

"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 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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May 29, 2016 – MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD

MASSSES:

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

May 30 — Memorial Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
June 5 — Feast of St. Boniface
June 14 — Flag Day
June 19 — Father's Day
July 4 — Independence Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
July 26 — Feast of St. Ann
August 15 — Assumption (not a Holy Day of Obligation) — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Sept. 5 — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Sept. 11 — Patriot Day
Sept. 14 — Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Oct. 10 — Columbus Day
Oct. 31 — Halloween



Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied.

(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 9:11b-17)

**The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow
Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day.**



We continue with selected quotes from *Amoris Laetitia*, the recent letter on marriage and family from Pope Francis. We have previously offered some of his thoughts on the commitment of a Christian marriage and the relationships of parents and children. This week we have selections on the difficult topic of broken marriages and irregular unions.

Divorce and Multiple Marriages

Pope Francis wants the church, through dialogue and discernment, to help those in irregular marriages to understand "the divine activity of grace in their lives." By this he means a discernment of how God is acting in the difficult and unusual circumstances of their life. He notes that the situations of couples can be very different and should not be pigeonholed in predetermined classifications. "One thing of special consideration is a second union consolidated over time, with new children, proven fidelity, generous self giving, Christian commitment, a consciousness of its irregularity and of the great difficulty of going back without feeling in conscience that one would fall into new sins. The Church acknowledges situations where, for serious reasons, such as the children's upbringing, a man and woman cannot satisfy the obligation to separate."

"There are also the cases of those who made every effort to save their first marriage and were unjustly abandoned, or of those who have entered into a second union for the sake of the children's upbringing, and are sometimes subjectively certain in conscience that their previous and irreparably broken marriage had never been valid."

Separation and Moral Obligations

"The divorced and remarried should ask themselves: how did they act towards their children when the martial union entered into crisis; whether or not they made attempts at reconciliation; what has become of the abandoned party; what consequences the new relationship has on the rest of the family and the community of the faithful; and what example is being set for young people who are preparing for marriage."

Counseling the Separated and Divorced

Pope Francis sets this topic in a positive framework: "Divorced and remarried couples should always be made to feel part of the church. They are not excommunicated and should not be treated as such, since they remain part of the church."

He then speaks of a process of accompaniment and discernment which "guides the faithful to an awareness of their situation before God. Conversation with a priest in the internal forum contributes to the formation of a correct judgment on what hinders the possibility of a fuller participation in the life of the Church. It can also clarify what steps can be taken to foster it and make it grow. Given that *gradualness* is not in the law itself, this discernment can never ignore the Gospel demands of truth and charity, as proposed by the Church. For this discernment to happen, some conditions are necessary: humility, discretion and love for the Church and her teaching, in a sincere search for God's will and a desire to make a more perfect response to it."

"These attitudes are essential for avoiding misunderstandings, such as any priest can quickly grant 'exceptions', or that some people can obtain sacramental privileges in exchange for favors. When a responsible person, who does not presume to put his or her own desires ahead of the common good of the Church, meets with a pastor understanding the seriousness of the matter before him, they must avoid the risk that a specific discernment may lead people to think that the Church maintains a double standard."

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CONTRIBUTIONS MAY 21-22, 2016

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2677.00 Loose 1438.90

ST. ANN:

Adult 1064.00 Loose 474.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 220.00 Loose 163.00

Candles 24.00

MONEY COUNTERS

May 31 (Tuesday) — Doris Weigel, Shirley Weigel

June 6 — Randy Leiker, Tina Rajewski

Summer Food Program

St. Fidelis Church is sponsoring a summer food program at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street, from June 1-July 29.



A free nutritious lunch will be served to any children from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Please use the front entrance of the Parish Activity Center. 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.

Help Welcome Bicycle Group

Join us in welcoming the Kandango bicycle group to The Basilica of St. Fidelis on **Friday, June 10**. Breakfast and lunch will both be served by Fr. John behind the parish office. Menu items will include but are not limited to Breakfast fajitas, hamburgers, brats, chips, kuchen, with water, soda or beer. There will be a small fee for the items.



