

„Cathedral of the Plains“

„Pearl of the Prairie“

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

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

July 13, 2014 – 15th 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

July 26 — Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne

August 8-9 — Herzogfest

August 15 — Assumption (holy day of obligation) — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

“A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”



(from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:1-23)



There are approximately thirty-six parables in the gospels. Twelve of those thirty-six, a full third, are about wheat and wheat farming. So Kansas farmers should have keen insight into the gospel parables.

But the technical details of the wheat parables can distract farmers who wonder about gospel farming techniques. The difficulty in today's parable is that the farmer sows seed on poor ground. A competent farmer prepares the ground properly and sows only where the seed will bear fruit. In short, the farmer in this parable is a poor farmer.

The gospel is describing the farming techniques of ancient Palestine where land was scarce and seed was relatively plentiful. Farmers made the best of what rocky, shallow, thorn-infested land they had. They scattered seed freely and hoped for the best. By modern standards that is poor farming. In today's parable God is the sower, and that makes God a poor farmer.

We need to realize that such parables are not lessons in farming, but a guide to Christian living. The agricultural illustration, only incidental to the moral message, should not distract from the moral message which is paramount.

Yes, God is a poor farmer. He scatters the seed of his word and his grace not only on good soil, but everywhere, even where there is little hope of a fruitful return. And thank goodness that He does! God offers his grace not only to those who are properly disposed to bear fruit, but to everyone. Even the unrepentant, the unforgiving, the uninterested. Scriptures says, "He rains on the just and the unjust."

God is a poor farmer. But he is good father. He is merciful, compassionate, and forgiving. This parable's lavish scattering of God's grace is not fully grasped by simply comparing people who are obstinate with people who are open. The image should contrast not only individuals but also the varying conditions within each individual. Within ourselves.

There is rocky, thorn-infested, shallow soil within even loyal disciples. We all have areas where we are unreceptive to God's grace: Perhaps we welcome the gospel norms on personal morality, but are hardened to its message of social justice. Perhaps we are eager to receive the comfort of prayer, but the call to charity is choked off by selfishness. Perhaps we rejoice in the gentle words of Christ, but reject his admonition to repent. Yet, God keeps showering us with his grace, even in the hardened, thorny, and arid parts of our heart. Some day his word may take root, despite our resistance.

The parable of the farmer sowing seed on bad as well as good soil is an image of God our Father who is unreasonably extravagant in dispensing his grace. And thank goodness that He is! We imperfect Christians should be eternally grateful that God is a poor farmer.

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Opportunity knocks but once; temptation bangs on the front door forever.

Parish Staff

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Contributions July 5-6, 2014

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 3657.00 Loose 1613.53
Peter's Pence 496.00
Repair Fund 308.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 139.00 Loose 317.00
Peter's Pence 50.00
Coffee & Rolls 135.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 250.00 Loose 289.00
Peter's Pence 140.00
Candles 81.00

Money Counters

July 14 — Bob and Phyllis
Stramel, Dorothy Goetz

July 21 — Ivan and Verda
Werner

Baptism



We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Dalton Thomas Schumacher**, son of Dustin and Becky (Hendricks) Schumacher. Dalton Thomas, born May 7, 2014, was baptized at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, by Father John Schmeidler on Thursday, July 3, 2014. His godparents are Derek Schumacher and Kelsey Schrempf.

Baptism



We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Brynn Rose Schumacher**, daughter of Dustin and Becky (Hendricks) Schumacher. Brynn Rose, born May 7, 2014, was baptized at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, by Father John Schmeidler on Thursday, July 3, 2014. Her godparents are Dylan Schumacher and Gretchen Carter.

Baptism



We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Liam John Feldt**, son of Christopher Ryan and Kimberly Dawn (Knipp) Feldt. Liam John, born June 10, 2014, was baptized at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, by Father John Schmeidler on Sunday, July 6, 2014. His godparents are Jason Knipp and Megan Maska.

