

"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 Bertha Brungardt at 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

May 1, 2016 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Masses:

St. Fidelis, Victoria

Saturday — 5:00 pm
Sunday — 10:00 am
Monday — 7:00 pm
Tuesday through Friday — 6:45 am

St. Ann, Walker

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

St. Boniface, Vincent

Sunday — 8:45 am

Confessions:

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

Tri-Parish Prayer Line

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

Dates To Remember

May 8 — Mother's Day
May 15 — High School Graduation
May 18 — 8th Grade Promotions
May 19 — Last day of school
May 21 — Armed Forces Day
May 30 — Memorial Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
June 5 — Feast of St. Boniface
June 14 — Flag Day
June 19 — Father's Day
July 4 — Independence Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
July 26 — Feast of St. Ann
August 15 — Assumption (not a Holy Day of Obligation) — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Sept. 5 — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

PEACE
I LEAVE WITH YOU;
MY PEACE
I GIVE TO YOU.

(from the Holy Gospel according to John 14:23-29)



We continue with select quotes from *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis' letter on marriage. This week we offer statements pertaining to the roles of family members.

Parents and Children

"First, let us think of our parents. We do well to remember that each of us is a son or daughter. Even if one becomes an adult, or a parent, if one occupies a position of responsibility, underneath all of this is still the identity of a child. We are all sons and daughters. And this always brings us back to the fact that we did not give ourselves life but that we received it. The great gift of life is the first gift that we received. The fourth commandment asks children to honor their father and mother. This commandment comes immediately after those dealing with God himself. It has to do with something sacred, something divine, something at the basis of every other kind of human respect. Marriage challenges husbands and wives to find new ways of being sons and daughters."

Brothers and Sisters

"Growing up with brothers and sisters makes for a beautiful experience of caring for and helping one another. Fraternity in families is especially radiant when we see the care, the patience, the affection that surround the little brother or sister who is frail, sick or disabled. Having a brother or a sister who loves you is a profound, precious, and unique experience. Children do need to be patiently taught to treat one another as brothers and sisters. This training is a true school of socialization. In some countries, where it has become quite common to have only one child, the experience of being a brother or sister is less and less common. When it has been possible to have only one child, ways have to be found to ensure that he or she does not grow up alone or isolated."

"Relationships between brothers and sisters deepen with the passing of time, and the bond of fraternity that forms in the family between children is a great school of freedom and peace. In the family, we learn how to live as one. Perhaps we do not always think about this, but the family itself introduces fraternity into the world. From this initial experience of fraternity, nourished by affection and education at home, the style of fraternity radiates like a promise upon the whole of society".

Grandparents

"The elderly help us to appreciate the continuity of the generations by their gift of bridging the gap. Very often it is grandparents who ensure that the most important values are passed down to their grandchildren, and many can testify that they owe their initiation into the Christian life to their grandparents. Their words, their affection, or simply their presence help children to realize that history did not begin with them, that they are now part of an age-old pilgrimage and that they need to respect all that came before them.

"Those who would break all ties with the past will surely find it difficult to build stable relationships and to realize that reality is bigger than they are. Attention to the elderly makes a crucial difference in a society. A society that shows concern for the elderly will move forward when it respects the wisdom of the elderly. Listening to the elderly tell their stories is good for children and young people; it makes them feel connected to the living history of their families, their neighborhoods, and their country. A family that fails to respect and cherish its grandparents, who are its living memory, is already in decline, whereas a family that remembers has a future."

Parish Staff

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Contributions Easter

April 23-24, 2016

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 1880.00 Loose 828.00
Repair Fund 25.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 301.00 Loose 416.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 225.00 Loose 289.00
Candles 31.00

Money Counters

May 2 — JoAnn Pfanenstiel,
Susie Windholz

May 9 — Anita Braun, Crystal
Robben

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

FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION

Meeting Scheduled

The Family Life Commission will meet on **Monday, May 9**, at 5:00 p.m. at the Parish Office.

