

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.	BULLETIN ITEMS: Deadline is Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Connie (sftech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) at the Parish Office.	

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

June 24, 2018 – Birth of John the Baptist

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

Eucharistic Adoration:

THURSDAYS • 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.
 in St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar

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

July 4 — Independence Day—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED — Mass 8:00 a.m.

July 4 — No lunch program today

July 26 — Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne

July 27 — Last day for lunch program

Aug. 3-4 — Herzogfest

Aug. 5 — No Mass at St. Boniface

Aug. 15 — Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
 —PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Sept. 3 — Labor Day—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Sept. 11 — Patriot Day

Sept. 14 — Exaltation of the Holy Cross

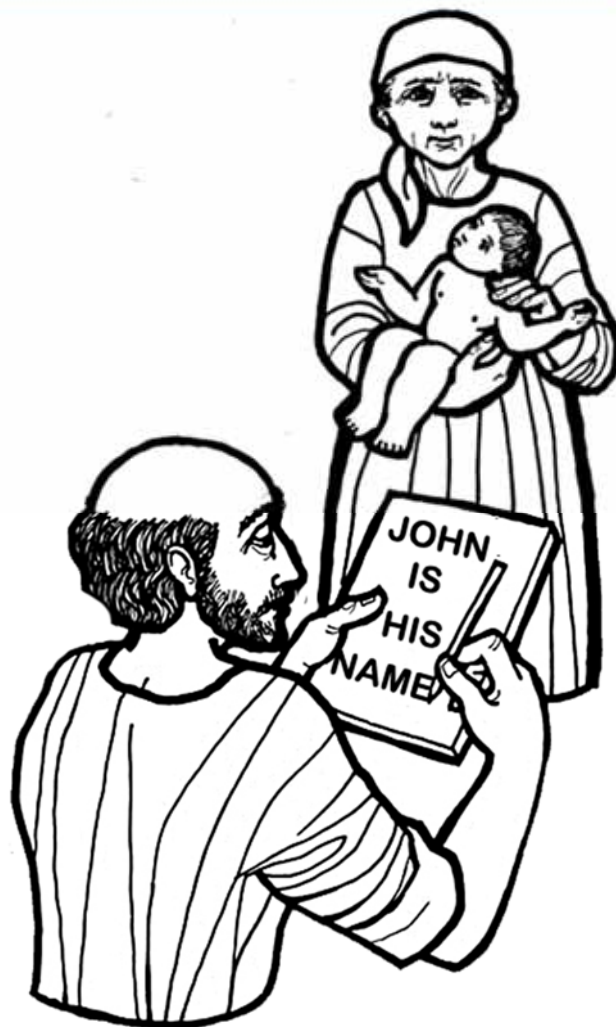
Sept. 14-15 — VHS Homecoming

Sept. 16 — Catechetical Sunday

He asked for a tablet and wrote,

“John is his name,”

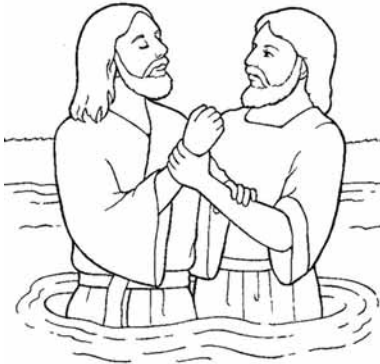
and all were amazed.



(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 1:57-66, 80)



The liturgy of the church celebrates only three birthdays: the birth of Christ on Christmas, the birth of the Virgin Mary on September 8, and today's feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist. These birthdays are of special significance because of their place in salvation history.



The births of Christ and John the Baptist are well known stories from the gospel of Luke. The birth of Mary is not recorded in Scripture but is described in early Christian writings. Her birthday is celebrated as a Feast, while that of Christ and John the Baptist are given the higher rank of a Solemnity due to their greater scriptural foundation.

The Bible uses a standard format for the announcement of a providential birth:

- 1) The appearance of an angel of the Lord.
- 2) The visionary is startled and/or fearful of the angel.
- 3) The angel addresses the visionary by name with an assurance not to be afraid, announcing that a woman is to be with child, the meaning of the name of the child, and its destiny.
- 4) An objection by the visionary, implicitly requesting proof.
- 5) The giving of a sign as proof and reassurance.

This pattern can be found in the annunciation of the birth of Christ to Mary, to Joseph, and at the births of Ishmael, Isaac, Samuel, and Samson in the Old Testament. It is clearly evident in the announcement of the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah in today's gospel:

- 1) The angel of the Lord appeared.
- 2) Zechariah was troubled, "and fear came upon him."
- 3) The angel tells him not to fear, his prayer has been heard, his wife will bear a son to be named John whose destiny will be a prophet as Elijah to prepare the people for the Lord.
- 4) Zachariah questions how this is possible for an elderly couple.
- 5) As a sign of proof Zachariah will be unable to speak.

John the Baptist and Jesus have similarities beyond their birth announcements. Both challenged the religious leaders and preached the same theme, "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand." Both were thought of as prophets and feared by their enemies because of the people. Both were seized and bound, sentenced by reluctant authorities, executed as criminals, and buried by their own disciples.