ST. FIDELIS GIFT & THRIFT

407 Main Street, Victoria (F & M Insurance Building)

OPEN MORE HOURS:

Monday10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday.....10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday.....10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday.....10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday.....10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Clothes · Toys · Household Items
Jewelry · Furniture · Kitchen Items**

ST. FIDELIS PARISH Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections

Budgeted Loose / Envelopes per week	\$ 5,415.19
Actual received Loose / Envelopes 7-6-2014	\$ 5,270.53
Budgeted Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date	\$ 287,005.07
Actual received Loose/Envelopes year-to-date 7-6-2014	\$ 251,346.62
UNDER BUDGET	\$ 35,658.45

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Wayne A. Knoll**, who passed away on Sunday, November 10, 2013. Services were held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Friday, July 4, with inurnment in St. Fidelis Cemetery. He was the brother of Les Knoll of St. Fidelis Parish.

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Judith Catherine "Judy" (Scheck) Brooks**, who passed away on Monday, April 21, 2014. Services were held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Tuesday, July 8. Burial was in California. She was the daughter of Arnita Scheck of St. Fidelis Parish.

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.

ST. ANN

Cemetery Association Meeting

The St. Ann Cemetery Association will meet **Sunday, July 13**, after Mass in the Parish Hall.

St. Ann Parish Potluck Breakfast

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2014

after 7:30 a.m. Mass at the Parish Hall

Please bring your breakfast favorite.

*(casseroles,
pastries, fruit, etc.)*



Catholic Charities Annual Fundraiser

The 2014 Catholic Charities Annual Fundraiser will be held on **Sunday, July 20**, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Salina Ambassador Hotel and Conference Center (formerly the Ramada). Anonymous donors have offered a \$60,000 donation match, which means every donation made by July 20 will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$60,000. That means with your help, we can raise \$120,000 to reduce poverty in Kansas. Every dollar you donate will be doubled! Please help us match this gift.

For more information about this fundraiser, please contact Jeanie Warner at 785-825-0208 or jwarner@ccnks.org. RSVP REQUIRED.

If you are unable to attend but would like to support Catholic Charities, mail your donation to CCNKS Annual Fundraiser, P.O. Box 1366, Salina, KS 67402 or donate online at www.ccnks.org.

Catholic Charities Annual Collection

The 2014 Catholic Charities Annual Collection will be held the weekend of **August 9-10**. This collection is crucial to sustaining the annual operations of our Catholic Charities offices. We ask your support so that we can continue this ministry for people in need.

You should receive a letter and donation envelope in the mail around August 2 to use for this collection. You may drop the envelope with your donation in the collection basket the weekend of August 9-10 or mail it directly to the office of Catholic Charities of Salina.

Monsignor John George Weber Century Farm Award

Requirements for the Monsignor John George Weber Century Farm Award:

1. Families eligible for this award must be the owner or operator of the land which has been in the same family for one hundred years or more and the family has not received this award previously.
2. Applicants should live in the West Central Vicariate of the Salina Diocese, for which the 2014 Annual Rural Life Day will be held this year.
3. Applicants must be a practicing Catholic (at least one of the family members a practicing Catholic).
4. The entry form must be completed and returned to the Rural Life Commission Office by **July 25, 2014**. (*Form available at the Parish Office.*)
5. The award will be presented at the Annual Rural Life Day to be held on August 17, 2014, at Sacred Heart Parish, 202 S.

Salina Diocese Men's Conference

Catholic Men of the Salina Diocese, join in the Third Annual Salina Diocese Men's Conference, "**Shepherd Me, O God**" on **Saturday, August 9**, at St. Mary's Queen of Angels Parish, Russell. If you have sons who are in high school or older, please bring them. Two nationally acclaimed speakers head up the conference. The basic themes woven throughout the conference are: relationship, integrity, fatherhood, and discipleship, and what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Men of the Dodge City Diocese are also invited, so we ask you to register early. To register online or for more information go to www.salinadiocese.org or call 785-827-8746, Ext. 40.

