

„Beacon of Faith,  
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

„Cathedral of the Plains,  
**THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS**

„Pearl of the Prairie,  
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



<b>Parish Office:</b>	601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 • 785-735-2777 • Fax: 785-735-2779 <b>Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00	<b>Catholic Faith Education Office:</b> 785-735-9244
<b>Gift Shop Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday: 8:30–noon and 1:00–4:30 Friday: 8:30–noon	<b>Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, In-Home Mass, Holy Communion to Homebound:</b> Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events.	<b>Morning Coffee:</b> Thursdays 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Office with the Pastor & friends
<b>St. Fidelis Thrift Shop:</b> Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00–2:00; Wednesday 10:00–3:30; Thursday 10:00–4:00 If these hours do not work to drop off donations, contact Jan at the Parish Office.		<b>St. Fidelis Food Pantry:</b> For residents of the tri-parishes. Call the Parish Office. Donations accepted.
<b>BULLETIN ITEMS:</b> Deadline is <b>Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.</b> Please contact Connie at the Parish Office (sftch@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777)		

**PLENARY INDULGENCE**—The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence—a remission before God of the temporal punishment for a previously forgiven sin—by visiting a minor basilica. 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*, Salina Diocese newspaper

[www.stfidelischurch.com](http://www.stfidelischurch.com) / [www.stbonifacevincent.com](http://www.stbonifacevincent.com)

## August 25, 2019 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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:

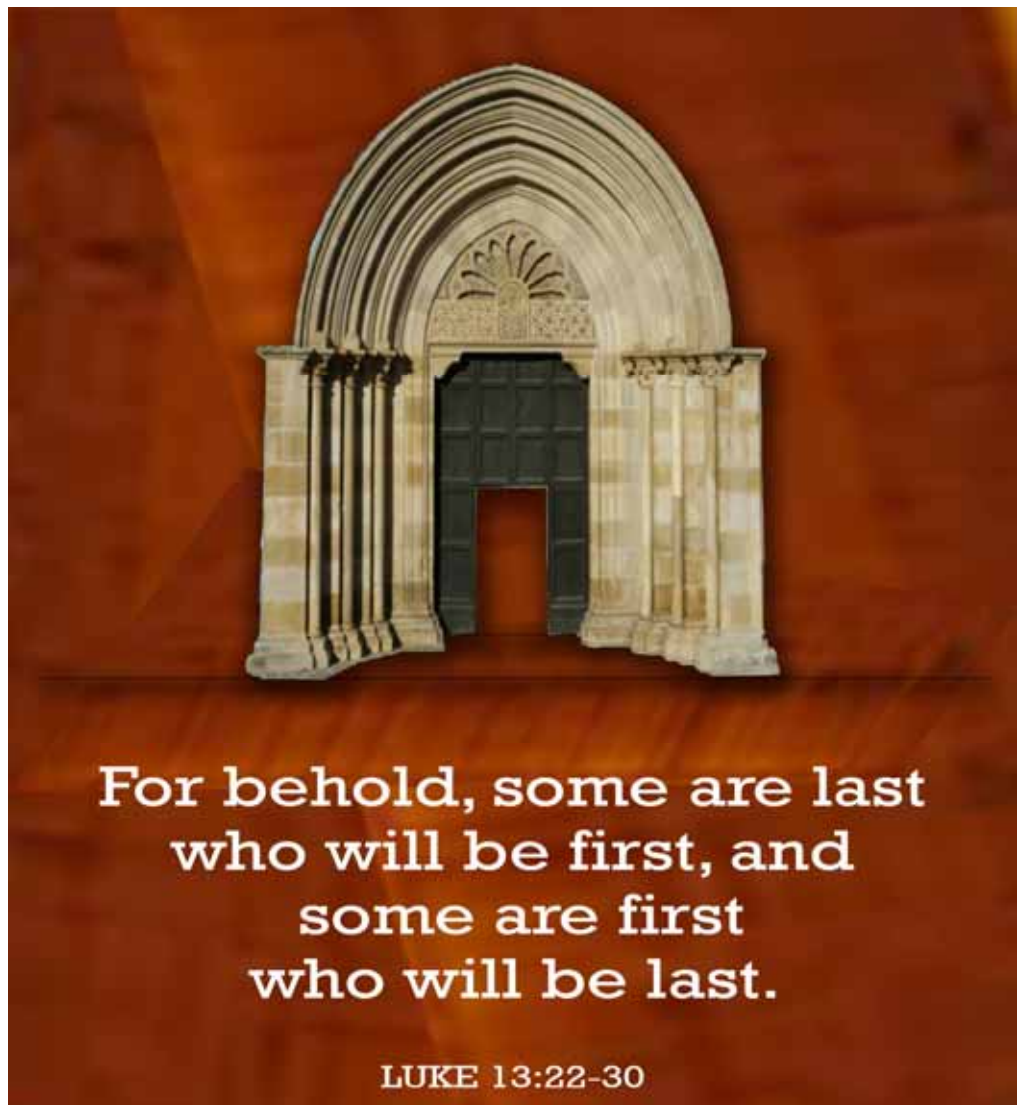
at St. Fidelis — Mondays — 7:30 pm  
or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

