


“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 <b>Hours:</b> 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, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, In-Home Mass, Holy Communion to Homebound:</b> Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events.	<b>Morning Coffee:</b> Thursdays 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Office with the Pastor & friends
		<b>St. Fidelis Food Pantry:</b> For residents of the tri-parishes. Call the Parish Office. Donations accepted. 
<b>St. Fidelis Thrift Shop:</b> 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.		<b>BULLETIN ITEMS:</b> Deadline is <b>Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.</b> 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](http://www.stfidelischurch.com) / [www.stbonifacevincent.com](http://www.stbonifacevincent.com)

## February 9, 2020 – 5th 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 • 9:30 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

- Feb. 14** — Valentine’s Day
- Feb. 15-16** — Anointing of the Sick after all Masses
- Feb. 17** — President’s Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Feb. 26** — Ash Wednesday Masses at 6:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 28** — Stations of the Cross @ 5:30
- Mar. 1** — First Sunday of Lent
- Mar. 8** — Girl Scout Sunday
- Mar. 8** — Daylight Savings Time Begins—Turn clocks ahead 1 hour
- Mar. 8** — Card Party
- Mar. 9** — NO 7:00 P.M. MASS. Grades 6-12 and Parents meeting in church

## WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Your light must shine  
before others,  
that they may see your  
good deeds . . .

Matthew 5:13-16





## Running Lights

Modern automobiles have *running lights*. The headlights are always on. After sundown the lights obviously allow you to see the road and other cars. In the daytime the lights are not to let you see other cars but that other drivers notice you. Today's gospel says: "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds, and glorify your heavenly Father."



truth even if it hurts." "My grandpa helps at the church." They also say things like, "My aunt likes to gossip." "My uncle doesn't go to church." "You should hear my grandpa cuss."

We are not only responsible for what we say and do, but also for the effect it has on others. Few of us would deny that our own fundamental values were shaped by the example of others: teachers and coaches, parents and grandparents.

"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds, and glorify your heavenly Father." The essence of that verse is not that I am doing a good deed but that the grace of God has enabled a good deed. Good example is about what the grace of God can do with very imperfect Christians.

Christians should have *running lights*. We are to give good example to others. And we, in turn, are to benefit from the good deeds of our neighbor. This Christian concept of good example is counter-cultural in modern society which is very independent in the moral sphere. "I do my thing and you do your thing. My personal behavior is none of your business; yours none of mine."

Christianity, however, says that we are all in this together. We are responsible for each other. We can help each other to live better lives. We can also mislead others. Christianity is a community faith, a shared faith. Catholicism is not, "Jesus and me." Catholicism is, "Jesus and us." St. Augustine said, "One Christian is no Christian."

Yet many feel that others seldom notice what they do and care even less. Senior citizens may think that the younger generation ignores them, or at best, tolerates them. But children see and hear and remember everything. They often speak of their elders. "My grandma goes to church every day." "My uncle says to tell the

**Let Your Light Shine**

The late Mother Theresa was often praised for her heroic good work. Her response was, "I am just a little pencil with which God is writing.

It is the message that God is writing, not the pencil, that is important." And if anyone had running lights, Mother Theresa had running lights.

### ... and mirth

Few women admit their age; few men act it.

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:**

Fr. John Schmeidler, OFM, Cap.  
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**Bookkeeper/Minister to the Elderly and Homebound/Thrift Shop/Food Pantry:**

Jan Brungardt  
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Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/  
Youth Minister  
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Sacramental Records  
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**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**

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

**St. Fidelis Finance Council**

John R. Braun 735-2622  
Harland Rupp 735-2206  
Randy Leiker 259-1392

**St. Boniface Pastoral Council**

Fred Tholen 735-4801  
Curt Wellbrock 259-6564  
Kathy Huser 735-4193

**St. Ann Pastoral Council**

Terry Riedel 735-9375  
Jerry Nowak 637-5273  
Bill Robben 806-669-5264

### Contributions February 1-2, 2020

Envelopes 3259.00 Loose 1309.00  
Repair Fund 1504.00  
Endowment 10.00

**ST. ANN:**

Envelopes 2009.00 Loose 237.00  
Cemetery 10.00

**ST. BONIFACE:**

Envelopes 315.00 Loose 346.00  
Candles 56.00

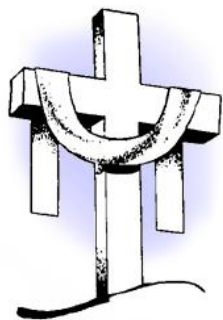
### ~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

