

"Beacon of Faith,"
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 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.	Hospital Visits: To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.
		EUCHARISTIC 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 1, 2017 – Sol emnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses:

St. Fidelis, Victoria

Saturday — 5:00 pm
 Sunday — 10:00 am
 Monday — 7:00 pm
 Tuesday through Friday — 6:45 am

St. Ann, Wal ker

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. 2 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for New Year's holiday
Jan. 8 — Epiphany of the Lord
Jan. 16 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Jan. 22 — 45th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade
Jan. 23 — Pro-Life Rally in Topeka
Jan. 26-29 — March for Life in Washington D.C.
Jan. 29 — Kansas Day—156 years
Feb. 2 — Groundhog Day
Feb. 4-5 — Blessings of Throats after all Masses
Feb. 5 — Boy Scout Sunday
Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day
Feb. 20 — President's Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Mar. 1 — Ash Wednesday



When eight days were completed for his
 circumcision, he was named Jesus, the
 name given him by the angel
 before he was conceived in the womb.

(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:16-21)



The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow—Monday, January 2, in observance of the New Year's holiday.



Today, January 1, the church celebrates the feast of Mary the Mother of God. It is most fitting that on New Year's Day, a day of new beginnings, the dawn of a new year, we should celebrate Mary, with the title of her greatest honor in giving birth to Christ: "The Mother of God." The Scriptural foundation for this title comes from the greeting Mary received when she visited her cousin Elizabeth: "And how does this happen to me that the *mother of my Lord* should come to me?" (Luke 1: 43).

The official dogma of Mary as "the Mother of God" did not come until the fifth century, when the Council of Ephesus met in 431 to resolve a controversy that arose when a Bishop named Nestorius claimed that Mary could be called "Mother of Christ" but not "Mother of God." He insisted the human and the divine in Jesus were absolutely distinct so that there was a human Christ and a divine Christ. The Council rejected this teaching of Nestorius and affirmed that Jesus was one divine person with a divine nature and a human nature. Since Mary was the mother of the divine person she should be properly honored as Mary the Mother of God.

This title, Mother of God, can easily be misunderstood, as some non-Catholic Christians have objected. It does not mean that Mary gave birth to God or to divinity. It means that she was the mother of Jesus of Nazareth who was a divine person, truly the Son of God. The expression for this truth of faith is expressed well by the Eastern Catholic Church which uses the Greek term, *theotokos*, literally "bearer of God." Mary is the one who bore a son who was the divine Son of God.

There is an important theological principal here that goes beyond pious devotion to the Virgin Mary. The concept and the title for Mary as Mother of God, the *theotokos*, did not come from theologians trying to honor Mary. It came from the great Christological councils of the church in the fourth and fifth centuries that were trying to understand who Christ was and how his human and divine nature were united in the Son of God. It was in trying to understand who Christ was that the church came to understand who Mary was. The work of these councils has given us an enduring theological principle: *If you get something wrong about Mary, you get something wrong about Christ.* Only when you understand Mary correctly can you understand Christ properly.

In his encyclical on authentic devotion to Mary, *Marialis Cultus* (1974) Pope Paul VI wrote: "This celebration, assigned to the first of January in conformity with the ancient liturgy of the city of Rome, is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in the mystery of our salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the holy Mother through whom we were found worthy to receive the Author of life. It is likewise a fitting occasion for renewed adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels, and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace. For this reason we have instituted the World Day of Peace, an observance that is gaining increasing support and is already bringing forth fruits of peace in the hearts of many."

On this day which inaugurates a new year in our journey of faith, when we are grateful for the life of Christ which we have received through Mary, when we hope this new year will bring new life to our spirit, it is most fitting that the church honors Mary, the *theotokos*, as the Mother of God.

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

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Contributions Christmas December 24-25, 2016

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 6843.00 Loose 4348.96
Retired Religious 60.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 258.00 Loose 2212.71

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 235.00 Loose 342.00

Jan. 3 (Tuesday) — Dianne Crawford, Marilyn Braun

Jan. 9 — Jim and JoAnn Pfanenstiel

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.