The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The bicyclists are from Kansas, Iowa, Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, California, Illinois, Missouri and Washington.



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 and 5-8. If these hours do not work for you to drop off your donations, contact Jan at the parish office.

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.

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.



Commandments

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to honor thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, “Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?”

Without missing a beat, one little boy (the oldest in the family) answered, “Thou shall not kill.”

ST. ANN

Parish Hall Clean-up Postponed

The St. Ann parish hall clean up originally scheduled for Saturday, June 11, has been postponed until fall due to a scheduling conflict.



Christian Mothers Initiation

On **Sunday, June 12**, a St. Ann Christian Mothers initiation will be held immediately following the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

A brunch will follow in the Parish Hall.

Help with Summer Lunch Program

Saint Ann Christian Mothers are invited to volunteer to help with the summer lunch program sponsored by St. Fidelis Parish. Lunch will be served from 11:00 to 11:30 daily from **June 1 to July 29** at the Parish office in Victoria. Tasks would include: helping with food prep, serving kids, and clean up.

For more information or to volunteer for one day or more frequently, please call Jan at the Parish Office number 785-735-2777.

1867 MEMORIAL HOME ASSOCIATION

Anyone interested in being an officer of the 1867 Memorial Home Association (formerly known as the Knights of Columbus Hall), please contact Harland Rupp at 785-623-1368. The Hall Association is also in need of volunteers to clean and manage the hall.

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MAY-ALERT

Human Trafficking and Sporting Events. Traffickers are opportunistic hunters and see major sporting events, and the thousands of people who flock to sports venues, as an opportunity for huge profits with little risk of penalty or punishment. Human trafficking is a business, and traffickers will take advantage of what they perceive to be good business opportunities—including national and international sporting events. Access the website sistersagainstrafficking.org...U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

V.F.W. MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE MONDAY, MAY 30

8:00 A.M. - MASS AT THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

CEMETERY VISITS

AFTER MASS - ST. FIDELIS CEMETERY

9:30 A.M. - SACRED HEART CEMETERY, EMMERAM

10:00 A.M. - ST. ANN CEMETERY, WALKER

10:30 A.M. - ST. BONIFACE CEMETERY, VINCENT

11:00 A.M. - HOLY CROSS CEMETERY, PFEIFER

**V.F.W. AND LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS MEET AT THE V.F.W. HALL
AFTER CEMETERY VISITS FOR LUNCH.**

LET US NOT FORGET
THOSE WHO SERVED
THAT WE MAY LIVE FREE.



250th Anniversary of Volga German Colonies

Nine Roman Catholic colonies were founded along the Volga River in 1766: Degott (July 18), Graf (June 10), Herzog (July 14), Katharinenstadt (June 27), Louis (June 14), Mariental (June 16), Rohleder (June 14), Schuck (July 18), and Volmer (July 18).

To celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the establishment of these nine colonies, the Center for Volga German Studies at Concordia University is hosting an all-day seminar series at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall in Hays, Kansas, on Saturday, June 4, 2016. Early registration (before May 27) is \$30 per person; registration after that is \$40 per person. Registration includes an authentic Volga German luncheon and all sessions. The public is invited to attend.

Additional information at the CVGS Hays Seminar Website: cvgs.cu-portland.edu/events/2016Jun4.cfm, Tanya Bushnell, 503-493-6369.

5K Run for Knights Basketball

It's that time of year again for the third annual 5K Run for Knights Basketball on **Saturday, June 18**. The team is looking for sponsors to help ease the cost of setting up for this event. With a donation of \$50, sponsor names will be put on the back of the race day t-shirts. However, any and all donations will be greatly appreciated to help hold this event.

The funds raised during the 5K Run will go directly to the basketball fund to help pay for numerous team items. Items purchased in the past include: travel jackets, shooting shirts, travel bags, stocking caps, team socks, water bottles, and K-State men's basketball game tickets.

If you are interested in making a donation or becoming a sponsor for this event, please contact Dylan Dronberger by email at ddronberger@ruraltel.net or by phone at 785-569-7831. You can also contact the school at 785-735-9211.