**Feb. 10** — Kenny and Bertha Brungardt

**Feb. 18 (Tuesday)** — Anita Braun, Marilyn Braun

# LENTEN YARD CROSSES

Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a project to provide a cross in the yard of people that would like to have one during the Lenten season. The Knights will install and remove the cross for you.



The cost to participate is \$25.

Knights of Columbus will install the crosses on Saturday morning, February 29, following Ash Wednesday. The Knights will remove the crosses on Saturday morning, April 18, the first Saturday following Easter Sunday.

If you choose, you may decorate the cross with a ribbon or cloth, but nothing permanent.

If you are interested, please contact Harland Rupp at 785-623-1368 or pick up a slip and a yellow flag in the west vestibule of the Basilica of St. Fidelis. You are asked to place the flag in your yard where you want the cross installed.

Anyone living in the country who would like a cross is welcome to sign up and the Knights will drive out and install them and take them down.

The sign-up slips and payment can be given to Harland Rupp or brought into the Parish Office.

## Monthly Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, February 11**, at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

## ST. ANN

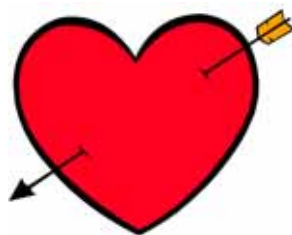
### Coffee & Rolls

There will NOT be any Coffee & Rolls after Mass at St. Ann Church on Saturday, February 15.

### NOTICE CHANGE IN DATE FOR ST. ANN

↓ POTLUCK AND CARDS ↓

## St. Ann Parish Valentine's Potluck and Cards



After 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Saturday, February 15, 2020**

St. Ann Parish Hall



Join us for a fun evening of food and cards.

Bring a dish to share!

**EVERYONE IS INVITED!**



## ST. BONIFACE

### Cemetery

Please contact Neal Rajewski at 785-735-8770 for cemetery soil removal or any other concerns related to the cemetery.

### Parish Meeting Set

St Boniface will have a parish meeting on **Sunday, February 23**, following Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served.

## ADULT CHOIR

### Choir Practice

The Adult Choir will sing for the Confirmation Mass **TODAY—Sunday, February 9**, in the Basilica of St. Fidelis choir loft.

Breathe in me,  
O Holy Spirit,  
that my thoughts  
may all be holy.

Act in me,  
O Holy Spirit,  
that my work  
may all be holy.

Draw my heart,  
O Holy Spirit,  
that I may love  
all that is holy.

Strengthen me,  
O Holy Spirit,  
to defend all  
that is holy.

Guard me, then,  
O Holy Spirit,  
that I may  
always be holy.

Amen.

The following youth  
received the  
Sacrament of Confirmation  
at the Basilica of St. Fidelis  
in Victoria, Kansas  
on Sunday, February 9, 2020:

Eric Braun

Derrick Dorzweiler

Tate Dorzweiler

Grant Hammerschmidt

Levi Huser

Melany Huser

Dustin Rajewski

Dylan Robben

Shelby Schmeidler

Grant Schoenrock

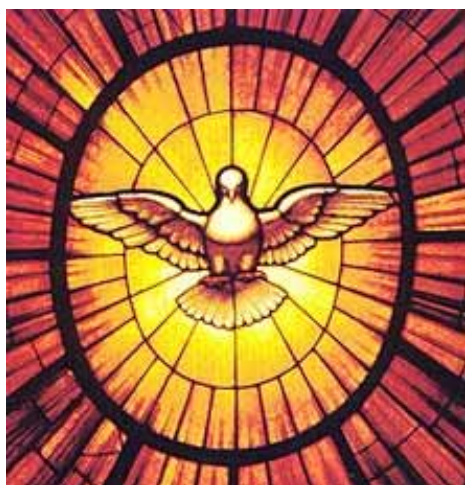
Jessica Schroeder

Kassi Weber

Christian Wellbrock

Kaitlyn Windholz

Nathan Windholz



## Religious Education and Youth Ministry Calendar of Events

### FEBRUARY CALENDAR

#### Sunday, February 9

9:00 A.M. – Bishop Vincke presides over Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Fidelis

