

**ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*„Cathedral of the Plains“*  
**ST. FIDELIS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*„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, call Shirley Brungardt at 735-9244.

**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**  
**7:45 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.**  
in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar

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

**April 27, 2014 – Divine Mercy Sunday**

**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 — 7:30-8:00 pm  
or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

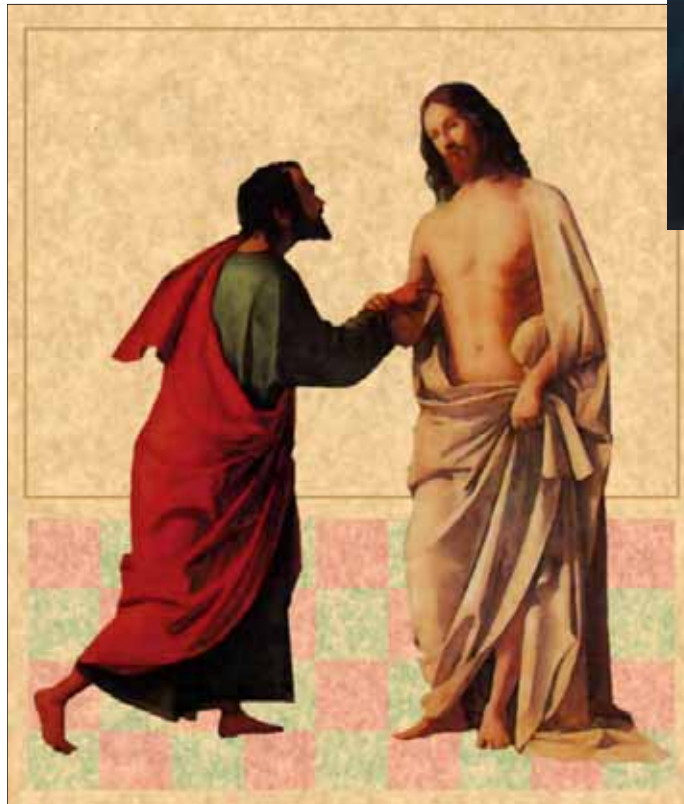
**Tri-Parish Prayer Line**

**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 1** — National Day of Prayer
- May 4** — First Communion @ St. Fidelis
- May 6-7** — Seniors on the Go to St. Louis
- May 11** — Mother's Day
- May 17** — Armed Forces Day
- May 25** — Fidelisfest
- May 26** — Memorial Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- May 29** — Ascension Thursday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- June 5** — Feast of St. Boniface
- June 7** — Dedication of the Basilica of St. Fidelis

Jesus said to him,



“Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

(from the Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31)



Today's gospel refers to the apostle Thomas as "Didymus," which is Greek for "twin." Thomas probably had a twin sister or brother. There is medical evidence that twins run in families. In the family of faith, we are all twins of the apostle Thomas. If you find it unflattering to be a twin of the doubting Thomas, it will be helpful to know more about this remarkable apostle.

The only thing that most people know about Thomas is today's gospel where he is the doubter among the other faithful apostles, the stubborn hold-out who demanded tangible proof. Our secular culture refers to a skeptic as a "Doubting Thomas." In political terms, the apostle Thomas has been a victim of bad press.

In fairness, Christians ought to know more about the apostle Thomas. In addition to today's well-known passage, there are two other gospel stories involving Thomas. The first occurs when Christ says that he is going back to Bethany to comfort the grieving family of Lazarus. The apostles had just come from Bethany where a mob had tried to kill Jesus. All the other apostles protested that returning to Bethany would endanger them. Only Thomas spoke up and said, "Let us go along to die with him." This time Thomas is again the odd man out, not in doubt, but in loyalty.

The other gospel story involving Thomas occurs when Jesus said that he must return to the Father. "I am going to prepare a place for you. You now the way that leads where I go." Thomas replied, "We do not even know where you are going; how can we know the way?" That is not a lack of faith, but an honest faith. His confusion is expressed as a desire to understand.

If we piece together all three accounts of Thomas in the gospels, we have not only the well-known doubting Thomas, but also the loyal Thomas, and the honest Thomas. Honest, loyal, yet questioning. Those are not the qualities of a skeptical doubter. Those are the qualities of a sincere believer. Saint Gregory wrote, "Our faith owes more to the doubts of Thomas than to the faith of all the other apostles," meaning that our doubts must be faced if our faith is to grow.

An unexamined faith is not an authentic faith. Thomas is a model for modern Christians who raise honest questions, from the perspective of a sincere faith. The faith of Thomas reminds us that our consistent faith is more important than our occasional doubts, our loyalty more important than our lapses, our strengths more important than our weaknesses.

We should rejoice that we are twins of Thomas in faith, and proud to say along with him, "My Lord and my God."