LITURGY

Meeting Scheduled

The Liturgy Commission will meet on **Tuesday, May 3**, at 6:00 p.m. at the PAC.

YOUTH MINISTRY

JR. CYO Camp

Rock Springs Ranch • May 28 – May 31, 2016

This camp is available for any 6th through 8th grader, during the 2015-2016 school year. Rock Springs Ranch is a 4H Center and lays on a sprawling 700+ acres in the Kansas Flint Hills, located outside of Junction City. Outdoor activities available to kids will include: archery, volleyball, crafts, canoeing, softball, trap shooting, and horseback riding. Spiritual activities will include Mass, daily prayers, and a pit Mass, along with a surprise or two along the way. 😊

Registration forms along with the pre-registration fee are due to the Diocese of Salina by May 5, 2016. Please contact Jeanette, 785-735-9244, at the PAC with any questions and for registration forms.

A few kids have signed-up already and we hope and pray that many more can take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! Blessings.

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.

Monthly Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet on **Tuesday, May 10**, at 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Hall.

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society will be held **Monday, May 9**, in the North Sacristy of the church after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. There will be refreshments and camaraderie following the meeting. Current members and potential members are welcome.

We will be accepting new members at our September meeting.

The official Mother Love prayer book has been updated and is available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop. In it you will find beautiful prayers for every intention.

Your updated membership dues of \$5 are always welcome.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION



Playing For God's Team VBS

June 13 – June 17

8:30 – 11:30 A.M. daily

Victoria Grade School

On Wednesday, April 6, pre-registration forms for **"Playing for God's Team" Vacation Bible School** were sent home with all students in grades K through 5. If you are a parent of a kindergarten through fifth grade student and did not receive a form, please contact Jeanette Brungardt in the Religious Ed Office at 785-735-9244 or by email at FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net. Information can also be found on the Basilica's Facebook page!

Pre-registration forms are due to the Religious Ed Office by May 11, 2016.

"Let the field be joyful and all that is in it." Psalm 96:12

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MAY-ALERT

Human Trafficking and Sporting Events. Traffickers are opportunistic hunters and see major sporting events, and the thousands of people who flock to sports venues, as an opportunity for huge profits with little risk of penalty or punishment. Human trafficking is a business, and traffickers will take advantage of what they perceive to be good business opportunities—including national and international sporting events. Access the website sistersagainstrafficking.org...U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

MAY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 1 — 10:00 A.M. Mass—May Crowning Mass with First Communicants (arrive at 9:45 A.M.)

11:30 A.M. — (7th-12th graders) Volunteers for the D of I 90th Anniversary Lunch: arrive at 11:30 A.M. at the V.F.W. in Victoria—free lunch included for volunteers

Thursday, May 5 — Deadline* Registration forms for Jr. CYO Rock Springs Retreat due to the Diocese of Salina

Saturday-Tuesday, May 28-31 — Jr. CYO Rock Springs Retreat

Rachel 's Vineyard Retreats

The mercy of Jesus is like an ocean ready to flow into any soul who asks for even a small portion. Experience the healing touch of Jesus' mercy.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats. *Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time.*

Next Retreat: May 20-22
1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383)
785.639.4643 (call or text)

rvineyard@ruraltel.net

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Victoria Elementary Still Collecting Box Tops

The **Pop Tabs** have been delivered to the **Ronald McDonald House** in Topeka! Victoria Elementary had a total of 123 pounds of tabs, and we were able to donate a check of \$47.97 this year. We have already started to collect for next year! Remember we are also collecting **Box Tops** so if you have any of these items be sure to give them to any elementary school student or staff member, or you can drop them off at the school. Thanks again for all your help!

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.

HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT!

Host families are needed for high school exchange students for the 2016-2017 school year. The students will arrive from Europe, Asia, and South America in mid-August 2016 and will stay with the host family for one semester or until the end of the school year. They are in need of caring American families (with or without children) to provide a home and share with them this unique experience. The host family provides a bed, meals, friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life with a student from overseas. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have spending money for their personal expenses. Approved families can view online student applications and select the student that best matches their own family. For more information, please call Kori Braun at 785-735-4161

Prayer Hour for 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!



