

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

January 19, 2014 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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. 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
Mar. 9 — First Sunday of Lent
Mar. 9 — Girl Scout Sunday



Behold,
the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin
of the world.

(from the Holy Gospel according to John 1:29-34)



Before we approach the altar to receive Communion, the priest elevates the host over the chalice and says, "Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world." Those words are taken from today's gospel and capture the meaning not only of receiving Communion but of the very essentials of our Catholic faith.

In the historical context of this gospel John the Baptist is pointing out to his disciples that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah. He is also telling them what the Messiah has come to do, "to take away the sins of the world." John does this with a concept from the Old Testament which places Christ, "The lamb who takes away the sins of the world," at the summit of salvation history. That image would have been understood quite well by John's disciples who were steeped in the Old Testament.

The symbol of a lamb, in particular the paschal lamb, is found in both the Old and the New Testaments of the Bible. Old Testament worship included animal sacrifice as atonement for sin. The sacrifice of lambs was considered especially appropriate. The prophet Isaiah described the Messiah as one who would atone for the sins of his people in these words, "as a lamb led to slaughter, like a sheep before the shearers, silent and not opening its mouth." Is 53:7 This prophecy was fulfilled by Christ who was silent before his accusers, did not answer Pilate, and did not react to the taunts of the crowd on Calvary.

The most graphic Old Testament symbolism of the lamb is the paschal lamb of the Exodus. When God led his captive people out of Egypt he ordered each family to kill an unblemished lamb, eat it at the Passover meal, and mark their door posts with its blood. They would then be spared the deadly wrath of the avenging angel who took the first born of every home not marked with the saving blood.

For Christians that is a symbol of Christ, the true Paschal lamb. As the Hebrews were freed from the slavery of Egypt by the sacrifice of the Pascal lamb, Christians are saved from the bondage of sin by the death of Christ. As the blood of the paschal lamb spared the people from the angel of death, the blood of Christ saves us from the eternal death of sin. That is what John the Baptist meant when he said of Christ, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

When we receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion we are receiving "The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

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An invitation from God: "Come over to my house before the game next Sunday. And bring the children."

Parish Staff	
<u>Pastor:</u>	Fr. John Schmeidler, OFM, Cap. email: frjohncap@gmail.com
<u>Secretary:</u>	Jan Brungardt email: fidelis@ruraltel.net
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<u>Groundskeeper:</u>	Julius Dreiling
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<u>Organists:</u>	Leona Schulte Lou Ann Hammersmith
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<u>Technology Coordinator:</u>	Connie Windholz email: sftech@ruraltel.net

Council Members	
<u>St. Fidelis Pastoral Council</u>	
Randy Leiker	623-6965 (Chair)
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Allen Hammerschmidt	735-2447

Contributions January 11-12, 2014	
ST. FIDELIS:	
<u>Adult</u>	4673.20
<u>Loose</u>	948.50
ST. ANN:	
<u>Adult</u>	135.00
<u>Loose</u>	265.00
ST. BONIFACE:	
<u>Adult</u>	347.00
<u>Loose</u>	183.00
<u>Candles</u>	24.75

Money Counters
Jan. 20 — Gladys Pfeifer, Arlene Pfeifer
Jan. 27 — Doris Weigel, Shirley Weigel



Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2014



who were confirmed at the 10:00 a.m. Mass today Sunday, January 19,
with Bishop Edward Weisenburger presiding.

Jacy Braun
Brandon Brungardt
Joseph Dortland
Bailey Hobbs
Lane Kisner
Eric McAlonan
Jacob Roth



Madison Schremmer
Kendra Braun
Brady Dinkel
Lakin Eckroat
Wheaton Hockersmith
Ashley Lang
Parker Riedel



Abigail Schremmer
Taylor Stramel
Grant Weber

From Christ the King
Parish in Wakeeney
Corbin Schoenthaler

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of David Elliot Rohleder, who passed away on Sunday, January 5, 2014. Services were held at St. Michael Episcopal Church, Hays, on Friday, January 10. Burial was in St. Fidelis Cemetery.

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of Patricia J. (Patty) Dreiling, who passed away on Friday, January 10, 2014. Services were held at St. Fidelis Church on Tuesday, January 14. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery.

St. Fidelis Parish Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections	
Budgeted Loose / Envelopes per week	\$ 5,415.19
Actual received Loose /Envelopes 1-12-2014	\$ 5,621.70
Budgeted Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date	\$ 151,625.32
Actual received Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date 1-12-2014	\$ 143,702.14
UNDER BUDGET	\$ 7,923.18

CORRECTION!

