

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, please call the Parish Office.

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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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

www.stfidelischurch.com

January 12, 2014 – The Baptism of the Lord

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

Jan. 19 — Confirmation 10:00 a.m.
Mass @ St. Fidelis
Jan. 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 22 — Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn children
Jan. 29 — Kansas Day (153 years old)
February — Dental Health Month
Feb. 2 — Presentation of the Lord
Feb. 2 — Boy Scout Sunday
Feb. 2 — Groundhog Day
Feb. 2 — Super Bowl Sunday
Feb. 14 — Valentine’s Day
Feb. 17 — President’s Day
Mar. 5 — Ash Wednesday



And a voice came from the heavens, saying,
“This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.”

(from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:13-17)



“Carrying coals to New Castle” is an expression of futility, since New Castle was a city that produced an overabundance of coal. Some might have that sense of futility on today’s feast of the Baptism of the Lord. What good would it do to baptize Jesus? Why would Jesus need to be baptized? Even John the Baptist had to wonder when he said, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?”

To understand today’s feast one must first understand the nature of John’s baptism. The baptism that John offered was not Christian sacramental baptism. It was not the baptism which you have received. It was a pledge to improve one’s life by living closer to God. If we have a similar ritual today, it would be receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday.

“Allow it for now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” That response of Jesus to John’s reluctance to baptize him requires careful analysis. The words, “for now” imply a unique, one time situation. The key expression in this statement of Christ is “to fulfill all righteousness.” Fulfilling such righteousness is a total commitment to acceptance of the will of God, to obedience to God’s voice in one’s life.

Christ was sent into the world to assume our human nature, to identify with sinful humanity that he might redeem us by his death and resurrection offering us a new life in God. Jesus, burdened with the sins of all mankind, went into the waters of the Jordan to inaugurate his public ministry by stepping into the place of sinners to redeem them. Through that baptism Christ entered into solidarity with sinful mankind who have incurred guilt but yearn for righteousness.

In accepting the baptism of John, Christ is accepting this mission from his Father. Therefore the significance of Christ’s baptism by John can be understood only in the light of the Cross and the Resurrection.

Christ himself used the word “baptism” when referring to his passion and death. “Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” Mk 10:38 “There is a baptism with which I must be baptized and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished.” Lk 10:50

Christ’s baptism is an acceptance of his death for the sins of humanity. The voice that calls out, “This is my beloved son,” envisions the Risen Christ. His baptism is an anticipation of the Cross and a promise of the Resurrection. We celebrate the Baptism of the Lord because it is a promise of our salvation through the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Christ, the central mystery of our faith.

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Priest: “Johnny, do you pray before eating?”
Johnny: “Only when my dad cooks.”

Parish Staff

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Julius Dreiling

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Joe Brungardt

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Council Members

St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

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Allen Hammerschmidt 735-2447

Contributions January 4-5, 2014

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 3134.00 Loose 1171.35
Repair Fund 418.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 1957.00 Loose 181.00
Candles 53.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 365.00 Loose 154.00
Candles 39.00

Money Counters

Jan. 13 — Ivan and Verda
Werner

Jan. 20 — Gladys Pfeifer, Arlene
Pfeifer

Baptism

We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Riggins Wade Pfanenstiel**, son of Gus and Ciera (Kohl) Pfanenstiel. Riggins Wade, born October 31, 2013, was baptized at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria, by Father John Schmeidler on Saturday, January 4, 2014. His godparents are Ashley Tholen and Jared Pfeifer.



Thank you
to anyone you donated in any way
towards the
2013 Christmas Boxes.
Your support of this program
is very much appreciated.



The Family Life Commission

St. Fidelis Parish Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections	
Budgeted Loose / Envelopes per week	\$ 5,415.19
Actual received Loose / Envelopes 1-1-2014 and 1/5/2014	\$ 6,577.85
Budgeted Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date	\$ 146,210.13
Actual received Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date 1-1-2014 and 1/5/2014	\$ 180,080.44
UNDER BUDGET	\$ 8,129.69

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Yearly Dues

The yearly dues of \$15.00 for members of Daughters of Isabella are now due. Please mail to: Wilma VonLintel, P.O. Box 33, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will meet **Tuesday, January 14**, at 7:30 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall.

LITURGY

Adult Choir

PRACTICE: Wednesday, January 15, after 7:30 p.m. Mass in the Friars' Chapel. **SING:** Sunday, January 19, 10:00 a.m. Mass for Confirmation.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Commission Meeting

The Catholic Faith Education Commission will meet on **Thursday, January 16, 2014**, at the PAC at 7:00 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, January 15 — 7-11 Classes @ 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 15 — *10th grade Confirmation Practice @ 7:30 p.m.*
Sunday, January 19 — *Confirmation @ 10:00 a.m.*
Monday, January 20 — **NO SCHOOL**
Wednesday, January 22 — 7-11 Classes
Wednesday, January 29 — 7-11 Classes

DIOCESE

41st Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

January 22 is the 41st anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion in our land in 1973. This day is to be observed as a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. This anniversary challenges us to continue our prayer and efforts to promote a greater respect for human life and legal protection for the most innocent and vulnerable in our midst—unborn children.

