

„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.
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	

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January 11, 2015 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASSSES:

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

- Jan. 19 — Martin Luther King Jr. Observance
- Jan. 29 — Kansas Day (154 years old)
- Jan. 31-Feb. 1 — Blessing of throats after all Masses
- Feb 2 — Blessing of candles
- Feb. 2 — Ground Hog Day
- Feb. 8 — Boy Scout Sunday
- Feb. 12 — President Lincoln’s Birthday
- Feb. 14 — Valentine’s Day
- Feb. 15 — Confirmation @ 10:00 Mass
- Feb. 15 — Card Party @ PAC
- Feb. 16 — President’s Day
- Feb. 18 — Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 22 — President George Washington’s Birthday



I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

(from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:7-11)



FRIARS' MIND

The Catholic Catechism says of the sacrament of baptism: "Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: 'Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word.'"

Of the baptism of Christ by John the Baptist the Catechism says: "Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of Saint John, intended for sinners, in order to 'fulfill all righteousness.' Jesus' gesture is a manifestation of his self-emptying. The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first creation descended then on the Christ as a prelude of the new creation, and the Father revealed Jesus as his 'beloved Son.'

"Christ spoke of his Passion and Death as a 'Baptism' with which he had to be baptized. The blood and water that flowed from the pierced side of the crucified Jesus are types of Baptism and the Eucharist, the sacraments of new life. From then on, it is possible 'to be born of water and the Spirit' in order to enter the Kingdom of God."

From these statements of the Catechism we learn that the baptism of Christ by John and our Sacrament of baptism are related but not the same. We will never understand today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord if we equate his baptism by John with our own sacramental baptism. The sinless Christ had no need of such a baptism.

To understand today's feast one must first understand the nature of John's baptism. The baptism that John offered was not the Christian sacramental baptism which you have received. It was a pledge to improve one's life by living closer to God. If we have a similar ritual today, it would be receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday.

The baptism of Christ by John did not free Christ of any sin, yet it is related to our sinful condition. At the baptism of Christ the voice of God the Father proclaims, "This is my beloved Son." That is at the heart of the meaning of the baptism of Christ. Jesus is the Son of God, sent by the Father on a mission of salvation. His baptism is the public proclamation that Jesus has been anointed by the Father as Messiah to save the people from their sins.

Christ assumed our human nature to identify with sinful humanity that he might redeem us by his death and resurrection which offer us a new life in God. Jesus, burdened with the sins of all mankind, went into the waters of the Jordan to inaugurate his public ministry by stepping into the place of sinners to redeem them.

We celebrate the Baptism of the Lord because it is a promise of our salvation through the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Christ, the central mystery of our faith.

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Sign on back of an Amish carriage: Caution - avoid exhaust.

PARISH STAFF

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

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- Helen Windholz 735-2293
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- Jerry Nowak 637-5273

CONTRIBUTIONS JANUARY 3-4, 2015

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 3096.00 Loose 1766.78
Repair Fund 1148.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 400.00 Loose 100.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 325.00 Loose 117.00
Candles 22.00

MONEY COUNTERS

Jan. 12 — Jim and JoAnn Pfanenstiel

Jan. 19 — Anita Braun, Crystal Robben

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Valerian "Tiny" Hammerschmidt**, who passed away on Sunday, December 28, 2014. Services were held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Wednesday, December 31, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

"May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions."

~ Joey Adams



INTRODUCING ONE OF THE CHURCH'S MOST HIGHLY ACCLAIMED NEW MARRIAGE PROGRAMS!
A Program for the Engaged Couples

Upcoming Seminar January 24, 2015

St. Nicholas of Myra, 2901 E. 13th, Hays

Cost: \$40 per couple

Registration deadline: January 16

Contact: Susan Kisner at 785-625-7339
or skisner@ihm-church.com

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled marriage is an interactive seminar that offers engaged couples a compelling vision of God's glorious plan for marriage, love, and human sexuality. ... Based on Pope John Paul II's revolutionary new insights found in his Theology of the Body, the program includes DVD presentations featuring Christopher West, whose use of humor and practical analogies adds to the live facilitation of the leadership couples.

ST. FIDELIS PARISH

Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections

Budgeted Loose / Envelopes per week	\$ 5,145.19
Actual received Loose / Envelopes 1-4-2015	\$ 5,885.78
Budgeted Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date	\$ 138,920.13
Actual received Loose/Envelopes year-to-date 1-4-2015	\$ 163,247.19
UNDER BUDGET	\$ (24,327.06)

CONTRIBUTIONS NEW YEAR'S DEC. 31, '14—JAN. 1, '15

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 807.00 Loose 216.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 1.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 40.00

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Yearly Dues

Daughters of Isabella dues are now due. Please mail \$15.00 to Wilma VonLintel, PO Box 33, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, January 14 — K-6 Classes 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 14 — 7-12 Classes @ 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 21 — K-6 Classes 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 21 — 7-11 Classes @ 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28 — K-6 Classes 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28 — 7-11 Classes @ 7:30 p.m.

ST. ANN

Christian Mothers Yearly Dues

Christian Mothers dues of \$3.00 are now due. Please give or mail to Lou Ann Hammersmith, PO Box 163, Gorham, Kansas 67640.

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, January 13**, at 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY

Commodities to Be Distributed

Government surplus commodities will be distributed on **Wednesday, January 14**, at 1:30 p.m. at the Parish Activity Center. Please enter using the Meal Site room door.



