

"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.
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.	Hospital Visits: To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.
		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

March 26, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

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)

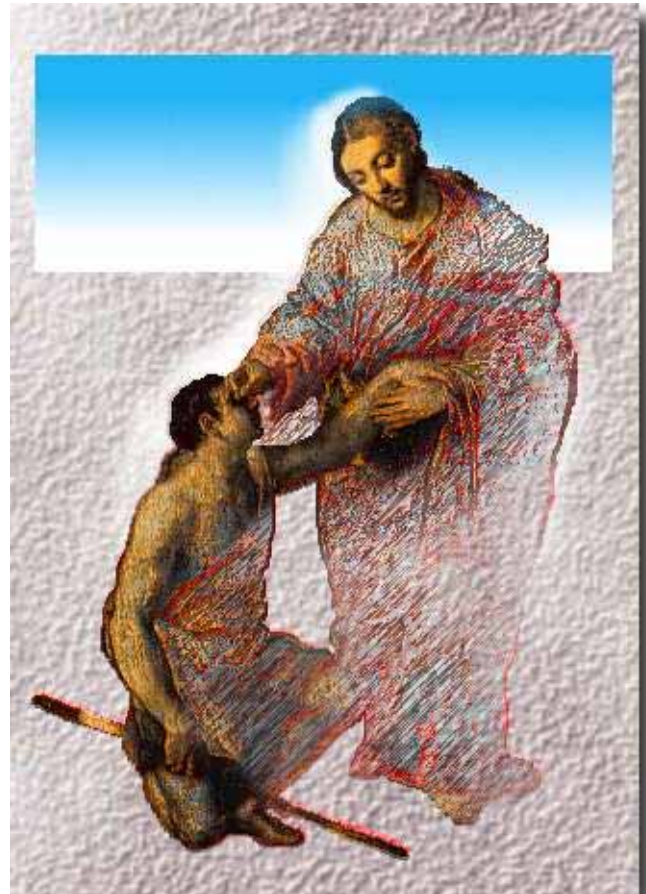
Tri-Parish Prayer Line

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

- Apr. 1** — April Fool's Day
- Apr. 6** — Chrism Mass @ Salina 11:30
- Apr. 9** — Passion (Palm) Sunday
- Apr. 13** — Holy Thursday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED at noon
- Apr. 14** — Good Friday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Apr. 15** — Holy Saturday
- Apr. 16** — Easter
- Apr. 17** — Easter Monday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Apr. 17-21** — Capuchin Assembly — No Daily Masses @ St. Fidelis
- Apr. 22** — Earth Day
- Apr. 23** — Fidelisfest
- Apr. 24** — Feast day of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- Apr. 26** — Administrative Professionals Day

He replied,
 "If he is a
 sinner,
 I do not know.
 One thing
 I do know
 is that
 I was blind
 and now I see."



(from the Holy Gospel according to John 9:1-41)

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE TOMORROW
Monday, March 27, after 7:00 p.m. Mass



If your Lent is "getting old" and you are tiring of this penitential season? No need to feel guilty. Christians have felt the mid-Lent blahs for centuries. That common Lenten ennui prompted Pope Innocent III in 1216 to declare the fourth Sunday of Lent as *Laetare Sunday*, literally Joyful Sunday, as a brief respite from Lenten penance. "On this Sunday which marks the middle of Lent," said the pope, "a measure of consoling relaxation is to be provided, so that the faithful may continue to bear their Lenten denial with a refreshed and easier heart."

The term *Laetare Sunday* is taken from the introductory antiphon of today's Mass, "Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her." (Isaiah 66:10) There is a parallel tradition in our observance of Advent when the Third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete Sunday* or Rejoice Sunday. That title also comes from the entrance antiphon of the Mass which begins with "Gaudete." "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!" (Phil 4:4) Both *Laetare* and *Gaudete Sundays* are a brief pause to lift our spirits that we may continue our observance of the season with a renewed commitment.

Subdued Lenten penance is visible this Sunday in light rose colored vestments replacing heavy somber purple. This custom derives from an ancient practice of the pope sending roses this day to civic leaders in recognition of their service to the church. *Gaudete Sunday* in Advent also permits rose vestments rather than the seasonal purple.