**\*There is no 10:00 A.M. Mass\***

#### Wednesday, February 12

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Grades 1 – 12 Religious Ed classes

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion parent meeting Part 1/2 “Presence” – Gather on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Spiritual Life Center

#### Wednesday, February 19

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Grades 1 – 12 Religious Ed classes

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion parent meeting Part 2/2 “Presence” – Gather on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Spiritual Life Center

#### Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday – No Religious Education Classes. Children should attend 5:30 P.M. Ash Wednesday Mass with family.  
5:15 – 8:00 P.M. – Jr. CYO gathers – attends 5:30 P.M. Mass then gathers immediately following on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Spiritual Life Center

### MARCH CALENDAR

#### Wednesday, March 4

**\*SACCOS gift catalog purchase**

**requests and payment due to Religious Ed Office\***

5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir practice

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Grades 1 – 12 Religious Ed classes

Advent Penance Service for grades 2 – 12 during religion

#### Sunday, March 8

10:00 A.M. Mass – Jubilee Choir sings

#### Wednesday, March 11

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Grades 1 – 12 Religious Ed classes

#### Wednesday, March 18

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Grades 1 – 12 Religious Ed classes

**\*St. Fidelis Altar Servers – DEADLINE - requests off due for April 6<sup>th</sup> through July 26<sup>th</sup>.\***

#### Wednesday, March 25

Spring Break – No Religious Ed classes

#### Monday, March 30

7:00 P.M. – Jason Evert “Purified” tour at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays Recommended for youth, ages 13+, and parents – requires ticket purchase in advance

### APRIL CALENDAR

#### Wednesday, April 1

5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir practice (there are two practices in the month of April, next practice is

on Wed., April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:15 P.M.)  
6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Grades 1 – 12 Religious Ed classes

#### Wednesday, April 8

2<sup>nd</sup> grade: First Communion banners due

**Vacation Bible School:** Pre-registration forms and volunteer applications (adults and high school youth) due for VBS: “Birthday Blast: A Celebration of Life” due (for grades pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade)  
6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Grades 1 – 12 Religious Ed classes

#### Wednesday, April 15

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Grades 1 – 12 Religious Ed classes

#### Sunday, April 19

Fidelisfest following 10:00 A.M. Mass

#### Wednesday, April 22

4:15 – 5:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir practice

5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Communion practice

End of Year Mass for students and parents, grades K – 12 – Time: 6:30 P.M.

#### Sunday, April 26

10:00 A.M. Mass – Celebration of First Communion at St. Fidelis

## Second Grade—Sacrament of First Eucharist Parent Small Group & Informational Meetings:

**Wednesday, February 12**

**6:30—7:30 P.M.**

**“God is With Us”**

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist



**Wednesday, February 19**

**6:30 –7:30 P.M.**

**“The Story of the Eucharist”**

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

On both evenings parents will gather in the Spiritual Life Center on the second floor.

Please park in the church parking lot and enter through the north sacristy doors from the parking lot. The 2nd grade students will attend religion class at the PAC and be escorted by Mrs. Scheck, along with any siblings, to the 2nd floor of the Spiritual Life Center once religion classes are dismissed at 7:30 P.M. to meet their parents. Both parents should attend both evenings.

FEBRUARY HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

February 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bahkita, patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children. Pray for trafficked victims and their perpetrators.

**U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** ([sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org)). \*\*USCSAHT is a 501(c)3 organization. 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131

**Kansas Rosary Crusade  
An Invitation from Bishop Jerry Vincke**

“Our Blessed Mother gave life to the One who is our Life. She is our loving Mother who desires to help us in our needs. As the bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Salina, I would like to extend an invitation to all of our parishioners to join me in a special state-wide rosary crusade every Thursday to help us pass a human life amendment to the Kansas Constitution. This amendment will reverse the Kansas Supreme Court’s decision to grant a constitutional right to abortion.

