

Beacon of Faith
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, 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 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar	

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July 19, 2015 — 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 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 St. Ann
- July 27-St. Fidelis Finance and Parish Council meetings
- Aug 4 & 5-Religious Ed Enrollment
- Aug 11-Religious Education meeting
- Aug. 14-15 — Herzogfest
- Aug. 15 — 4:00 p.m. Mass at Park in conjunction with Herzogfest
- Sept. 7 — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED-Mass at 8 am -No 7 pm Mass
- Sept. 11 — Patriot Day
- Sept. 12-13 — Seed Wheat blessing at all Masses
- Sept. 25-26 — VHS Homecoming
- Sept. 26 — Alumni Mass 4:00 p.m. (No

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

(from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 6:30-34)



FRIARS' MIND

The recent encyclical of Pope Francis on the environment has been received favorably by not only the faithful but also by the secular media. The encyclical is entitled *Laudato Si*, Italian for "Praise be" from the Canticle of the Sun by St. Francis of Assisi.

In this encyclical Pope Francis addresses our moral responsibility to care for the environment. This is such a practical, if disputed issue, that for the next few weeks this column will offer pertinent passages of the Encyclical (with the paragraph numbers).

Introduction

1. "LAUDATO SI, mi' Signore"- "Praise be to you, my Lord" In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs".

2. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth; our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.

10. Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace.

Purpose of this Encyclical

15. It is my hope that this Encyclical Letter, which is now added to the body of the Church's social teaching, can help us to acknowledge the immensity and urgency of the challenge we face. I will begin by briefly reviewing several aspects of the present ecological crisis, with the aim of drawing on the results of the best scientific research available today, letting them touch us deeply and provide a concrete foundation for the ethical and spiritual itinerary that follows. I will then consider some principles drawn from the Judaeo-Christian tradition which can render our commitment to the environment more coherent. I will then attempt to get to the roots of the present situation, not only its symptoms but also its deepest causes.

This will help to provide an approach to ecology which respects our unique place as human beings in this world and our relationship to our surroundings. In light of this reflection, I will advance some broader proposals for dialogue and action which would involve each of us as individuals, and also affect international policy. Since change is impossible without motivation and education, I will offer some guidelines for human development to be found in the treasure of Christian spiritual experience.

Next week we continue with the specific damage that has been done to the environment by human activity. To access the full encyclical online google: *Laudato Si*.

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CONTRIBUTIONS JULY 11-12, 2015

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2859.00 Loose 797.75
Peter's Pence 150.00
Repair Fund 50.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 818.00 Loose 256.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 238.00 Loose 182.00
Candles 47.00

MONEY COUNTERS

July 20 — Mary Brungardt, Det
Younger

Seniors on the Go Trip

Save the date for the next SENIORS ON THE GO TRIP. The next trip is planned for August 17-20 to Omaha. Watch the bulletin for more details. Let Fr. John or Jan at the Parish Office know if you are interested.

ST. FIDELIS THRIFT SHOP

St. Fidelis Thrift is always accepting donations. Thrift Shop hours are Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10-2, Thursday from 10-4, Wednesday from 10-3:30 and 5-8. If these hours do not work for you to drop off your donations, contact Jan at the parish office.

Thursday Morning Coffee

Thursday morning coffee is held at the Parish Office at 9:30. Come and join Fr. John, other parishioners, and friends at the Parish Office for a cup of coffee and a snack.



K O F C

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

ST. ANN

Annual Potluck Breakfast

Parishioners and friends of St. Ann parish are invited to breakfast on **Sunday, July 26**, to celebrate the feast of St. Ann. The gathering will be held in the parish hall immediately after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Families are welcome to bring a breakfast favorite – casseroles, breads, pastries, fruit, etc. to the gathering.

There will be a short Christian Mothers meeting immediately following the breakfast

CHARITABLE FUND

The Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund, Inc, will have its annual meeting at 7:30 pm July 26, 2015, 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.

The budgeted totals will not be in the spreadsheet below until the budget is finalized later this month.

ST. FIDELIS PARISH Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections	
Budgeted Loose / Envelopes per week	\$ --
Actual received Loose / Envelopes 7-12-15	\$ 3,656.75
Budgeted Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date	\$ --
Actual received Loose/Envelopes year-to-date 7-12-15	\$ 7,758.81
OVER BUDGET	\$ --

FREE LUNCH PROGRAM

The Free Lunch Program started on June 1. We have had as many as 20 kids for lunch. This program is for all kids in Victoria. If you have kids visiting for the summer, they are also welcome. Just come to the PAC between 11:00 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday. Please use the front door.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Tim Staples' Boot Camp for Teens

All teens are invited to attend Tim Staples' Boot Camp for Teens. The event will be held at Beach Schmidt Performing Arts at Fort Hays State University on September 12, 2015 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. This is a FREE retreat hosted by Divine Mercy Radio. It is geared towards helping teens develop discipline and virtue in their lives! Tim Staples is a Catholic Apologist and Evangelist as well as the Director of Catholic Answers. For more information about the speaker you may visit www.catholic.com/timstaples.

