

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

“Pearl of the Prairie”
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish		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

November 16, 2014 – 33rd 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

Nov. 27 — Thanksgiving Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Nov. 26 @noon through Nov. 28
Nov. 30 — First Sunday of Advent
Dec. 6 — Feast of St. Nicholas
Dec. 7 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Dec. 7 — FHSU Concert 3:30 pm
Dec. 8 — Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses 7:00 am & 7:00 pm — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Dec. 21 — Winter begins
Dec. 25 — Christmas Day (Holy Day of Obligation)—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Dec. 24 @noon through Dec. 26

“For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

(from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:14-30)



At the beginning of Mass we ask forgiveness for our sins to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mystery of the Eucharist. In one of the forms of the penitential rite we confess, "I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words in what I have done and in **what I have failed to do.**" Today's gospel parable reflects on "what I have failed to do."

Today's gospel parable of the servants entrusted with their masters possessions is a parable about failure to do good, failure to use our gifts of grace and nature in the service of God and our neighbor. It is about sins of omission.

We usually focus on sins of personal indulgence against the commandments. Too often the whole aim of Christian living is wrongly presented as staying out of trouble. Don't break the commandments! The greater Christian challenge is to respond to our opportunities to do good. Many carry greater burden of conscience for their failure to do good than for their personal indulgences. It is not our sins of human weakness that haunt us, but the opportunities to help others that we have passed by.

Next Sunday's gospel will be the judgment scene in which God separates the sheep from the goats. He says to the condemned, "I was hungry and you gave me no food. I was thirsty and you gave me no drink. I was away from home and you gave me no welcome, naked and gave me no clothing. I was ill and in prison and you did not come to comfort me." All sins of omission, failure to respond to an opportunity to do good.

In that final judgment scene there is no mention of breaking the commandments, missing Mass on Sunday or omitting daily prayers. There is no mention of lying or stealing or even murder or adultery. The standard of judgment is helping those in need, faith in action. The damned are those who failed to do good.

It would be wrong to conclude from this that prayer and piety and worship are not essential to Christian living. Even worse to conclude that we are free to disregard the commandments. These are unquestionably essential. Prerequisites. The message of this passage is that unless our religious observance results in Christian concern for others, it profits us nothing. The greatest burdens of conscience are not sins of indulgence but the failure to do good to those in need.

A subtle element of today's parable is taking the talents from the irresponsible servant and giving to the one who already has much more. "Those who have will get more, while those who have not will lose what little they have." Seems unfair. The message is that when we fail to help others we are depriving ourselves, and when we do help others we are enriching not only them but also ourselves.

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Congress is like a baby—it has a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other. ~ Ronald Reagan

Parish Staff

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Contributions November 8-9, 2014

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2854.00 Loose 1272.97
Repair Fund 50.00
Cemetery 50.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 520.00 Loose 247.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 473.00 Loose 126.00
Candles 23.00

Money Counters

Nov. 17 — Bob and Phyllis Stramel, Dorothy Goetz

Nov. 24 — Ivan and Verda Werner

ST. FIDELIS GIFT & THRIFT

Now in 3 buildings: 407, 409, and 411 Main Street, Victoria

OPEN MORE HOURS:

Monday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 5:00 p.m. - 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**

ST. FIDELIS PARISH

Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections

Budgeted Loose / Envelopes per week	\$ 5,145.19
Actual received Loose / Envelopes 11-9-2014	\$ 4,126.97
Budgeted Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date	\$ 97,758.61
Actual received Loose/Envelopes year-to-date 11-9-2014	\$ 80,071.55
UNDER BUDGET	\$ 17,687.06

Advent Angels

Next weekend **November 22-23**, the Tri-Parish Family Life Commission of St. Ann, St. Fidelis, and St. Boniface will sponsor the Advent Angels project.

Sign up sheets and pencils will be available in the church pews for those wishing to participate. A second collection will be held to collect the forms.



After all the Masses, Family life Commission members will be available at the entrances to allow parishioners who have signed up to draw the name of a person or family whom they will pray for or do kind deeds for during the Advent season.

If you sign up, please do not forget to draw a name.

Please remember to pray for your secret family or person. It's nice to let them know on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day who has been praying for them.

Christmas Baskets



The nonperishable food drive for the Christmas baskets will get underway on **Thanksgiving Day, November 27**. Collection containers will be located at all entrances of the church or you may

bring your food donations to the parish office. Please have your items or donations in by **Monday, December 15**.

If you are aware of any person or family who would benefit from receiving a basket this year, please contact Bertha at the Parish Office at 785-735-2777 or evenings at 785-735-9478.

LITURGY

ADULT CHOIR

PRACTICE: Every Wednesday until Christmas. **SING:** Christ the King, November 22, and Thanksgiving Day, November 27.