Rejoicing during Lent may seem paradoxical to some, but in truth there is no contradiction between penance and joy. There may be no pleasure in penance, but joy is the hallmark of authentic penance. St. Francis of Assisi encouraged the faithful to do "joyful penance." The Ash Wednesday gospel from Matthew advises Christians, "When you fast do not to look gloomy like the hypocrites." (Mt 6:16)

Laetare Sunday also expresses a natural joy of accomplishment in having completed the first half of Lent. We are over the hump. We have kept our resolve this far. We can make it the rest of the way. Easter is now in sight.

But *Laetare Sunday* is more than a pep talk or a liturgical half-time show. The deeper and hidden joys of penance are brought to light this Sunday. The joy of penance is found in knowing that one is doing the right thing. This is a joy often present amid difficulties and trials. And the greater the challenge, the greater such joy. Doing the right thing is often not easy or pleasant. It may hurt. But one has the satisfaction of a clear conscience and a calm spirit. There is no earthly pleasure that awards quite the same comfort and peace as the joy of doing the right thing amid difficulty.

Of the many elements of joy celebrated on *Laetare Sunday*, the one essential joy is found in the Paschal Mystery, the mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ. The unique joy of *Laetare Sunday* is knowing that Easter is fast approaching with its assurance that we are redeemed, that our life has meaning and purpose and destiny beyond the here and now. It is the hope of life eternal. "Rejoice not that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." (Lk 10:20)

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"Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't."

Parish Staff

Pastor:

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Bookkeeper/Minister to the Elderly and

Homebound/Thrift Shop/Food Pantry:

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Groundskeeper: Julius Dreiling

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Lou Ann Hammersmith

Choir Director: Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

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Connie Windholz

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Council Members

St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

Randy Leiker 259-1392 (Chair)
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LeeAnn Schmidtberger 735-9486 (Sec)
Janea Dinkel 735-9529 (FamLife)
Peggy Fitzpatrick 735-8186 (RelEd)
Doug Kuhn 650-1058 (Bldgs & Grounds)
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Randy Huser 735-4836
Fred Tholen 735-4801

St. Ann Pastoral Council

Helen Windholz 735-2293
Terry Riedel 735-9375
Jerry Nowak 637-5273

Contributions March 18-19, 2017

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2788.00 Loose 983.92

Repair Fund 25.00

Catholic Relief 90.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 420.00 Loose 250.00

Catholic Relief 10.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 229.00 Loose 343.00

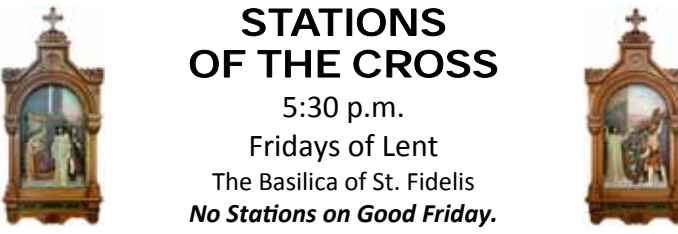
Catholic Relief 35.00

Mar. 27 — Anita Braun, Crystal Robben

April 3 — Bob and Phyllis Stramel, Dorothy Goetz

The annual **Chrism Mass** will be held on
Thursday, April 6, at 11:30 a.m.
 in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina.
 Everyone is welcome to attend.

*No Eucharistic Adoration in The Basilica of St. Fidelis and
 no coffee gathering in the Parish Office that day.*



**STATIONS
 OF THE CROSS**
 5:30 p.m.
 Fridays of Lent
 The Basilica of St. Fidelis
No Stations on Good Friday.

Lenten Confession Schedule

During Lent there will be additional opportunities
 for Confession as follows:

Mondays — 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays — 11:00 a.m. to noon

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m.

TOUR GUIDES NEEDED—We are looking for
 individuals or couples to conduct tours of the church
 for visiting groups and tourists. For more
 information, contact Jan at the Parish office.



I'm Staying

After the christening of his baby
 brother in church, Jason sobbed all
 the way home in the back seat of the car.
 His father asked him three times what was
 wrong.

Finally, the boy replied in tears, “That
 preacher said he wanted us brought up in
 a Christian home, and I wanted to stay
 with you guys.”

Knights of Columbus

Council #1867

2017 LENTEN FISH FRY

5:00 — 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Victoria V.F.W. Hall, E. Main Street, Victoria

MENU: Fish, noodles and beans, baked potato, cole slaw
 \$10 ADULTS — \$5 CHILDREN 10 and under
CARRY OUT AVAILABLE.



