

„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](http://www.stfidelischurch.com)

## July 20, 2014 – 16th 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

**Sept. 1** — Labor Day — Mass at 9:00 a.m. — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. ... ‘Let them



grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ ’ ”



When the pioneer settlers came to western Kansas they encountered a troublesome pest in their wheat fields, the bindweed. It took root everywhere, robbed the soil of moisture and seemed indestructible. Bindweed is the ultimate weed and today's gospel is about weeds.

In this parable God allows the weeds to grow along with the wheat. The weeds represent evil. "The weeds," Christ said, "are the children of the evil one." Yet these weeds are allowed to grow along with the wheat until the harvest. The master does not uproot them for fear of uprooting also the wheat, the good. In his unfathomable wisdom, God allows evil to coexist with goodness. And goodness develops in the midst of evil. Hardship builds character. It is not God's will that we should live in a paradise free of evil.

This is about much more than enduring the failures of others. God is patient with our faults and our failings. He does not weed in the garden of our soul. God allows us the time and space to outgrow our faults. And He calls us to be patient, as He is patient. Patient with our own faults; patient with the faults of others.

Many enjoy the sport of weeding in the lives of others. In so doing, rather than improve the character of another, we lessen our own. We uproot goodness within ourselves when we tug at the faults of others. In a special way, we like to weed within our own families. Spouses want a flawless partner. Parents want the ideal child. In-laws want perfection. One has to wonder how many marriages have been prematurely uprooted because the wheat was not allowed to outgrow the weeds.

This is not to suggest that we turn a blind eye to serious failings. There is a time and a way to admonish and to correct. Before you weed in the garden of another's life, pause to consider if your meddling with minor faults will not uproot lasting goodness. Give virtue time to develop strength. The wheat will outlast the weeds. Care and tend, but don't yank at the roots.

One of Aesop's fables is about a gardener who was impatient to see a rose bloom. He knew that there was a beautiful rose in the tiny rose bud. So he peeled the bud open. He did not find that glorious rose. Rather, he destroyed the budding flower.

The mysterious wisdom of God chose an imperfect world with weeds among the wheat. This gospel parable is a paradox of the latent goodness in imperfection and the wisdom of patience. "Do not pull up the weeds, you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

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"Our minister charges nothing for his preaching, and he is worth it." - Mark Twain

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:**

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**Catholic Faith Education Office:**

Shirley Brungardt, Coordinator  
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Bertha Brungardt, Coordinator  
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**Sacristan:** Katie Scheck

**Housekeeping:** Darlene Dreiling

**Groundskeeper:** Julius Dreiling

**Maintenance:** Joe Brungardt

**Organists:** Kathy Dreiling-Amrein  
Lou Ann Hammersmith

**Choir Director:** Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

**Technology Coordinator:**

Connie Windholz  
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### Council Members

**St. Fidelis Pastoral Council**

Randy Leiker 623-6965 (Chair)  
Andy Kuhn 639-2156 (Vice-Chair, B & G)  
LeeAnn Schmidtberger 735-9486 (Sec)  
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  
Gina Oberle 735-9331  
Deb Dreiling 735-2662  
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

### Contributions July 12-13, 2014

**ST. FIDELIS:**

Adult 2823.00 Loose 1434.00  
Peter's Pence 170.00

**ST. ANN:**

Adult 636.00 Loose 303.00

**ST. BONIFACE:**

Adult 278.00 Loose 202.00  
Candles 16.00

### Money Counters

**July 21** — Ivan and Verda  
Werner

**July 28** — Gladys Pfeifer, Arlene  
Pfeifer



## PRAYER WHILE TRAVELING

Dear God, we don't know what lies ahead of us on our journey today. We know we have plans, but things don't always go as we plan. We do not ask that all things go our way, but we do ask that You go with us. We wait with eagerness for the unfolding of Your plan, and we trust that in all we see and do there will be something which will make us glad we went this way. Guide, guard, and protect us this day as only You can. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

## COMMUNITY

### 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.

## DIOCESE

### Salina Diocese Men's Conference Register Now for Early Registration Fee

Catholic Men of the Salina Diocese are encouraged to register now for the Third Annual Salina Diocese Men's Conference, "**Shepherd Me, O God**", to be held **Saturday, August 9**, at St. Mary's Queen of Angels Parish, Russell.

Two dynamic, nationally known speakers head-up the conference. The basic themes woven throughout the conference are: moral sexuality, sharing our faith, and how to be a catholic man in today's secular society.

**The registration fee is \$35.00 until Monday, July 28.** Bring your sons who are in high school or college for a \$15.00 registration fee and you will receive a \$5.00 discount. People who register after July 28 will pay a \$40.00 registration fee.

To register online or for more information go to [www.salinadiocese.org](http://www.salinadiocese.org) or call 785-827-8746, Ext. 40.

### 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.

### Mission Appeal Talk

There will be a Mission Appeal Talk at all the parishes the weekend of **July 26-27**. This weekend, July 19-20, 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.

## 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.

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.

