

„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, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, In-Home Mass, Holy Communion to Homebound: Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events.	Morning Coffee: Thursdays 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Office with the Pastor & friends
St. Fidelis Thrift Shop: 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.		St. Fidelis Food Pantry: For residents of the tri-parishes. Call the Parish Office. Donations accepted.
BULLETIN ITEMS: Deadline is Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. 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 / www.stbonifacevincent.com

August 11, 2019 – 19th 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
Oct. 3 — Feast of St. Francis of Assisi — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Oct. 14 — Columbus Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Oct. 27 — Priesthood Sunday



**Thursday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption,
a Holy Day of Obligation.**

Masses will be at 6:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration or Morning Coffee that day.

The Parish Office will be closed.



The Glass Ceiling

Mary broke the glass ceiling. That image for this Thursday's feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is from the theologian Susan Muto. The glass ceiling is a figure used by the women's movement for the often invisible barrier to equality. Mary, assumed into heaven, was the first to break the salvation barrier invisible to many.

We were made for union with God, here as well as hereafter. Yet such union with God is difficult to achieve. We experience many obstacles, often unseen barriers, a glass ceiling preventing us from reaching our Christian ideal. The feast of the Assumption of Mary honors the first to achieve Christian perfection and eternal glory. That



is the sense in which Mary broke the glass ceiling for all Christians.

Pope Pius XII proclaimed the doctrine of the Assumption in 1950. "Since Mary completely overcame sin by the unique privilege of her Immaculate Conception and a sinless life, she was not subject to the corruption of the grave which is a consequence of sin. She did not have to wait until the end of time for the redemption her body."

This fullness of Christ's victory over sin and death will not be granted to the faithful until the resurrection of the just at the end of time. Mary, who was the first and perfect disciple of

Christ, was rightly the first to share fully in his victory over sin and death. It was her sinlessness that enabled Mary to enter the glory of the Assumption. Mary Immaculate, free of all sin, broke the glass ceiling of sin to show us the way to salvation.

This image of sin as the glass ceiling has a timely message. Sin is often invisible in our age. It is very much a reality, yet too often we do not see it. Perhaps we don't want to see it. Modern media seldom use the word sin. They call it by other names: addiction, psychosis, weakness, stress. Human integrity demands that we face our failures honestly; spiritual integrity demands that we face our sins honestly.

Our sins, more than anything else, keep us from being happy in this life and capable of sharing eternal life with God. Our failure to see our sins can be the glass ceiling barring us from our salvation. The Assumption of Mary, in which she broke that glass ceiling, is a hope that we repentant sinners can have a fuller life here and one day enter eternal glory.

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Optimistic senior: "Isn't it wonderful that wrinkles don't hurt!"

Parish Staff

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Contributions August 3-4, 2019

Adult 2643.00 Loose 1214.00
Mission 1116.11
Repair Fund 687.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 426.00 Loose 206.00
Mission 350.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 245.00 Loose 316.00
Mission 189.00
Candles 31.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Aug. 12 — Mary Brungardt, Det Younger

Aug. 19 — Connie Dreiling, Janie Dinges

YOUR DONATIONS TO SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

FIRST OF ALL, thank you to all of you who are so generous in giving to special collections requested by the diocese throughout the year.

SECONDLY, we have had some problems with deposits at the bank because of the payee on some checks.

The bank is required to deposit checks in accounts made out to the payee. For special collections, *unless specifically notified to do otherwise*, **please make checks payable to the Basilica of St. Fidelis or St. Fidelis, St. Ann, or St. Boniface**. You can use the memo line to indicate what the donation is for, for example: Missionary priest or Peter's Pence or disaster relief, etc.

THIRDLY, if you are placing your donation in a collection basket other than at your home parish, please make some indication that your donation belongs to a different parish. You can place it in a different envelope with the parish name on it or write your parish name in BIG LETTERS on the front of your regular donation envelope or circle your parish name with a red pen—just anything that would help make the parish name stand out for the money counters.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR GENEROSITY AND FOR HELPING US GET MONIES DEPOSTED TO THE CORRECT ACCOUNTS.

