

"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.	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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September 13, 2015 – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES:

ST. FIDELIS, VICTORIA

Saturday — 5:00 pm
Sunday — 10:00 am
Monday, Wednesday — 7:00 pm
Tuesday, Thursday, 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

Sept. 14 — Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sept. 20 — Catechetical Sunday —
“Brunch on the Plaza”
Sept. 23 — Autumn begins
Sept. 25-26 — VHS Homecoming
Sept. 26 — Alumni Mass 4:00 p.m. (No
5:00 p.m. Mass)

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them,
“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

(from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 8:27:35)



Friar's Mind

A serious problem in our modern digital world is identity theft. Your credit card, Social Security, and pin numbers are vulnerable. Hackers can become a virtual you, and do what you would never do, but they cannot change who you are.

Identity theft is not entirely new in our age. It is as old as civilization and the greatest victim throughout history has been Jesus of Nazareth. Christ has been given more identities than any other historical figure.

When Christ asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They replied: John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the prophets." John the Baptist was a very good guess. John preached the same message as Christ, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." Elijah was an excellent guess. Christ was a prophet in the spirit of Elijah. All good answers. All wrong.

Peter gave the best answer, "You are the Christ." But even Peter's answer is not a bull's eye. Christ is the Messiah, but Peter's understanding of the Messiah was defective. So much so, that Christ had to reprimand him rather harshly, "Get behind me Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

"Who do people say that I am?" That is the most important question in world history. That is the most important question in your personal history. And it is really a double question. "Is Christ the Messiah?" and, "What kind of Messiah is He?" The second part of that two-fold question is the more challenging.

"Is Christ the Messiah, and what kind of Messiah is he." Some miss the first question. They fail to see that Christ is the Messiah. Many, many more miss the second question. They accept Christ as a Messiah, but a Messiah of their own making. Identity theft.

"Who do you say that I am?" Christians must have a clear and correct concept of the identity of Christ. It is one thing to profess that Christ is the Messiah. It is quite another thing to recognize that salvation comes through sharing in the mystery of his death and resurrection. That is the uncomfortable part of the identity of Christ which St. Peter avoided. It is one thing to profess that Christ is the suffering Messiah. It is quite another thing to allow that belief to be the pattern of my own life.

We Christians need to be clear as to what we believe about the identity of Jesus of Nazareth. He is not just the Good Shepherd, the Gentle Galilean, the Prince of Peace. Even unbelievers concede as much, in a subtle form of identity theft.

Christ is all of those, but much more. He is the promised Messiah, the Divine Son of God. He is Emanuel, the very presence of God with us and within us. He is the One who died and rose for our salvation. Jesus is the suffering Messiah who cannot be understood apart from the mystery of the cross. Anything less, is not the gospel. Anything less, is not the Christian faith. Anything less . . . is identity theft.

. *and mirth*

A beauty parlor is a place where women curl up and dye.

PARISH STAFF

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Lou Ann Hammersmith

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

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CONTRIBUTIONS SEPTEMBER 5-6, 2015

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 3208.00 Loose 1258.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 206.00 Loose 155.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 398.00 Loose 411.00

Candles 23.00

MONEY COUNTERS

Sept. 14 — Doris Weigel, Shirley Weigel

Sept. 21 — Randy Leiker, Tina Rajewski



Congratulations



The parishes offer their congratulations to **Jeanette Maki and Michael Brungardt** who were married at St. Joseph Church, Damar, Kansas, on Saturday, August 22, 2015. Jeanette is the new Youth Minister for the Tri-Parishes of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface.

Minister Schedules

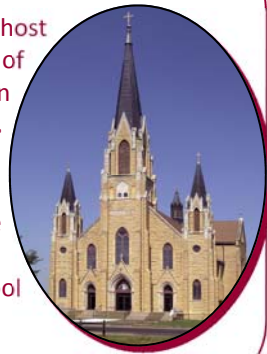
The St. Fidelis Fall Ministry schedules are available at the entrances of the church.

