

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.

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

www.stfidelischurch.com

January 5, 2014 – The Epiphany 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. 7-10 — Seniors on the Go trip
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

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem saying, “Where is the new born king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”



(from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12)



The gospel does not tell us how many wise men came to adore the Christ child. Since there are three gifts we assume three Magi. But some early traditions had four for the four evangelists and twelve for the twelve apostles. In 1902, Henry van Dyke wrote an inspiring novel entitled, "The Story of the Other Wise Man." A video version of this novel is available on DVD and is wholesome entertainment during this holiday season.

This novel is about a fourth wise man, named Artaban, who had planned to travel with Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. He sold all his possessions and bought three jewels as gifts for the infant king: a sapphire, a ruby, and a pearl. But on the day of departure he stopped to help an injured child and missed the caravan. So he sold the sapphire to outfit a second expedition. By the time he arrived at Bethlehem, the Holy Family had already fled to Egypt. But he did rescue one of the Holy Innocents by bribing a soldier with the ruby.

With only the pearl remaining, he set out again to find the new King. Often he seemed close to meeting the Messiah, but a cry for help from the unfortunate delayed him. Some thirty years later he was in Jerusalem and heard that the governor had condemned to death a man who claimed to be the Messiah King. Artaban thought this might be the king he had been seeking, so he decided to ransom him with his pearl. But on his way to the praetorium he saw a slave auction where a girl was being sold into bondage. He ransomed the young woman with the pearl and set her free.

With that he had given away his last tribute to the new King. He had nothing left. And he had not found the King. Suddenly the skies darkened, there was an earthquake, and Artaban was crushed by falling rock. In his dying moments Artaban saw the clouds part and a voice said, "Whatever you have done to the least of my children, you have done to me." Artaban died knowing that he had found the King many times.

Van Dykes story is a parable. Artaban is every Christian. We are all on a journey in search of the Messiah King. We have been entrusted with gifts of grace and nature to offer the king. Like Artaban we will not meet the infant King in person. But on our journey we will meet Him in many others and our gifts to them will be our gifts to Him. "Whatever you have done to the least of my children, you have done to me."

Our journey is the journey of the Other Wise Man.

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Congress had scheduled a Christmas pageant but had to cancel it. They could not find three wise men.

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Money Counters
Jan. 6 — Bob and Phyllis Stramel,
 Dorothy Goetz
Jan. 13 — Ivan and Verda
 Werner

Baptism



We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Nora Marie Alvarez**, daughter of Enrique and Kristi (Kuhn) Alvarez. Nora Marie, born April 11, 2013, was baptized at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria, by Father Harvey P. Dinkel on Sunday, December 29, 2013. Her godparents are Doug Kuhn and Liz Alvarez.

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

ST. BONIFACE

If you missed the Larry Hatteberg's People presentation on KAKE News Channel 10 about St. Boniface's Crib a couple of weekend ago, you can still view it on the Internet at KansasPeople.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The Daughters of Isabella will meet on **Tuesday, January 7**. A program will be presented at 7:00 p.m. with the monthly meeting starting at 7:30 at the K. of C. Hall.

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

Monday, January 6 — K-6 Classes resume
Wednesday, January 8 — 7-12 Classes @ 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 12 — Jubilee Choir @ 10:00 a.m.
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

St. Fidelis Parish Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections

Budgeted Loose / Envelopes per week	\$ 5,415.19
Actual received Loose /Envelopes 12/29/2013	\$ 29,656.56
Budgeted Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date	\$ 140,794.94
Actual received Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date 12/29/2013	\$ 131,502.59
UNDER BUDGET	\$ 9,292.35

Contributions CHRISTMAS December 24-25, 2013

ST. FIDELIS:
Adult 5594.70 Loose 3787.86

ST. ANN:
Adult 330.00 Loose 5752.50
Candles 50.00

ST. BONIFACE:
Adult 425.00 Loose 314.00
Candles 157.00

Contributions December 28-29, 2013

ST. FIDELIS:
Adult 13,978.00 Loose 1416.00
Repair Fund 10.00

ST. ANN:
Adult 476.00 Loose 262.00

ST. BONIFACE:
Adult 445.00 Loose 325.00
Candles 41.00

Contributions NEW YEAR'S Dec. 31, '13–Jan. 1, '14

ST. FIDELIS:
Adult 1542.00 Loose 730.50

ST. ANN:
Adult 25.00 Loose 100.00

ST. BONIFACE:
Adult 135.00

**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.

**Russell Knights and Shriners
Hosting Stag on Wednesday**

The Russell Knights and Shriners will be hosting their stag on Wednesday, January 8, at the Russell VFW.

Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with meal at 7:00 p.m. Ribeye steaks, deluxe baked beans, and more—\$15!

There will be two games of Bingo and a Texas Hold'em Tournament, raffle of numerous guns, a flat screen TV, and many more items.