COMMUNITY

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Through the blood and water of Jesus Christ, we are born anew and are worthy of becoming sons and daughters of God. The victory of faith is ours.

If you struggle with your faith – believing God cannot forgive you, we can help.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time

NEXT RETREAT: February 21-28

877-I-GRIEVE (877-447-4383)

rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org

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**Ellis St. Mary's CYO
Community Fried Chicken Dinner
Sunday, January 19**

**Knights of Columbus Hall, Ellis
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

**Saturday, January 18, 2014
Prayer Service - 10:00 a.m.
March for Life - 10:30 a.m.**

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays

**Roe v. Wade
Memorial Service &
Procession**



In commemoration of the historical Roe v. Wade Supreme court decision and in honor of the National March for Life in Washington, D.C., St. Joseph Catholic Church is holding a prayer service and march to support the fight to end the legalized practice of abortion in the United States.

The prayer service will commence at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 13th and Ash, Hays.

Immediately following the prayer service, any and all are welcome to join and march in silent protest through downtown Hays to the Ellis County Courthouse and Planned Parenthood to further pray for an end to abortion. **Those who can't attend the march are encouraged to stay in the warm church and pray the rosary for a change of heart.**



**ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITY
SPRING 2014**

*Have you ever wished that you could explain the Catholic Faith better?
Do you have a desire to learn more about our faith while also growing closer to Christ?*

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR
PASTORAL MINISTRY FORMATION**
Study Theology, Develop Skills for Ministry, Grow Spiritually

INTRODUCTION TO OLD TESTAMENT

THEO 1003 A study of the law, prophets, historical books, and wisdom literature of the Old Testament using analytical methods of contemporary scholarship. Each book will be studied within its own socio-political and cultural context, as a product of the Jewish faith community and expression of Yahweh's revelation.



Class Times:

Saturday mornings 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1, 15, 22, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22

Location: Interactive Television Sites throughout Dodge City and Salina Dioceses

Cost: Enrolling for personal enrichment: \$75.00*
Enrolling for 3hr college course credit: \$150.00*
*price quotes do not include books



Instructor, **Fr. Terrance Klein** is the parochial vicar at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City. He was ordained in 1984 and holds a doctorate in Fundamental Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University (1999) and a Masters in Liturgy from the University of Notre Dame (1991). He is the author of several books, among them *Vanity Faith: Searching for Spirituality among the Stars* (2009).

For more information visit

<http://www.dcdiocese.org/pastoral-ministry-formation>
or call Coleen Stein 620-227-1538 cstein@dcdiocese.org

**PASTORAL MINISTRY FORMATION
SPRING 2014
WAYS THE WORLD WOUNDS**



**Consumerism and Materialism, Violence and Revenge,
Individualism and Relativism, Entitlement, Busyness**

Creation is good but distorted by sin. This course will discuss five primary ways that our culture can wound and otherwise eat away our relationship with God and the hope the Gospel brings. This course is not intended to provide therapy or simple answers but an opportunity for faith sharing grounded in Scripture and Catholic teaching. We will discuss suggestions for both practical action and prayerful reflection.

This course can be taken for college credit (1hr) or personal enrichment.

Class Times:

Sunday afternoons 4:00 to 7:00 pm.
Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 16, Mar. 23

Location: Interactive Television Sites throughout Dodge City and Salina Dioceses

Cost: Enrolling for personal enrichment: \$25.00*
Enrolling for 1hr college course credit: \$50.00*
*price quotes do not include books



Fr. Steve Heina is a priest of the Salina Diocese and pastor of St. Bernard Parish, Ellsworth, and St. Ignatius Parish, Knopolis. He was ordained in 1982 and received a Masters of Divinity degree from Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. He also serves as director of the offices of Propagation of the Faith, New Evangelization, and Catholic Campaign for Human Development, while also acting as the moderator of the committee for the implementation of the diocesan pastoral plan. He has taught courses for the diocesan adult education, catechist formation, and deacon formation programs.

For more information visit

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Commodities to Be Distributed

Government surplus commodities will be distributed on **Tuesday, January 28**, at 1:30 p.m. at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street, Victoria. Please enter using the Meal Site room door.



SAVE THE DATE

WHAT: Annual Men's Conference
WHEN: Saturday, August 9, 2014
WHERE: St. Mary's Church, Russell
WHO: Men from Salina and surrounding Dioceses
SPEAKERS: Deacon Ralph Poyo
 Matt Fradd

Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs

Have you done your evangelization today? It's hard, isn't it? Catholics don't find evangelization easy. Yet, we are all called to evangelize! Simply by being baptized, we take on that responsibility! But Lighthouse Catholic Media can help! Listen to the CDs to learn, listen again to learn better, then share them! How easy is that? Do you have a family member who has left the Church? One person who lost her faith in college, asked, after listening to several, "Why didn't I know this?" Simply ask someone to listen or ask if they'll tell you where they think the speaker is wrong. Remember, saving one soul can aid in your salvation. Questions? Call Jan at the Parish Office.