“I believe that our prayers have the power to change the hearts of our legislators and with the help of the Blessed Mother, we will be able to overturn this ruling.

“I thank you for your willingness to participate and I encourage you to join me in praying for an end to abortion and respect for all life from conception to natural death.”

To join the Rosary Crusade visit [kansasrosarycrusade.org/](http://kansasrosarycrusade.org/).

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALINA**

ATTENTION CATHOLIC MEN, FATHERS, SONS, MARRIED, SINGLE, YOUNG AND OLD...

**9TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

*Saturday, August 15, 2020*

**Featured Speaker: Patrick Coffin**  
former host of Catholic Answers Live and current host of The Patrick Coffin Show ([www.patrickcoffin.media](http://www.patrickcoffin.media))

Registration will open online April 1, 2020

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**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH  
HAYS, KS**

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALINA**

Marilyn Henry  
International  
Ministry Coordinator  
Catholic Grandparents Association

Sharon Witzell  
Senior  
Adult Ministry Coordinator  
Diocese of Wichita

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS CONFERENCE**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020**  
**10am - 2pm**  
**ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH  
SALINA, KS.**

Schedule:  
9:30 Registration  
10:00 Sharon Witzell  
11:00 Marilyn Henry  
12:00 Mass  
1:00 Lunch

Saint Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Our Lord, pray for us!

Office of Family Life . 785-827-8746 . [SalinaDiocese.org/Family-Life](http://SalinaDiocese.org/Family-Life)

What she saw **changed everything** and began an eye-opening journey across the life line.

*Abby Johnson*  
Former Planned Parenthood director and accomplished author who inspired the movie *Unplanned*.

**LEADING THE WAY TO A CULTURE OF LIFE.**

**Saturday 5.2.20 1:00 pm**

**Location**  
Expo Hall  
Century 2 Convention Center  
225 W. Douglas Ave.  
Wichita, KS 67202

**TICKETS**  
\$10 per person  
Children 12 and under free  
Available @ [www.century2.org](http://www.century2.org)  
On sale 1.1.20  
*All proceeds will be donated to pro-life causes*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

February in the secular world makes us think of LOVE, Valentine's Day, chocolates, roses, gift giving, parties and for many children picking out the perfect valentine card to exchange with their classmates. Will it be Frozen II, a sports themed card with an attached whistle, a scratch and sniff valentine or a box of conversation hearts?

# family MATTERS

## THE MONTH OF February

In our Catholic faith, the month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. Victor David, in his blog cast for the Catholic Apostolate Center, combines LOVE and the Holy Family and calls it The Holy Family—The Splendor of Love.

**“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor or true love; to you we turn with trust”.**  
~Pope Francis

The quote above is from a prayer Pope Francis recites in an exhortation from Amoris Laeitia. In just those few words, we are reminded of the importance of the Holy Family; they are the perfect reflection of true love.

They exemplify to us what it means to love God and one another. What is true love?

Merriam-Webster dictionary defines true love as a "strong affection for another". The definition from the Gospel of John (15:18), "no one has greater love than this, to lay down ones' life for ones' friends". True love, then, is self-sacrificial. It means that we actively seek the best for OTHERS, it does not mean we live to seek the best for ourselves.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph exemplified true love. Joseph, taking Mary, pregnant and unwed into his home. He was willing to sacrifice his own reputation to show his devotion to Mary and her son. Mary, just a teenager, accepting the message from an angel. "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Her life ahead would be a vast unknown. Mary showed true love by sacrificing herself in order for the Son of God to enter the world. And Jesus displayed true love in dying on the cross, he destroyed death itself; as the tomb was closed, he opened the gates of heaven. His willful sacrifice is the ultimate example of "laying down one's life."

Blessed Mother Teresa spoke openly about the importance the family. She suggested that we spend more time loving our spouses and children, which will transmit joy in our wider communities. Her words of wisdom regarding love and the family are timeless treasures that we can contemplate today.

Below are the 10 most beautiful Mother Teresa quotes on the family.