MASS AT HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer will host a Mass to commemorate the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross on **Sunday, September 13, at 3:00 p.m.** The celebrant will be Fr. John Schmeidler. Music will be provided by Trilogy. Seed wheat will be blessed.

There will be a social in the school building following the Mass.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Needing a Place to Gather? If you are looking for a place to host a reception, baby or bridal shower, family reunion, or a get-together, 1867 Memorial Home in Victoria is available for you to rent. For more information, call Jeff at 785-650-1640.

Knights of Columbus Big Cash Giveaway

St. Fidelis Council #1867 will again be selling tickets for their Big Cash Giveaway. Only a set amount of tickets will be sold so the chances of winning are very good! You can purchase your tickets from local K of C Members at any time as well as purchase them after Mass beginning September 12th. All Proceeds go towards local Knights of Columbus Charities.

Knights of Columbus members and Spouses of Deceased Members mark your calendar for the 3rd and 4th Degree Memorial Mass and Dinner on Sunday October 25th beginning at 4:pm at the Memorial Hall.

Bishop Joseph Werth will celebrate the 5:00 pm Mass at The Basilica of St. Fidelis on Saturday, September 19. A reception sponsored by St. Fidelis Parish for Bishop Werth will follow at the Victoria VFW Hall. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass and Reception.

New Steps on West Side of Church

The sand stone steps in front of St. Fidelis Church are being replaced sometime in the next couple of months. At this time we do not have a specific use for the stones being replaced. We are asking people if there is an interest in purchasing portions of the steps. We will not be cutting them; you're purchasing them whole. If interested, contact Fr. John at the Parish Office.

ST. ANN

Work Day at St. Ann

St. Ann's Christian Mothers will be sponsoring a Work Day on **Saturday, September 19**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The school kitchen will be the main focus, but other areas of the school will also be tackled as time allows. Lunch will be provided and all able-bodied parishioners are invited to join the fun!

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Sunday, September 20th is Catechetical Sunday. At the 10:00 a.m. Mass we will celebrate the ministry of parish catechists and volunteers in the Catholic Faith Education Programs. The Jubilee Choir will be singing during the Mass and the Family Life Commission will be serving coffee, juice, cookies and rolls on the plaza immediately after Mass. Please help us recognize and support all those who help with the faith education of our children.

Liturgy of the Word for both Pre-School and K-3rd grade will begin on Sunday, September 20th during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All children in those age groups are welcome to attend.



Liturgy of the Word Leader

If anyone is interested in leading Liturgy of the Word for Pre-School one Sunday a month during the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Fidelis, please call Shirley Brungardt at the Religious Ed office at 735-9244.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Edward Weisenburger has set the date for Confirmation at the Basilica of Saint Fidelis for **Sunday, February 21, 2016**, during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

ST. FIDELIS PARISH Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections	
Budgeted Loose / Envelopes per week	\$ 5,192.30
Actual received Loose / Envelopes 9-6-2015	\$ 4466.00
Budgeted Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date	\$ 51923.00
Actual received Loose/Envelopes year-to-date 9-6-2015	\$ 37943.00
OVER BUDGET	\$ 13980.00

~ TODAY ~

Tri-Parish Family Life Commission
Cards & Games Party
In honor of **GRANDPARENTS DAY**
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
2:00 — 4:30 p.m.
Parish Activity Center

Play Pinochle, Farkle, Dominos, Rummikub, etc.



FUN FOR ALL AGES.

*We ask that you make
your Grandparent's,
Neighbor's,
or Friend's day a little
more special by bringing
them*

to this celebration!

There will be snacks and door prizes.