40 Cans for Lent

Your donation of
 1 can per family per day during Lent
 will make a huge difference to a family
 that is below the poverty level.

**Please help make
 a difference
 in some family's life.**

Donations boxes will be located
 at all the tri-parish churches.

While the Knights' goal is
40 cans per family, the weight goal
 of donated goods is **1,000 pounds.**

As of now,
200 pounds have been collected.

Let's help the Knights reach their goal!

Lenten Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment



The Seven Last Words of Christ

**Tuesdays - March 7, 14, 21, 28,
and April 4
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
at the Basilica of Saint Fidelis**

Father Earl Meyer will present reflections on the *Seven Last Words of Christ* on the Tuesdays of Lent. The Seven Last Words are the words spoken by Christ at seven different times while he was on the cross as recorded in the four gospels. These words have been a traditional Lenten meditation since the earliest days of the church.

These Tuesday Lenten services will also include the scriptural rosary and prayers of intercession.

Everyone is kindly invited to attend this “centuries old” devotion on all the Tuesdays of Lent from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Basilica of Saint Fidelis.

THE TOPIC FOR THIS TUESDAY WILL BE:

“My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”

Mk 15:34, Mt 27:46

and

“I Thirst.” Jn 19:38

MARCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 29 —

Religious Ed Classes

K-5 6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

6-12 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Friday, March 31 — 5:30

P.M. Stations of the

Cross at St. Fidelis

APRIL CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 5 —

5:15 - 6:15 P.M. Jubilee Choir

practice

K-5 6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

6-12 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Friday, April 7 — 5:30 P.M.

Stations of the Cross at

St. Fidelis

Saturday, April 8 — Sun, 4/9

– CYO Diocesan

Convention, Salina, KS

Sunday, April 9 — Palm

Sunday

10:00 A.M. Mass - Jubilee

Choir performs

Wednesday, April 12 —

***First Communion banners**

due*

Religious Ed Classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Friday, April 14 — Good

Friday — PAC Closed

Sunday, April 16 — Easter

Sunday – No Liturgy of

the Word for Children

10:00 A.M. Mass - Jubilee

Choir Performs

Monday, April 17 — PAC

Closed

Wednesday, April 19 —

Religious Ed Classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

*Mail Unit 6 to

homeschooled students

Sunday, April 23 —Fidelisfest

Wednesday, April 26 — End

of Year Religious

Education Mass Grades K

– 12: 7:00 P.M. Mass at

St. Fidelis

*Second grade – First

Communion practice,

time: TBA

Sunday, April 30 — 10:00

A.M. Mass – Celebration

of First Communion

No Liturgy of the Word for

Children

Jubilee Choir performs

YOUTH MINISTRY

Attention: CYO & Jr. CYO

Lenten Opportunities for Service and Prayer

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Have you thought about reaching out to your community and parish this Lenten season? If so—here’s an opportunity! ☺ Join the Knights of Columbus on Friday afternoon to serve the people of Victoria and surrounding areas at the K. of C.’s annual Fish Fry. The K. of C. needs youth to help greet patrons, carry their food and drinks, refill drinks, and wipe down tables and trays. Youth are asked to arrive between 4:30 – 4:45 P.M. The final Fish Fry will be held on Friday, March 31, and lasts from 5:00 to 7:30 P.M. (Location: VFW – Victoria).

Thank you to all the youth who helped with the previous two Fish Fries!

Your service is appreciated very much!

You put a smile on many people’s faces – we hope to see you back on March 31.

Stations of the Cross

“Lord Jesus help us walk in your steps.”

Each Friday during Lent, Father will lead the Church in the Stations of the Cross—the devotional reminding us of Jesus, our Savior’s, condemnation, pain and suffering, sacrifice, and death. Please consider walking these 14 stations with Father and joining us in the remembrance of Jesus’ Passion, Death, and ultimately His Resurrection. The Stations of the Cross occur every Friday throughout Lent beginning at 5:30 P.M. Also, if you would be willing—Father could use your assistance in leading the stations by walking alongside him and carrying the crucifix from one station to the next.

Questions? Please contact Jeanette at 735-9244 or FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net



Fidelisfest — Volunteers Needed

When: Sunday, April 23, 2017

Where: Victoria, Kansas – north of PAC

Time: Games will open following the 10:00 A.M. Mass and will last until 2:00 P.M.

