

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

„Cathedral of the Plains“
THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

„Pearl of the Prairie“
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



P a r i s h 601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 • 785-735-2777 • Fax: 785-735-2779 Catholic Faith Education Office:
Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00 785-735-9244

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.
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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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December 14, 2014 – Third Sunday of Advent

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

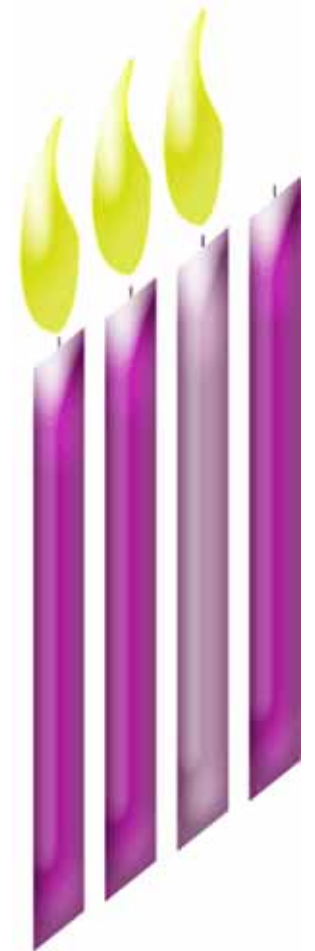
Confessions:
at St. Fidelis — Mondays — 7:30 pm
or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

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

Dec. 21 — Winter begins
Dec. 25 — Christmas Day (Holy Day of Obligation)—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Dec. 24 @noon through Dec. 26
Jan. 1 — Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) — New Years Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Dec. 31 @noon through Jan. 2

I am
the voice
of one
crying out in
the desert,
“Make straight
the way of the
Lord.”





If you experience nostalgia for Latin at Mass, this third Sunday of Advent offers a taste of that Latin and a bond with our great Catholic heritage. Today is known traditionally as *Gaudete Sunday*.

That tradition comes from the entrance antiphon of today's Mass which begins in the Latin with *Gaudete*, meaning "Rejoice." "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." (Phil 4:4-5) That verse sets the tone of joyful expectation for the Lord's birth and also for his Second Coming. In the spirit of joy rose-colored vestments are permitted today in place of the Advent purple.

This Advent tradition has a parallel during Lent. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as *Laetare Sunday*. *Laetare* also means rejoice and is likewise taken from the opening antiphon of that Sunday's Mass (Is 66:10-11). Rose-colored vestments are again permitted.

A comparison with Lent's *Laetare Sunday* helps to clarify the message of *Gaudete Sunday*. Our present holiday season is filled with a spirit of good will, and "Rejoice" is an expected theme. But the middle of Lent has no such elation, and we are forced to look beyond the social setting to the positive message of Lent which is a celebration of our redemption through the death and resurrection of Christ, the Paschal Mystery.

Laetare Sunday of Lent, and *Gaudete Sunday* of Advent both rejoice in the promise of our Salvation: during Lent the sober joy of the death and resurrection of Christ; in Advent the radiant joy of the birth of Christ and his Second coming.

The joy proclaimed this third Sunday of Advent is not that of a jolly Santa but the joy of salvation, a promise realized in the birth of the Christ Child. The prophet Isaiah wrote, "Behold a virgin will conceive and bear a son and they will call him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.' " (Is 54:3) We rejoice in this Advent season, as we do in Lent, that God is with us. He is with us through His Son who became one of us and redeemed us through his life, death, and resurrection.

Advent joy is not only about the birth of Christ but also about His Second Coming. Many Advent readings are about preparing for the final days at the end of time because Advent is not only about the birth of Christ in Bethlehem but also His Second Coming at the end of time.

The Advent focus on the final coming of Christ at the end of time is integral to our faith. At Mass we respond to The Mystery of Faith, with "We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again." The final coming of Christ at the end of time will be the fulfillment of His first coming at Bethlehem, the eternal meaning of Christmas. Only then will the promise and the joy be complete. *Gaudete*.

... and mirth

The favorite Christmas carol of parents with small children: *Silent Night*.

Parish Staff

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Council Members

St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

Randy Leiker 623-6965 (Chair)
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St. Ann Pastoral Council

Helen Windholz 735-2293
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Contributions December 6-7, 2014

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2958.00 Loose 1452.00
Human Development 150.00
Thanksgiving 140.00
Immaculate Conception 651.00
Repair Fund 4,044.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 66.00 Loose 282.00
Immaculate Conception 1.00
Candles 112.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 513.00 Loose 144.00
Immaculate Conception 70.00
Candles 35.00

Money Counters

Dec. 15 (Tuesday) — Randy Leiker, Tina Rajewski

Dec. 21 — Mary Brungardt, Det Younger

Christmas Baskets



The nonperishable food drive for the Christmas baskets got underway on **Thanksgiving Day, November 27**. Collection containers are located at all entrances of the church or you may bring your food donations to the parish office. Please have your items or donations in by **Monday, December 15**.