THANK YOU! Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's work in the Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help the Holy Father provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to become a witness of charity. May God bless you.

Mission Appeal Talk

There will be a Mission Appeal Talk at all the parishes the weekend of **July 26-27**. Next weekend, you will find envelopes in the pews for you to use to donate to this worthy cause. Your donation may be dropped into the collection basket the weekend of July 26-27 or you may bring it to the Parish Office.

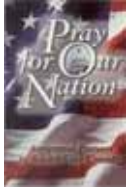
Cottonwood, Park, Kansas, beginning at 2:30 p.m. **The recipient or a delegate of the family must present to receive the award.**

6. The recipients will be asked to introduce their family members present at the Annual Rural Life Day and make a few comments (five minutes or less) about their century farm. A written copy of the comments would be appreciated for the Rural Life Office Archives and article for *The Register*.
7. All recipients will receive a plaque for meeting these requirements.

Questions or comments about the Monsignor John George Weber Century Farm Award or the Annual Rural Life Day may be directed to the Salina Diocese Rural Life Office, c/o St. Mary's Parish, 703 Monroe, Ellis, KS 67637; telephone 785-726-4522; email: stmarypstr@gbta.net.

Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund Meeting

The Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund, Inc. will have its annual meeting at 7:30 p.m., **Sunday, July 27, 2014**, at the Parish Activity Center in Victoria. Board of directors will be elected, the annual treasurer's report will be presented, and regular board business will be conducted. All members are invited to attend.



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.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Allow God's Word to fall on rich soil and discover the plans He has for you.

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The next retreat is September 26-28.

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Tuesday, July 15 • 8-11 a.m.



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Arrangements need to be made by July 24, 2014

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Hays, KS 67601

Adult Formation Series

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." ~1 Peter 3:15

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays will be offering a series of talks for adults again this summer. This year they will focus on *Apologetics*, being able to give an explanation of our faith. Join them as we explore how to answer questions from atheism, "Bible-only" Christianity, and secularism. There is no cost or sign up. Come every week or only when you can.

Wednesdays, June 11th–Aug 27th - 7:30 pm
Immaculate Heart of Mary Little Theater

July 16: Tradition The Church recognizes two primary sources of revelation in faith: Tradition and Scripture. In this session Dcn. Wayne Talbot will focus on what the meaning of Tradition is and what role it plays in the life of the Church

July 23: Saints with Fr. Nick Parker

July 30: Eucharist with Dcn. Scott Watford

Foster Care Needed

Saint Francis Community Services is recruiting for foster care homes. Many Kansas kids are in need of foster care. These children need a supportive, loving and safe foster home in which to grow. Foster parents can be single or married, own their own home or rent, but must possess a willingness to help children in need. Currently the need is great in northwest Kansas. Children who come into care in the area often have to be placed in homes several miles away, therefore leaving their communities or schools.

Learn more about how you can help a child by becoming a foster parent, call **toll free at 866-999-1599 or Marla at 785-476-8501**. If fostering is something you cannot do at this time, you can still help by spreading the word and encouraging others to consider foster care and support those that have opened their hearts and homes to help children in need.

<p>JULY 23, 2014 FREE infant/Toddler Screening for children ages birth - 3 years living in Ellis and Rush Counties. We will assess your child's speech, hearing, language, vision, self-help, height, weight, thinking, behavior, & motor development. Sponsored by Hays Interagency Coordinating Council Contact 785-625-3257 to schedule a FREE screening appointment.</p>		

St. Fidelis 2014 Herzogfest Booth

St. Fidelis Church will sponsor a German food booth at Herzogfest on **August 8 and 9**, serving creamed potato & dumplings, noodles & beans, and mini kuchen.