For a detailed explanation of each quote go to

<https://www.coraevans.com/blog/article/10-most-beautiful-mother-teresa-quotes-on-the-family>

1. "If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family."
2. "Whatever you do for your family, your children, your husband, your wife, you do for God. All we do, our prayers, our work, our suffering, is for Jesus."
3. "It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. Bring love into your home, this is where our love for each other must start."
4. "Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do...but how much love we put in that action."
5. "The child is the beauty of God present in the world, that greatest gift to a family."
6. "The problem with our world is that we draw the circle of family too small."
7. "The way you help heal the world is that you start with your own family."
8. "Love begins by taking care of the closest ones - the ones at home."
9. "The family that prays together, stays together, and if they stay together they will love one another as God has loved each one of them. And works of love are always works of peace."
10. "Never worry about numbers. Help one at a time, and always start with those nearest you."



February Celebrations  
Feb. 2 Candlemas  
Feb. 3 Feast of St. Blaise  
Feb. 10 Feast of St. Scholastica  
Feb. 11 Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes  
Feb. 14 St. Valentine's Day  
Feb. 26 Lent begins

As we move through the month of February, eating chocolates, celebrating St. Valentine's Day, and other feast days, let us think about the meaning of true love. Let us use the examples of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as our inspiration. Let us ponder the words of Mother Teresa. If we are willing to sacrifice some of ourselves each day for the sake of others, we too can become models of true love in our own families.

"It is important for families to ask themselves often if they live based on love, for love and in love."

~Pope Francis

## Mass for Mothers Who Have Lost a Child

The Office of Family Life will host a Mass for mothers who have lost a child of any age, either before or after birth on **Thursday, May 7, at 10:30 A.M.** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Concordia.

Personal invitations will not be sent out. If you would like to participate in this Mass, please call the Office of Family Life at 785-827-8746 #24.

If you would like to submit 1 or 2 photos of your child, please scan and email them directly to [wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org](mailto:wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org) (please include their name, birthday, and year of death.)

More details will be coming next month.

## Rural Life Commission Winter Seminar

The Rural Life Winter Seminar will be **Saturday, March 7, 2020**, in the Hall of Bishops at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina.

The seminar will focus on agricultural ethics, conservation, and a path to farming for service members and veterans.

Check-in will begin at 9:30 A.M. with the seminar beginning at 10:00 A.M. Mass with Bishop Gerald Vincke will be at 11:30 A.M. followed by lunch and the afternoon speakers. Adjournment will be at 4:00 P.M.

Keynote speakers include Dr. Mykel Taylor, Dr. Lucas Haag, and Colonel (Retired) Gary LaGrange.

Taylor, associate professor of agricultural economics at Kansas State University. Taylor specializes in farm management and grain marketing. Haag is a crop production and agronomy specialist for Northwest Kansas with Kansas State University Experiment Station in Colby. LaGrange is with the Save the Farm Organization. Their objective is to provide occupational agricultural training to veterans and transitioning service members.

The four pillars in the farm model are: transition, training, therapy, and succession. Cost of the seminar is \$20 per adult and \$10 for children under 12 and includes lunch.

On-line registration began February 1 at [salinadiocese.org/rural-life](http://salinadiocese.org/rural-life) and closes Tuesday, March 3. You may also register by calling Art Befort at 785-282-4732 by March 3. Your registration fees will be collected at the door on March 7.

For additional information please contact Fr. Richard Daise, Rural Life Moderator, at 785-462-2179, or Art Befort at 785-282-4732.



It's not love that keeps your marriage alive.  
It's marriage that keeps your love alive."  
-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

## *World Marriage Sunday*

### FEBRUARY 9, 2020

This is a day of prayer, support, and promotion of marriages and families. Celebrate the beauty of faithfulness, love, sacrifice, and joy in married life.

**National Marriage Week is February 7-14, 2020**

## 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal



This weekend, the Bishop's Annual Appeal launches across the diocese, including in our parishes. The theme of the Bishop's Annual Appeal is Call to Share and this is the opportunity for every member of our diocese to share and make a difference. Through your gifts you are taking your faith beyond our parishes and providing for the needs of Catholics across our diocese.