Fundraiser for Robert Schmidt Saturday, January 10

Mass @ 5:00 P.M. at The Basilica of St. Fidelis
Meal, Bingo, and Bake Sale from 5:30 until 8:00 P.M.
Victoria Grade School

Cursillo

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 a weekend. The next weekend events are: Men's **February 26-March 1, 2015**; Women's **March 18-22, 2015**. Location: Victoria, Kansas, Spiritual Life Center. For more information contact Patricia Dusin at 785-302-1220 or at patriciad@ruraltel.net.



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.

Still Gathering Box Tops, Tabs, and Receipts

Victoria Elementary School is still collecting **Box Tops**, **Pop Tabs**, and **McDonald's receipts**. The school can earn classroom supplies and money for Their activity fund with the Box Tops and McDonald's receipts. The Pop Tabs are delivered to Topeka to the Ronald McDonald House where they are recycled, and the money raised goes to help with the cost of operating the house.

*They will turn in **Box Tops** at the end of February, and the **Pop Tabs** will be delivered to Topeka over Spring Break.* These items can be dropped off at the school, or you can give them to any elementary school student.

Each classroom K-6 will receive in the next couple of weeks a box of 20 books from the Sunny D Book Spree so thank you to everyone who helped collect the Sunny D labels as well. Thanks for all your help in collecting all these items!

Victoria Schools Calendar

Monday — January 12

AIM period—Students will have directed study
3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice
4:00 pm JH basketball vs. Ellinwood
7:30 pm BOE meeting

Tuesday — January 13

12:05 pm 2nd and 3rd grade to FHSU
AIM period—Students will have directed study. 7th grade girls will meet in Mrs. Kori Braun's office
3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at VES. Girls at HS
4:45 pm HS basketball @ Stockton. Depart: 3:00

Wednesday — January 14

AIM period—students will have directed study
3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at VES. Girls in tin gym
3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice
7:00 pm FAFSA presentation for seniors and parents in VJSHS Cafeteria

Thursday — January 15

AIM period—Students will have directed study.
4:00 pm JH basketball @ Kinsley. Depart: 2:00
3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

Friday — January 16

AIM period—Students will have directed study
3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VES. Boys in tin gym
4:30 pm HS basketball vs. Central Plains

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.

The group will have a "Food and Fellowship" meeting on **Wednesday, January 21**, at Gutch's Bar & Grill, 109 W. 7th St., Hays, at 6:00 p.m.

They will have a Super Bowl Party on **Sunday, February 1**, at Nancy's house, 1302 E. 25th (phone 785-628-3347). Bring snacks and favorite beverage.



Knights & Shrine

STAG NIGHT

Wednesday, Jan. 14th

RUSSELL V.F.W.
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Ribeye Steak Dinner
Deluxe Baked Beans
Seven Layer Salad and more!!!
\$15

Cash Bar
* Social Hour 6:15 pm
* Dinner Served 7:00 pm

Cash Bingo



Texas Hold'em Poker



Raffle
* Several Games
* Big Screen TV
* And More!



Available at the Parish Office and Gift Shop

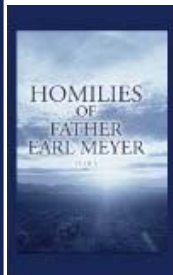
"Homilies of Father Earl Meyer - Year A"

and

"Homilies of Father Earl Meyer - Year B"

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

Also available online as a Kindle or Nook.



Contribution Envelopes

If you have not received contribution envelopes for 2015 and would like a box, please contact me at the Parish Office.

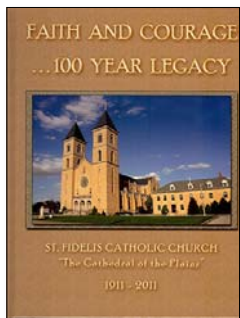
Please remember to use your 2015 envelopes from now on. Your box number may have changed from last year. In order for me to record your contribution, I need the correct number.

Thanks, Jan.

The 2011 Centennial History/Church Directory

Copies are available at the Parish Office for \$20.00.

(We will mail it for an extra \$6.00 shipping and handling.)



Those families/individuals who posed for pictures for the directory part of the book may pick up their free copy at the Parish Office during office hours.

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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	JANUARY 12
7:00 pm Vera Braun	
TUESDAY	JANUARY 13
6:45 am Joel McLaren	
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 14
7:00 pm St. Fidelis Louise Dreiling and Ryan Schrant	
THURSDAY	JANUARY 15
10:00 am St. Fidelis Ray and Annette Lang	
FRIDAY	JANUARY 16
6:45 am Gilbert Riedel Milton Wellbrock	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 17
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Cecil and Minnie Roth	
6:30 pm St. Ann Paula and Bill Schrant	
SUNDAY	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:45 am St. Boniface Anton (anniv) and Anna Schmeidler family living and deceased	JANUARY 18
10:00 am St. Fidelis Willie and Bertha Pfeifer	

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 5:00 PM

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Jim / Becky Scheck	Ivan Werner Verda Werner	Audrey Staab Morgan Staab	Rick / Kim Ptackek
Lector Sandy Scheck	Gib Billinger Carol Billinger Det Younger	Thaddius Wohler	Arlene Wittman
Comm. Angie Roth	Brenda Robben Mary Brungardt		

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 10:00 AM

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Lydia/Christie Sander	John Braun Shirley Weigel	Emily Schippers	Rick / Marla Robben
Lector Mike Kreller	Keith Billinger Connie Braun Dianne Crawford	Sara Schippers Brooklyn	Francis / Helen Windholz
Comm. Yvonne Braun	Bertha A. Brungardt Deb Geschwentner	Nowak	

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