For more information contact John Malone 785-445-5089 or Bruce Heier 785-483-6845.

"Another fresh new year is here . . .
Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest . . .
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs,
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
And sing more joyful songs!"

William Arthur Ward



V.F.W. Meeting

The Windholz-Kuhn V.F.W. Post 1751 members will meet on **Thursday, January 9**, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall.

V.F.W. Auxiliary Meeting



The Windholz-Kuhn V.F.W. Post 1751 Ladies Auxiliary members will meet on **Thursday, January 9**, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall.

Fr. Mike Scully, O.F.M. Cap

Gall Heart and Liver

A book about the development of the spiritual life written for late adolescents, twenty-, thirty-, and even forty-“somethings”.

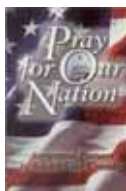
Available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop.



The Book of Tobit tells a story of Tobiah finding a magical fish that he used as a remedy to ailments. He used the fish’s gall and heart to create “smoke” and used the liver as “oil” to help with the problems he encountered. Fr. Mike uses this story along with songs and movies of our day to reflect on life and our love of others.

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.



Community Assistance Center — 12th and Oak, Hays

GARAGE SALE

Tuesday, January 7 • 8-11 a.m.



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!



Monday — January 6 — 1st Day of 2nd Semester

- AIM period—Students will have directed study.
- 3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice at VES
- 5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice at VES
- 4:00 pm JH basketball @ LaCrosse

Tuesday — January 7

- 11:30 am ASSET test for select students in VJSHS Library
- AIM period—Students will have directed study. 7th grade boys will meet in Mrs. K. Braun’s room.
- 3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VHS. Boys at VES
- 4:00 pm HS basketball vs. Plainville

Wednesday — January 8

- 8:15 am PLAN testing for Sophomores
- AIM period—Students will have directed study
- 2:20 pm Early dismissal for PLC
- 4:00 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at VES. Girls in tin gym
- 4:00 pm HS boys basketball practice
- 5:30 pm HS girls basketball practice

Thursday — January 9

- AIM period—Students will have directed study. 8th grade boys will meet in Mrs. K. Braun’s room.
- 3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
- 3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
- 4:00 pm JH basketball vs. Otis-Bison

Friday — January 10

- Registration deadline for February ACT test
- AIM period—Students will have directed study
- 3:30 pm JH basketball practice: No boys practice. Girls at VES
- 4:00 pm HS basketball @ Otis-Bison


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 your 2013 envelopes after January 1st. Thank you.



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. 

Change in The Register Subscription Process Takes Place January 2014

The Register, the official newspaper of the Diocese of Salina, will be published every second and fourth Fridays of the month starting January 10, 2014. From then on, every registered household in the parish will receive a copy in the mail without having to subscribe.

To make the "no subscription" option work, donations from parishioners are needed.

Extra envelopes for your contribution to this cause are available at the Parish Office or you may just mail your check to: The Register, P.O. Box 1038, Salina, Kansas 67402. You may also go online at salinadiocese.org to make a secure donation using a credit card.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	JANUARY 6
7:00 pm Harold and Carol Cline family	
TUESDAY	JANUARY 7
6:45 am Joel McLaren	
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 8
7:00 pm Albert and Clara Dinkel family living and deceased	
THURSDAY	JANUARY 9
6:45 am Gerard Dinkel Cecil and Minnie Roth	
FRIDAY	JANUARY 10
6:45 am Michael Weigel (anniv) Wayne Knoll	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 11
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Ike and Albertine Schmidtberger Joe, Rose, and Don (anniv) Pfeifer and Leroy Simoneau	
6:30 pm St. Ann Raymond J. Berens	
SUNDAY	BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8:45 am St. Boniface For Rain	JANUARY 12
10:00 am St. Fidelis Vera Braun	

BULLETIN ITEMS

The deadline for bulletin articles is Wednesdays at noon. Contact Connie (sfttech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) at the Parish Office if you have an item for the bulletin.

* 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 11, 5:00 pm

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Galen Schmidtberger	Debbie Staab Mark / Danita	Audrey Staab Morgan Staab	Bill / Diana Schmidtberger
<u>Lector</u>	Schroeder	Alexis Truan	Ron / Jane Wagner
Diane Gross	Jane Wagner Jamey / Angie		
<u>Comm.</u>	Roth		
Sandy Schack	Diane Gross		

Sunday, January 12, 10:00 am

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Jubilee Choir	Melissa Schmidt Janine Kisner	Collin Kisner Lane Kisner	Dedra Karlin Oberle family
<u>Lector</u>	Tammy Dome	Dalton Stout	
Randy Leiker	Estella Kuhn Michelle Geist		
<u>Comm.</u>	Ken Brungardt		
Teresa Shepherd	Leroy Schmidtberger		

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