The tithing envelopes are by the north door and in the bridal room of the Basilica of St. Fidelis. If you are not currently receiving envelopes and would like to, contact Jan at the Parish Office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Kansas Knights of Columbus 18th Annual Pro-Life Baby Shower

The Knights of Columbus are conducting a Pro-Life Baby Shower for the Mary Elizabeth Home in Hays.

Parishioners of the tri-parishes are asked to donate baby and pregnancy supplies, diapers, bottles, formula, new or used baby or maternity clothing, etc. Please place your donation in the baby cribs which will be set up at the entrances of each of the tri-parish churches throughout the month of January.

Envelopes will also be available for those wishing to make a monetary donation. Please make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus and mail the donation in the self-addressed envelope or bring it to the Parish Office.



CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 1 — No Liturgy of the Word during Mass

Monday, January 2 — PAC closed

Wednesday, January 4 — No Religious Ed Classes — No Jubilee Choir practice

Sunday, January 8 — 10:00 A.M. Mass — Jubilee Choir performs

Tuesday, January 10 — 7:00 P.M. - Religious Ed Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 11 — Religious Ed classes —

Beginning of second semester

K – 5 6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Monday, January 16 — PAC Closed

Wednesday, January 18 — Religious Ed classes

K – 5 6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Wednesday, January 25 — Religious Ed classes

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

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

10th grade Confirmation class – remaining service hours due**

YOUTH MINISTRY

JUBILEE CHOIR PRACTICE TIMES

Jubilee Choir performs on Sunday, January 8th, during the 10:00 Mass. Jubilee Choir will not have practice on Wednesday, January 4th. There will be no Jubilee Choir practice during the months of January and February. Jubilee Choir will not perform during the month of February.

A letter regarding the practice and performance dates for 2017 was mailed home to parents at the end of November. If you did not receive this letter or have misplaced it please contact Jeanette in the Religious Ed Office and she'll be happy to send you the dates.

COMMUNITY

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.

Happy Holiday!!!

Yes, it is Happy Holidays because

Trilogy

has finished their first Christmas CD and it is for sale at

\$15.00 each with \$4.00 going to the Basilica of St. Fidelis from each sale.



(Cost is \$19 if mailing is necessary.)

The CD's are available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop OR contact Jerry Schmidtberger at 785-735-7055.

Payment can also be sent to Jerry at PO Box 211, Victoria, KS.

VICTORIA VFW POST 1751—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 Dennis at 785-639-4621.

KEEP PRAYING!

Pray for the Conversion of Our Nation

We need a lot of prayer, since we are in an important election season. Prayer hour **every 3rd Tuesday** of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Fidelis Church.

All are welcome!



Victoria Elementary News!!

The **Sunny D** labels have been sent in, and now we anxiously await our delivery of 20 books for every classroom at VES!! We are still collecting **Box Tops and Pop Tabs**. Last year we collected 123 pounds of pop tabs, and we received \$1,412.10 for the Box Tops! We'd love to surpass both those numbers this year!

If you have any of these items be sure to give them to any elementary school student or staff member, or you can drop them off at the school. Thanks again for all your help!

May 2017 bring you
peace and happiness.



St. Fidelis Food Pantry

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

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	JANUARY 2
7:00 pm Gilbert and Mary Jane Miller family	
TUESDAY	JANUARY 3
6:45 am Andrew and Miriam Wasinger family	
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 4
6:45 am Stella Sander	
THURSDAY	JANUARY 5
6:45 am Edwin and Ruth Engel	
FRIDAY	JANUARY 6
6:45 am Harold and Carol Cline family	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 7
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Ike and Albertine Schmidtberger Sharon Urban	
6:30 pm St. Ann Jim and Jane Robben	
SUNDAY	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:45 am St. Boniface	JANUARY 8
10:00 am St. Fidelis Verlin, Patty, and Stephan Dreiling	

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The new schedule is out.
We are continuing the volunteer sign up. Please volunteer by signing up for your ministry.

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, January 7, 10:00 PM —
Sunday, January 8, 10:00 AM —

MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, January 7 & 8

Volunteers needed for all other ministries

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