Please RSVP to the Religious Education Office at St. Fidelis by **July 31, 2015**. The office phone number is 735-9244.

***Reminder to the Confirmation students, in ninth and tenth grade, and their parents:** Please RSVP! Towards the end of July a friendly reminder will be mailed to students we have not heard from.

HERZOGfest

6th Annual

Rod, Custom & Cycle Show

SATURDAY

AUGUST 15TH, 2015

VICTORIA, KS

Entry Fee:
Pre-Registration
\$20 Before August 1st
\$25 Day of Show

Time: REGISTRATION 8:00 - 12:00
SHOW TIME: 8:00 - 2:30
AWARDS AT 2:30

AWARDS

TOP 20, BEST INTERIOR,
BEST PAINT,
BEST ENGINE,
BEST OF SHOW

TOP 5 CYCLES,
BEST OF CYCLE

BEST GM,
FORD & MOPAR

Send To: John Weber, P.O. Box 192, Victoria, KS 67674; 785-735-2440 (work) 785-735-4853 (cell); E-mail: weberbs@ruraltel.net

St. Fidelis 2015 Herzogfest Booth

St. Fidelis Church will sponsor a German food booth at Herzogfest on August 14 and 15, serving creamed potato & dumplings, noodles & beans, and mini kuchen.

~ WORK DAYS ~

We will schedule a day to make dumplings at the grade school kitchen (July 18th) and a day to make the Mini Kuchen (tba at a later date)

Please call Brenda Dreiling at 785-735-4141 or 785-735-2332 if you are willing to help.

~ DONATIONS NEEDED ~

Food and monetary donations are greatly appreciated. However if you plan on donating food items, we need to have them by the middle of July so we can figure out what we must order.

Please send or drop your monetary donation to Brenda Dreiling's house at 1305 Cathedral, Victoria, KS 67671 by July 20. Make sure you indicate that the donation is for the Church's Herzogfest Food Booth on the check.

~ KITCHEN & BOOTH WORK SCHEDULE SIGN-UP ~

Sign-up sheets will be available at the entrances of the church towards the end of July. It is a lot of work for a few but if many help, not only is the workload lighter but also the fellowship is great.

Please take the time to sign up for a shift in the Kitchen or Booth.

Thank you in advance from the 2015 St. Fidelis

Herzogfest Committee Members: Shannon Karst, Rosie Kreutzer, Pam Scheck, Jacque Schmidt, Brenda Dreiling, and Rose Ann Dreiling.

COMMUNITY


Drinking Deeply from Wellsprings of Christian Theology (Learning from the Fathers). Fr. Charles will lead a study group to explore theology of the Church Fathers. This will be a lively discussion to deepen our understanding of such themes of our faith as Trinity, Christology, Mariology, Ecclesiology, etc. Group study begins **July 14 through August 25**, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Parish Service Center Conference Room, Hays, Kansas.



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.

Ellis St. Mary's CYO Community Fried Chicken Dinner, July 26 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Ellis K of C Hall, 1013 Washington St., Ellis, KS. \$5.00 ages 5-9 \$10.00 10 and over

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 20
7:00 pm Bernard and Viola Billinger and Amber Wood	
TUESDAY	JULY 21
6:45 am Vernon Berens	
WEDNESDAY	JULY 22
7:00 pm Charles Braun family	
THURSDAY	JULY 23
6:45 am James R and Elizabeth Dreiling Sister Mary Elizabeth Brungardt C.P. (20th Anniv.)	
FRIDAY	JULY 24
6:45 am Robert and Velma Leiker	
SATURDAY	JULY 25
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Wilmer, Irene and Beverly Dinkel	
SUNDAY	17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 am St. Ann Alfred J Mermis, Jr, Clara Mermis, John and Anna Scheck	JULY 26
8:45 am St. Boniface for the parishes	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Robert J Sander, Art VonFeldt Joe Pfeifer family living and deceased	

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 5:00 PM

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Kevin Juenemann	Mark Schroeder Kathy Kuhn	Jacob Schroeder	Mary Lou Rome
Lector	Debbie Staab	Jessica Schroeder	Jim/Becky Scheck
Danita Schroeder	Becky Scheck Brenda Robben	Ethan Rupp	
Comm.	Ivan/Verda		
Diane Gross	Werner		

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 10:00 AM

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Lydia and Christie Sander	Anne Dinkel Randy Leiker Janine Kisner	Ashlyn Pfeifer Cody Pfeifer Shelby Schmeidler	Vitus Lang Jamey Roth family
Lector	Colleen Kuhn		
Volunteer	Tammy Dome		
Comm.	Jan Brungardt		
Angie Roth	JoAnn Pfanenstiel		



St. Fidelis Food Pantry

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