

"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		Catholic Faith Education Office: 785-735-9244	
Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00			
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

August 23, 2015 – 21st 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

- Aug. 30** — Picnic on the Plaza (in Grade School cafeteria)
- Sept. 7** — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED — Mass at 8:00 a.m. only
- Sept. 11** — Patriot Day
- Sept. 12-13** — Seed Wheat blessing at all Masses
- Sept. 13** — Family Life sponsored Card Party for Grandparents Day
- Sept. 20** — Catechetical Sunday — "Brunch on the Plaza"
- Sept. 25-26** — VHS Homecoming
- Sept. 26** — Alumni Mass 4:00 p.m. (No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Simon Peter answered . . .

**“We have
 come to believe
 and are
 convinced that
 you are the
 Holy One
 of God.”**

(from the Holy Gospel according to John 6:60-69)



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

83. *The ultimate destiny of the universe is the fullness of God, which has already been attained by the risen Christ, the measure of the maturity of all things. The ultimate purpose of other creatures is not to be found in us. Rather, all creatures are moving forward towards a common point of arrival, which is God, in that transcendent fullness where the risen Christ embraces and illumines all things.*

Jesus' View of Creation

96. *Jesus took up the biblical faith in God the Creator, emphasizing a fundamental truth: God is Father. In talking with his disciples, Jesus would invite them to recognize the paternal relationship God has with all his creatures. He reminded them that each one of them is important in God's eyes: "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them" (Mt 6:26).*

97. *As he made his way throughout the land, he often stopped to contemplate the beauty sown by his Father, and invited his disciples to perceive a divine message in things: "The kingdom of God is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but once it has grown, it is the greatest of plants" (Mt 13:31).*

98. *Jesus lived in full harmony with creation. He was far removed from philosophies which despised the body, matter and the things of the world. Such unhealthy dualism left a mark on certain Christian thinkers in the course of history and disfigured the Gospel. Jesus worked with his hands, in daily contact with the matter created by God, to which he gave form by his craftsmanship. Most of his life was dedicated to this task in a simple life which awakened no admiration at all: "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary?" (Mk 6:3). In this way he sanctified human labor and endowed it with a special significance for our development.*

The Destiny of Creation in Christ

99. *In the Christian understanding of the world, the destiny of all creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ. From the beginning of the world, this mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden manner in the natural world without impinging on its autonomy.*

100. *The New Testament does not only tell us of the earthly Jesus and his relationship with the world. It also shows him risen and glorious, present throughout creation by his universal Lordship: "For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross" (Col 1:19-20). This leads our gaze to the end of time, when the Son will deliver all things to the Father that "God may be everything to every one." The creatures of this world no longer appear to us under merely natural guise because the risen One is mysteriously holding and directing them to his fullness. The very flowers of the field and the birds are now imbued with his radiant presence.*

Next week we continue with Pope Francis' reflections on how technology is a positive means to assist us but also a danger when it overwhelms the humanity of our life.

Parish Staff

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Contributions August 15-16, 2015

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 1994.00 Loose 931.38

ST. ANN:

Adult 51.00 Loose 143.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 75.00

Money Counters

Aug. 24 — Bob and Phyllis Stramel, Dorothy Goetz

Aug. 31 — Ivan and Verda Werner

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Sandra Katherine "Sandie" Haselhorst**, who passed away on Monday, August 10, 2015. Services were held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays, on Friday, August 14, with burial in St. Ann Cemetery, Walker.

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.



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.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Center for Ministry Development Save the Date!

Engaging Parents Forming Family Faith is a workshop designed for all parish, diocesan, and Catholic school leaders whose ministries touch the family – including pastors, deacons, pastoral associates, coordinators of youth ministry, leaders in faith formation and catechists, sacramental preparation leaders, family ministers, service/social concerns leaders, Catholic school principals and teachers. The cost of the workshop is \$54.00, which includes handouts and lunch. For more information or to register, go to:

<https://www.cmdnet.org/EPFFF-reg>

Click on the red box, "Workshop Dates and Locations", to find the workshop offered in Hays.

DATE: Saturday, September 12, 2015

TIME: 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Immaculate Heart of Mary (Hays, KS)

"How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith!" ~ Pope Francis, July 26, 2014 Angelus

Religious Education Classes

Religion classes for students in grades K-5 begin on Wednesday, September 9, from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. Classes for students in grades 6-12 also begin on September 9th, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center.

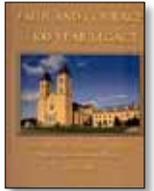
If you have not yet updated registration forms for your children, please stop in at the Religious Ed office any time during office hours and complete the necessary paperwork before September 4th.

BULLETIN ITEMS

The deadline for bulletin articles is Wednesday at noon. Please contact Connie (sftech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) at the Parish Office if you have an item for the bulletin.