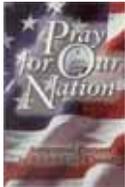
Questions or comments about the Monsignor John George Weber Century Farm Award or the Annual Rural Life Day may be directed to the Salina Diocese Rural Life Office, c/o St. Mary's Parish, 703 Monroe, Ellis, KS 67637; telephone 785-726-4522; email: [stmarypstr@gbta.net](mailto:stmarypstr@gbta.net).

## Ellis St. Mary's CYO Community Fried Chicken Dinner Sunday, July 27

Knights of Columbus Hall, Ellis, KS  
10:00 a.m. until 1:00 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



### 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

The enemy of God lurks around to destroy good seed. Don't allow the enemy to win the battle. Encounter the healing presence of your Jesus Christ through His Word.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Healing the pain of abortion on weekend at a time.

The next retreat is **September 26-28.**

**1-877-I-GRIEVE or 1-877-447-4383**

**rvineyard@ruraltel.net**

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### KVDM's Fourth Annual Celebration

Featuring **Fr. Mitch Pacwa**

Afternoon sessions in Holy Family Elementary Little Theatre  
1800 Milner – Hays

*"The Gates of Hell Shall not Prevail;"*

*The Failure of the Enemies of Christ to Stop the Church."*  
and

*"I do not want a Church that is Right when the Culture is Right, but a Church that is Right when the Culture is Wrong;"*  
*Proclaiming the truth about being human,*  
*Catholic and Heaven Bound."*

**Banquet at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall**

Topic:

*"Proclaim the gospel in season and out of season:  
How to evangelize the truth about Jesus Christ, salvation and eternal life."*

This all takes place: **Saturday, September 6**

For ticket information contact: 785.621.4110

or e-mail: [donetta@kvdm.org](mailto:donetta@kvdm.org)

order online @ [KVDM.org](http://KVDM.org)

### 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 23: Fun with Saints–Session in Activity Center** Why do we honor Saints, and where do we find that in the Bible? The lives of the Saints are vast and varied. Join us as Fr. Nick Parker explores the Saints and their role in our lives.

**July 30: Eucharist** with Dcn. Scott Watford

**August 6: Relativism** with Fr. Joshua Werth

### 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><b>JULY 23, 2014</b></p> <p><b>FREE infant/Toddler Screening</b> for children ages birth - 3 years living in Ellis and Rush Counties.</p> <p>We will assess your child's speech, hearing, language, vision, self-help, height, weight, thinking, behavior, &amp; motor development.</p> <p>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 ~

Mini Kuchen will be made on **Sunday and Monday, August 3-4**, at the high school. Help is needed at different times during the day starting at noon on Sunday and starting at 9:00 on Monday. *Please call **Brenda Dreiling** at **785-735-4141** or **785-735-2332** if you are willing to help.*

## ~ DONATIONS NEEDED ~

We still need donations of an additional 10 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. *Donations will be accepted up to the time of Herzogfest.* 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 Kreuzer, Pam Scheck, Jacque Schmidt, Cathy Younger, Rose Ann Dreiling, and Brenda Dreiling.**

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402 MAIN STREET  
VICTORIA, KS 67671  
Allen Dreiling  
Mike Dreiling

**Robben Oil Co.**  
207 W. Main St  
Victoria, KS 67671  
**785-735-2846**  
Jim and Crystal Robben  
Jason Robben

**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

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>JULY 21</b>
7:00 pm	Vernon Berens
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>JULY 22</b>
6:45 am	Charles Braun and family Alvin and Ventura Weigel
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>JULY 23</b>
7:00 pm	James R. and Elizabeth Dreiling
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>JULY 24</b>
6:45 am	Jerome and Irene Windholz family
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>JULY 25</b>
6:45 am	Robert J. Sander (anniv)
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>JULY 26</b>
5:00 pm	St. Fidelis Wilmer, Irene, and Beverly Dinkel Joe (anniv), Rose, and Don Pfeifer and Leroy Simoneau and Charles Guercio
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> ..... <b>JULY 27</b>
7:30 am	St. Ann Clara Mermis and John and Anna Scheck family
8:45 am	St. Boniface Alfreda Schmeidler For Rain
10:00 am	St. Fidelis Bill Weigel Joe and Magdalen Roth family living and deceased

### \* Sunday Rosary Schedule \*

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

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, July 26, 5:00 pm

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Pam Scheck	Bertha (Chris) Brungardt	Madisyn Gerhardt	Norman / Pam Scheck
<b>Lector</b> Diane Gross	Debbie Staab Jamey/Angie Roth	Ashlyn Pfeifer Cody Pfeifer	Leona Vsetecka
<b>Comm.</b> Connie Dreiling	Jane Wagner Ramona McCarty		

### Sunday, July 27, 10:00 am

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Leroy Schmidtberger	Michelle Geist Ken Brungardt	Ally Dinkel Brady Dinkel	Jamey Roth family
<b>Lector</b> Shanna Dinkel	Estelle Kuhn Bertha Brungardt	Bryan Dome	Mary Windholz
<b>Comm.</b> Angie Roth	Cora Schulte Bob / Phyllis Stramel		



**St. Fidelis Food Pantry**

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