

“Cathedral of the Plains”

“Pearl of the Prairie”

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

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.
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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 7:45 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar
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www.stfidelischurch.com

August 10, 2014 – 19th 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 — 7:30-8:00 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

August 15 — Assumption (holy day of obligation) — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED — Mass: Thursday 7:00 p.m. and Friday 6:45 a.m.
Aug. 27 — First Day of School
Sept. 1 — Labor Day — Mass at 9:00 a.m. — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Sept. 7 — Grandparents Day
Sept. 11 — Patriot Day
Sept. 14 — Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sept. 19-20 — VHS Homecoming
Sept. 23 — Autumn begins

“Take courage,
 it is I;
 do not be
 afraid.”



(from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:22-33)

Friday, August 15, Feast of the Assumption

A Holy Day of Obligation

Masses: 7:00 p.m. — Thursday, August 14
6:45 a.m. — Friday, August 15

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, August 15,
 in observance of the Feast of the Assumption.



Of all the miracles of Christ in the gospels, his walking on water may have the greatest hold on the popular imagination. Curing the sick, giving sight to the blind, or raising the dead are of far greater meaning, yet walking on water has become synonymous with the divinity of Christ. The importance of this gospel story is also revealed by the fact that it is the most ridiculed miracle by atheists and rationalists.

The argument of unbelievers against the gospel miracles is a circular argument. Miracles cannot happen; therefore they did not happen in the life of Christ. They preclude the possibility of any miracle, before they consider a specific historical situation which is a convenient way to avoid the challenge of the divinity of Christ.

Unbelievers often explain the miracles of Christ with fanciful natural explanations. The multiplication of the loaves, they say, was food hidden in the people's backpacks; the demonic possessions where hypnotic states; and Christ walked not on the water, but on stones in a shallow part of the lake. They insist that the miracle stories are not factual stories, but moral stories, a kin to Aesop's Fables.

Our Catholic tradition agrees that the miracles do have symbolic meaning. But the symbolic meaning does not replace the miraculous. Rather the physical miracle calls our attention to the spiritual message, which message is illustrated by the miracle. The miracles were real events with a related spiritual message.

Just as it is wrong to deny the reality of the physical miracles, it is a mistake to see only the physical marvel and miss the moral message. When Christ walked on the water He was not saying, "Hey, look at what I can do." The purpose of Christ's miracles was not to defy the laws of nature but to define a lesson of faith. Each gospel miracle is a physical miracle and also a miracle of grace which is as real as the miracle of nature.

Today's gospel is a good illustration. As Christ calmed the winds of the Sea of Galilee, He also calms the storms of our lives. When it seems that we will drown in the trials of life, Christ comes to us above the raging storm to bring us peace and strength.

In our age, Christ comes to us, not walking on the water, but through others who walk with us in troubled times. He comes through the goodness of other people: a friend who stands by you in time of illness; a relative who comforts you in time of loss; a neighbor who helps you in time of need.

We in turn are called to be Christ for others. We cannot perform the physical miracle of walking on water. We can perform the moral miracle of walking with those in need. We can be Christ for others in their personal storms.

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Vanity is more often a mistake than a sin.

Parish Staff

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Contributions August 2-3, 2014

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 4183.00 Loose 941.00
Mission 30.00 Repair Fund 206.00
Catholic Charities 20.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 231.00 Loose 464.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 273.00 Loose 260.00
Candles 82.00

Money Counters

Aug. 11 — Randy Leiker, Tina Rajewski

Aug. 18 — Mary Brungardt, Det Younger

Food Pantry Donations

For those of you who travel, if you have the toiletry items that are in the hotel rooms that you do not use, such as shampoo, soap and lotion, we will take them for our food pantry.

The food pantry is always taking donations. We can always use any kind of food, but we also take shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes.

ST. FIDELIS PARISH	
Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections	

Budgeted Loose / Envelopes per week	\$ 5,145.19
Actual received Loose / Envelopes 8-3-2014	\$ 5,124.00
Budgeted Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date	\$ 25,725.95
Actual received Loose/Envelopes year-to-date 8-3-2014	\$ 22,184.39
UNDER BUDGET	\$ 3,541.56

An Interview with God

I dreamed I had an interview with GOD.

“So, you would like to interview me?” GOD asked.

“If you have time,” I said.

GOD smiled. “My time is eternity...what questions do you have in mind for me?”

“What surprises you the most about humankind?”

GOD answered:

“That they get bored with childhood, that they rush to grow up, and then long to be children again.”

“That they lose their health to make money...and then lose their money to restore their health.”

“That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live in neither the present nor the future.”

“That they live as if they would never die, and die as though they had never lived.”

GOD’s hand took mine, and we were silent for a while.

And then I asked, “As a parent, what are some of life’s lessons you want your children to learn?”