Youth (grades 6 – 12) volunteers will be needed for the following time slots to host the kid's booths:

11:00 – 12:00 P.M.

12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

**For those staying until 2 P.M.: please consider staying a little bit later to help knock down booths/games.*

Kids booths and games will include the following: Face Painting, Relays, Fish Pond, Plinko, Corn hole, Bouncy Houses, Bingo, Arts & Crafts, sports area (football, basketball toss, etc.) Jail Round-Up, and more!

Two adult volunteers will be needed for each time slot to monitor the two bounce houses:

11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

It's very important that youth remain at the booth/games they have been assigned for the entire hour in order to receive their service hours and to help make this a fun and safe experience for our children! Youth entering the ninth and tenth grade (2017-2018 school year) must sign-in with Jeanette upon arriving and leaving so that their service hours, for Confirmation, can be documented. Additional adult volunteers are welcome to help supervise over the booths. If interested, please get in touch with me prior to the day of.

Sign up today! :)

Jeanette B.

FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net

Office: 785-735-9244

Cell: 785-639-5067

Home: 785-735-9418

JR. CYO Gathering

The Jr. CYO will meet on **Wednesday, March 29, at 6:30 P.M.** in the Parish Activity Center, on the second floor, prior to Religious Education. If you have it completed, please bring your sign-up sheet to volunteer for Fidelisfest! You'll get to see the toys and prizes to be used for Fidelisfest and finalize some of the games. Also, if you have any used or new toys you'd like to donate—bring them as well!

Have you recently said your Lenten prayer? ... ☺

"Open our eyes that we may see you at work in our lives. May we never forget that we are all one human family. Inspire us to help those who are "outsiders" — that are overlooked in our community. May we be your hands in caring for *all* creation. Awaken in us a passion for justice. Amen.

If you need to come in late, please still come! We'll meet until 7:15 P.M.

Jeanette Brungardt

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

R.E. FACEBOOK & TWITTER—Our Religious Education program is now on Facebook and Twitter! Visit: www.facebook.com/StFidelisReligiousEd AND/OR twitter.com/StFidelisRelEd. Updates regarding grades K-12: cancellations of religious education classes, reminders of special events, and other noteworthy occurrences will be posted. Both sites will be overseen by the Office of Religious Education at the Parish Activity Center.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

REMINDER:

Daughters of Isabella dues are due. Please mail \$15.00 to Wilma VonLintel, P.O. Box 33, Victoria, Kansas 67671. The deadline for paying dues is Friday, March 31.

D. of I. Bake Sale

The Daughters of Isabella Bake Sale will be held on **March 31** at the V.F.W. Hall starting at 5:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry.



All members are asked to please bake up your best goodies and bring them or a cash donation to the V.F.W. Hall between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on the day of the Fish Fry.



Scholarship Offered

The St. Fidelis Daughters of Isabella is offering a scholarship in the amount of \$250 to a qualified, Catholic female high school graduate. For application, contact Victoria High School or call Norma Keenan at 785-735-2877. **Deadline for application is Wednesday, April 12, 2017.**



YOUTH MINISTRY

FACEBOOK & TWITTER—The CYO and Jr. CYO have separate Facebook accounts. Information on upcoming events within the tri-parishes of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface pertaining to our youth will be updated regularly! You can find us on Facebook by searching for “St. Fidelis CYO” or “St. Fidelis Jr. CYO”. The CYO and Jr. CYO have a joint Twitter account at www.twitter.com/fidelisyouth.

ST. BONIFACE

Rain Mass and Blessing of Fields and Pastures at St. Boniface

The annual Rain Mass and Blessing of Fields and Pastures will be **Thursday evening, March 30**, at 6:30 p.m. The Knights of Columbus will cook hamburgers and brats following in the parish hall for all to enjoy. All are welcome.

ADULT CHOIR

PRACTICE: Wednesday, March 29, April 5 and 12, in church at 7:00 p.m.

SING: Sunday, March 26; Palm Sunday, April 9; Holy Thursday, April 13; Good Friday, April 14; and Holy Saturday, April 15.

*Practices begin at 7:00 p.m. and last about 1 1/2 hours.
If you like to sing, please come and join us.*

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your 2017 membership. Please use the envelope in your parish packet designated “Christian Mothers Altar Society” or put your \$5.00 membership dues in any envelope with your name on/in it and place it in the Sunday collection basket.