### 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

**Aug. 28** — First day of school  
**Sep. 2** — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**Sep. 7-8** — Blessing of Seed Wheat  
**Sep. 8** — Grandparents’ Day  
**Sep. 11** — Patriot Day  
**Sep. 14** — Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
**Sep. 23** — First Day of Autumn  
**Sep. 27-28** — VHS Homecoming  
**Sep. 28** — VHS Alumni Homecoming  
Mass at 4:00 pm—NO 5:00 pm Mass  
**Oct. 3** — Feast of St. Francis of Assisi — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**Oct. 14** — Columbus Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



For behold, some are last  
who will be first, and  
some are first  
who will be last.

LUKE 13:22-30



## How Many Will Be Saved?

The theme of today's gospel is that salvation will be a surprise. Recall that Jesus promised paradise to the good thief, to a sinful woman, even to a tax collector. Remember also the parable where those who labored but a single hour received a full day's wage. Then consider today's gospel. "Some who are last will be first, and those that are first will be last." Salvation will be a surprise.

The parables of the narrow gate and the locked door do seem pessimistic. But the narrow gate is not about squeezing through a tiny opening. It is about personal responsibility. With a narrow gate, entry is single file and each one is held accountable. Salvation demands a similar responsibility. You cannot hide in the crowd and sneak in on the goodness of others whether your church, your pious grandparents, even our own past. Salvation is a personal responsibility here and now. The narrow gate.

The second gospel image, the locked door is a reminder of an all too common human weakness, procrastination. "I will do it tomorrow." Conversion delayed. Someday I will read the Scriptures, someday I will say daily prayers, someday I will volunteer to help at church. Always *mañana*. Deathbed conversions are dramatic. They are also rare.

"How many will be saved?" Christ did not answer that question, at least not directly. And the church has never answered the question numerically. But the tradition of our church favors salvation. Consider this. Catholicism has canonized thousands of heroic

Christians proclaiming that they are glorified saints in heaven. But our church has never pronounced that any one specific person has been condemned to hell. Not even Judas Iscariot. The presumption is clearly for salvation.

The noted theologian Avery Dulles wrote this about who can be saved: "Catholics can be saved if they believe the word of God as taught by the Church and obey the commandments. Other Christians can be saved if they submit their lives to Christ in the community they think he wills to be



found. Jews can be saved if they hope for the Messiah and trust God's promise to them. Adherents of other religions can be saved if they sincerely seek God and strive to do his will. Even atheists can be saved if they worship God under some other name and serve truth and justice. God's saving grace in Christ leaves no one unassisted, but all must cooperate with that grace."

### ... and mirth

If heaven went by merit you would stay out and your dog would go in.

