

*"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:</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 Bertha Brungardt at 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)

## August 16, 2015 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Masses:

#### St. Fidelis, Victoria

Saturday — 5:00 pm  
Sunday — 10:00 am  
Monday, Wednesday — 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday — 6:45 am

#### St. Ann, Walker

Saturday — 6:30 pm — November - April  
Sunday — 7:30 am — May - October

#### St. Boniface, Vincent

Sunday — 8:45 am

### Confessions:

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

### Tri-Parish Prayer Line

Anyone wishing to request prayers for family or friends may call Helen Windholz (735-2508) or Teresa Shepherd (735-9576) to add their requests to the Prayer Line

### Dates To Remember

**Sept. 7** — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**Sept. 11** — Patriot Day  
**Sept. 12-13** — Seed Wheat blessing at all Masses  
**Sept. 25-26** — VHS Homecoming  
**Sept. 26** — Alumni Mass 4:00 p.m. (No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Whoever  
eats my  
flesh and  
drinks  
my blood  
has  
eternal  
life, and  
I will  
raise him  
on the last day.



(from the Holy Gospel according to John 6:51-58)



On August 15 we celebrated the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. As a timely reflection, we here offer pertinent paragraphs from Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si*, which focus on Mary, the mother of Christ, as the Queen of Creation.

### QUEEN OF ALL CREATION

241. *Mary, the Mother who cared for Jesus, now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world. Just as her pierced heart mourned the death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures of this world laid waste by human power. Completely transfigured, she now lives with Jesus, and all creatures sing of her fairness. She is the Woman, "clothed in the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rev 12:1). Carried up into heaven, she is the Mother and Queen of all creation. In her glorified body, together with the Risen Christ, part of creation has reached the fullness of its beauty. She treasures the entire life of Jesus in her heart (cf. Lk 2:19,51), and now understands the meaning of all things. Hence, we can ask her to enable us to look at this world with eyes of wisdom.*

242. *At her side in the Holy Family of Nazareth, stands the figure of Saint Joseph. Through his work and generous presence, he cared for and defended Mary and Jesus, delivering them from the violence of the unjust by bringing them to Egypt. The Gospel presents Joseph as a just man, hard-working and strong. But he also shows great tenderness, which is not a mark of the weak but of those who are genuinely strong, fully aware of reality and ready to love and serve in humility. That is why he was proclaimed custodian of the universal Church. He too can teach us how to show care; he can inspire us to work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us.*

### BEYOND THE SUN

243. *At the end, we will find ourselves face to face with the infinite beauty of God and be able to read with admiration and happiness the mystery of the universe, which with us will share in unending plenitude. Even now we are journeying towards the sabbath of eternity, the new Jerusalem, towards our common home in heaven. Jesus says: "I make all things new" (Rev 21:5). Eternal life will be a shared experience of awe, in which each creature, resplendently transfigured, will take its rightful place and have something to give those poor men and women who will have been liberated once and for all.*

244. *In the meantime, we come together to take charge of this home which has been entrusted to us, knowing that all the good which exists here will be taken up into the heavenly feast. In union with all creatures, we journey through this land seeking God, for "if the world has a beginning and if it has been created, we must enquire who gave it this beginning, and who was its Creator." Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope.*

Next week we will continue with Pope Francis' reflections on how the coming of Christ gives a new meaning and a new responsibility for God's creation.

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:**

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**Maintenance:** Joe Brungardt

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Lou Ann Hammersmith

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### Council Members

**St. Fidelis Pastoral Council**

Randy Leiker 623-6965 (Chair)  
Andy Kuhn 639-2156 (Vice-Chair, B & G)  
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Janea Dinkel 735-9529 (FamLife)  
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Bertha Brungardt 735-9490 (SOH)  
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Curtis Sander 735-2559  
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Carol Freitag 735-9282  
Randy Huser 735-4836  
Mike Eckroat 623-9566

**St. Ann Pastoral Council**

Helen Windholz 735-2293  
Allen Hammerschmidt 735-2447  
Jerry Nowak 637-5273

### Contributions August 8-9, 2015

**ST. FIDELIS:**

Adult 2764.00 Loose 1190.40

**ST. ANN:**

Adult 1172.00 Loose 590.00

**ST. BONIFACE:**

Adult 448.00 Loose 315.00  
Candles 30.00

### Money Counters

**Aug. 17** — Anita Braun, Crystal Robben

**Aug. 24** — Bob and Phyllis Stramel, Dorothy Goetz

## Baptism

We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Jose Humberto Soto Cabral**, son of Jose Humberto Soto Reyes and Yolanda Cabral Rojas. Jose, born August 3, 2014, was baptized at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, by Father John Schmeidler on Sunday, August 8, 2015. His godparents are Jesus Gurrola and Laura Ramirez.