Thank you
from the Linus Berens family

**To Father John and
the wonderful people of Victoria,**

Back in 2000 my Father moved from the east coast of New Jersey back to Victoria. Even though it was painful to see him go, I had comfort in knowing that he was with so many good people. Words cannot express how thankful my family is for the outpouring of sympathy and kindness by the people of Victoria, Kansas.

May God bless each and everyone of you.

Sincerely,

**Linus Berens Jr., Paul Berens,
Venera Berens**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting

Knights of Columbus members will meet on **Tuesday, August 13, at 7:30 p.m.** at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

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 785-623-1368 (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.

YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Catechist in-service

Wednesday, August 21, at 6:30 P.M.

PAC's Meal Site Room

Please contact Jeanette, in advance, if you will be unable to attend. This in-service is only for the catechists and paras. The in-service is ***not*** for Liturgy of the Word for Children teachers, CYO sponsors, safety and supervision volunteers, etc.

Tri-Parish Catholic Faith Formation Commission Meeting

(Religious Ed Committee Meeting)

Monday, August 12, at 6:00 P.M.

Meet in PAC's Meal Site Room

At this meeting we'll welcome new members: John and Connie Braun and Harland Rupp all representing St. Fidelis, as well as Helen Windholz representing St. Ann. Thank you to Naomi Dinkel, Mary Kay Schippers, Rebecca Woolsey, and Scott Vonfeldt who served on the Religious Education Committee from 2016 to 2019.

Religious Education and Youth Ministry Calendar of Events

AUGUST CALENDAR

Saturday, August 10

CYO fundraiser booth at Herzogfest

Saturday, August 10

Following 4:00 P.M. Mass at Herzogfest: Free watermelon feed sponsored by CYO

Monday, August 12

6:00 P.M. – Religious Ed Committee Meeting at PAC's Meal Site Room

Friday, August 16

St. Fidelis Altar Servers deadline to request off dates September 7 through December 29 Email Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net

Wednesday, August 21

Altar Servers schedule emailed for September 7 through December 29

Catechist in-service at 6:30 P.M. in PAC's Meal Site Room

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 4

First day of Religious Education classes

St. Fidelis Altar Servers deadline:

Requests off for September 7 through December 29 are due Friday, August 16.



Please let Jeanette know if your child is unable to serve on the following dates and times:

Friday, November 1st— All Saints Day evening Mass—Time: TBA

Thursday, November 28th—Thanksgiving Mass—Time: TBA

Monday, December 9th—Immaculate Conception evening Mass—Time: TBA

Tuesday, December 24th—Christmas Eve evening Mass—Time: TBA

Wednesday, December 25th—Christmas morning Mass—Time: TBA

Jeanette will email the completed schedule to families on Wednesday, August 21st. Once the altar servers schedule is completed, individuals will need to find a substitute server for the days they are scheduled but are unable to serve.

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEGGED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGGED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	13,200.00	13,600.00	10,655.00	67
Vincent	1,000.00	265.00	265.00	4
Walker	5,600.00	8,670.00	7,211.65	11

As of August 6, 2019,
\$1,690,214.69 has been pledged and \$1,432,862.33 has been received toward the \$1.4 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Women and men of abortion, weep no more.
Jesus is calling you to follow Him. Give yourself
the gift of a retreat weekend.

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

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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).

Catholic Charities Appeal

This weekend is the 2019 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal—**Cherishing our Past. Strengthening our Future**—celebrating the 60th anniversary of Catholic Charities serving the Salina Diocese. Pledge cards and remittance envelopes are available here at Mass. Please complete a pledge card and use the remittance envelope to place your donation in the parish offering today or mail it directly to Catholic Charities. By making a contribution, you are partnering with Catholic Charities to provide a safety net for struggling individuals and families. Your support offers hope to people in desperate situations, so thank you for prayerfully considering a gift. *All support is greatly appreciated!*

For questions, please contact Development Director Eric Frank at 785-825-0208 or efrank@ccnks.org.

COMMUNITY

**City Requesting
New Water Tower Logo Designs**

The Victoria City Council invites members of the community to offer a logo design for the new water tower that will be erected in the Squires' Addition. This will be part of the City's new water project.

