

**ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS**

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**ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



<b>P a r i s h</b>		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	
<b>Gift Shop Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday: 8:30-noon and 1:00-4:30 Friday: 8:30-noon	<b>Weddings:</b> Couples planning to marry must contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before the wedding date for marriage preparations.	<b>Baptisms:</b> All new parents are asked to complete a Baptismal Preparation class before their child is baptized. For information, please call the Parish Office.	<b>Hospital Visits:</b> To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.		
<b>In-Home Mass:</b> Any homebound or hospice family interested in having Mass in their home should contact Bertha Brungardt at the Parish Office.	<b>Holy Communion Brought to Homebound:</b> 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.	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:</b> <b>THURSDAYS</b> <b>10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.</b> in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar			

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**December 21, 2014 – Fourth 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**

**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



**“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.”**

(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 1:26-38)



Dear Santa,

Christmas is almost here so it is time again to write to you and tell you how good we have been and what you can bring us for Christmas. We hope you had a happy St. Nicholas Day. This is a very busy time of the year for you and all your helpers, but we hope you took time to celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas of Myra, your patron saint. It is important to remember that there was such a good man, a good bishop, who helped those in need as an expression of his Christian faith.

We have been very good this year. We have tried to obey the commandments, say our prayers, and help those in need. Although we have been very good, we realized that we have been far from perfect. When we have failed, we have the opportunity to return to the good graces of God in the Sacrament of Penance. We are grateful for the gift of this merciful Sacrament of our Catholic faith.

The big news here is that our parish church is now a Basilica! That honor is a fitting tribute to the faith of our ancestors who sacrificed to build such a magnificent house of God, and to the many generations who have maintained the Cathedral of the Plains in excellent condition. Our church is important to us as a monument to our faith and a gift from the faith of our ancestors. But above all else it is our parish church where we receive gifts of God's grace.

Speaking of gifts, we had a very long list for you this year, but we have pared it down to the essentials since you have so many to visit and your sleigh is only so big. Our first request is that the peace and joy of this holy season fill the hearts of all of our parishioners. It is so easy to get caught up in the commercial frenzy of this season and miss the essentials. If you are too busy, you can skip all the other gifts, if you will fill our hearts with peace and joy. Of course, we hope that you are not too busy.

To those who have lost a loved one this year, bring the comfort of our faith in life eternal. To those burdened with serious illness, bring healing and comfort. For those in difficult circumstances or wounded relationships, bring forgiveness and hope. To those who are struggling with finances, bring secure employment and a stable income. And remember the special gift of awe and wonder for our children as they celebrate the birth of Our Savior.

Finally, Santa, during this busy season find time for yourself, time to pray and reflect on the meaning of the birth of the Christ Child. It would be a misguided kindness to make Christmas for others, yet not experience Christmas in your own heart.

Sincerely,  
The Parishioners of St. Fidelis Basilica,  
The Cathedral of the Plains

## Parish Staff

### Pastor:

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Katie Scheck

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### Groundskeeper:

Julius Dreiling

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Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

Lou Ann Hammersmith

### Choir Director:

Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

### Technology Coordinator:

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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  
Allen Hammerschmidt 735-2447  
Jerry Nowak 637-5273

## Contributions December 13-14, 2014

### ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2056.00 Loose 1281.00  
Cemetery 25.00  
Repair Fund 70.00  
Retired Religious 597.00

### ST. ANN:

Adult 1312.00 Loose 699.00  
Retired Religious 115.00

### ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 438.00 Loose 128.00  
Retired Religious 150.00  
Candles 87.25

## Money Counters

Dec. 22 — Mary Brungardt, Det  
Younger

Dec. 29 — Connie Dreiling, Janie  
Dinges

## With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Anna (Huber) Prinz**, who passed away on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. Services were held at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Pfeifer, on Friday, December 12, with burial in Holy Cross Cemetery. Anna is the mother of Ilona Patterson of St. Fidelis Parish.

## With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Rosaline A. "Rosie" (Billinger) Suppes**, who passed away on Sunday, December 14, 2014. Services were held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Wednesday, December 17, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery.



## Congratulations



The parishes offer their congratulations to **Aaron Cline** and **Renilda Dreiling** who were married at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Saturday, December 13, 2014.

## Advent Scripture Reflections Gospel of Mark

Sundays of Advent

4:00-5:00 pm

December 21

Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life

Fr. Earl Meyer, OFM Cap



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!**

# Holiday Schedules

## Confession Schedule for Advent

**Monday Evenings at St. Fidelis**  
after 7:00 p.m. Mass (around 7:30 p.m.)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

at St. Fidelis

No Adoration on Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, or on New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1  
*Regularly scheduled on Thursdays 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.*

## 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

ST. FIDELIS PARISH Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections	
Budgeted Loose / Envelopes per week	\$ 5,145.19
Actual received Loose / Envelopes 12-14-2014	\$ 23,377.00
Budgeted Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date	\$ 123,484.56
Actual received Loose/Envelopes year-to-date 12-14-2014	\$ 119,907.80
UNDER BUDGET	\$ 3,576.76

## CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

### Calendar of Events

**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.**



# 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 20-21) to distribute the free books to those families/individuals who posed for pictures for the book.