## Congratulations

The parishes offer their congratulations to **Emily Ruder** and **Joseph Roth** who were married at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Saturday, August 8, 2015.



## ST. FIDELIS THRIFT SHOP

St. Fidelis Thrift 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 and 5-8. If these hours do not work for you to drop off your donations, contact Jan at the parish office.

## COMMUNITY

### Prayer Hour for Our Nation

A "Prayer for Our Nation" prayer hour will be held **every third Tuesday** of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Fidelis Church.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Needing a Place to Gather?** If you are looking for a place to host a reception, baby or bridal shower, family reunion, or a get-together, 1867 Memorial Home in Victoria is available for you to rent. For more information, call Jeff at 785-650-1640.

## 4th Degree Meeting

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree will meet on **Wednesday, August 19**, at 8:00 p.m. at the 1867 Memorial Home.

## CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

### REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education office will be closed on **Wednesday, August 19, Thursday, August 20, and Friday August 21**. If you have an urgent concern for either of us, we can be reached by cell phone. Thank you. **Shirley Brungardt – 785-735-4273** and **Jeanette Maki – 785-639-5067**

## New RE Commission Members

The Religious Education Commission met on August 11th and welcomed Parish Youth Minister, Jeanette Maki, to the Commission. Doug Kuhn, Jeanna Wellbrock and Kristin Mauch were also welcomed as new members. As well as Doug, Jeanna, and Kristin, current members are Jacque Schmidt, Melissa Robben, Deb Braun, Crystal Robben, Tammy Lichter, and Nicole Schwien. Thank you to outgoing members, Jay Dinkel, Karen Nowak, and Trisha VonLintel for their years of service.

## Single and Beyond

Single and Beyond is an ecumenical Christian social group for divorced, widowed, and single people located in or near Hays. Their mission is to provide friendship, support, and understanding to one another. Contact Nancy at 785-628-3347 or [singleandbeyond@gmail.com](mailto:singleandbeyond@gmail.com). Food and Fellowship gathering on **Wednesday, August 19**, at On the Rocks, 507 W. 7th, Hays, at 6:00 p.m. All singles welcome; bring a friend.



## Victoria Community Blood Drive

Nex-Tech Network Operations, 801 Hwy 40  
**Monday, August 24—8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.**  
Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 800-RED-CROSS to schedule your appointment.



Community Assistance Center — 12th and Oak, Hays

## GARAGE SALE

Tuesday, August 18 • 8:00-11:00 am



## Black and White:

### Moral Clarity in a World of Gray

with the Director of Catholic Answers: **Tim Staples**  
Saturday, Sept. 12 \* 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Rose Garden Banquet Hall  
Tickets: \$45 (\$50 after August 15)  
(includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, 2 drinks, and speaker)  
Tickets available at:  
Divine Mercy Radio, 108 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St. Ste. #1, Hays  
or on line at: [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com)

## Mary Kay Schippers New Book Available in Gift Shop

“Another Year on the Family Farm” by Mark Kay Schippers is now available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop. This sequel to “A Year on the Family Farm” sells for \$15 with all profits going to the Tri-Parishes.



## Ellis St. Mary's CYO Community Fried Chicken Dinner Sunday, August 23, 2015

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 Rolls, and Dessert  
Ages 5-9: \$5.00; Ages 10 & over: \$10.00

## DIOCESE

### Diocese Honoring Married Couples

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. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Salina, **Sunday, October 11**, 3:00 p.m., and at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Hays, **Sunday, October 18**, 3:00 p.m. If you would like to participate in one of these celebrations, please notify the parish office **by Tuesday, September 8**, requesting a personal invitation.

Please provide your 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 2015 and the location of the parish where you will be attending.

### Catholic Charities says THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported the 2015 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 use the return envelope enclosed with your letter from Catholic Charities to mail your donation directly or leave it with your parish office.

Thank you again for supporting your neighbors as we reflect upon the thoughts 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.

### Pro-Life Dialogue at Russell

Are you pro-life but don't know how to talk about the issues? Do your conversations turn into debates and hurt feelings? If so, the Respect Life Office has a conference for you! Justice for All, jfaweb.org, is an organization that teaches people how to talk about abortion in a way to change hearts and minds in an interactive format. In addition, learn how to help someone in a crisis pregnancy, help someone who is suffering from a past abortion, and how to bring pro-life activities to your parish. “Win the Heart: Debate to Dialogue” is on **Saturday, August 22**, in Russell at the St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish. For more information and registration go to [www.salinadiocese.org/respectlife](http://www.salinadiocese.org/respectlife).