Registration fees to participate in the 5K Run, are \$15 before June 14 and \$20 after June 14. Awards will be given to top male and female runners in each division (14 & under, 15-29, 30-49, and 50 & over). Contact the school or Mr. Dronberger for a registration form.

"GOD governs the world but, prayer governs GOD"

Prayer Hour for 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 Still Collecting Box Tops

The **Pop Tabs** have been delivered to the **Ronald McDonald House** in Topeka! Victoria Elementary had a total of 123 pounds of tabs, and we were able to donate a check of \$47.97 this year. We have already started to collect for next year! Remember we are also collecting **Box Tops** so 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!

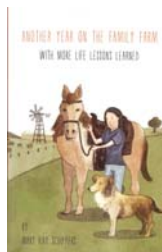
VICTORIA VFW POST 1751—If you are looking for a place to gather for Receptions, Weddings, Anniversaries, Family Reunions, Class Reunions, Dances, First Communions, or any type of get together, the VFW has a full kitchen that can be used if needed. For more information to rent the Hall, please call Dennis at 785-639-4621.



First Care Clinic
Hours will be:
Monday – Thursday
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM – Noon
Phone: **785-735-3710**

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.



HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT!

Host families are needed for high school exchange students for the 2016-2017 school year. The students will arrive from Europe, Asia, and South America in mid-August 2016 and will stay with the host family for one semester or until the end of the school year. They are in need of caring American families (with or without children) to provide a home and share with them this unique experience. The host family provides a bed, meals, friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life with a student from overseas. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have spending money for their personal expenses. Approved families can view online student applications and select the student that best matches their own family. For more information, please call Kori Braun at 785-735-4161

Mass tomorrow
MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 30,
will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m.
 There will be no 7:00 p.m. Mass
 and no evening Confessions.
The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow.


Due to the
Capuchin Assembly,
there will be no Masses at
The Basilica of St. Fidelis
Monday-Thursday, June 6-9.

There will be no
Eucharist Adoration on
Thursday, June 9.

Mass will be at the regular time of
6:45 a.m. on Friday, June 10.

MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY	MAY 30
8:00 am Justin Denning	
TUESDAY	MAY 31
6:45 am Kenny and Bertha Brungardt family	
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 1
6:45 am Leslie Ann Mason	
THURSDAY	JUNE 2
6:45 am	
FRIDAY	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus JUNE 3
6:45 am Valerian Hammerschmidt	
SATURDAY	Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary ... JUNE 4
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Millie Dinkel	
SUNDAY	TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 5
7:30 am St. Ann Robert and Lydia Sander family living and deceased and Gilbert Rohr	
8:45 am St. Boniface Wilma Hoffman	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Willie and Bertha Pfeifer Charles Guercio family living and deceased	

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. 

MINISTER SCHEDULES for Masses at the Basilica of St. Fidelis can be found on the church's website on the "Mass Schedule" page.
www.StFidelisChurch.com

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.

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30, 8:00 AM

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Leroy Schmidtberger	Tom Tholen Marge Rome	Thaddeus Wohler	Andy / Wanda Kuhn
Lector	Yvonne Braun	Michael Wohler	Kathy Kuhn
Teresa Shepherd	Mary Lou Rome Becky Scheck	Wyatt Dreiling	
Comm.	JoAnn Pfanenstiel		
Angie Roth	Amorette Windholz		

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 5:00 PM

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Pam Scheck	Katie Bellendir Det Younger	Alexis Truan Kassi Weber	Fritz / Anita Braun
Lector	Teresa Shepherd	Addie Roth	Pete / Tina Braun
Kathy Kuhn	Wanda Karlin Gib Billinger		
Comm.	Carol Billinger		
Amorette Windholz	Yvonne Braun		

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 10:00 AM

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Jim / Becky Scheck	Michelle Geist Ken Brungardt	Jacob Schroeder	Chris / Bertha Brungardt
Lector	Bertha R. Brungardt	Jessica Schroeder	Yvonne Braun
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Comm.	Connie Braun		
Randy Leiker	Shannon Radke		



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