~Mark Twain

### Parish Staff

#### Pastor:

Fr. John Schmeidler, OFM, Cap.  
email: frjohncap@gmail.com

#### Bookkeeper/Minister to the Elderly and Homebound/Thrift Shop/Food Pantry:

Jan Brungardt  
email: fidelis@ruraltel.net

#### Catholic Faith Education Office:

Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/  
Youth Minister  
email: fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net  
Shirley Brungardt, RCIA Director/  
Sacramental Records  
email: sfreled@ruraltel.net

#### Housekeeping/Sacristan:

Darlene Dreiling

#### Groundskeeper:

Julius Dreiling

#### Maintenance:

Joe Brungardt

#### Organists:

Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

Lou Ann Hammersmith

#### Choir Director:

Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

#### Technology Coordinator:

Connie Windholz

email: sfttech@ruraltel.net

### Council Members

#### St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

Peggy Fitzpatrick 735-8186 (Chair)  
Andy Kuhn 639-2156 (Vice-Chair)  
Janea Dinkel 735-9529 (RelEd)  
Doug Kuhn 650-1058 (Bldgs & Grounds)  
John Schulte 735-2444  
Deb Braun 735-7106  
Gina Oberle 735-8056  
Jacque Schmidt 735-5011

#### St. Fidelis Finance Council

John R. Braun 735-2622  
Harland Rupp 735-2206  
Randy Leiker 259-1392

#### St. Boniface Pastoral Council

Carol Freitag 735-9282  
Fred Tholen 735-4801  
Curt Wellbrock 259-6564

#### St. Ann Pastoral Council

Terry Riedel 735-9375  
Jerry Nowak 637-5273  
Bill Robben 806-669-5264

### Contributions August 17-18, 2019

Adult 2208.00 Loose 1075.00  
Repair Fund 200.00  
Catholic Charities 53.00

#### ST. ANN:

Adult 807.00 Loose 265.25  
Catholic Charities 10.00

#### ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 280.00 Loose 93.00  
Catholic Charities 30.00  
Candles 31.00

### ~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Aug. 26 — Kenny and Bertha  
Brungardt

Sept. 3 (Tuesday) — Anita Braun,  
Marilyn Braun

# Religious Education and Youth Ministry Calendar of Events

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

### Wednesday, September 4

First day of Religious Education classes  
 2:20-3:15 P.M. - Kindergarten gathering  
 5:15 - 6:15 P.M. - Jubilee Choir practice  
 7:10 P.M. - Children's Mass during religion—parents and family welcome to attend

### Wednesday, September 11

6:30-7:30 P.M. Religious Ed grades 1-12  
 6:30-7:30 P.M. - 8th grade parent and student meeting in St. Fidelis Chapel

## Religious Education Enrollment Grades K-12

If you missed enrolling your child in Religious Education and still wish to do so please contact Jeanette Brungardt in the parish office at 785-735-9244 or by email at [Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net](mailto:Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net) to schedule a date and time to enroll your child. Jeanette will return from vacation on Wednesday, August 21. Please do not send your child to religion without first enrolling them. Kindergarten's enrollment fee is free; the fee for all other grades (1-12) is \$20.

## DIOCESE

### 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal



#### PLEDGED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEDGED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	13,200.00	13,600.00	10,690.00	67
Vincent	1,000.00	265.00	265.00	4
Walker	5,600.00	8,670.00	7,211.65	11

As of August 20, 2019,  
 \$1,702,711.69 has been pledged and \$1,446,081.16 has been received toward the \$1.2 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

### Diocesan Choir for Ordination

All are invited to participate in the Diocesan Choir for the Priesthood Ordination of Deacon Michael Leiker on **Saturday, September 14**, at Sacred Heart Cathedral. If interested in singing for this event, kindly RSVP to Preston Sauers by email ([psauers@shcathedral.com](mailto:psauers@shcathedral.com)) or telephone (785-810-8217).

### AUGUST HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

The internet is the 21st century auction block to buy and sell men, women, and children. Learn about internet exploitation in the trafficking business.