When Zachariah questioned the angel, he was struck mute in punishment. When Mary questioned the angel Gabriel with similar words, she was not reprimanded. Questions can convey trust or doubt depending on their context and nonverbal clues. Yet Zachariah's doubt was ultimately transformed into belief when he followed the angel's instruction and told the unbelieving crowd, "His name will be John."

... and mirth

Truth has only to change hands a few times to become fiction.

Parish Staff

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Contributions June 16-17, 2018

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2428.00 Loose 1101.39

Missions 474.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 177.00 Loose 589.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 265.00 Loose 274.00

Missions 297.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

June 25 — Bob and Phyllis
Stramel

July 2 — Ivan and Verda Werner

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Eugene "Gene" Jacobs** of Hays, who passed away on Saturday, June 9, 2018. Services were held at the Holy Cross Catholic Church, Pfeifer, on Wednesday, June 13, with burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Pfeifer.

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, July 4, in celebration of Independence Day.



Please have articles for the **JULY 8 BULLETIN** in by **11:00 A.M. on Monday, July 2.**

Contact Connie at 785-735-2777 or email at sftech@ruraltel.net with your bulletin articles.

New Bishop Named!

On Wednesday, June 13, Pope Francis named Monsignor Gerald "Jerry" L. Vincke, 53, as the new bishop of the Salina Diocese. The bishop-elect is currently the pastor of Holy Family Parish in Grand Blanc, Michigan. He succeeds Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger who is now bishop of the Diocese of Tucson, Arizona. Monsignor Vincke's ordination and installation as bishop will take place on August 22, 2018, according to the Diocese of Salina website (salinadiocese.org).

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

World Day of Prayer Mass

The Daughters of Isabella's World Day of Prayer Mass will be **Friday, June 29**, at 6:45 a.m. at the Basilica of St Fidelis.

ST. ANN

Pastoral Council Nominations

St. Ann Parish is accepting nominations for Pastoral Council for the 2018-2021 term. Helen Windholz's 2nd term as council member will expire at the end of June. If there are parishioners who are 18 or older and are interested and willing to accept a nomination, please visit with Father John or one of the current council members.

Fundraiser for Felix Howard

St. Ann parishioner, Nichole Howard, needs our help. Her 16-year old son, Felix—a twin to Isaac—had a previous surgery at 9 years old for an AVM brain aneurysm. Last Monday, June 11, he had brain surgery at Stanford University Hospital in Palo Alto, California. The surgery was successful, but was the first of possibly four future surgeries he may have to have. The family will have to remain in California a full month or longer. They need monies to pay lodging, eating, etc.

They would appreciate any donations to help financially. Donations can be sent to Nichole's mother, Mrs. Marilyn Schrant Joy, originally from Walker. Her address is 2142A 260 Avenue, Hays, Kansas 67601. To help with expenses, Marilyn is also making bierocks for \$20 a half dozen or \$40 a dozen. You can call the home phone 785-628-1835 to make arrangements for the bierocks to be made fresh.

We thank you for any help that can be given and also prayers for the family.



St. Fidelis Church is sponsoring a summer food program at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street, beginning June 3.

A free lunch will be served to any children from 11:00-11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

There are no enrollments or reservations required,

but if you are bringing a large group such as a day care group, please let us know that morning by calling 785-735-2777.

For more information, contact Jan at the Parish Office. This program is for any children.

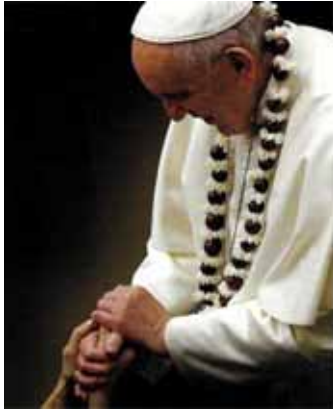
It is not a government program.

There are no forms to fill out.

Just have the kids show up between 11:00 and 11:30 for lunch.



Thanks!!



Peter's Pence Collection
Be a Witness of
Charity

"A LITTLE MERCY MAKES THE WORLD LESS
 COLD AND MORE JUST."

—POPE FRANCIS, ANGELUS, MARCH 17, 2013

Next week, we will take the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take the Peter's Pence Collection (PPC). This global collection supports the Holy Father as he reaches out in mercy and charity to people who are suffering. Your generosity will help Pope Francis ease the suffering of some of the most marginalized throughout the world and show them the tender love of God.

Pope Francis challenges us to look at those around us with the eyes of mercy. He says, "We encounter so many weary and oppressed people today . . . And how is our heart? Is it merciful? And our way of thinking and acting, is it *inclusive*?" I invite you to reflect on how you feel moved to answer the call to mercy.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection as an act of mercy and charity. Join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the most marginalized in our world. For more information about the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence. Thank you, and may God bless you abundantly.