## ... and mirth

We've got to stop saying "how stupid can you be." Too many people are taking it as a challenge.

### Contributions Holy Thursday April 17, 2014

**ST. FIDELIS:**  
Adult 972.00 Loose 794.00  
**ST. BONIFACE:**  
Adult 40.00

### Contributions Good Friday April 18, 2014

**ST. FIDELIS:**  
Adult 919.00 Loose 770.10  
**ST. ANN:**  
Adult 15.00  
**ST. BONIFACE:**  
Adult 50.00

### Contributions Holy Saturday April 19, 2014

**ST. FIDELIS:**  
Adult 830.00 Loose 639.00

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:**  
Fr. John Schmeidler, OFM, Cap.  
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**Secretary:**  
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email: sffamily@ruraltel.net

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**Housekeeping:** 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: sftch@ruraltel.net

### Council Members

#### St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

Randy Leiker 623-6965 (Chair)  
Gail Robben 735-2546 (Vice-Chair)  
LeeAnn Schmidberger 735-9486 (Sec)  
Bertha Brungardt 735-9490 (SOH)  
Andy Kuhn 639-2156 (B & G)  
Peggy Fitzpatrick 735-8186 (RelEd)  
Wilmer Dinkel 735-2747 (Liturgy)  
Daren Lang 735-2855 (Finance)  
Janea Dinkel 735-9529 (FamLife)

#### St. Fidelis Finance Council

Curtis Sander 735-2559  
Gina Oberle 735-9331  
Deb Dreiling 735-2662  
John R. Braun 735-2622

#### St. Boniface Pastoral Council

Carol Freitag 735-9282  
Randy Huser 735-4836  
Mike Eckroat 623-9566

#### St. Ann Pastoral Council

Kevin Schmeidler 735-2205  
Helen Windholz 735-2293  
Allen Hammerschmidt 735-2447

### Contributions Easter April 20, 2014

**ST. FIDELIS:**  
Adult 3051.00 Loose 1705.11  
Repair Fund 100.00  
Catholic Relief/Rice Bowls 47.33  
**ST. ANN:**  
Adult 1381.00 Loose 346.00  
Bingo 110.00 Catholic Relief 100.00  
**ST. BONIFACE:**  
Adult 468.00 Loose 274.00  
Candles 94.00

**Money Counters**  
**Apr. 28** — Dianne Crawford, Marilyn Braun  
**May 5** — Anita Braun, Crystal Robben

## With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Ryan Richard Schrant**, who passed away on Sunday, April 13, 2014. Services were held at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria, on Wednesday, April 16, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery. He was the grandson of Bernita Schrant and Francis Dreiling of St. Fidelis Parish.

## With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Rita (Staab) Billinger**, who passed away on Saturday, April 19, 2014. Services were held at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria, on Wednesday, April 23, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery. She was the mother of Rich Billinger and Earl Billinger of St. Fidelis Parish.

## LITURGY

### ADULT CHOIR

**PRACTICE:** Every Monday evening after the 7:00 Mass in May in preparation for the Dedication Mass on June 7.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Monthly Meeting

Knights of Columbus members will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, May 13**, at 7:30 p.m.

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

### Dues Deadline

The deadline to pay your Daughters of Isabella dues of \$15.00 is **Wednesday, April 30**. Please mail to Wilma VonLintel, P.O. Box 33, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

### Mother/Daughter Breakfast

The Daughters of Isabella Mother/Daughter breakfast will be held at the **V.F.W. Hall** on **Sunday, April 27**, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Fidelis Church.

Please call in your reservations to Wilma VonLintel 785-735-2361 or JoAnn Berens 785-639-1948 **by Wednesday, April 23**.

All D. of I. members are asked to meet in the back of church before Mass so you can process in together.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Wednesday, April 30** — 7-12 Closing Service in Church @ 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, May 2** — K-6 Mass @ 7:40 a.m.

**Sunday, May 4** — First Communion @ 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, May 4** — Jubilee Choir @ 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, May 11** — Jubilee Choir @ 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, May 14** — Blessing of Religious Articles-2nd grade @ 7:45 a.m.

**Sunday, May 18** — Baccalaureate Mass @ 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, May 21** — K-6 Closing Service in Church @ 7:40 a.m.

## Wednesday Night Religious Education Classes Will Close with Guest Speaker

All students in grades K-12 are invited to the closing service of the Wednesday night Religious Ed classes on Wednesday, April 30th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. The closing services will include guest speaker, Chase Kear, from Colwich, KS. Kear, a member of the 2008 Hutchinson Community College track team, suffered a severe head injury during pole vaulting practice in October 2008. Chase will share his personal story of his recovery which many believe to be the miraculous result of the intercession of Fr. Emil Kapaun.