~ WORK DAYS ~

We will schedule a day to make dumplings at the grade school kitchen (or two days if needed) and a couple of days to make the Mini Kuchen (possibly at the high school kitchen). Dates will be announced in future bulletins. *Please call **Brenda Dreiling** at 785-735-4141 or 785-735-2332 if you are willing to help.*

~ DONATIONS NEEDED ~

One hundred pounds of homemade noodles have been prepared by a parishioner who donated her labor. We still need donations of an additional 30 pounds of thin noodles. Other food donations are greatly appreciated; however, it is time consuming to track and identify the items still needed. Perishable items, such as milk, cream, etc., along with what we are short on must be purchased at the last minute. *As a time saving measure we are asking for monetary donations to allow us to order the proper amount of supplies when needed.*

Please send your monetary donation to the Parish Activity Center, drop it in the collection basket, or send or drop it by Brenda Dreiling's house at 1305 Cathedral, Victoria, KS 67671 **by July 24**. Make sure you indicate that the donation is for the Church's Herzogfest Food Booth on the check so it can be used as a tax write off!

~ KITCHEN & BOOTH WORK SCHEDULE SIGN-UP ~

Sign-up sheets will be available at the entrances of the church **the weekends of July 19-20 and July 26-27**. It is a lot of work for a few but if many help, not only is the work load lighter but the fellowship is great.

Please take the time to sign up for a shift in the Kitchen or Booth. *A finalized list of workers will be posted in the bulletin the week before Herzogfest.*

Thank you in advance from the 2014 St. Fidelis Herzogfest Committee Members: Shannon Karst, Rosie Kreutzer, Pam Scheck, Jacque Schmidt, Cathy Younger, Rose Ann Dreiling, and Brenda Dreiling.

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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.

PLenary INDULGENCE GIVEN WHEN VISITING A BASILICA

The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting a minor basilica. An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment for a previously forgiven sin. To obtain a plenary indulgence during a pilgrimage to a basilica, one must participate in any sacred rite or recite the Lord's Prayer or the profession of faith while there, then go to Confession and Communion and pray for the intention of the pope. ~taken from *The Register*, the Salina Diocese newspaper

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	JULY 14
7:00 pm Andrew Goetz family living and deceased Sr. Valeria Brungardt	
TUESDAY	JULY 15
6:45 am Adam and Leona (anniv) Sander	
WEDNESDAY	JULY 16
7:00 pm Sander/Schrant families living and deceased	
THURSDAY	JULY 17
6:45 am Richard R. and Mary E. (Arnold) Staab family	
FRIDAY	JULY 18
6:45 am Ray Schulte	
SATURDAY	JULY 19
2:00 pm St. Fidelis Rachel Voss and Colin Dart wedding	
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Peter and Mary Rohr family living and deceased Frank C. and Agnes Sander family living and deceased Leona Schulte	
SUNDAY	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 20
7:30 am St. Ann Dolores Froelich	
8:45 am St. Boniface Michael Reichert family	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Leland Dinkel family For Rain	

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 19, 5:00 pm

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
John Kenne	Wanda Karlin Diane Gross	Shelby Schmeidler	Rick / Kim Ptacek
Lector	Michelle Geist	Cooper	Cora Schulte
Kathy Kuhn	Mary Jean Brungardt	Windholz Kinley	
Comm.	Mary Lou Rome	Windholz	
Verda Werner	Regis/Wilma VonLintel		

Sunday, July 20, 10:00 am

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
John Braun	John Braun Shirley Weigel	Addie Roth Jacob Roth	Rick / Marla Robben
Lector	Bob / Phyllis	Alexis Truan	Joan Wellbrock
Anne Dinkel	Stramel Norma Keenan		
Comm.	Katie Bellendir		
Marilyn Braun	Leroy Schmidtberger		



St. Fidelis Food Pantry

Parish Activity Center (PAC) * 601 10th St. * 785-735-2777