New members are welcome to join the Christian Mothers Altar Society any time by contacting the parish office, Fr. John, or any of the officers: Det Younger, 785-735-2757; Joan Wellbrock, 785-735-2562; Marge Rome, 785-735-4851; or Cora Schulte, 785-735-4971.

The cost is meager and the benefits are divine!

THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

22ND ANNUAL FIDELISFEST

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

THIS YEAR THE FIDELISFEST WILL BE HELD ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER WEATHER PERMITTING.

IF THE WEATHER DOES NOT COOPERATE, WE WILL MOVE INSIDE THE GRADE SCHOOL.

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND BE READY FOR A FUN TIME!!!

AUCTION

SILENT 11:00-11:30

LIVE 11:30-FINISHED

ITEMS DONATED BY PARISHIONERS

AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

JASON SCHNEIDER, AUCTIONEER

FREE GAMES AND
BOUNCE HOUSE
FOR KIDS
11:00-2:00

RAFFLE

PRIZES: 1ST-\$2000 2ND \$1000

3RD THRU 6TH \$500

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AFTER AUCTION

TICKETS \$10 EACH; 7 FOR \$50; 16 FOR \$100

MASS 10:00 AM

OPEN ALL DAY



COUNTRY STORE
11:00 UNTIL SOLDOUT
NOODLES, BAKED GOODS,
CRAFT ITEMS

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PARISHIONERS!!!

PLEASE BRING YOUR NEW DONATED AUCTION ITEMS AND COUNTRY STORE ITEMS TO THE PARISH OFFICE ANY TIME DURING OFFICE HOURS OR YOU CAN BRING THEM TO THE AUCTION SITE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 23, BETWEEN 8 & 11 AM.

THANK YOU!!!!!!

Benefit Soup Supper

For the Zach Nelson Family

Saturday, March 25 • 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Victoria Elementary School Cafeteria

FREE WILL DONATION

To help defray medical and travel expenses

There will be a basket auction including some of the following items:

•Young Living Oils •Thirty One Bags •Mary Kay

If interested in donating food or items for the basket auction, please contact Charlesa Schmidtberger at 785-639-1508.

Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service

The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at **3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 23**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hays. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers, and meditation.

Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church.

Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are in the brochure rack of our churches.

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on April 23.

This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio 88.1.

Ellis St. Mary CYO

Community Fried Chicken Dinner

Sunday, March 26, 2017

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 Roll, and Dessert

Ages 5-9: \$5.00; Ages 10 & over: \$10.00

Ellis Knights of Columbus

FISH FRY

Friday, April 7

K. of C. Hall in Ellis

Serving 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults \$10.00; ages 6-12 \$5.00, 5 and under are free.

ALL AMERICAN BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 2, 2017 * 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sponsored by: American Legion & Sons of American Legion
13th & Canterbury

Proceeds go to: **BLAINE BILLINGER EXCELLENCE IN SCOUTING**

For tickets call **Kathy Kuhn @ 785-735-5040**

WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES; it takes away today's PEACE.

2017 Heartland Parish Mission:

Has Your Christian Life Become Routine?
Learn How to Become an Intentional Disciple.

Speaker - FOCUS Missionary Tyler Weber

Sunday, March 26 - Tuesday, March 28, 2017

St. Joseph Church, Hays - 7:00 P.M.



Growing up a cradle Catholic, Tyler Weber maintained the minimum practice of attending weekend Mass. When he went off to college at Fort Hays State University in 2009, he fell into two years of the destructive behavior that threatens the souls of so many college students. In his junior year of college, he took his first big leap of faith and attended the Crossroads Retreat that is sponsored every year in Victoria by the Comeau Catholic Campus Center which launched him into seeking a personal relationship with Jesus. After college he worked for one year in his career field as a Radiologic Technologist. He dropped his nets in the spring of 2014 when he left everything to become a full-time Catholic missionary with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). Many Ellis County Catholics are supporting him in his missionary work. Tyler is in his third year as a missionary, where he currently serves as Team Director. He has a passion for starting fires in the hearts of those around him for Jesus Christ and His Church. One of his favorite future-saints is Mother Angelica (foundress of EWTN). One of his favorite Mother Angelica quotes is: ***"We've lost the theology of risk, we've lost our guts. Unless we are willing to do the ridiculous, God will not do the miraculous."***

Cancer Council of Ellis County is sponsoring a

Stag and Stagette Dinner

American Legion, 13th and Canterbury, Hays

Thursday, April 6th @ 7:00 p.m.