## Totus Tuus

St. Fidelis students are welcome to join the Catholic Churches in Hays for Totus Tuus Summer Camp in Hays — **June 8-13, 2014**.

Students currently in grades 1-5 meet Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Students currently in grades 6-12 meet Sunday, the 8<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, the 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:40 p.m.

**There is no cost for students to attend the camp.**

Space is limited and registration is on a first come first serve basis. **Deadline for registration is Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**. For more information or to register please contact Shirley Brungardt at the Religious Ed. Office: 735-9244 or Home: 735-9418.

ST. FIDELIS PARISH Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections	
Budgeted Loose / Envelopes per week	\$ 5,415.19
Actual received Loose / Envelopes 4-13-2014	\$ 6,522.11
Budgeted Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date	\$ 227,437.98
Actual received Loose/Envelopes year-to-date 4-13-2014	\$ 209,257.00
<b>UNDER BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 18,180.98</b>

## Donations Requested

If you would like to donate new items for the Fidelisfest Auction, you may bring those items to the Parish Office any time during office hours.

If you cannot make it to the office during business hours, call Jan at 785-735-4512 and she will arrange a time for you to drop off your items.

If you will not be able to attend the Fidelisfest this year, this is one way in which you can still participate.

Many of the items donated bring more than their retail value. A \$10.00 item may bring up to \$50.00. If you need suggestions for items to donate, call the Parish Office.

**Items committed to the Auction by Monday, May 12, will be published in the May 18 bulletin.**

A Fidelisfest schedule of events and a list of the most current auction items may also be found on the church website.

Save the date of  
**Saturday, June 7, 2014,**  
 for a celebration of the  
**Dedication of the  
 Basilica of St. Fidelis**  
**10:30 a.m. Mass**  
 Dinner follows at noon in Victoria Grade School

## Scholarship Available

A scholarship is available for incoming Kansas University students through the St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center. The \$3,000 scholarship includes travel to Colorado every August and a trip after two years to Rome, Florence, and Assisi.

To apply, go to [www.kucatholic.org/humanitas](http://www.kucatholic.org/humanitas). You can email them at [humanitas@kucatholic.org](mailto:humanitas@kucatholic.org) or call 785-843-0357.

The application deadline is **April 30, 2014.**

## COMMUNITY



### 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.

### *Battle Ready Rally*

Doug Berry, co-host of EWTN's *Life on the Rock*, will visit Hays on **Saturday, May 10**, starting at 1:00 p.m. (KVDM hosted his last visit to Hays in September of 2012.) He will give a presentation in his unique dynamic style bringing to light the spiritual battle for our souls that exists whether we acknowledge it or not.

All are invited to the Fort Hays Campus Center Chapel where we will be reminded of the importance of recognizing and engaging in the battle of our own and children's souls. This is a family event for ages 7 to adult.

### Catholic Charities' Baby Bottle Campaign

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas will be conducting their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Bottles can be **picked up at church the weekend of May 3-4** and returned the weekend of June 21-22.

This is a celebration of family life and love – between mothers, fathers, and children. Involve the entire family in placing loose change, cash or checks in the bottles as a way to support Catholic Charities' work of assisting persons in crisis pregnancies and adoption education. **HELP US CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF FAMILY LIFE!**

**All money stays local and helps people who need our services the most.**

**Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas  
 – serving those of ALL faiths.**

### Food Pantry Donations

For those of you who travel, if you have the toiletry items that are in the hotel rooms that you do not use, such as shampoo, soap and lotion, we will take them for our food pantry.

The food pantry is always taking donations. We can always use any kind of food, but we also take shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes.

## Community-wide Garage Sale

The Annual Community-wide Garage Sale is **Saturday, April 26**. For more information, call Victoria City Hall at 735-2259.

## Ellis St. Mary's CYO Community Fried Chicken Dinner Sunday, April 27

**Knights of Columbus Hall, Ellis, KS  
10:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. or until sold out**

Pan Fried Chicken dinner includes Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Coleslaw, Dinner Rolls, and Dessert

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

## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

**HOST FAMILIES** are needed for high school exchange students for the 2014-2015 academic year. The students will arrive in mid-August 2014 and will attend local high schools. Approved families may choose from online applications.

For more information, please call Kori Braun at 785-735-4161.



## From Atheism to Catholicism: My Conversion Diary

Jennifer Fulwiler is a popular writer and speaker from Austin, Texas. In this compelling presentation, she recalls her spiritual journey — one which ultimately led her to enter the Catholic Church after having lived a life of atheism. Jennifer is a regular contributor to the National Catholic Register and frequently appears on Catholic radio and EWTN.



A number of Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs are available in the vestibule at the west entrance of St. Fidelis Church. A \$3.00 donation is requested for each CD and can be placed in the slot near the CDs.