## BOOKS MAY BE PURCHASED FOR \$20.00.

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

*We can mail the books for a shipping and handling charge of \$6.00 (Total cost \$26.00).*

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

Thank you.

## Guess who is going to be 50?

### Fr. John Schmeidler

The Tri-Parish will celebrate with an Open House on **January 4, 2015**, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and continuing throughout the day.

## Help the Church Raise Money

Victoria Food & Variety will give the Basilica of St. Fidelis 5% back on Gift Cards and Gift Certificates purchased at the store from now until New Year's Day.

## 2015 Envelopes

St. Fidelis 2015 envelopes are available at the entrances of the church.

### \* 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

### Christmas Eve Wed, Dec. 24, 5:00

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Children's Choir	Mary Brungardt Frank Robben	Shelby Schmeidler	Kurt Dinkel family
<b>Lector</b> Yvonne Braun	Kathy Kuhn Shanna Dinkel	Chase Schmidt Dalton Stout	Rosie Kreutzer
<b>Comm.</b> Shanna Dinkel	Wanda Karlin Jan Brungardt		

### Christmas Eve Wed, Dec. 24, 10:00 pm

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
	LeeAnn Schmidtberger Phyllis Stramel		
<b>Lector</b>			
<b>Comm.</b>	<b>PLEASE CALL JAN AT THE OFFICE 785-735-2777 IF YOU ARE WILLING TO MINISTER AT THIS MASS.</b>		

### Christmas Day Thurs, Dec. 25, 10:00 am

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Hannah/Holly Dreiling	Ramona McCarty JoAnn Pfanenstiel	Madisyn Gerhardt	Jim / JoAnn Pfanenstiel
Kathy Amrein	Diane Gross	Cooper	Vitus Lang
<b>Lector</b> Amorette Windholz	Ivan Werner Joan Wellbrock	Windholz Kinley Windholz	
<b>Comm.</b> Anne Dinkel	VOLUNTEER		

### Saturday, December 27, 5:00 pm

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Pam Scheck	Debbie Staab Mary Lou Rome	Aryan Karlin Drayden	Kim Schmidtberger and family
<b>Lector</b> Marilyn Braun	Gib Billinger Carol Billinger	Karlin New Server	Sandy Scheck
<b>Comm.</b> Diane Gross	Shannon Radke Jan Brungardt		

### Sunday, December 28, 10:00 am

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Trilogy	Ken Brungardt Bertha Brungardt	MaKayla Crawford	Doug Oberle family
<b>Lector</b> LeeAnn Schmidtberger	Michelle Geist Dianne Crawford	Alexis Truan New Server	Charlotte Weber
<b>Comm.</b> Cora Schulte	Wanda Karlin Angie Roth		

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MONDAY</b> ..... <b>DECEMBER 22</b>
7:00 pm Pete and Leona Wellbrock Mr. and Mrs. Alvin R. Sander family
<b>TUESDAY</b> ..... <b>DECEMBER 23</b>
6:45 am Yvonne's Mom Schuckman
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> ..... <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> ..... <b>DECEMBER 24</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Marvin Windholz The Sander family living and deceased
8:00 pm St. Ann Dolores Froelich
10:00 pm St. Fidelis Joe, Magdalen, Jerry, and Bill Roth families, Rich and Verna Robben, and David Rich
<b>THURSDAY</b> ..... <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> ..... <b>DECEMBER 25</b>
8:45 am St. Boniface Verlin and Patty Dreiling
10:00 am St. Fidelis Gilbert and Mary Jane Miller family
<b>FRIDAY</b> ..... <b>DECEMBER 26</b>
6:45 am Norman Schrant Alfred and Anna Rohr and Ryan Schrant
<b>SATURDAY</b> ..... <b>DECEMBER 27</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Bonivent, Margaret, Leo, Galen, Hubert, and Donnie Dinkel and Marlene Dinkel and David Dinkel
6:30 pm St. Ann Robert and Lydia Sander family living and deceased
<b>SUNDAY</b> ..... <b>HOLY FAMILY</b> ..... <b>DECEMBER 28</b>
8:45 am St. Boniface For favorable weather
10:00 am St. Fidelis Vernon Berens

## 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

## 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 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**.

### 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.

## DIOCESE

### Retirement Fund for Religious THANK YOU!

"We can certainly call you friends because of the way you care for our retired members," writes a religious brother. Your gift to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious benefits some 35,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. May God bless you for your generosity!



## 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.

### Ellis St. Mary's CYO

## Community Fried Chicken Dinner

**Sunday, December 28**

Knights of Columbus Hall, Ellis, KS

**10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or until sold out**

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

### Cursillo

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 a weekend. The next weekend events are: Men's **February 26-March 1, 2015**; Women's **March 18-22, 2015**. Location: Victoria, Kansas, Spiritual Life Center. For more information contact Patricia Dusin at 785-302-1220 or at [patriciad@ruraltel.net](mailto:patriciad@ruraltel.net).

### 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](http://www.ColoradoCatholicRetreats.org).

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

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