### 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 20-24, 2016. 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 ([www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx)) (optional, additional cost). Cost of the trip is \$325 per person. Online registration is open at [salinadiocese.org/respect-life](http://salinadiocese.org/respect-life), or pick up a form at the parish office. There is a \$50 non-refundable reservation fee. Reservations are due no later than October 1. For more information contact Eric and Jaclyn Brown at 785-650-2474 or [respectlife@salinadiocese.org](mailto:respectlife@salinadiocese.org).

**CANTERBURY PILGRIMAGES & TOURS** will host a “fly” option to the March for Life January 21-24, 2016. This round-trip airfare from Kansas City Airport will include hotel in the Greater D.C. area, breakfast daily at the hotel, participation in the Pro-Life Rally and March, three dinners at restaurants in the greater D.C. area, motor coach transportation, celebration of Mass with others from around the country as well as the other pilgrims from the Diocese of Salina, and sightseeing. Cost for the trip starts as low as \$995 per person. For more information or to reserve online, visit [salinadiocese.org/respect-life](http://salinadiocese.org/respect-life), or pick up a form at the parish office.

### Bottle Campaign Thank You!

The Catholic Charities Advisory Council would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface parishes for participating in their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Baby Bottle Campaign that was conducted during May and June. \$10,736.58 was raised by those area parishes that participated, and the number continues to grow! All money raised is for the benefit of the local Hays office that serves Ellis County and Northwest Kansas.



# picnic on the Plaza



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30**

after the 10:00 a.m. Mass  
at the Basilica of St. Fidelis  
in the Victoria Grade School cafeteria

*The Tri-Parish Family Life Commission  
asks your help in celebrating  
Father John Schmeidler's  
25 years in the Capuchin life*  
(Please no cards or gifts.)

You may bring a salad or dessert, if you wish. The  
Grade School will be open for you to drop it off.  
Everything else will be provided.  
**Please make plans to attend.**



## Thursday Morning Coffee

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.



**NOTICE: THERE WILL NOT BE A GATHERING FOR  
COFFEE ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 20**



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**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS  
ALTAR SOCIETY**

Blessed are the mothers who  
taught us  
how to pray.  
They will share  
God's  
kingdom.



**Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer** begins at 6:30 p.m. on  
Mondays and Wednesdays (before the 7:00 Mass). A special  
prayer book is required and will be provided for the  
participants. We invite everyone to join in this special prayer. 

### PLENARY INDULGENCE GIVEN WHEN VISITING A BASILICA

The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting a minor  
basilica. An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal  
punishment for a previously forgiven sin. To obtain a plenary  
indulgence during a pilgrimage to a basilica, one must participate in  
any sacred rite or recite the Lord's Prayer or the profession of faith  
while there, then go to Confession and Communion and pray for the  
intention of the pope. ~taken from *The Register*, the Salina Diocese newspaper

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>AUGUST 17</b>
7:00 pm Lenora Lang	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>AUGUST 18</b>
6:45 am Lavina VonFeldt (anniv)	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>AUGUST 19</b>
7:00 pm Twila Brungardt	
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>AUGUST 20</b>
6:45 am Richard R. and Mary E. (Arnold) Staab family (Bleier Trust)	
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>AUGUST 21</b>
6:45 am James "Fritz" Wohler	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>AUGUST 22</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Richard and Florence Gerstner family living and deceased	
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ..... AUGUST 23</b>
7:30 am St. Ann Clara Mermis and Richard and Isabelle Rupp and family	
8:45 am St. Boniface For the parishes	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Ed and Martha Schulte and Doris Younger Pfeifer	

### \* Sunday Rosary Schedule \*

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 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         |

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, August 22, 5:00 pm

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Marilyn Braun	Wanda Karlin Debbie Staab	Drayden Karlin	Kim Schmidtberger
<b>Lector</b> Teresa	Mary Lou Rome Diane Gross	Audrey Staab Morgan Staab	Mary Windholz
Shepherd Kathy Kuhn	Michelle Geist Gib / Carol Billinger		

### Sunday, August 23, 10:00 am

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Jim / Becky Scheck	Randy Leiker Anne Dinkel	Quenton Engel	Chris / Kristy Windholz
<b>Lector</b> LeeAnn Schmidtberger	Jamie / Angie Roth Marge Rome	Wyatt Engel Jacob Roth	family Katie Bellendir
<b>Comm.</b> Connie Dreiling	Bob / Phyllis Stramel		



**St. Fidelis Food Pantry**

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