For those who have had
Open Heart Surgery,
Stents (PTCA),
Congestive Heart
Failure (CHF),
or a Heart Attack (MI)
and the people who
care about them.

Coffee & Conversation

The A-Fib and Stroke Connection

Tuesday
May 3, 2016

5:30 p.m.
Healthy Snacks

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Presentation and Roundtable
Moderated Janell, MD
Jessica Pfeifer, APRN

FREE

Center for Health
Improvement
2500 Canterbury Drive
Hays, Kansas

CHI Education Room
Use South Entrance

RSVP
by May 1
[www.haysmed.com/
event/coffee-and-
conversation-a-fib-
stroke-connection/](http://www.haysmed.com/event/coffee-and-conversation-a-fib-stroke-connection/)

785.623.5500

Registration is required.
Limited to the first 50
respondents.

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If you would rather not receive this invitation,
please contact Debbie Mullen at
785.623.5500 or email her at
debbie.mullen@haysmed.com and we will
remove your name from the mailing list.

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respondents.

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Holy Families: Past, Present, & Future Tune in to Divine Mercy Radio May 3-6 for KVDM's Spring Care-a-Thon

*CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES: PLAY CATHOLIC TRIVIA
(from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. each day trivia questions will be for
ages 12 and under only)
and much more! Follow on Facebook & Twitter

Guests of interest include:

(For a complete schedule go to dvmercy.com)

Tuesday, May 3

9:00 a.m. – Fr. John Schmeidler – The Role of parents in a family unit

Friday, May 6

10:00 a.m. – The Joys of Children – Jeanna Wellbrock, Mary Schroeder, and Susan Deges


4:00-6:00 p.m. – Ask Fr. Fred as Fr. Fred Gatschet answers any questions you might have about the Catholic faith

*Please pray for this evangelization mission. Thank you.

Starting next week, St. Ann Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays until November.

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.

COMMUNITY



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



ART Show & SALE

Date: Sunday, May 1st
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Place: Sand Plum Nature Trail just west of St. Fidelis Basilica in Victoria (From the church go west on 10th street onto the sand road, approx. ¼ mile.)
Featuring: Local artists; photographers, antique art (for sale by artist) Limestone keepsakes will be given away and your donation will go directly to the Basilica. The nature trail will be open to visitors attending the art show!
Admission: Free
Sponsored by Sand Plum Art

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	MAY 2
7:00 pm Joseph and Albina Rome Don Gross	
TUESDAY	MAY 3
6:45 am Herman, Regina, and Joyce Brungardt	
WEDNESDAY	MAY 4
6:45 am Donald Sander Doris Younger Pfeifer	
THURSDAY	MAY 5
6:45 am Charles Braun family	
FRIDAY	MAY 6
6:45 am Nicholas Korbe Norman Schrant Ed and Caroline Schrant	
SATURDAY	MAY 7
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Iris Knoll Alvin and Martina Schmidtberger	
SUNDAY	MAY 8
7:30 am St. Ann Don Sander Bill and Paul Schrant	MOTHER'S DAY
8:45 am St. Boniface LaVern Braun	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Alvin and Ventura Sander Art VonFeldt	

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 7, 5:00 pm

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Megan Wellbrock	Fran Robben Gib Billinger	Justin Braun Eric Braun	Bob / Phyllis Stramel
<u>Lector</u> Kathy Kuhn	Diane Gross Keith Billinger	Madisyn Gerhardt	Ron Goetz
<u>Comm.</u> Carol Billinger	Tom Tholen	JoAnn Pfanenstiel	

Sunday, May 8, 10:00 am

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Jubilee Choir	Ken Brungardt Michelle Geist	Emily Schippers	Chris / Bertha Brungardt
<u>Lector</u> Cora Schulte	Bertha Brungardt Janine Kisner	Sara Lydia Sander	Patty Dreiling
<u>Comm.</u> Randy Leiker	Marge Rome Yvonne Braun		