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

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Memorial Mass

Monday, November 17, 2014

7:00 p.m. Mass – Basilica of St. Fidelis

There will be a candle lighting in memory of **Rita Billinger** and **Laurina Kuhn** who died this past year and for all of their deceased Christian Mother members who have gone to their eternal home.

A business meeting and refreshments will follow Mass in the north sacristy of the church. Your attendance is welcomed.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 16 — 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation
 Retreat @ 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19 — K-6 Classes – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19 — 7-11Classes @ 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 23 — 2nd grade & Parent Reconciliation
 Meeting @ 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 26 — Thanksgiving Break - No Classes
 K-12

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.

Cash Giveaway

The winners so far in the Knights of Columbus “30 Days of Cash Giveaway” are:

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| Day 1—Taylor Bliss | Day 7—Carol Ann Dinkel |
| Day 2—Geraldyn Schippers | Day 8—Cory Unrein |
| Day 3—Alice Schrant | Day 9—Doris Robben |
| Day 4—Fr. Gatschet | Day 10—Brett and Hannah
Karlín |
| Day 5—Marli Schippers | Day 11—Kim Peach |
| Day 6—Darrell Dortmund | Day 12—Steve Sander |

COMMUNITY

ST. FIDELIS THRIFT SHOP WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE OUR ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE A HUGE SUCCESS. WE ABSOLUTELY COULD NOT CARRY ON THIS MISSION WITHOUT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!

To the volunteers who show up every week to work, to our customers, to Fr. John for the delicious food on Thursday and Friday, to all who brought cookies and breads for our Open House on Tuesday, to all who have donated items, to Frank Brungardt for the use of the buildings, to Jeff Hertel for the use of the storage unit, and to all in the community who have encouraged us.

Never did I think we would be as successful as we have been.

For those of you who have never stopped in, please come down and see us. We have many Christmas items for sale.

Thanks again,
Jan Brungardt

The Ellis County Community Assistance Center gives a big THANK YOU

to the Victoria community for their support of
Trick-or-Treat So Others

Can Eat

food drive. The Victoria 4-H and Cub/Girl Scout groups collected over 700 items this year.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!



Hospice Community Memory Tree

Hospice of HaysMedical is sponsoring the annual Community Memory Tree as a way to honor and remember the loved ones in our lives. A brass dove ornament will be engraved with the name of the person you are honoring or remembering and will be placed on the tree. The trees will be displayed in the Miller Medical pavilion at HaysMed and in the Dessin Fournir building in Plainville.

The Hospice Team at HaysMed cares for people of all ages and illnesses who are terminally ill. Hospice serves patients in their homes, nursing homes, or assisted living centers in Ellis, Rooks, Rush, and Russell counties. The Hospice Team consists of the patient's physician, the Hospice Medical Director, nurses, aides, social worker, clergy, therapists, and volunteers who work together to address physical, psychosocial, and spiritual needs.

To get a Memory Tree form or for questions, please call Hospice at 785-623-6200 or 800-248-0073 or email sue.noll@haysmed.com.

DIocese

The Register

If you are a registered member of your parish, you receive *The Register*, the official newspaper of the Diocese of Salina. Instead of requiring a subscription, we now ask for a \$20 donation to cover printing and mailing costs. The **November 14 issue** included a donation envelope. Please support our ministry for 2015 and send your donation as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY

John and Josie Braun

60th Wedding Anniversary

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 23

2:00—4:30 p.m.

U.F.W. Hall, Victoria

The couple requests no gifts.

Ellis St. Mary's CYO

Fried Chicken Dinner & Dance

Saturday, November 29

Knights of Columbus Hall, Ellis, KS

Dinner @ 6:30 p.m. & Dance @ 8:30 p.m.

Music by 80's band Paramount

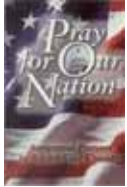
Tickets: \$25 per person

(available at St. Mary's Church rectory, Ellis Equity Bank, Ellis Golden Belt Bank, and Wakeeney Gibson's Drug Store

or contact Karla Schuster @ 785-726-4753

or Mary Kay Weber @ 785-726-3140

There will be a cash bar only.



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.

Technical Position

Divine Mercy Radio in Hays, Kansas, seeks a full-time Technical Engineer to perform all technical aspects of running a radio station. A full job description is available at KVDM.org. To apply, send a resume, including references, to: Donetta Robben, Executive Director, 108 E. 12th St., Hays, KS 67601.

Collecting Box Tops, Pop Tabs, Receipts

Victoria Elementary School is once again collecting **Box Tops, Pop Tabs, McDonald’s receipts, and Sunny D UPC labels**. Our school can earn classroom supplies and money for our activity fund with the Box Tops and McDonald’s receipts. The Sunny D labels will help the classrooms earn free books. 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.

We’ll be turning in the **Sunny D UPC labels** by November 21, the **Box Tops** 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 or teacher. Thanks for your help!