Menu includes:

Ham, Chicken Breast with Sun Dried Tomato & Penne Pasta,
Potatoes Au Gratin, Green Beans, Red Velvet Cake,
Coffee and Tea

Also included are German Raw Burger and Bull Fries

Tickets: \$13 for adults; \$6 for 5-11 year olds, under 5 free

Tickets need to be purchased by Monday, April 3rd.

No tickets sold at the door.

Purchase tickets from Cancer Council of Ellis County
701 Riley St., Hays, or call 785-625-6653.

"We are your local cancer support agency."

Mary Kay Schippers' Books

Available in Gift Shop

"A Year on the Family Farm" (\$13) and its sequel, "Another Year on the Family Farm" (\$15), by Mary Kay Schippers are available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop. Profits go to the Tri-Parishes.



First Care Clinic

Hours are:

Monday - Thursday

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM - Noon

Phone: **785-735-3710**



VICTORIA VFW POST 1751

Club Room will be open to the public on Friday evenings from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be available.

(This is on a trial basis.)

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.

The Seasons of Our Souls by Fr. Earl Meyer



Practical reflections on the Christian life. Many are edited versions of those published in the local paper. Available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop. Offering of \$5.00.

Victoria Community EASTER EGG HUNT



WHEN: Saturday, April 15, 2017

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

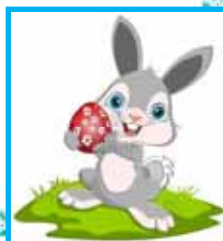
WHERE: Meet in the parking lot between The Basilica of St. Fidelis and the Victoria Grade School

AGE

GROUPS: 0-1 years, 2-3 years,
4-5 years, 6-7 years,
and 8-9 years

CAMERAS WELCOME.

There may be an appearance by the Easter Bunny.



AVAILABLE

in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop

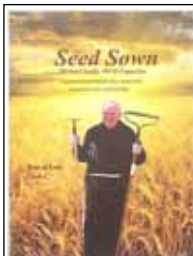
"Homilies of Fr. Earl Meyer - Year A"

"Homilies of Father Earl Meyer - Year B"

"Homilies of Father Earl Meyer - Year C"

Hard cover \$20; soft cover \$10

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Catholic Relief Collection This Weekend



This week, we are taking up The Catholic Services Collection to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



**Catholic Charities
Community Outreach**

Catholic Charities will have a community free store event on **Monday, April 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at their Hays office, 122 E. 12th Street.

Items available are infant's and children's clothing, miscellaneous baby items, maternity clothing, men's and women's clothing, blankets, miscellaneous household items, and information and applications for all other services. Item availability is on a first come, first serve basis.

Motivated by our Christian faith, Catholic Charities ministers to families and seeks to reduce poverty for the vulnerable, regardless of their religion.

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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.



BULLETIN ITEMS—The deadline for bulletin articles is **Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.** Please contact Connie (sftech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) at the Parish Office if you have an item for the bulletin.



St. Fidelis Food Pantry

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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. If these hours do not work to drop off your donations, contact Jan at the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	MARCH 27
7:00 pm Mary Ellen Schmidtberger	
TUESDAY	MARCH 28
6:45 am Bill Weigel	
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 29
6:45 am Frank and Mary Hoffman	
THURSDAY	MARCH 30
6:45 am Rich and Barbara Weber	
FRIDAY	MARCH 31
6:45 am Barbara Randa	
SATURDAY	APRIL 1
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Gilbert and Mary Jane Miller family James Kuhn Ray Schmidtberger	
6:30 pm St. Ann Ron, Gerard, Mary, and Leon Hammerschmidt	
SUNDAY	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:45 am St. Boniface	APRIL 2
10:00 am St. Fidelis Clara Baier Gilbert and Mary Jane Miller family	

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

**MINISTER SCHEDULE
CANTORS**

Saturday, April 1, 5:00 PM — Christy & Lydia Sander
Sunday, April 2, 10:00 AM — John Braun

MINISTERS

The ministry schedule continues to be on a volunteer basis. Please sign the schedule by the north entrance or come to the sacristy before Mass to see if anyone is needed.