

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

“Cathedral of the Plains”  
**THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS**

“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, call Shirley Brungardt at 735-9244.

**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)

**June 8, 2014 – Pentecost**

**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**

**June 14** — Flag Day  
**June 15** — Father’s Day  
**June 21** — Summer begins  
**June 29** — Solemnity of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles  
**July 4** — Independence Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**July 26** — Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne  
**August 8-9** — Herzogfest  
**August 15** — Assumption (holy day of obligation) — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”



(from the Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-23)



The present and former pastors send greetings to the parishioners of the Cathedral of the Plains on the occasion of St. Fidelis Church being recognized as a basilica.

“It is an honor to serve in a parish with a heritage of faith that is fittingly represented by an historic church now rightly designated as a basilica.”

~ Fr. John Schmeidler O.F.M. Cap.

“The elevation of St. Fidelis Church to the rank of "Minor Basilica" is a tribute to your ancestors who provided both material and labor to construct this outstanding parish church, as well as dedicated and generous maintenance by their successors.”

~ Fr. Felix Petrovsky O.F.M. Cap.

“Among the many works of art in St. Fidelis are the altar and pulpit, both made of marble from the same quarry in Italy. The base and top of both are Carrara marble while the pillars are a dark marble, called *rosa antica*. The pulpit was a gift from Monsignor Michael Dreiling in 1954, the altar a gift from the parishioners on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the church.”

~ Fr. Gilmary Tallman O.F.M. Cap.

“Faith and perseverance have always been the hallmark of the Catholic Community of Victoria. From its earliest struggles to the present time, faithfulness has carried the parishioners of St. Fidelis. It is very fitting that St. Fidelis Church be named a minor basilica and a pilgrimage church.”

~ Fr. Gene Emrisek O.F.M. Cap.

“Gelobt Sei Jesus Christus! The honor bestowed on St. Fidelis Church praises Jesus Christ and the powerful evangelizing faith of thousands who sacrificed so that God would be acclaimed for His mighty deeds. Think of the hundreds of thousands – perhaps millions – whose minds and hearts were raised to God, even for a moment, as they saw those towers rise from the prairie! Praised be Jesus Christ!”

~ Fr. Charles Polifka O.F.M. Cap.

“On May 24<sup>th</sup> Franciscans celebrate the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in which our founder is laid to rest. It is a monument to a life lived in faith which renewed the Church and instilled hope into the lives of all God’s people for centuries to follow. St. Fidelis is now in the company of such a spiritual edifice.”

~ Fr. Frank Grinko O.F.M. Cap

“The announcement in a Hays newspaper that St. Fidelis parish would build a church was an historic understatement: ‘The Catholic people decided to build a spacious and artistic church that would be a worthy house of God for present and future ages.’ It is only fitting that the Church be now designated a ‘Basilica’ for the ages.”

~ Fr. Michael Scully O.F.M. Cap.

“One day in the house of the Lord is better than a thousand elsewhere.”

- Ps 84:10

## Parish Staff

### Pastor:

Fr. John Schmeidler, OFM, Cap.  
email: frjohncap@gmail.com

### Secretary:

Jan Brungardt  
email: fidelis@ruraltel.net

### Catholic Faith Education Office:

Shirley Brungardt, Coordinator  
email: sfreled@ruraltel.net

### Family Life Office:

Bertha Brungardt, Coordinator  
email: sfamily@ruraltel.net

### Sacristan:

Katie Scheck  
**Housekeeping:** Darlene Dreiling  
**Groundskeeper:** Julius Dreiling

### Maintenance:

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

### Choir Director:

### Technology Coordinator:

Kathy Dreiling-Amrein  
Connie Windholz  
email: sftech@ruraltel.net

## Council Members

### St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

Randy Leiker 623-6965 (Chair)  
Gail Robben 735-2546 (Vice-Chair)  
LeeAnn Schmidberger 735-9486 (Sec)  
Bertha Brungardt 735-9490 (SOH)  
Andy Kuhn 639-2156 (B & G)  
Peggy Fitzpatrick 735-8186 (RelEd)  
Wilmer Dinkel 735-2747 (Liturgy)  
Daren Lang 735-2855 (Finance)  
Janea Dinkel 735-9529 (FamLife)

### 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

Kevin Schmeidler 735-2205  
Helen Windholz 735-2293  
Allen Hammerschmidt 735-2447

## Contributions May 31-June 1, 2014

### ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2659.00 Loose 801.00  
Repair Fund 523.00

### ST. ANN:

Adult 139.00 Loose 350.00  
Coffee & Rolls 50.00

### ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 208.00 Loose 184.00

## Money Counters

June 9 — Randy Leiker, Tina Rajewski

June 16 — Mary Brungardt, Det Younger

Dear Parishioners of St. Fidelis,

Congratulations on the elevation of your church to the status of Minor Basilica! This event is a wonderful testimony to the faith of your ancestors and of yourselves! You have a history of taking great care of your beautiful church, which speaks to the dedication and love you have for God and for one another.