If you are aware of any person or family who would benefit from receiving a basket this year, please contact Bertha at the Parish Office at 785-735-2777 or evenings at 785-735-9478.



Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, items for the **December 28 bulletin** are due

by **noon on Monday, December 22**.

Items for the **January 4 bulletin** are due

by **noon on Monday, December 29**.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Advent Scripture Reflections Gospel of Mark

Sundays of Advent

4:00-5:00 pm

December 14 and 21

Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life

Fr. Earl Meyer, OFM Cap



Retreat Opportunity for Men

The Gathering of Men retreat, begun in 1991, is presented by a group of committed lay men and women and two Catholic priests: Monsignor Ken Leone and Fr. John Lager, a Capuchin Franciscan friar. It is held at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. The Gathering of Men typically takes place over the fourth weekend in January—in 2015 it will be held **January 23-25**. (The Journey, a women's retreat, takes place on the second weekend in March.)

The retreat consists of large group gathering for inspirational testimonies and small sharing groups where the love and grace of God's healing happens.

More information about the retreat can be found at www.ColoradoCatholicRetreats.org.

Numerous Hays men will be attending and carpooling is a possibility. Contact Dan Schippers for more information.

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.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Members to Go Caroling

The Daughters of Isabella will go Christmas caroling on **Sunday, December 14**. Members should meet in the lobby of Via Christi in Hays at 2:00 p.m. They will start the caroling at Via Christi and then proceed to other group residences where D. of I. members reside in Hays.



ST. ANN

St. Ann Parish Christmas Potluck

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

after 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Soup, hot sandwiches,
and drinks will be provided**

**Parishioners
are asked to
bring a side
dish or
dessert.**



ST. FIDELIS PARISH

Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections

Budgeted Loose / Envelopes per week	\$ 5,145.19
Actual received Loose / Envelopes 12--2014	\$ 5,061.00
Budgeted Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date	\$ 118,339.37
Actual received Loose/Envelopes year-to-date 12-7-2014	\$ 96,530.80
UNDER BUDGET	\$ 21,808.57

LITURGY

ADULT CHOIR

PRACTICE: Every Wednesday until Christmas.

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.

ST. BONIFACE



ST. BONIFACE NATIVITY DISPLAY

The Nativity display at St. Boniface will be open for visitors from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on the Sundays of **December 14, 21, and 28**. It will also be open on **Saturday, December 13**, from 1:00-5:00 p.m., as well as on **Christmas Day**.

Vincent Open House

The Vincent open house weekend will be **Saturday and Sunday, December 13-14**, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Come visit the "Little Town of Bethlehem" Nativity at St. Boniface Church and the former schoolhouse owned by Eric and Pat Austin. Enjoy holiday treats, apple cider, and coffee.



24-Hour Adoration

The 24-Hour Adoration at St. Boniface Church will begin **Saturday, December 20**, at 8:00 a.m. and end **Sunday, December 21**, at 8:30 a.m. Families of the parish will take turns an hour at a time around the clock.

Holiday Schedules

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE at St. Fidelis

Monday, December 15 • 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)

Confession Schedule for Advent

Sunday, December 14 • 1:00 p.m.

2nd grade First Reconciliation

Monday Evenings at St. Fidelis

after 7:00 p.m. Mass (around 7:30 p.m.)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

at St. Fidelis

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. • Thursdays during December

(No Adoration on Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, or on New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

(Christmas is a holy day of obligation)

Wednesday, December 24 — Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria (Children's Mass)

8:00 p.m. • St. Ann, Walker

10:00 p.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

Choir will begin singing at 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 25 — Christmas

8:45 a.m. • St. Boniface, Vincent

10:00 a.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Mary, Mother of God — (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 31 — New Year's Eve

5:00 p.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

Thursday, January 1 — New Year's Day

10:00 a.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

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Retirement Fund for Religious

Support religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the

Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders!