## 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal



### PLEGGED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGGED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	13,200.00	14,650.00	13,228.33	72
Vincent	1,000.00	365.00	365.00	5
Walker	5,600.00	8,670.00	8,461.63	11

As of February 4, 2020,  
\$1,779,141.40 has been pledged and \$1,728,042.69 has been received toward the \$1.4 million goal of the Annual Appeal.



**REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE**

St. Fidelis Daughters of Isabella dues of \$20.00 are due by **March 1, 2020**. Please mail dues to Kathy Kuhn, P.O. Box 395, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

Daughters of Isabella Circle 364

**Membership Recruitment**

**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 16**

starting at  
**11:30 a.m.**



St. Fidelis Parish Office Meal Site Room

Please join them for a luncheon, spiritual activity, and information about the St. Fidelis D. of I. Circle.

RSVP to Norma Keenan  
@ 785-735-2877

**V.F.W. and Auxiliary Meetings**



Victoria V.F.W. members and the V.F.W. Auxiliary will meet on **Thursday, February 13**, at the V.F.W. Hall. The Auxiliary will serve a luncheon to members of both groups at 6:30 p.m. Meetings for both will be held at 7:30.

**Heartland Catholic Women's Conference**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29**  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Hays

FEATURED SPEAKER:

**Sheri Wohlfert**

wife, mother, and elementary teacher

The conference includes a catered lunch, Mass, confession, music, and more.

*Please register by Wednesday, February 12, to assist with planning!*

To download a registration form or to register on line visit

[www.ihm-church.com](http://www.ihm-church.com)

Questions? Call Sister Bev at 785-625-7339.

**Bring your sister, your Mom, or your friend... come join us!**

HUMOR

A hacker got into my bank account and left me a note:

"Please save more money, this was a complete waste of my time."



**Lenten Retreat in Salina**

**Saturday, March 7 | 8:30 - 2:00**  
St. Mary's Parish Hall, Salina, 230 E. Cloud

*"Wholehearted Living" Lenten Retreat for men, women and those 15 years of age and older.*

Are you living the life you want or according to God's plan for your life? Learn tools for your spiritual journey of embracing your imperfections, opening your heart to happiness and the art of "wholehearted living".

Speakers will be Ann Axman and Sister Esther Fiegel from Heartland Center for Spirituality of Great Bend, Kansas. The cost is \$25 with discounts for couples and students. This retreat is sponsored by Catholic Daughters.

RSVP to Marlene Bonilla by Thursday, March 5, at 785-342-0130 or [sanmarbonilla@yahoo.com](mailto:sanmarbonilla@yahoo.com).

**Ellis St. Mary CYO  
Community Fried Chicken Dinner**

**Sunday, February 23, 2020**

*(was originally scheduled for February 9)*

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**

**HEALING KIDS HEARTS RETREAT**

**Saturday, March 28 | 9:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**at Sternberg Museum**

sponsored by Center for Life Experience

205 E. 7th St., Suite 251, Hays



The retreat is for children ages 7-12 years old that have experienced the lost of a loved one, a friend, or special companion. They are invited to apply for the retreat to learn

about, embrace, and cope with grief so that they move forward in their journey of healing. An adult, trained and matched "buddy" will guide and support the children throughout the day with a variety of activities.

**The brochure and application are located at**

<https://www.cflehope.org/healing-kids-hearts-retreat.html>.

**REGISTRATION DUE MARCH 6, 2020**

For information, contact Ann Leiker at 785-259-6859 or email [cfl1@eaglecom.net](mailto:cfl1@eaglecom.net).

**"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](mailto:cfl1@eaglecom.net)*

**PLEASE CALL TO RESERVE CHILDCARE.**

**HEALING AFTER LOSS OF SUICIDE** is an organization 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 supper at **5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 12**, at Gutch's Bar & Grill, 109 W. 7th St., Hays. They will then gather at 7:00 at the Center.

**HEALING HEARTS** provides support for immediate family members who are healing from the death of a child in their lives. It is where parents, grandparents, and siblings can connect with others who understand the journey toward healing after the loss of a child. The group will meet on **Thursday, February 13, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** at the Center.