GOD replied, “To learn they cannot make anyone love them. All they can do is let themselves be loved.”

“To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others.”

“To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.”

“To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in those they love, and it can take many years to heal them.”

“To learn that a rich person is not one who has the most, but is one who needs the least.”

“To learn that there are people who love them dearly, but simply do not yet know how to express or show their feelings.”

“To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it differently.”

“To learn that it is not enough that they forgive one another, but they must also forgive themselves.”

“Thank you for your time,” I said humbly.

“Is there anything else you would like your children to know?”

GOD smiled, and said, “Just know that I am here. Always.”

ST. FIDELIS GIFT & THRIFT

407 Main Street, Victoria (F & M Insurance Building)

OPEN MORE HOURS:

Monday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Clothes · Toys · Household Items
Jewelry · Furniture · Kitchen Items

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

K-12 Registration

Registrations for K-12 Religion classes will be held at the Catholic Faith Education office in the PAC on **Tuesday, August 12, and Wednesday, August 13**, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and **Thursday, August 14**, from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Confirmation

Bishop Wiesenberger has sent word that he will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Fidelis Basilica on **Sunday, February 15, 2015**, during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Religious Education Commission

The Religious Education Commission will meet on **Tuesday, August 19**, at 7:00 p.m. at the PAC.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet on **Tuesday, August 12**, at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Rural Life Day in August

The Salina Diocese Rural Life Commission has finalized plans for the 2014 Rural Life Day on **Sunday, August 17**. This year we will observe Rural Life Day and a Pilgrimage to Honor Msgr. John George Weber at Sacred Heart Parish in Park, KS, with Bishop Weisenburger. Sacred Heart Parish is Msgr. Weber's home parish and also his gravesite. Please let Fr. Rich Daise (785-726-4522) or Fr. Brian Lager (785-243-1099) know if you will be attending.

Diocese Sponsoring Bus Trip to 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, 2015**. The trip includes bus fare, hotel for two nights, Mass, the March for Life, sightseeing, and the Life is VERY Good Rally (see website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx).

Cost of the trip is \$350 per person. Reserve online at salinadiocese.org/respect-life, or you can fill out and mail the form that is printed in The Register. There is a \$50 non-refundable reservation fee. Reservations are due no later than **October 1, 2014**.

For more information, contact Eric and Jaclyn Brown at 785-650-2474 or respectlife@salinadiocese.org.

Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline 785-825-0865:

For the safety and the healing of children, the Diocese of Salina Provides an Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline. Calls to this number will be answered by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, who will offer to meet with the caller in person, if the caller so desires. Calls are confidential with the following exceptions:

- Any allegation of sexual abuse concerning those who currently are minors must be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center (1-800-922-5330) as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy.
- Any allegation of sexual misconduct must be shared with the proper diocesan authorities.
- This bulletin announcement provided by the Diocesan Office of Safety and Security.

Catholic Charities

This weekend is the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. You should have received a letter from Catholic Charities that included an envelope for your donation which you may place in the offering today or mail directly to their offices. By making a contribution, you are partnering with Catholic Charities to provide a safety net for individuals and families in our Diocese who are struggling. Your support enables Catholic Charities to continue to provide hope to people in desperate situations for another year. Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift. All support is greatly appreciated.

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

5K Run to Raise Basketball Funds

The Victoria High School Basketball team is hosting its first annual 5K run on **Saturday, August 23**. The team is looking for sponsors. With a donation of \$50, your name will appear on the back of the race day T-shirts. The funds raised will go directly to the basketball fund to help pay for needed items. As a coach, Dylan Dronberger wants to make sure that no player or parent of a player has to pay for his or her child to participate in a sport.

If you are interested in making a donation or becoming a sponsor, please contact Dylan Dronberger at ddronberger@ruraltel.net or at 785-569-7831.

COMMUNITY

KVDM's Fourth Annual Celebration

Featuring Fr. Mitch Pacwa

Afternoon sessions in Holy Family Elementary Little Theatre
1800 Milner – Hays

"The Gates of Hell Shall not Prevail:"

The Failure of the Enemies of Christ to Stop the Church."

and

"I do not want a Church that is Right when the Culture is Right, but a Church that is Right when the Culture is Wrong:"

*Proclaiming the truth about being human,
Catholic and Heaven Bound."*

Banquet at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall

Topic:

*"Proclaim the gospel in season and out of season:
How to evangelize the truth about Jesus Christ, salvation and eternal life."*

This all takes place: **Saturday, September 6**

For ticket information contact: 785.621.4110

or e-mail: donetta@kvdm.org

order online @ KVDM.org

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats healing the pain of abortion on weekend at a time.

Next retreat is September 26-28.

