

"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 14, 2016 – 20th 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)

Jesus said to his disciples:
“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!”

(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 12:49-53)

The parish office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, August 15, in observance of the Assumption of Mary.



Monday, August 15, is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in 1950 with these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven." This pronouncement did not resolve (intentionally?) the lingering theological question of whether or not Mary underwent a natural death before being assumed into heaven.

Although this feast is usually a holy day of obligation, attendance at Mass this year is **not** obligatory because the feast falls on a Monday. Why is that so? In 1991 the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States made the following decree concerning holy days of obligation for Latin Rite Catholics:

In addition to Sunday, the days to be observed as holy days of obligation in the Latin Rite dioceses of the United States of America, in conformity with canon 1246, are as follows:

- January 1, Mary, Mother of God*
- Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter, the Ascension*
- August 15, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- November 1, All Saints*
- December 8, the Immaculate Conception*
- December 25, the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

Whenever January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated.

Notice that the Immaculate Conception on December 8 and the Nativity of Our Lord at Christmas on December 25 are not included in the Saturday-Monday exception. This is so because of their obvious status: Christmas is universally a civil holiday as well as a religious holyday; and the Immaculate Conception was proposed by the American bishops and approved by Pope Pius IX in 1847 as the Patroness of the United States.

In most dioceses the celebration of the Ascension has been transferred to the following Sunday. The provinces of Hartford, Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Newark, and Omaha have retained the feast on the proper Thursday, as is the right of their bishops. There are actually ten holydays of obligation in Canon Law for the universal Church. But each Bishop's Conference has the right by Canon Law to adjust this list for its own territory. Hong Kong has only one: Christmas. Canada has two: Christmas and January 1, Mary, the Mother of God. Hawaii has two: Christmas and Immaculate Conception.

At the Third Council of Baltimore in 1884, our Bishops decreed that only six would be obligatory in the United States: The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, January 1; Ascension of the Lord, 40 days after Easter Sunday; the Assumption of Mary, August 15; All Saints' Day, November 1; the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8; and Christmas, the Nativity of Our Lord, December 25. Certain parts of the world do observe Epiphany, January 6; St. Joseph, March 19; Corpus Christi, Thursday 50 days after Easter; and the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul, June 29.

If you have persevered and read this entire article you now have the equivalent of an associate degree in liturgical Canon Law. See Fr. John for your certificate.

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Women sometimes make men look like fools, but most men are the do-it-yourself type.

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Contributions August 6-7, 2016

ST. FIDELIS:
Adult 1556.00 Loose 1826.12
Catholic Charities 5.00
Repair Fund 104.00

ST. ANN:
Adult 462.00 Loose 548.00

ST. BONIFACE:
Adult 75.00

Aug. 16 (Tuesday) — Mary Brungardt, Det Younger
Aug.22 — Connie Dreiling, Janie Dinges

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Francis Joseph Kuhn**, who passed away on Friday, August 5, 2016. Services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Tuesday, August 9, with burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Emmeram.

Baptism



We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Kennedy Reese Karst**, child of Dustin Steven and Terra LeAnn (Zweygardt) Karst. Kennedy Reese, born June 7, 2016, was baptized at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, by Father John Schmeidler on Sunday, August 7, 2016. The godparents are Thomas James Karst and Michala Elizabeth Zweygardt.

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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree will meet at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, at the 1867 Memorial Home.

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.

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.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

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

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.

AUGUST CALENDAR

Monday, August 15 – Religious Ed/PAC Office closed

Tuesday, August 16 – 7:00 P.M. Religious Ed Catechist In-service Meeting

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.

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 (sfttech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) at the Parish Office if you have an item for the bulletin.

ST. ANN

Pastoral Council Acceptance

Thank you to Terry Riedel for accepting the open position on the Saint Ann Pastoral Council. Terry's term in office will run for three years—July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2019. Thank you also to Van Froelich for his willingness to run in the election.

A special thank you to Allen Hammerschmidt for serving on the council for the past 6 years.

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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.

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.

Catholic Charities

This weekend is the 2016 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Pledge cards and remittance envelopes are available. Please complete the pledge card and use the remittance envelope to place your donation in the parish offering today or mail directly to Catholic Charities. By making a contribution, you are partnering with Catholic Charities to provide a safety net for struggling individuals and families. Your support offers hope to people in desperate situations, so thank you for prayerfully considering a gift. *All support is greatly appreciated.*

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

Respect Life Conference



The annual Respect Life Conference "Lobby for Life" will be held on **Saturday, August 27**, in Russell at St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish from 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Amy McInerney, Executive Director of the National Coalition for a Human Life Amendment, will be the keynote speaker. Lunch will

be provided. The cost of the conference is \$20 for an individual, \$30 for a couple and \$10 for a high school student. Conference schedule and registration information, including how to register online, available at <http://salinadiocese.org/respect-life>. Learn to engage the public policy process to continue to build the culture of life!