**IHM  
MARDI GRAS!**

**Saturday, February 22**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Activity Center  
1805 Vine Street, Hays

6:00 p.m. - doors open for Social Hour

6:45 p.m. - full-catered meal by Chartwells

Dance and evening entertainment by Solitaire  
(Musician Tim Schumacher of Hays)

**\$25 TICKET INCLUDES OPEN BAR**

Only 150 tickets will be sold. Must be 21 to enter.

For tickets, call IHM Parish Office 785-625-7339.

Make checks payable to Immaculate Heart of Mary

**St. Mary's K. of C. Celebrating 100 Years**

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council #2133 will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their Charter and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and rejuvenation of the Knights Hall on **Sunday, February 16**, during the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellis, Kansas, celebrated by Bishop Jerry Vincke and Father Dana Clark.

A Come & Go Reception will follow Mass at the Ellis Knights of Columbus Hall with light hors'doeuvres, desserts, and beverages.

The Ellis Knights invite ALL Knights, along with families, as well as spouses of deceased Knights to sit in the front section of the church during Mass and to attend the reception following Mass.

**TMP Singers Annual Dinner Theater**

**"Blasts from the Past"**

at TMP-Marion, Hays

**PRESENTATIONS ON:**

Friday, Feb. 7 ..... 7:00 p.m.....\$10.00 ..reception to follow

Saturday, Feb. 8 ..... 6:30 p.m.....\$20.00 ..with a formal meal

Sunday, Feb. 9..... Noon .....\$20.00 ..with a formal meal

**MEAL MENU:**

Tossed salad, grilled chicken fettuccini alfredo,  
garlic bread, strawberry and lemon poke cake

**For tickets, call Kathy Amrein 785-650-4371**

# STARS AND STRIPES BREAKFAST

Sponsored by Victoria V.F.W. Council 1751

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

This fundraiser is very important as the Victoria V.F.W. needs to install a new vent above the kitchen stoves along with a fire suppressant system.



Tickets will be available for purchase from VFW members (and some other individuals) as of February 9.

To purchase, call any of the following numbers:  
785-623-1368, 785-735-4252, 785-735-9353,  
785-639-4621, 785-735-2622

## Smoky Hill Chorale SPRING 2020

REHEARSALS BEGIN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10  
7:30-9:30 p.m. MALLOY HALL, Rm 115 FHSU CAMPUS

Smoky Hill Chorale is a mixed ensemble of post-high school adults and is open to all singers. Openings are in all sections; particular need is for male voices. Singing experience is necessary, but no audition is required.

For more information, contact:  
Dr. Terry Crull at 628-4258 or [tacrull@fhsu.edu](mailto:tacrull@fhsu.edu)

### Announcer Needed

USD #432, Victoria, is looking for someone to announce varsity basketball games this season. If interested, contact Dylan Dronberger at Victoria Jr. Sr. High School at 785-735-9211.



## Victoria Schools Calendar



### Monday — February 10 — Parent Teacher Conferences

5:45 am HS girls basketball practice  
Lunch Menu: chicken wrap, seasoned potatoes, sweet peas, orange slices, salad, milk  
Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Grade Check/Start Activity  
3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice  
4:00—7:30 pm Parent teacher conferences  
7:30 pm Board of Education meeting

### Tuesday — February 11— Parent Teacher Conferences

5:45 am HS girls basketball practice  
12:45 pm Hays Arts Council. 4th, 5th, and 6th Grades will attend.  
Depart 12:10  
Lunch Menu: Goulash, green beans, pineapple, garlic bread stick, salad, milk  
Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Finish Activity  
3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice  
4:30—7:30 pm Parent teacher conferences

### Wednesday — February 12

FCCLA STAR events @ Lakeside. Mrs. C. Braun and select students will attend  
Lunch Menu: Ham slice, baked potato, steamed broccoli, corn bread, fruit salad, salad, milk  
Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study  
3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice  
5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

### Thursday — February 13

Lunch Menu: Taco salad, black bean salad, steamed carrots, apple wedges, salad, milk  
Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study  
3:30 pm HS baseball meeting in HS cafeteria  
3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice  
5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

### Friday — February 14 — No School

4:00 pm HS basketball @ St. John. Depart 1:30 pm

### Saturday — February 15

2:00 pm HS basketball vs. Pratt-Skyline



## Valentine's Day Dance

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 | 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.**  
V.F.W. Hall, 248 Bob Dole Dr., Russell

Music provided by Craig Stevens.  
Cost: \$8.00 (snack bar included)  
**EVERYONE IS INVITED**  
sponsored by The Sunflower Polka Club (785-819-2246)

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

Victoria Elementary School is 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. Now you can get a Box Tops mobile app, scan your receipt, and earn cash for the school.