### Monday — April 28

AIM period—Students will have directed study  
3:30 pm JH/HS track practice  
4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell  
4:00 pm HS Fr./So. track meet at Hill City. Students will be dismissed at 1:40  
6:00 pm College Algebra

### Tuesday — April 29

9:00 am Mrs. Kori Braun will enroll Sr. and Jr. in respective classes  
AIM period—Students will have directed study. 7th grade boys meeting in Mrs. Kori Braun's office  
3:30 pm HS/JH track practice  
4:00 pm HS BSB w baseball w Russell @ TMP. Students will be dismissed at 1:45

### Wednesday — April 30

AIM period—Students will have directed study. Girls basketball meeting in library for 11-8th grade girls.  
JH girls will eat 2nd lunch  
3:30 pm JH / HS track practice  
4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

### Thursday — May 1

CPL Art Show @ Great Bend. Mr. Lee and select students will attend  
AIM period—Students will have directed stud  
1:00 pm JH track meet @ Stockton. Students will dismiss at 10:50 am  
4:00 HS BSB w Russell @ Ellsworth. Students will depart at 1:50  
7:00 pm Speech class

### Friday — May 2

7:45 am 5th grade to Famous Figures in Hays FHSU Tech Fair. Select 8th grade students will attend.  
Departure time: TBD. Return time: 3:30  
9:00 am 3rd Grade to Fitness Day at FHSU  
AIM period—Students will have directed study  
3:30 pm JH track practice  
3:30 pm HS track meet @ Trego. Students will be dismissed at 1:20  
4:00 pm HS BSB w Russell @ Larned. Students will be dismissed at 2:20

### Saturday — May 3

Victoria National Honor Society is helping with the Hays Children's Center's 25th Annual *Rope 'Em Ride* from 9:00-3:00 at St. Fidelis Church parking lot. Select members will help riders at a rest pit and also help serve lunch

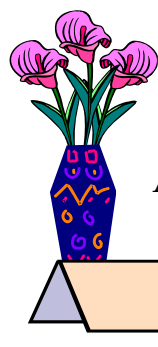
### Sunday — May 4

Governor's Scholars Award Program at Washburn University in Topeka. The program honors the top 1% of each school's senior class. Victoria is proud to have honored at the program senior Audra Nowak

As of May 4, the weekend Mass at St. Ann will be at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the servers for the good job you did during Holy Week and also for helping clean up after Mass to make our church look pretty.



Also thank you to everyone for all the birthday cards and birthday wishes. And for all the cards from the school kids and the teachers.

Katie Scheck


## ST. FIDELIS GIFT & THRIFT

407 Main Street, Victoria (F & M Insurance Building)


### OPEN MORE HOURS:

Monday.....10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday.....10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday .....10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Thursday .....10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Friday .....10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Saturday.....10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Clothes · Toys · Household Items  
 Jewelry · Furniture · Kitchen Items**



Coffee and cookies are served after the **Thursday 6:45 a.m. weekday Mass** in the north sacristy of St. Fidelis Church. Come and enjoy some good conversation with the priest and your fellow parishioners.

**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. 

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>APRIL 28</b>
7:00 pm Gerard Dinkel Wayne Sander	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>APRIL 29</b>
6:45 am Larry Berens	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>APRIL 30</b>
7:00 pm Galen Dinkel	
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>MAY 1</b>
6:45 am Herman, Regina (anniv), and Joyce Brungardt	
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>MAY 2</b>
7:40 am Donald Sander	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>MAY 3</b>
3:00 pm St. Fidelis Ciera Kohl and Gus Pfanenstiel wedding 5:00 pm St. Fidelis Iris Knoll Oran and Leoba "Dink" Keller	
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> .....
	<b>MAY 4</b>
	<b>FIRST COMMUNION</b>
7:30 am St. Ann Donald Sander	
8:45 am St. Boniface For rain LaVern Braun	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Joseph and Albina (anniv) Rome and Don Gross Doris Younger Pfeifer Edward J. (anniv) and Irene Dinkel	

### \* 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

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, May 3, 5:00 pm

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Galen Schmidtberger	Ivan / Verda Werner	Eric Braun Justin Braun	Kim Schmidtberger
<u>Lector</u> Diane Gross	Jamey / Angie Becky Scheck	Caden Oberle	Leona Vsetecka
<u>Comm.</u> Anne Dinkel	Bertha A. Brungardt Jane Wagner		

### Sunday, May 4, 10:00 am

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Jubilee Choir	Marge Rome Ken / Bertha	Ethan Rupp Brooke	Bob / Phyllis Stramel
<u>Lector</u> Connie Dreiling	Brungardt Michelle Geist	Schmidt Chase Schmidt	Andy / Wanda Kuhn
<u>Comm.</u> Linda Kenne	Cora Schulte Det Younger		



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