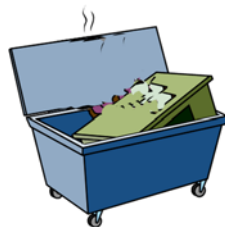
Commodities to Be Distributed

Government surplus commodities will be distributed on **Wednesday, September 16**, from 1:30-2:00 p.m. at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street, Victoria. Please use the north entrance.



CITYWIDE CLEANUP

SEPTEMBER 18 (3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.)
 SEPTEMBER 19 (8:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.)
 SEPTEMBER 20 (8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.)



Victoria Residents Only

Diabetes Support Group Meeting

The Hays Diabetes Support Group will meet at DSNWK, 2703 Hall St., east side of the building, door #10 (signs will be posted) on **Monday, September 14**, at 7:00 p.m.

This group is for all individuals who are pre-diabetic, Type 1 and Type 2. Family members, spouses, and parents of children who are diabetic are welcome.

Please contact Jackie Williams at 785-639-3046 or you can email at haysdiabetessupgroup2015@yahoo.com. Check them out on Facebook at Hays Diabetes Support Group.

Prayer Hour for Our Nation



A "Prayer for Our Nation" prayer hour will be held **every third Tuesday** of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Fidelis Church.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/ALTAR SOCIETY

Christian Mothers/Altar Society Meeting

Monday, September 21, 2015
Mass—7:00 p.m.

Reception of New Members: Women of the parish, consider becoming an official member of St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society organization. New members will be inducted during Mass. If interested please contact Det Younger by phone 785-735-2757 or email at detyounger@gmail.com or Jan Brungardt at the parish office.

Business meeting and refreshments will follow Mass in the north sacristy of the church.

Cursillo Weekend for Women Set

Cursillo in Christianity is an encounter with self, Christ, and others. It is a method to develop, live and share spirituality in any area of human life where Christians want to dedicate their lives to God. If you are interested in a means of personal growth in living what is fundamental for being a Christian, and encouraging one another in proclaiming the best news of the best reality that God in Christ loves us, please prayerfully consider attending.

The next weekend event is: Women's weekend **March 3-6, 2016**. Location: Victoria, Kansas, Spiritual Life Center.

Dates for a Men's weekend are still being decided, and will be announced soon. For more information contact Patricia Dusin at 785-302-1220, or patriciad@ruraltel.net.

School Collecting Box Tops, Pop Tabs, etc.

Victoria Elementary School is once again collecting **Box Tops, Pop Tabs**, and **Sunny D UPC labels**. Also clip and save **Tyson Project A+ labels** and find out more about the **Dillions Community Rewards** program we are involved with that can help our school earn money. VES can earn cash for our activity fund with the Box Tops and Tyson labels. The Sunny D labels will help the classrooms earn free books. The Pop Tabs are delivered to Topeka to the Ronald McDonald House where they are recycled, and the money raised goes to help with the cost of operating the house.

We'll be turning in the **Sunny D UPC labels** by November 30, the **Box Tops** at the end of February, and the **Pop Tabs** will be delivered to Topeka over Spring Break. These items can be dropped off at the school, or you can give them to any elementary school student or teacher. Thanks for your help!

Victoria Schools Calendar



Monday — September 14

AIM period—students will have directed study
 FCLLA Fundraising meeting in Auditorium
 3:00 Varsity Tennis in Victoria
 6:00 JV Football vs Ellinwood
 7:30 BOE meeting

Tuesday — September 15

AIM period—students will have directed study
 4:00 pm HS volleyball @ Almena/Northern Valley

Wednesday — September 16

Yearbook ad sales in Russell
 Balfour Rep here for seniors
 AIM period—students will have directed study.
 6:00 Balfour rep here for sophomores

Thursday — September 17

3:00 pm HS JV Tennis @ Ellsworth
 4:30 pm Cross country @ Quinter. Departure: 2:50
 4:30 pm JH volleyball @ Otis Bison
 6:30 pm JH football vs. Otis Bison

Friday — September 18

AIM period—students will have directed study
 7:00 pm HS football @ St. John

ST. FIDELIS THRIFT SHOP

St. Fidelis Thrift 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.