Anyone is welcome to submit a logo design for the Council's consideration. Submissions are due at City Hall by **Friday, August 16, 2019**. The winning design will receive a \$50 Visa gift card.

Council does reserve the right to NOT choose a design if none are deemed appropriate.

The spherical water tower shape can be viewed by searching online.

ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Follow in the footsteps of St Francis of Assis 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.**

St. Fidelis Minister Schedules for August 2019 can be found at the north church entrance.

HERZOGFEST

Friday and Saturday, August 9-10, 2019

Masses this weekend will be at

4:00 p.m. Saturday in the Victoria City Park

5:00 p.m. Saturday at Basilica of St. Fidelis

7:30 a.m. Sunday at St. Ann

10:00 a.m. Sunday at Basilica of St. Fidelis

NO MASS AT ST. BONIFACE THIS WEEKEND

AND DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE VARIOUS BOOTHS ESPECIALLY THE ST. FIDELIS, ST. BONIFACE, AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOOTHS.

Tri-Parish

Cards & Games Party

~ TODAY ~ • Sunday, August 11

2:00 — 4:00 p.m.

Parish Activity Center (north entrance)

Everyone is invited. Pick up a friend and come join the fun!



LET'S PLAY!

- Pinochle
- Farkle
- Skip-Bo
- Dominos
- Phase 10
- Rummikub

There will be snacks.

You are welcomed to bring a snack of any kind for everyone to enjoy.

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St. Fidelis
CHRISTIAN MOTHERS
ALTAR SOCIETY

Blessed are the mothers who taught us how to pray. They will share God's kingdom.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	AUGUST 12
7:00 pm Linda Rogers	
TUESDAY	AUGUST 13
6:45 am Frank J. Sr. and Rose E. Bleier family	
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 14
6:45 am Linus Scheck	
THURSDAY	ASSUMPTION
6:45 am DJ Kuhn	AUGUST 15
5:30 pm Tyler Kuhn	
FRIDAY	AUGUST 16
6:45 am Isidore and Aggie Hammersmith Marvin Hammersmith Mary Lou Wherry	
SATURDAY	AUGUST 17
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Hubert and Jo Sander Alfred J. and Ottilia Kuhn	
SUNDAY	20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 am St. Ann Norbert Robben	AUGUST 18
8:45 am St. Boniface	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Lavina VonFeldt Catherine Mary Brungardt	

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, Aug. 17, 5:00 PM — Marilyn Braun

Sunday, Aug. 18, 10:00 AM — Christy & Lydia Sander

ALTAR SERVERS

Thursday, Aug. 15, 5:30 PM — Brody & Brooklyn N.

Saturday, Aug. 17, 5:00 PM — Taylor A., Drayden K.

Sunday, Aug. 18, 10:00 AM — Gracyn & Claire S., Mackenzie H

Saturday, Aug. 24, 5:00 PM — Jarron & Jillian S.

Sunday, Aug. 25, 10:00 AM — Brody & Brooklyn N., Emma D.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Thursday, Aug. 15, 5:30 PM — Gib & Carol Billinger, Tina Braun, Deb Staab, Diane Gross, Ivan Werner, Cora Schulte

Saturday, Aug. 17, 5:00 PM — Phyllis & Bob Stramel, Mary Brungardt, Wilma VonLintel, Jane Wagner, Colleen Kuhn, Tom Tholen

Sunday, Aug. 18, 10:00 AM — Joan Wellbrock, Norma Keenan, Becky Scheck, Yvonne Braun, Bertha A. Brungardt, Brenda Robben, VOLUNTEER

LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS

Thursday, Aug. 15, 5:30 PM — Karen Nowak, Verda Werner

Saturday, Aug. 17, 5:00 PM — Kathy Kuhn, Diane Gross

Sunday, Aug. 18, 10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel, LeeAnn Schmidtberger

GREETERS

Thursday, Aug. 15, 5:30 PM — Frank & Brenda Dreiling

Saturday, Aug. 17, 5:00 PM — Rick Robben Family, Arlene Wittman

Sunday, Aug. 18, 10:00 AM — Ron & Gloria Braun