Most of you have probably read the article in the March 14<sup>th</sup> issue of The Register, but I wanted to fill you in on a few more details regarding the basilica application. As the article stated, I first approached Bishop Weisenberger to find out if making St. Fidelis church a basilica was even a remote possibility. He enthusiastically approved the idea, and with his permission, I immediately called a meeting with the parish pastoral council (2012) in order to inquire with them as to whether they thought such an honor and distinction to the church would be desirable. This was tricky to do because wisely, the bishop did not want word of this out until after he heard from the Vatican, in the event that the status of minor basilica would not have been given to the church. I was grateful that the bishop did allow me to consult with the parish pastoral council, as I would not have done this without their blessing and support. The council was enthusiastic and expressed their desire to go ahead with the application process. Bishop Weisenberger gave me six weeks (late October to December 15, 2012) to complete the application – it took me six months. With weekly homilies and bulletin articles to prepare, religious education classes for which to prepare, as well as monthly meetings in Denver, I was pressed to find a few precious hours every week to work on the application – in all, 50 pages. (During that time, I had to humbly manage a few awkward encounters with the bishop. On more than one occasion he asked patiently and kindly, “Why don’t we have a basilica yet?”) I submitted the final draft to the bishop in July 2013. The bishop then submitted the application to the Vatican through the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in September of 2013. In the meantime, he had garnered letters of support from Cardinal Timothy Dolan (then president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) and Archbishop Joseph Naumann of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. As we all know, Bishop Weisenberger received word in mid-March, 2014, that St. Fidelis Church was granted the status of minor basilica. Fr. John, has been saddled with the preparations for the basilica celebration since his arrival as pastor. The first time I spoke with him following the news of the basilica, he said to me, “Thanks a lot for the headaches!” (Sorry, John.)

Victoria boasts the Basilica of St. Fidelis as the most prominent part of your local landscape. (I was amazed to discover that the church is featured prominently on the shoulder patch of the Victoria police officers.) You probably identify yourselves with that church more than you realize. For most of you, its stalwart presence gives you comfort and perhaps a sense of security. Through the changes in the Catholic Church’s life and liturgy, through all of the changes in our nation and culture of the last ten decades, the Basilica of St. Fidelis continues to stand as a reminder, and as a witness, to the enduring love and mercy of Jesus. May all of you experience a deepening of faith as you marvel at this “8th Wonder of Kansas.” And, may God continue to inspire the hearts of many more basilica pilgrims and visitors to seek Him, not so much in the splendor and beauty of inspirational architecture, but within the recesses of the heart.

- Fr. Jeff





## Congratulations



The parishes offer their congratulations to **Bradley John Younker** and **Jessica Ann Calhoun** who were married at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Saturday, May 31, 2014.

### Fr. Emil Kapaun Prayer Cards

Prayer cards with a picture of Father Emil Kapaun are available at the Parish office. Father Kapaun, a military chaplain who served in the Korean War, is being considered for sainthood by the Catholic Church.

| ST. FIDELIS PARISH<br>Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections |               |
|--|---------------|
| Budgeted Loose / Envelopes per week                            | \$ 5,415.19   |
| Actual received Loose / Envelopes 6-1-2014                     | \$ 3,460.00   |
| Budgeted Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date                         | \$ 259,929.12 |
| Actual received Loose/Envelopes year-to-date 6-1-2014          | \$ 231,175.53 |
| UNDER BUDGET   | \$ 28,753.59  |

Thank you, Lord,  
for the joy you brought to our parish  
this weekend as we celebrated the  
naming of St. Fidelis Catholic Church  
as  
The Basilica of St. Fidelis.

### CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

#### Catechists Conference in Wichita

All catechists of the parish are invited to attend the *Catechizing Kansas* conference (formerly KARE) in Wichita, Kansas, on **July 25 and 26**. The conference will be held at the Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview on West Douglas Ave. in Wichita. Cost of the Conference is \$80.00 plus lodging.

Deadline for registering is **Friday, July 11**.

For more information, please call Shirley Brungardt at 735-9244.

### St. Fidelis Pastoral Council Election

The Parish re-elected Randy Leiker, Daren Lang, and LeeAnn Schmidtberger to the St. Fidelis Parish Council.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### Monthly Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet on **Tuesday, June 10**, at 7:30 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall.

### ST. ANN

#### SAINT ANN PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Jerry Nowak has agreed to accept a nomination to the pastoral council. If there are no further nominations, Jerry will take his place on the council effective July 1, 2014, and will serve a three year term.

### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

#### Notice Daughters of Isabella:

Anyone wanting to carpool to out-of-town Daughters of Isabella prayer services for deceased members should contact Kathy Kuhn 785-735-9359 or Dorothy Goetz 785-735-2569 to coordinate drivers and riders.

### DIOCESE

#### Salina Diocese Men's Conference Register ASAP

With the wonderful success of last year's Diocesan Men's Conference, a Third Annual Men's Conference: **"Shepherd Me, O God"** will be held again this year on **Saturday, August 9**, at St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish, Russell. All men are invited. Bring your sons who are in high school and older. Invite others. Our goal is to strengthen our Catholic men in their faith and thereby strengthen our Catholic families and parishes. Men of the Dodge City Diocese are also invited, so register early. To register online or for more information go to [www.salinadiocese.org](http://www.salinadiocese.org) or call 785-827-8746, Ext. 40.

## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

**HOST FAMILIES** are needed for high school exchange students for the 2014-2015 academic year. The students will arrive in mid-August 2014 and will attend local high schools. Approved families may choose from online applications.

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

## Commodities to Be Distributed

Government surplus commodities will be distributed on **Tuesday, June 17**, at 1:30 p.m. at the Parish Activity Center. Please enter using the Meal Site room door.



## 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.



## V.F.W. and Auxiliary Meetings



The V.F.W. and the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary will meet on **Thursday, June 12**, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall.



## Backpacks for Kids 2014

**Reserve Your Backpack Today!**

Call First Call for Help at 785-623-2800

or

Email us at [firstcallforhelp.outlook.com](mailto:firstcallforhelp.outlook.com)

**Arrangements need to be made by July 24, 2014**

First Call for Help of Ellis County

205 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 204

Hays, KS 67601

## Food Pantry Donations

For those of you who travel, if you have the toiletry items that are in the hotel rooms that you do not use, such as shampoo, soap and lotion, we will take them for our food pantry.

The food pantry is always taking donations. We can always use any kind of food, but we also take shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes.



## Praying the Rosary Like Never Before

Dr. Edward Sri is a nationally sought Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN and is a founding leader of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). In this discussion of his book, "The New Rosary in Scripture:



Biblical Insights on Praying the Twenty Mysteries" (Servant Books), Dr. Sri shares John Paul II's practical strategies for praying the Rosary better, so that you can encounter Jesus more deeply in prayer.

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.



## Long Wait

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend.

The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him.

Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

Thank you  
to everyone who helped make the  
19<sup>th</sup> Fidelisfest  
a huge success!  
The net profit is \$48,532.52.  
It was just short of  
our goal of \$50,000.00.  
We continue to receive donations  
in the mail from tourists so the total  
may be a little more.  
Thanks again to all who  
participated in any way.

*The Fidelisfest Committee*

### 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

## ST. FIDELIS GIFT & THRIFT

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


### OPEN MORE HOURS:

Monday .....10:00 a.m. - 8:00 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.  
Thursday .....10:00 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



Coffee and cookies are 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

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| <b>MONDAY</b> .....  | <b>JUNE 9</b>  |
| 7:00 pm Frank J. Sr. and Rose E. Bleier family<br>Ventura Sander and Berens family   |  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b> .....   | <b>JUNE 10</b>   |
| 6:45 am Richard R. and Mary E. (Arnold) Staab family<br>Benny Schulte<br>Everett Braun<br>Marlene Dinkel   |  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....   | <b>JUNE 11</b>   |
| 7:00 pm Albertine Rome   |  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b> .....  | <b>JUNE 12</b>   |
| 6:45 am Ray (anniv) and Annette Lang   |  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b> .....  | <b>JUNE 13</b>   |
| 6:45 am Herman Berens  |  |
| <b>SATURDAY</b> .....  | <b>JUNE 14</b>   |
| 3:00 pm St. Fidelis Samantha Newel and Nick Raile wedding<br>5:00 pm St. Fidelis Joseph and Albina Rome and Don Gross (anniv)                      |  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b> .....  | <b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / FATHER'S DAY</b> ..... <b>JUNE 15</b> |
| 7:30 am St. Ann Imelda (anniv) and Max Sander<br>8:45 am St. Boniface For rain<br>10:00 am St. Fidelis Myna Dreiling<br>Elmer A. and Millie Dinkel |  |

### \* 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, June 14, 5:00 pm

| <u>Cantor</u>                  | <u>Ministers</u>                       | <u>Servers</u>                 | <u>Greeters</u>       |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| John Kenne                     | Estella Kuhn<br>JoAnn Pfanenstiel      | Aryan Karlin<br>Drayden Karlin | Kurt Dinkel<br>family |
| <u>Lector</u><br>Marilyn Braun | Brenda Robben<br>Jamey / Angie<br>Roth | Ethan Rupp                     | Yvonne Braun          |
| <u>Comm.</u><br>Diane Gross    | Regis / Wilma<br>VonLintel             |                                |                       |

#### Sunday, June 15, 10:00 am

| <u>Cantor</u>                   | <u>Ministers</u>                           | <u>Servers</u>               | <u>Greeters</u>       |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| John Braun                      | Randy Leiker<br>Anne Dinkel                | MaKayla<br>Crawford          | Ron / Gloria<br>Braun |
| <u>Lector</u><br>Cora Schulte   | Janine Kisner<br>Dianne Crawford           | Collin Kisner<br>Lane Kisner | Pete / Tina<br>Braun  |
| <u>Comm.</u><br>Connie Dreiling | John Braun<br>Connie Braun<br>Colleen Kuhn |                              |                       |



**St. Fidelis  
Food Bank**

Parish Activity Center (PAC)  
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