Very Reverend Frank E. Coady
 Diocesan Administrator

JUNE HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

Predators are at work throughout the year—summer is no exception. Learn more about human trafficking/modern day slavery so that you can be more alert to trafficking situations. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersagainstrafficking.org).

Salina Diocese Men's Conference Register Today

The Diocese of Salina is sponsoring a Seventh Annual Diocesan Men's Conference, "Men of God," on **Saturday, August 11**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays. Please attend and bring your sons who are in Junior High, High School, or College. There will be two nationally known speakers: Archbishop Charles Chaput and John Martignoni. To register online or for more information go to salinadiocese.org or call 785-827-8746, ext. 17.

Midwest Catholic Family Conference

Join radio and television host Dr. Ray Guarendi at the Midwest Catholic Family Conference **August 3-5** while he talks about how laughter can help your family overcome trials. Save up to \$30 with **Early Bird Registration by July 16**. Register online at catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to info@catholicfamilyconference.org.

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas 7th Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser

THIS WEEKEND—JUNE 23-24
is bottle pick up weekend for the 2018 campaign.

**PLEASE DROP YOUR BOTTLES IN
THE CONTAINERS
OR BRING THEM TO THE
PARISH OFFICE.**

Your donations are appreciated!
ALL money stays local.

COMMUNITY

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**Please call in advance if you would like the Club Room
to be open on Friday evenings.**

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 Harland or Edna at 785-623-1368 or 785-735-2206.

"Healing" Meetings

The Center for Life Experience, 2900 Hall Street, Hays
For information on these groups, contact
Ann Leiker at 785-259-6859 or email cfpc@ruraltel.net.

HEALING AFTER LOSS OF SUICIDE is an organization offering family members and friends of those who have lost a loved one to suicide a place to connect with others who are dealing with this highly specialized grief recovery process. The group will eat supper at 5:00 p.m. **Wednesday, June 27**, at TK's Smokhaus, 114 E. 12th St., Hays. They will then gather at 7:00 in The Center for Life Experience.

**Catholic Charities
13th Annual Fundraiser**

**Sunday, July 22, 2018
5:00 pm to 7:30 pm**

Salina Country Club
2101 E. Country Club Rd.

Social, Cash Bar, Dinner, Live Auction
Dinner is complimentary - RSVP ONLY

Seating is limited, so make your reservation TODAY!*

**\$100,000
Donation Match
through July 22**

Anonymous donors have offered
a dollar-for-dollar match.
Every dollar you donate is doubled!
DONATE TODAY
and give the Gift of Hope
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Working to reduce poverty in Northern Kansas



Two Women in Heaven

1st woman: Hi! My name is Sandra.

2nd woman: Hi! I'm Sylvia. How'd you die?

1st woman: I froze to death.

2nd woman: How horrible!

1st woman: It wasn't so bad. After I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get warm and sleepy, and finally died a peaceful death. What about you?

2nd woman: I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected that my husband was cheating, so I came home early to catch him in the act. But instead, I found him all by himself in the den watching TV.

1st woman: So, what happened?

2nd woman: I was so sure there was another woman there somewhere that I started running all over the house looking. I ran up into the attic and searched, and down into the basement. Then I went through every closet and checked under all the beds. I kept this up until I had looked everywhere, and finally I became so exhausted that I just keeled over with a heart attack and died.

1st woman: Too bad you didn't look in the freezer—we'd both still be alive.

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.



St. Fidelis Food Pantry

Parish Activity Center (PAC) • 601 10th St. • 785-735-2777

ST. FIDELIS THRIFT SHOP is always accepting donations. Thrift Shop hours are Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10-2, Wednesday from 10-3:30, Thursday from 10-4. If these hours do not work to drop off your donations, contact Jan at the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	JUNE 25
7:00 pm Allen Dreiling	
TUESDAY	JUNE 26
6:45 am Anna Pfannenstiel	
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 27
6:45 am	
THURSDAY	JUNE 28
6:45 am	
FRIDAY	JUNE 29
6:45 am Lavon Weber	
SATURDAY	JUNE 30
5:00 pm St. Fidelis I. A. and Mildred Stramel Terry Keenan (anniv)	
SUNDAY	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 1
7:30 am St. Ann Anselm Braun family Eric Nakvinda	
8:45 am St. Boniface Charles Robben	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Alvin and Celeste Schmidtberger Ronald Lee Leiker	

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* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE CANTORS

Saturday, June 30, 5:00 PM — Megan Wellbrock
Sunday, July 1, 10:00 AM — Pam Scheck

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, June 30, 5:00 PM — Averi W., Wyatt D., Myah Y.
Sunday, July 1, 10:00 AM — Emily, Gracyn, and Claire S.
Wednesday, July 4, 8:00 AM—Vance H., Wesley S., Drayden K.
Saturday, July 7, 5:00 PM — Eric and Justin B., Lauren K.
Sunday, July 8, 10:00 AM — Wesley S., Vance H., Grant S.

Eucharistic Ministers\Lectors

These ministries are on a volunteer basis. Please sign up by the north entrance or come to the sacristy before Mass to see if anyone is needed.