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 — January 13

BCCC classes begin
 AIM period—Students will have directed study.
 3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
 4:00 pm JH basketball @ Western Plains (Bezine)
 5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice
 6:00 pm College algebra
 7:30 pm BOE meeting

Tuesday — January 14

9:00 am Community Ambassadors @ Hays for select students
 AIM period—Students will have directed study. 7th grade boys will meet in Mrs. Kori Braun's room.
 1:00 pm USD 432 Spelling Bee @ VES Little Theater for select students
 3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at tin gym. Girls at VES.
 3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
 5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice
 6:15 pm VJHS Stargazing trip to FHSU

Wednesday — January 15

Mrs. Connie Braun at FCCLA District planning with select students
 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
 5:30 pm HS girls basketball practice

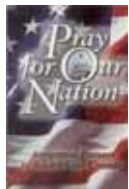
Thursday — January 16

AIM period—Students will have directed study. All students interested in taking the ASVAB test will meet in Mrs. K. Braun's room during AIM
 3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice @ VES
 4:00 pm JH basketball vs. Kinsley
 5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice @ VES
 7:00 pm Speech class begins

Friday — January 17

AIM period—Students will have directed study
 3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at VES. Girls in tin gym
 4:00 pm HS basketball @ Central Plains (Clafin)

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.

Victoria Elementary Collecting Box Tops, Pop Tabs, & Receipts

Victoria Elementary School is still collecting **Box Tops**, **Pop Tabs**, and **McDonald's receipts**. The school can earn classroom supplies and money for their activity fund with the Box Tops and McDonald's receipts. The Pop Tabs are delivered to Topeka to the Ronald McDonald House where they are recycled, and the money raised goes to help with the cost of operating the house. The **Box Tops** will be turned in at the end of February, and the **Pop Tabs** will be delivered to Topeka over Spring Break.

These items can be dropped off at the school, or you can give them to any elementary school student. Each classroom K-6 received a box of 20 books from the Sunny D Book Spree earlier this year, so thank you to everyone who helped collect the Sunny D labels as well.

Thanks for all your help in collecting all these items!

2014 Tithing Envelopes

The St. Fidelis 2014 tithing envelopes are available in the bridal room. If you do not receive a box and would like one, please contact the parish office.

PLEASE DO NOT USE "OLD" OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelope numbers for the tithing boxes you receive annually are reassigned each year, so we ask that you not use tithing envelopes that you may have leftover from previous years.

The envelope number you previously had may not be the one assigned to you this year.

If you have questions, please call the parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Now that the Christmas celebrations are over, Eucharistic Adoration will be held as usual on Thursday mornings. The times are printed regularly on the front side of the bulletin each week—at the top of the page. Exceptions to the schedule and location will be printed in the inside pages of the bulletin when necessary.

ST. FIDELIS THRIFT SHOP

407 Main Street, Victoria

CLEARANCE SALE



**ALL CHRISTMAS
ITEMS ARE FREE.**


**ALL ITEMS ARE
BUY ONE GET ONE FREE.**

(Excluding Furniture)

HOURS: Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Wednesday evening 5:00-8:00



Coffee and cookies will be 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

MONDAY	JANUARY 13
7:00 pm Sophie, Joe, and Joan Berens	
TUESDAY	JANUARY 14
6:45 am Louise Dreiling	
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 15
7:00 pm Ray and Annette Lang	
THURSDAY	JANUARY 16
6:45 am F. M. Schmidtberger family living and deceased	
FRIDAY	JANUARY 17
6:45 am Cecil and Minnie Roth	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 18
3:00 pm St. Fidelis Casey Geist and Katie Hope	
5:00 pm St. Fidelis For rain Doris Applihans	
6:30 pm St. Ann Paul and Bill Schrant	
SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	JANUARY 19
8:45 am St. Boniface Bernadine Schumacher	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Bertha Pfeifer	

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 18, 5:00 pm

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Jim / Becky	Teresa Shepherd	Ethan Rupp	Jamey Roth
Scheck	Tom Tholen	Hannah	family
<u>Lector</u>	Det Younger	Radke	Rosie Kreutzer
Amorette	Wanda Karlin	Eric Braun	
Windholz	Melissa Schmidt		
<u>Comm.</u>	Brenda Robben		
David	Fran Robben		
Lang			

Sunday, January 19, 10:00 am

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
John	Norma Keenan	Madisyn	Kim
Kenne	Ivan / Verda	Gerhardt	Schmidtberger
<u>Lector</u>	Werner	Kiley Phlieger	family
Stephanie	Marge Rome	Jessica	Mark / Danita
Broyles	Melissa Schmidt	Schroeder	Schroeder
<u>Comm.</u>	Bob / Phyllis Stramel		family
Mary			
Ruder			



St. Fidelis Food Bank

Parish Activity Center (PAC)
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