**2011 CENTENNIAL
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Copies available at the Parish Office for
\$20.00.

(plus \$6.00 shipping and handling)



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.

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.

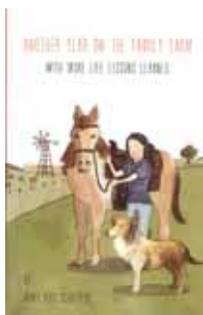
COMMUNITY

Thanks!

The Herzogfest Committee would like to extend "thanks" to everyone who helped to make the 33rd festival a success! This could not be done without the numerous local and area sponsors who gave **monetary donations** and to those who provided **in-kind services**, and to the groups and organizations who provided food and beverages as vendors. There is not enough space to list everyone but please know that we are very appreciative and grateful. Also, if you just came to partake in the festivities and supported the vendors, we thank you. Once again, thank you!!

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



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

Nex-Tech Network Operations, 801 Hwy 40

Monday, August 24—8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 800-RED-CROSS to schedule your appointment.

Cursillo Weekend for Women Set

Cursillo in Christianity is an encounter with self, Christ, and others. It is a method to develop, live and share spirituality in any area of human life where Christians want to dedicate their lives to God. If you are interested in a means of personal growth in living what is fundamental for being a Christian, and encouraging one another in proclaiming the best news of the best reality that God in Christ loves us, please prayerfully consider attending.

The next weekend event is: Women's weekend **March 3-6, 2016**. Location: Victoria, Kansas, Spiritual Life Center.

Dates for a Men's weekend are still being decided, and will be announced soon. For more information contact Patricia Dusin at 785-302-1220, or patriciad@ruraltel.net.

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. 12th St. Ste. #1, Hays
or on line at: dvmercy.com

Diabetes Support Group Meeting

The Hays Diabetes Support Group will meet at DSNWK, 2703 Hall St., east side of the building, door #10 (signs will be posted) on **Monday, September 14**, at 7:00 p.m.

This group is for all individuals who are pre-diabetic, Type 1 and Type 2. Family members, spouses, and parents of children who are diabetic are welcome.

Please contact Jackie Williams at 785-639-3046 or you can email at haysdiabetessupportgroup2015@yahoo.com. Check them out on Facebook at Hays Diabetes Support Group.

Smoky Hill Chorale FALL 2015

REHEARSALS BEGIN MONDAY, AUGUST 31, at 7:30 P.M.
Palmer Recital Hall in MALLOY HALL on the FHSU CAMPUS

The Smoky Hill Chorale is a mixed ensemble of post-high school voices. Members come from Ellis, Rooks, Rush, Russell, and Trego Counties. The Chorale is open to all experienced singers – no audition is necessary – and there are openings in all sections. A particular need is for male voices.

For more information, contact:

Dr. Terry Crull at 628-4258; tacrull@fhsu.edu

In the Parish Office and Gift Shop



"Homilies of Father Earl Meyer - Year A" and "Homilies of Father Earl Meyer - Year B"

Hard cover \$20; soft cover \$10.

Also available online as a Kindle or Nook.

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.



May you always have
Love to Share,
Health to Spare,
and Friends who Care.

A Little Cat Humor



Q.: What do you call it when a cat wakes up?
A.: Cat'sup!

Q.: Why was the cat so small?
A.: He drank condensed milk.

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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

MONDAY	AUGUST 24
7:00 pm Alvin M. and Ventura Weigel	
TUESDAY	AUGUST 25
6:45 am	
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 26
7:00 pm Cletus Younger	
THURSDAY	AUGUST 27
6:45 am Rita Billinger	
FRIDAY	AUGUST 28
6:45 am Virginia Bleske	
SATURDAY	AUGUST 29
3:00 pm St. Fidelis Cammie Schmidtberger and Geoffrey Whisman wedding	
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Rich and Barbara Weber	
SUNDAY	22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME..... AUGUST 30
7:30 am St. Ann Bill and Paul Schrant	
8:45 am St. Boniface for the parishes	
10:00 am St. Fidelis	

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 29, 5:00 pm

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Galen Schmidtberger	Mary Lou Rome Tom Tholen	Aryan Karlin Jacob	Regis / Wilma VonLintel
Lector	Jane Wagner	Schroeder	Kathy Kuhn
Danita Schroeder	Kathy Kuhn Melissa Schmidt	Jessica Schroeder	
Comm.	Deb Geschwentner		
Diane Gross			

Sunday, August 30, 10:00 am

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Trilogy	Ken Brungardt Michelle Geist	Trenton Engel Tyler Engel	Yvonne Braun Ken / Bertha Brungardt
Lector	Connie Braun	Addie Roth	
Randy Leiker	Dianne Crawford Norma Keenan		
Comm.	Wanda Kuhn		
Mike Kreller	Joan Wellbrock		

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