

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

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| 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. | 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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www.stfidelischurch.com

December 28, 2014 – Holy Family

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



(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:22-40)

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Dates To

Jan. 1 — Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) — New Years Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Dec. 31 @noon through Jan. 2
Jan. 4 — Open House for Fr. John's birthday starting @ 11:00 am



IN CELEBRATION OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, and NEW YEAR'S DAY, THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

* New Year's Eve @ noon,
Wednesday, December 31
*New Year's Day,
Wednesday, January 1
and *Friday, January 2



“Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.” That is the opening sentence of the classic novel “Anna Karenina” by Leo Tolstoy. His words prompt a reflection for this Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Family.

Each year on the Sunday following Christmas, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. In this season of family gatherings we are reminded of the ideals of family life, and asked to reflect on the family life in our own homes.

The title for today's feast may seem unrealistic. We are uncomfortable comparing our own family with the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. And “holy” is not the adjective that most would use to describe their family.

Your family may not be holy in the sense of sinless or saintly. But every family is holy because it shares life, and life is a sacred gift from God. The values of family life are holy because they deal with life and love and longings of the heart. These are sacred because they transcend our earthly possessions.

Holiness is not limited to churches and prayer books. The word “holy” is related to the word “whole.” Holiness conveys a sense of unity, completeness, harmony. A holy family is one that is whole, undivided, united. The family is whole and holy when it is united in mind and in heart. Many families are divided or broken for unavoidable reasons, yet heroic sacrifices often compensate with undivided love.

Holiness is also found in our humanity. Human life is holy because on Christmas divinity was joined with humanity. The human love in our families is an expression of divine love. The family is called the domestic church because the holy things of faith take human form in the practical situations of family life. The family is holy when it realizes that its humanity shares in divinity by the mystery of Christmas when God became one with us. Simply put, it means seeing Christ in each other.

The gospel recipe for holiness is found in the Eight Beatitudes which offer a helpful examination of conscience with regard to family life: Blessed are the merciful; Blessed are the meek; Blessed are the peacemakers. Notice that each Beatitude begins with the word *blessed* from the Latin *Beata*. However, *Beata* can also be translated as *Holy* or *Happy* — “Blessed are the merciful; Holy are the merciful; Happy are the merciful.”

Holiness is not only blessedness. It is also happiness. St. Francis said, “Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.” Families that are happy are blessed and holy. Unfortunately, the opposite is also true. Happiness is conforming to God’s eternal design; unhappiness is of our own making. “Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.”

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A woman knows all about her children. She knows their best friends, favorite foods, secret fears, and hopes and dreams. A man is vaguely aware of some little people wandering about the house.

Parish Staff

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Lou Ann Hammersmith

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Council Members

St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

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

St. Fidelis Finance Council

- Curtis Sander 735-2559
- 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

- Helen Windholz 735-2293
- Allen Hammerschmidt 735-2447
- Jerry Nowak 637-5273

Contributions December 20-21, 2014

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 18,323.00 Loose 921.50
Retired Religious 22.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 84.00 Loose 146.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 400.00 Loose 568.00
Candles 75.00

Money Counters

Dec. 29 — Connie Dreiling, Janie Dinges

Jan. 5 — Dianne Crawford, Marilyn Braun

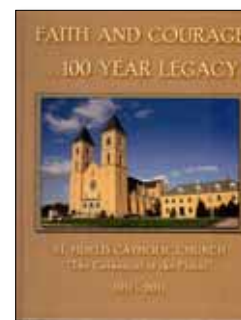
Due to the New Year holiday, items for the **January 4 bulletin** are due by **noon on Monday, December 29.**

Thank you for your cooperation!
Happy New Year!



The 2011 Centennial History/ Church Directory would make a nice gift!!!

Copies are available at the
Parish Office for \$20.00.
(We will mail it for an extra \$6.00
shipping and handling.)



Those families/individuals who posed for pictures for the directory part of the book may pick up their free copy at the Parish Office during office hours.

If you have any questions about the book, please contact me at the Parish Office 785-735-2777.
Thank you. Connie Windholz

| ST. FIDELIS PARISH Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections | |
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| 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 |

**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.**

2015 Envelopes

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

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Calendar of Events

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.

ST. BONIFACE



ST. BONIFACE NATIVITY DISPLAY

The Nativity display at St. Boniface will be open for visitors from 1:00-5:00 p.m. today **Sunday, December 28.**

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.

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.

Holiday Schedule

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

COMMUNITY

Fundraiser for Robert Schmidt

Saturday, January 10

Mass @ 5:00 P.M. at The Basilica of St. Fidelis
Meal, Bingo, and Bake Sale from 5:30 until 8:00 P.M.
Victoria Grade School

New Year's Eve Polka Dance



Wednesday, December 31

V.F.W. HALL, VICTORIA

8:30—12:30 P.M.

Music provided by: **Wes Windholz Band**

Admission: \$15.00 per person; \$25.00 per couple

Everyone is welcome!


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.

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

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| MONDAY | DECEMBER 29 |
| 7:00 pm Frank and Mary Ann Hoffman | |
| TUESDAY | DECEMBER 30 |
| 6:45 am Mildred and Elmer Hoff | |
| WEDNESDAY | NEW YEAR'S EVE |
| | DECEMBER 31 |
| 5:00 pm St. Fidelis Emanuel and Vera Pfeifer family Tom Pfeifer | |
| THURSDAY | NEW YEAR'S DAY |
| | JANUARY 1 |
| 10:00 am St. Fidelis Adam and Clementine Braun | |
| FRIDAY | JANUARY 2 |
| 6:45 am Gilbert and Mary Jane Miller family | |
| SATURDAY | JANUARY 3 |
| 5:00 pm St. Fidelis Eddie and Clara Miller family living and deceased | |
| 6:30 pm St. Ann For favorable weather Rich and Verna Robben family | |
| SUNDAY | EPIPHANY OF THE LORD |
| | JANUARY 4 |
| 8:45 am St. Boniface Robert (anniv), Amelia, and Gary VonLintel | |
| 10:00 am St. Fidelis Martha Schulte | |

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Wed, Dec. 31, 5:00 pm

| Cantor | Ministers | Servers | Greeters |
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| | PLEASE CALL JAN AT THE OFFICE 785-735-2777 IF YOU ARE WILLING TO MINISTER AT THIS MASS. | | |
| Lector | Also, please check in the Sacristy to see if anyone is still needed. | | |
| Comm. | | | |

New Year's Day Thurs, Jan. 1, 10:00 am

| Cantor | Ministers | Servers | Greeters |
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| Comm. | | | |

Saturday, January 3, 5:00 pm

| Cantor | Ministers | Servers | Greeters |
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| Galen Schmidtberger | Mary Brungardt Brenda Robben | Caden Oberle Karly Oberle | Ron / Jane Wagner |
| Lector | Becky Scheck | Jarron Schmidt | Arlene |
| Randy Leiker | Teresa Shepherd Regis VonLintel | | Wittman |
| Comm. | Wilma VonLintel | | |
| Verda Werner | Jane Wagner | | |

Sunday, January 4, 10:00 am

| Cantor | Ministers | Servers | Greeters |
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| Marilyn Braun | Ken Brungardt Bertha Brungardt | Collin Kisner Lane Kisner | Hockersmith family |
| Lector | Katie Bellendir | Grant | Mary Windholz |
| Det Younger | Cora Schulte Janine Kisner | Schoenrock | |
| Comm. | Norma Keenan | | |
| Becky Scheck | JoAnn Pfanenstiel | | |