Community Assistance Center — 12th and Oak, Hays

GARAGE SALE

Tuesday, Sept. 15 • 8:00-11:00 am



LITURGY

Commission Meeting

The Liturgy Commission will meet on **Wednesday, September 16**, at 5:30 p.m. in the PAC.

Adult Choir

PRACTICE: Wednesday, September 16 and 23, at 7:30 p.m.

March for Life in January

The Diocese of Salina Respect Life Office will sponsor a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., January 20-24, 2016. The trip includes bus fare, hotel for two nights, Mass, the March For Life, National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, sightseeing, and the Life is VERY Good Rally (www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx) (optional, additional cost). Cost of the trip is \$325 per person. Online registration is open at salinadiocese.org/respect-life, or pick up a form at the parish office. There is a \$50 non-refundable reservation fee. Reservations are due no later than October 1. For more information contact Eric and Jaclyn Brown at 785-650-2474 or respectlife@salinadiocese.org.

CANTERBURY PILGRIMAGES & TOURS will host a "fly" option to the March for Life January 21-24, 2016. This round-trip airfare from Kansas City Airport will include hotel in the Greater D.C. area, breakfast daily at the hotel, participation in the Pro-Life Rally and March, three dinners at restaurants in the greater D.C. area, motor coach transportation, celebration of Mass with others from around the country as well as the other pilgrims from the Diocese of Salina, and sightseeing. Cost for the trip starts as low as \$995 per person. For more information or to reserve online, visit salinadiocese.org/respect-life.

Thursday Morning Coffee

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



COMMUNITY

Single and Beyond

Single and Beyond is an ecumenical Christian social group for divorced, widowed, and single people located in or near Hays. Their mission is to provide friendship, support, and understanding to one another. Contact Nancy at 785-628-3347 or singleandbeyond@gmail.com. Food and Fellowship gathering on **Wednesdays, September 16 and 30**, at Arby's, 3501 Vine, at 6:00 p.m. All singles welcome; bring a friend.



St. Fidelis Food Pantry

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

Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer begins at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays (before the 7:00 Mass). A special prayer book is required and will be provided for the participants. We invite everyone to join in this special prayer.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 14
7:00 pm Seraphin and Felicitas Windholz Hubert Sander	
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 15
6:45 am John and Severine Lang	
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 16
7:00 pm Joseph A. and Theresa Sander family	
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 17
6:45 am Mary Riedel Pfeifer James "Fritz" Wohler	
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 18
6:45 am Victor and Marlene (Toots) Scheck	
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 19
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Neola Schmidtberger Linus, Luella, and Leslie Dreiling family living and deceased Braedon Joseph Dreiling (anniv)	
SUNDAY	25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 am St. Ann Bill, Germaine, and Larry Dechant and Norma Schmeidler	
8:45 am St. Boniface Anton and Anna Schmeidler family living and deceased	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Art Wagner and Gilbert Karlin families	

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 5:00 PM

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Hannah	Debbie Staab	Wyatt Dreiling	Mary Jean
Dreiling	Gib and Carol	Cooper Windholz	Brungardt
Aspen	Billinger	Kinley Windholz	George and
Schoenrock	Melissa Schmidt		Mary Ann
<u>Lector</u>	Brenda Robben		Dinkel
Angie Roth	Diane Gross		
<u>Commentator</u>	Deb Geschwentner		
Shanna Dinkel			

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 10:00AM

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Children's	Randy Leiker	Quenton Engel	Chris & Bertha
Choir	Anne Dinkel	Wyatt Engel	Brungardt
<u>Lector</u>	Norma Keenan	Tyler Engel	Patty Dreiling
Yvonne Braun	Joan Wellbrock		
	Amorette Windholz		
<u>Comm.</u>	Det Younger		
Connie Dreiling	Fran Robben		