**U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** ([sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org)).

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

*"I felt as if there was an inner darkness in me that was fearful, trying to make me run. When I left on Sunday I did not feel that darkness. For the first time I felt God's grace, and oh, did it feel good!"*

~ Testimony after a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Healing and grace are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

#### Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time

**Next retreat: October 4-6, 2019**

**1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383)**

**[rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org](mailto:rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org)**

Confidential



Herzogfest is teaming up with Helping Hands of God for a joint Fundraiser!

More info on Herzogfest Facebook page

**Saturday, September 7 | 8:00 A.M. starting at**  
**COED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

Victoria Ball Field

9 teams will battle for the championship title

THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO COME DOWN AND ENJOY A GREAT DAY OF SOFTBALL, FOOD, AND DRINKS!

All proceeds from the tournament (after prize money is taken out), beer sales, and food sales will be split between the two organizations.



### VICTORIA VFW POST 1751

If you are looking for a place to gather for Receptions, Weddings, Anniversaries, Family Reunions, Class Reunions, Dances, First Communion, 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.

### ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Follow in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi with this pilgrimage to Italy June 28-July 6, 2020. Enjoy a private tour of St Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, and the Sistine Chapel. Also tour the Coliseum and Forum in Rome. Also on the agenda is a visit to the Necropolis. Tour Assisi and visit the Basilica of St Francis and see Michelangelo's David. Price for double occupancy is \$3,149 for air price only. For more information contact Jeanne Riedel at 785-639-5043. **You need to reserve your space no later than August 25, 2019.**

### Ellis St. Mary CYO

## Community Fried Chicken Dinner

**\* TODAY \* Sunday, August 25**

Knights of Columbus Hall, 1013 Washington St., Ellis, KS

**10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or until sold out**

**COME EARLY**

Pan-fried Chicken dinner includes Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, and Dessert

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

## Victoria Schools Calendar



**Monday — August 26 — Teacher In-Service**

FCCLA Take AIM @ Manhattan. Mrs. Connie Braun and select students will attend

**Tuesday — August 27 — Teacher In-Service**

3:00 pm JV tennis at Trego. Depart 1:30 pm

**Wednesday — August 28 — 1st Day of School 8:00 a.m.**

Lunch Menu: Chicken leg, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, cantaloupe, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study

**Thursday — August 29**

Lunch Menu: Sub sandwich, Sun chips, baked beans, peaches, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study

2:40 pm FCCLA "Welcome Back" for all HS students. Students will report to cafeteria

**Friday — August 30**

Lunch Menu: Soft taco, Mexican rice, refried beans, steamed peas, apple wedges, salad, milk

Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study

4:00 pm HS volleyball @ LaCrosse with Trego. Depart 2:45 pm

## Labor Day Weekend Campout for Young Catholic Adults in Missouri

Young adults, Nature is calling you this Labor Day weekend! Join us at the 26th annual Nature's Call Campout!

You and other young adult Catholics from across the Midwest will enjoy a relaxing getaway to Lake Pomme de Terre, where you can pitch a tent or simply hang a hammock in the several acres of land on the lake! You will meet and grow in friendship with 100+ young faithful while enjoying swimming, live music, dancing, hiking, a cooking competition, sports, and more!

Holy Mass and Confessions will be available during the weekend. Food and beverages will not be provided. Stores are nearby for any necessities. The campsite does have restrooms with running water and shower facilities.

To learn more and purchase tickets (\$25 online or \$30 at the door), please visit [www.naturescall.camp](http://www.naturescall.camp).