ST. FIDELIS GIFT & THRIFT

Now in 3 buildings: 407, 409, and 411 Main Street, Victoria

OPEN MORE HOURS:

Monday.....10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday.....10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
5:00 p.m. - 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

COMMUNITY

Victoria PTO
ROAST BEEF DINNER
Tuesday, December 16 | 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Victoria High School cafeteria
Serving during the basketball games



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.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 14 — Jubilee Choir Sings @ 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 14 — 2nd graders celebration First Reconciliation @ 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 17 — No Classes K-6
Wednesday, December 17 — No Classes 7-12
Wednesday, December 17 — Pageant Practice with Marge Rome @ 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 24 — Christmas Break - No Classes K-12
Wednesday, December 24 — Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy and Pageant @ 5:00 p.m.
Jubilee Choir Sings during Mass
Wednesday, December 31 — Christmas Break — No Classes K-12
Wednesday, January 7 — K-6 Children's Liturgy @ 2:30 p.m.
K-6 Classes follow until 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 7 — 7-12 Classes @ 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY

Commodities to Be Distributed

Government surplus commodities will be distributed on **Tuesday, December 16**, at 1:30 p.m. at the Parish Activity Center.



Community Assistance Center — 12th and Oak, Hays

GARAGE SALE

Tuesday, December 16 • 8-11 a.m.



Single and Beyond

Single and Beyond is an ecumenical Christian social group for divorced, widowed, or single people located in or near Hays. Their mission is to provide friendship, support, and understanding to one another. They have scheduled a Food and Fellowship meeting on Wednesday, December 17, at Arby's, 3501 N. Vine St., Hays, at 6:00 p.m. Contact: Nancy at 785-628-3347 or Email: singleandbeyond@gmail.com

Victoria Schools Calendar

Monday — December 15

AIM period—Students will have directed study
3:30 pm Boys basketball practice
4:00 pm JH basketball @ Ness City. Departure: 2:00
5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

Tuesday — December 16

AIM period—Students will have directed study. 7th grade girls will meet in Mrs. K. Braun's room during AIM
3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VES. Boys in tin gym
4:00 pm HS basketball vs. TMP

Wednesday — December 17

AIM period—students will have directed study
3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at VES. Girls in tin gym
3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice
7:00 pm USD 432 Christmas Concert in auditorium

Thursday — December 18

6:00 am HS girls basketball practice
AIM period—Students will have directed study. 8th grade girls will meet in Mrs. K. Braun's room during AIM
3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VES. Boys in tin gym
3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
6:00 pm FCCLA Christmas Banquet in VJSHS cafeteria

Friday — December 19 — Last Day of 1st Semester

AIM period—Students will have directed study
3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at VES. Girls in tin gym
3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

The 2011 Centennial History/ Church Directory IS HERE!!!

I will be at the Parish Office after the 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses this weekend (December 13-14) to distribute the free books to those families/individuals who posed for pictures for the book.

**OTHERS MAY PURCHASE
A BOOK FOR \$20.**

Copies will also be available for pick up at the parish office during office hours.


Depending on how many free books are left to be distributed, if necessary, arrangements will be made so books can also be picked up after the 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses on the weekend of December 20-21.

An announcement will be made in church if this will occur.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at the Parish Office 785-735-2777.

Thank you.
Connie Windholz

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	DECEMBER 15
7:00 pm Tim Kuhn Lorene, Theresa, Samuel, and Vince Guercio	
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 16
6:45 am Oliver Kuhn	
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 17
7:00 pm Jerome and Irene Windholz family	
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 18
6:45 am Norman and Yvonne Schumacher	
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 19
6:45 am Cletus Younger	
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 20
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Otto and Rosie (Goetz) VonLintel	
6:30 pm St. Ann Gerard (anniv), Mary, Leon, and Ron Hammerschmidt	
SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:45 am St. Boniface Rose Wasinger	DECEMBER 21
10:00 am St. Fidelis Bob and Alvin Dortland	

*** Sunday Rosary Schedule ***

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 20, 5:00 pm

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Megan Karst	Shannon Radke Bertha A.	Noah Dreiling Wyatt Dreiling	George / Mary Ann
<u>Lector</u> Sandy Scheck	Brungardt Regis VonLintel Wilma VonLintel	New Server	Dinkel Mary Jean Brungardt
<u>Comm.</u> Kathy Kuhn	Jane Wagner Mark Schroeder Danita Schroeder		

Sunday, December 21, 10:00 am

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
John Braun	John Braun Shirley Weigel	Trenton Engel Tyler Engel	Chris / Bertha Brungardt
<u>Lector</u> Connie Dreiling	Connie Braun Dianne Crawford Keith Billinger	New Server	Patty Dreiling
<u>Comm.</u> Mike Kreller	Tom Tholen Deb Geschwentner		



St. Fidelis Food Pantry

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