Sign up online to enroll in the Dillons Community Rewards. Each time you swipe your Dillons Plus Shopper's Card, USD 432 starts earning a rebate. The Pop Tabs are delivered to Topeka to the Ronald McDonald House where they are recycled. Money raised helps with the cost of operating the house.

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!!

## Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered after all Masses

**NEXT weekend, February 15-16.**

The St. Fidelis Minister Schedule for February 2020 can be found at the north church entrance OR on the Mass Schedule page of [StFidelisChurch.com](http://StFidelisChurch.com). You can contact Diane Gross with scheduling requests. [dgross@gorhamtel.com](mailto:dgross@gorhamtel.com) or 785-735-4804

## Change in Mass Times for Celebration of Confirmation

Mass at the Basilica of St. Fidelis THIS Sunday, February 9, will be at **9:00 A.M.**

Bishop Gerald Vincke will bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation on our youth. **There will NOT be a 10:00 a.m. Mass.**

Mass at St. Boniface will be at **7:45 a.m.**

Are you aware that you can find weekly Mass schedules for the tri-parishes at **[www.StFidelisChurch.com](http://www.StFidelisChurch.com)** on the Mass Schedule page?

Special Mass times and notices throughout the year — such as Confirmation Mass, Ash Wednesday Mass, and Stations of the Cross — are also listed there.

**And did you know that the weekly bulletin can be found on the website's BULLETINS page?**

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MASS INTENTIONS	
<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>FEBRUARY 10</b>
7:00 pm Edwin and Ruth Engel Benny Schulte and Ed and Minnie Braun Ventura and Alvin Sander	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>FEBRUARY 11</b>
6:45 am Sr. Mary Elizabeth C.P.	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>FEBRUARY 12</b>
6:45 am Howard and Aquina Rajewski family living and deceased	
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>FEBRUARY 13</b>
6:45 am Alvin Rohr	
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b> ..... <b>FEBRUARY 14</b>
6:45 am Frank and Estella Kuhn and family The Sander family	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>FEBRUARY 15</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis 6:30 pm St. Ann Harold and Norma (anniv) Schmeidler	
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> ..... <b>FEBRUARY 16</b>
8:45 am St. Boniface Lavern Braun 10:00 am St. Fidelis Mary Ann Schmeidler	



**Presidents Day is Monday, February 17.**  
The Parish Office will be closed.

* 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, Feb. 15, 5:00 PM — Meagan Wellbrock  
Sunday, Feb. 16, 10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger

#### ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Feb. 15, 5:00 PM — Ava S., Jarron & Jillian S.  
Sunday, Feb. 16, 10:00 AM — Brinly L., Zoe D., Averi W.  
Saturday, Feb. 22, 5:00 PM — Mackenzie H., Jillian S., Abby B.  
Sunday, Feb. 23, 10:00 AM — Ethan S., Wyatt G., Drayden K.

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, Feb. 15, 5:00 PM — Phyllis Stramel, Bob Stramel, Becky Scheck, Jane Wagner, Karie Younger, Tina Braun, Fran Robben  
Sunday, Feb. 16, 10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun, Carol Pfeifer, Brenda Robben, Bertha A. Brungardt, Wanda Kuhn, VOLUNTEERS (2)

#### LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS

Saturday, Feb. 15, 5:00 PM — Randy Leiker, Anne Dinkel  
Sunday, Feb. 16, 10:00 AM — Shanna Dinkel, Karen Nowak

#### GREETERS

Saturday, Feb. 15, 5:00 PM — Jacque Schmidt, Judy Dreiling  
Sunday, Feb. 16, 10:00 AM — Curt Dinkel family, Rick & Kim Ptacek