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.



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 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!



Community Assistance Center — 12th and Oak, Hays

GARAGE SALE

Tuesday, August 16 • 8:00-11:00 am



VICTORIA VFW POST 1751—If you are looking for a place to gather for Receptions, Weddings, Anniversaries, Family Reunions, Class Reunions, Dances, First Communions, 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.

LIEBENFEST

'Celebrating our Heritage'

St. Joseph Catholic Church,
Liebenthal, Kansas

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20th, 2016

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Time	Event
4:00 pm	Opening Mass under the tent
Immediately Following:	"Tribute to County Law Enforcement"
	Beer Garden Opens in Picnic Area
	Eat Under the Tent or in A/C Basement Hamburgers, Brats or Hot Dogs & Chips
6:30 pm	Cake Walk – On the Basketball Court
7:30 pm	Bingo – Sit & Play in Air Conditioned Comfort: 1-4 Cards for \$10
After Bingo	Raffle Drawing – Under the Tent

DRAWING

A donation of \$5.00 will get you 6 chances for cash & other prizes.

"Tickets will be available up to drawing time."

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(NO OUTSIDE COOLERS ALLOWED)

Music Provided by "DJ-Leroy Penka"

Food, Fun, Friends & Fellowship

First Care Clinic

Hours will be:

Monday - Thursday

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM - Noon

Phone: **785-735-3710**



Why can't you trust stairs?
Because they are always up to something.

Dear Fr. John,

On behalf of the Catholic Charities Advisory Board, thank you for allowing us to conduct our 5th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign at St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface. I am thrilled to share the news that in spite of the downturn in the oil economy and the low wheat prices, the 2016 Campaign was able to raise \$11,054.27 from those parishes that participated. Please extend our heartfelt gratitude to all three parishes. They certainly played a significant role in contributing to the success!

Marge Schulte, President
Hays Catholic Charities Advisory Council

ST. BONIFACE

THANKS

Thanks to the parishioners of St. Boniface for another successful Herzogfest. A special thanks to all the parish youth who helped prepare food and worked in the booth. All in all, parishioners donated 40 roasters of food—green bean dumpling soup, chicken and noodle, and galuskiies. Also donated were 25 gallons of homemade ice cream, 10 gallons of dill pickles, many country store items, and four quarters of beef for the raffle. All was profit for the church, and the booth again sold out of everything.

The winners of the four quarters of beef were Curt VonLintel of Ellinwood, G.L. VonFeldt of Larned, and Norman Kuhn and Gracyn Schippers of Victoria.

Thanks for all your time, talent, and treasure!
"Give and You Shall Receive"

St. Boniface Parish Council
Fred Tholen, Carol Freitag, and Randy Huser

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 15	
7:00 pm Alice Brungardt		
TUESDAY	AUGUST 16	
6:45 am		
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 17	
6:45 am Lenora Lang		
THURSDAY	AUGUST 18	
6:45 am Lavina VonFeldt (anniv)		
FRIDAY	AUGUST 19	
6:45 am Twila Brungardt		
SATURDAY	AUGUST 20	
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Richard R. and Mary E. (Arnold) Staab family Louise Dreiling Ryan Schrant		
SUNDAY	21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	AUGUST 21
7:30 am St. Ann Walter and Scholastica Leiker		
8:45 am St. Boniface		
10:00 am St. Fidelis Ed and Martha Schulte James "Fritz" Wohler		

*** Sunday Rosary Schedule ***

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 20, 5:00 pm

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Aspen	JoAnn Pfanenstiel	Audrey Staab	Ron / Jane
Schoenrock	Mary Lou Rome	Morgan Staab	Wagner
<u>Lector</u>	Marge Rome	Ashlyn Pfeifer	
Kathy	Katie Bellendir		
Kuhn	Det Younger		
<u>Comm.</u>	Wanda Karlin		
Carol	Amorette Windholz		
Billinger			

Sunday, August 21, 10:00 am

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Megan	Anne Dinkel	Wyatt Engel	Kurt Dinkel
Karst	Randy Leiker	Tyler Engel	family
<u>Lector</u>	Shannon Radke	Kendall Braun	Dorothy Goetz
LeeAnn	Yvonne Braun		
Schmidterberger	Bob Stramel		
<u>Comm.</u>	Phyllis Stramel		
Marilyn	Becky Scheck		
Braun			

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