The amount in last week's bulletin for the "Actual received Loose/Envelopes year-to-date 1-1-2014 and 1-5-2014" should have been \$138,080.44, NOT \$180,080.44. We are sorry for any confusion.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

K. of C. Free Throw Contest

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of January 1st) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2014 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Wednesday, January 29, at the Victoria High School Gymnasium at 6:30 p.m.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age (copy of birth certificate), and written parental consent. Entry forms will be distributed by the school.

For additional forms or information, contact Troy Schippers at 785-735-4625.

All Knights of Columbus are invited/encouraged to attend the competition.

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

Yearly Dues

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers dues of \$5.00 are now due. Please send them to Jan Brungardt, P.O. 143, Victoria, or drop them in the collection basket at Mass.

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.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 20 — NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, January 22 — 7-11 Classes
Wednesday, January 29 — 7-11 Classes



What's for Lunch

Two young boys spent some time with their grandparents in Oklahoma.

Grandpa told the boys a story about the guy who went to the restaurant for dinner.

"What is good for dinner?" he asked.

"Cow's tongue," was the reply.

"I am not going to eat anything that came from a cow's mouth," the man snorted. "Just give me a couple of fried eggs."

HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT!

Host families are needed for high school exchange students for the 2014-2015 school year. The students will arrive from Europe, Asia, or South America in mid-August 2014 and will stay with the host family for one semester or until the end of the school year.

They are in need of caring American families (with or without children) to provide a home and share with them this unique experience. The host family provides a bed, meals, friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life with a student from overseas. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have spending money for their personal expenses. Approved families can view online student applications and select the student that best matches their own family.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"No one is more cherished than those who lighten the burden of others."

Would you like to learn more about helping those who are dealing with a terminal illness, loss, and grief?

Hospice is having a training session open to any adult who is interested. There is no cost for the training and no obligation for attending. Lunch and all materials will be provided. The Hospice Team cares for those in Ellis, Rooks, Rush, and Russell Counties of all ages and illnesses and is a resource for those communities.

The training is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Deadline to sign up is Friday, February 7.

To register, or for more information, contact: Hospice at HaysMed, 2220 Canterbury Dr., Hays, 785-623-6200 or 800-248-0073.

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. Prayer sheets will be provided. Please enter using the north door and sit up front.

The next prayer hour will be Tuesday, January 21.



The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood."

Victoria Community Blood Drive

Thursday, February 6
9 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Nex-Tech Network Operations
801 Hwy 40

Visit redcrossblood.org or
call 1-800-RED-CROSS
(733-2767) to schedule your
appointment

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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.

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.



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

Community Assistance Center — 12th and Oak, Hays



GARAGE SALE

Tuesday, January 21 • 8-11 a.m.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

When we have experienced God's forgiveness, we are *new creatures*. We can live a life beyond the regrets of yesterday. We can live with a forward-looking hope of glory.

-Reflections from *Footprints*

Become a new creation in Christ! Join us on our next retreat and experience His redeeming grace.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time

NEXT RETREAT: February 21-23

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

rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org
confidential

Walk for a Grieving Heart to Help Rachel's Vineyard

Please consider helping Rachel's Vineyard by partaking in Walk for a Grieving Heart at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 8, in Hays, Colby, or Sharon Springs. Walkers will have a choice of walking inside or outside. All walkers who obtain \$50 in donations will receive a long-sleeved T-shirt. Refreshments and door prizes are available.

For a registration form, please contact: rvineyard@ruraltel.net or call 1-877-447-4383.

Victoria SCHOOLS Calendar



Monday — January 20 — *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

No School — Teacher Inservice

No BCCC classes

2:30 pm JH boys basketball practice at VHS

3:30 pm JH girls basketball practice at VES

3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice

8:15 pm Boys basketball vs. Hoisington @ Hoisington Winter Jam.

Tuesday — January 21

LifeTouch Winter Sports pictures during AIM.

AIM period—Students will have directed study. 7th **grade boys will meet in Mrs. Kori Braun's office.**

3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at tin gym. Girls at VES.

3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice

6:30 pm Girls basketball vs. Hoisington @ Hoisington Winter Jam

Wednesday — January 22

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 VHS Financial Aid Night in VJSHS Cafeteria

Thursday — January 23

AIM period—Students will have directed study. 8th

Grade boys will meet in Mrs. Kori Braun's office

3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice

3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VES. Boys in tin gym

5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

7:00 pm Speech class

TBA—Hoisington Winter Jam Tournament

Friday — January 24

AIM period—Students will have directed study

TBA—Hoisington Winter Jam Tournament

Saturday — January 25

TBA—Hoisington Winter Jam Tournament