Monday — November 17

AIM period—Students will have directed study
 3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VES. Boys in tin gym
 3:30 pm HS boy’s basketball practice
 5:00 pm HS girl’s basketball practice

Tuesday — November 18

7:45 am Sophomore class ring delivery
 AIM period—Students will have directed study. 7th grade boys will meet in Mrs. Kori Braun’s room
 3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at VES. Girls in tin gym
 3:30 pm HS girl’s basketball practice
 5:00 pm HS boy’s basketball practice

Wednesday — November 19

Community Ambassadors meeting @ Hays—select students to attend
 9:30 am Spanish concert @ Hays High School. Mr. Janzen and select students will attend
 AIM period—Students will have directed study
 3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VES. Boys in tin gym
 3:30 pm HS boy’s basketball practice
 5:00 pm HS girl’s basketball practice

Thursday — November 20

6:00 am Varsity girls basketball practice
 AIM period—Students will have directed study. 8th grade girls will meet in Mrs. K. Braun’s room
 4:00 pm JH basketball @ Otis-Bison
 3:30 pm HS girl’s basketball practice @ VES
 5:00 pm HS boy’s basketball practice @ VES

Friday — November 21

Journey and Destination @ Hays Med—Mrs. K. Braun

Community Assistance Center — 12th and Oak, Hays

CHRISTMAS GARAGE SALE

2014 Toy Drive
Coca-Cola and the Victoria Fire Department
Saturday, December 6

Coca-Cola Warehouse
9:00—11:00 a.m.

Bring a new unwrapped toy or your angel tree gift and receive a 20 oz. ice cold Coca-Cola.



Alternate Toy Drop Off

Victoria Coca-Cola Warehouse
 November 28th - December 6th
 Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Angel trees.
Coca-Cola employees will deliver the toys to Teaming up for Tots in Ellis County.

Advent Scripture Reflections

Gospel of Mark

Sundays of Advent

4:00-5:00 pm

November 30,

December 7, 14, 21

Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life

Fr. Earl Meyer, OFM Cap



C.Y.O Participating in Operation Christmas Child



Victoria CYO is again participating in the national ministry, Operation Christmas Child. This year's goal is to exceed the 80 boxes we contributed last year!!! Since 1993, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child.

Gifts will be gathered for girls and boys ages 2-4; 5-9; or 10-14. Boxes will be filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. In addition, a \$7 donation is needed for each box to ensure delivery to each child thousands of miles away.



How can you help support this worthwhile cause? Please consider a monetary donation and/or a donation of a gift item. Each package costs \$7 to send! Donations will be accepted after weekend Masses on **November 8-9 and 15-16**. Donations can also be dropped off at the Parish Office anytime.



So that we receive a balance of donated items, suggested items for students in specific grades follows:


Grades K-2 – coloring books, pencils, pens, markers, pencil sharpeners, writing pads.

Grades 3-6 – stuffed animals, dolls, 4 or 5 inch balls, decks of cards, hot wheels cars.

Grades 7-8 – wash cloths, tooth brushes, tooth paste, bar soap individually wrapped.

Grades 9-12 – sunglasses, solar calculators, combs, hats, socks.

Learn more about Operation Christmas Child through their website at www.samaritanpurse.org. Their website can also be accessed on the LINKS tab at www.StFidelisChurch.com.

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	NOVEMBER 17
7:00 pm Christian Mothers Memorial Mass	
Stephen Brungardt	
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 18
6:45 am Alvin M. Weigel	
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 19
7:00 pm Peter J. and Alice Braun family	
Alvin and Celeste Schmidtberger	
Frank Dreiling (anniv)	
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 20
6:45 am Twila Brungardt	
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 21
6:45 am Fridolin "Fritz" Dreiling	
Delane Mason	
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 22
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Thomas and Bertillie (anniv) Windholz	
6:30 pm St. Ann John and Emma Schmeidler and Norma Schmeidler	
SUNDAY	CHRIST THE KING NOVEMBER 23
8:45 am St. Boniface For rain	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Pete and Leona Wellbrock	
John and Josie Braun 60th Wedding Anniversary	

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 22, 5:00 pm

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Adult	Debbie Staab	Eric Braun	Bill / Diana
Choir	Mary Lou Rome	Justin Braun	Schmidtberger
Lector	Diane Gross	Shelby	Mary Lou
Verda	Ivan Werner	Schmeidler	Rome
Werner	Gib / Carol		
Comm.	Billinger		
Kathy	Det Younger		
Kuhn			

Sunday, November 23, 10:00 am

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
John	Wanda Karlin	Dalton Stout	Jamey Roth
Braun	Shirley Weigel	Cooper	family
Lector	John Braun	Windholz	Dorothy Goetz
Mike	Jamey / Angie	Kinley	
Kreller	Roth	Windholz	
Comm.	Norma Keenan		
Connie	Joan Wellbrock		
Dreiling			