1-877-I-GRIEVE or 1-877-447-4383

rvineyard@ruraltel.net

CONFIDENTIAL

Adult Formation Series

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." ~1 Peter 3:15

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays will be offering a series of talks for adults again this summer. This year they will focus on *Apologetics*, being able to give an explanation of our faith. Join them as we explore how to answer questions from atheism, "Bible-only" Christianity, and secularism. There is no cost or sign up. Come every week or only when you can.

Wednesdays, June 11th–Aug 27th - 7:30 pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary Little Theater

August 13: Materialism Living our faith in a materialistic world will be discussed by Rick Binder, youth coordinator of IHM parish

August 20: with Fr. John Schmeidler from Victoria

August 27: No session



V.F.W. and Auxiliary Meetings



The V.F.W. and the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary will meet on **Thursday, August 14**, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall.



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.



VICTORIA COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, August 25 — 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Nex-tech Network Operations, 801 Hwy 40

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www.haysmed.com/coffeeandconversation
785.623.5500

Registration is required.
Limited to the first 50 respondents.

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Are You At Risk For Heart Disease?

Thursday August 14, 2014
5:30 p.m. Healthy Snacks
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Presentation and Roundtable
Andrew Carter, MD
Rashmi Thapa, MD

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.

Free Health Screening

WHEN	WHERE
Friday, August 15, 2014 8 AM - 1 PM AND 4 PM to 7 PM	Walgreens Pharmacy (Corner of 27th and Vine Street) Hays, Kansas
Saturday, August 16, 2014 8 AM - 6 PM	
SERVICES PROVIDED	
Diabetes/Blood Glucose	Blood Pressure
Field of Vision	Vision Acuity
Hearing Infants (6 months and older), Children, Adults and Seniors welcome **Special eye screening for infants/children**	
Please contact the First Care Clinic at 785.621.4990 with any questions.	
Screenings are provided by the following sponsors as a part of National Health Center Week	
 www.firstcareclinic.com	 August 10-16, 2014 National Health Center Week
	 http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/hays/index.php

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY AUGUST 11
7:00 pm Albert and Almeda Hoffman
 Simon and Aldea Arnold

TUESDAY AUGUST 12
6:45 am Marlene Dinkel


WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13
7:00 pm Frank J., Sr. and Rose E. Bleier family
 Fritz A. and Agrippina Dreiling

THURSDAY AUGUST 14
6:45 am Robert Hoffman
 Joseph, Anna, and Art (anniv) Stegman
7:00 pm Alvin and Ventura Weigel

FRIDAY AUGUST 15
6:45 am Alice Brungardt

SATURDAY AUGUST 16
2:00 pm St. Fidelis Abby Quick and Lyle Hammerschmidt wedding
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Louise Dreiling
5:30 pm St. Boniface Bernadine Schumacher

SUNDAY.....TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ... AUGUST 17
7:30 am St. Ann Walter and Scholastica Leiker
10:00 am St. Fidelis For rain

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

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 14, 7:00 pm

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Becky Scheck	Tom Tholen	Jacob Schroeder	Kim Schmidtberger
Lector Stephanie Broyles	Gib / Carol Billinger	Jessica Schroeder	family Dorothy Goetz
Comm. Cora Schulte	Mary Lou Rome	Michael Wohler	
	Katie Bellendir		
	Shirley Weigel		

Friday, August 15, 6:45 am

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Leroy Schmidtberger	Norma Keenan	Jacob VonLintel	Regis / Wilma
Lector Verda Werner	Colleen Kuhn	Francis / Helen	Windholz
Comm. Carol Billinger	Ivan / Verda		
	Werner Regis / Wilma		
	VonLintel		
	Cora Schulte		

Saturday, August 16, 5:00 pm

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Galen Schmidtberger	Ivan / Verda	Eric Braun	Ivan / Verda
Lector Mike Kreller	Werner	Justin Braun	Werner
Comm. Kathy Kuhn	Gib / Carol	Jalyn Dinkel	Ron / Jane Wagner
	Billinger		
	Anne Dinkel		
	Tammy Dome		
	JoAnn Pfanenstiel		

Sunday, August 17, 10:00 am

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Marilyn Braun	Shirley Weigel	MaKayla Crawford	Chris / Kristy Windholz
Lector Becky Scheck	John Braun	Ashlyn Windholz	Tom / Det Younger
Comm. Det Younger	Joan Wellbrock	Kaitlyn Windholz	
	Dianne Crawford		
	Connie Braun		
	Bob / Phyllis		
	Stramel		

There will be no Mass at St. Boniface in Vincent this Sunday, August 10, due to Herzogfest.

On Sunday, August 17, there will be no Mass at Vincent due to their Parish Picnic Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

ST. BONIFACE

Parish Picnic

The St. Boniface Parish Picnic will be held **Saturday, August 16**, with a Mass at 5:30 p.m., followed by a potluck supper on the church grounds. A parish rosary will follow the potluck.



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