**The Parish Office will be closed  
Monday, September 2,  
for Labor Day.**

**Mass will be celebrated at 8:00.a.m.**  
There will not be a 7:00 p.m. Mass and no  
scheduled confessions.

**ST. FIDELIS ADULT CHOIR**

**Choir Practice Scheduled**

Adult choir practice will begin on **Wednesday, September 4, at 7:30 p.m.** in the choir loft at church. The adult choir will be practicing for the Alumni Mass to be held on Saturday, September 28. The adult choir will sing the 4th Sunday of each month and encourages anyone interested in singing to join them at the weekly practices.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

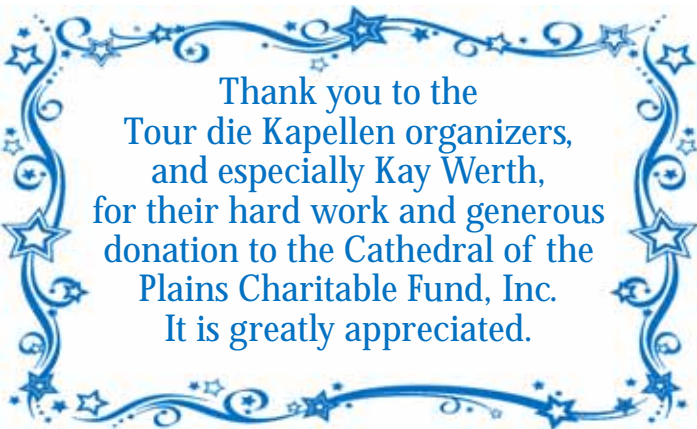
**K. of C. Has Rel Ed Fund Tickets Available**

Knights of Columbus Council 1867 has tickets for the Kansas Knights of Columbus Religion Education Fund. This fund helps to support the religious education of children enrolled in our Religious Education Classes.

The local council has 10 tickets at \$100 each.

Contact Harland Rupp at 785-623-1368 (cell) or 785-735-2206 (home) to purchase a ticket. Please leave a message if there is no answer and he will get back to you as soon as possible.

**COMMUNITY**



MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY .....	AUGUST 26
7:00 pm	
TUESDAY .....	AUGUST 27
6:45 am	
WEDNESDAY .....	AUGUST 28
6:45 am Sue Pfeifer	
THURSDAY.....	AUGUST 29
6:45 am Tyler Kuhn	
FRIDAY.....	AUGUST 30
6:45 am Joseph and Velma Lang	
SATURDAY.....	AUGUST 31
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Kathy Edsall	
SUNDAY.....	<b>22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> .....SEPTEMBER 1
7:30 am St. Ann Wilfred and Viola Robben James and Jane Robben	
8:45 am St. Boniface Francis and Josie Robben	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Julia Ottley	



Did you know that on the Canary Islands  
there is not one canary?  
And on the Virgin Islands? Same thing—  
not one canary there either!

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

**MINISTER SCHEDULE**  
**CANTORS**

**Saturday, Aug. 31, 5:00 PM** — Meagan Wellbrock  
**Sunday, Sep. 1, 10:00 AM** — Leroy Schmidtberger

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday, Aug. 31, 5:00 PM** — Lauren K., Brinly L.  
**Sunday, Sep. 1, 10:00 AM** — Shelby & Sienna S., Mackenzie H.  
**Saturday, Sep. 7, 5:00 PM** — Caidyn D., Myah & Grace Y.  
**Sunday, Sep. 8, 10:00 AM** — - Nicholas S., Gracyn & Claire S.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday, Aug. 31, 5:00 PM** — Gib and Carol Billinger, Deb Staab, Jane Wagner, Wanda Karlin, Fran Robben, Wilma VonLintel  
**Sunday, Sep. 1, 10:00 AM** — Bertha A. Brungardt, Joan Wellbrock, Norma Keenan, Wanda Kuhn,, Michelle Geist, Janine Kisner, VOLUNTEER

**LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS**

**Saturday, Aug. 31, 5:00 PM** — Randy Leiker, Hannah Schmidt  
**Sunday, Sep. 1, 10:00 AM** — LeeAnn Schmidtberger, Connie Dreiling

**GREETERS**

**Saturday, Aug. 31, 5:00 PM** — Louise Robben, Katie Bellendir  
**Sunday, Sep. 1, 10:00 AM** — Pam and Norman Scheck family