniface Julian and Norma Huser 60th Wedding Anniv.	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Virginia Bleske	

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 27, 5:00 pm

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Kevin	Debbie Staab	Aryan Karlin	Judy Dreiling
Juenemann	Mary Brungardt	Drayden	family
<u>Lector</u>	Kathy Kuhn	Karlin	Mary Lou
Verda	Jane Wagner	Brooklyn	Rome
Werner	Jamey Roth	Nowak	
<u>Comm.</u>	Angie Roth		
Diane	Colleen Kuhn		
Gross			

Sunday, August 28, 10:00 am

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Trilogy	Michelle Geist	Cooper	Mark / Danita
	Wanda Kuhn	Windholz	Schroeder
<u>Lector</u>	Dianne Crawford	Kinley	Tina Kuhn
Shanna	Joan Wellbrock	Windholz	
Dinkel	Brenda Robben	Caden Oberle	
<u>Comm.</u>	Ken Brungardt		
Connie	Bertha R. Brungardt		
Dreiling			

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