

“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 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar	

www.stfidelischurch.com

June 14, 2015 – 11th 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

June 20 — Summer begins
June 21 — Father’s Day
July 3 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED in celebration of Independence Day
July 4 — Independence Day
July 26 — Feast of St. Ann

“...the kingdom of God...is like a mustard seed, that, when it is sown in the grown, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.”

(from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 4:26-34)



FLAG DAY



Most of us have never seen a mustard seed. The closest most Americans get to a mustard seed is the mustard on a hot dog. Yet we instinctively find today's parable of the mustard seed compelling. We appreciate the marvel that great things come from small beginnings. An old proverb resonates with today's gospel, "Mighty oaks from tiny acorns grow."

But this parable is neither simple nor simplistic. There can be a negative aspect to this phenomenon of a great result from a small beginning. While much goodness can come from small beginnings, hardships can develop in a similar manner. Local farmers might speak not of the mustard seed but of the bind weed seed. The tiny seed of the bind weed finds its way into wheat fields and grows into quite a large bush that saps the minerals and moisture from the land. Other examples are not difficult to find: fungus, germs, cancer cells.

To appreciate the favorable aspect of this parable the passage must be placed in its context. The parable of the mustard seed follows two other seed-based parables which emphasize the tribulations which the Gospel must endure. The first is of the sower who scattered seed of which three parts were lost when they fell upon the path, the rocky earth, and among thorns. Only one part fell upon good soil and prospered.

Our Lord then proceeds with another parable which emphasizes an additional tribulation. In the parable of the weeds and the wheat, we learn that even among the seed placed in good soil, the enemy will come and sow weeds which will threaten the wheat and attempt to stifle the harvest.

Christ then concludes with this third parable of the mustard seed to assure his followers that despite the trials presented in the previous parables, the word of the gospel will take root and grow even beyond our expectations.

St. John Chrysostom wrote, "The Lord said that three parts of the seed of his word would perish, and only one persevere; and again of that which is preserved there is further loss on account of the tares which are sown among it. But he removes these fears by the parable of the mustard seed where, despite these many travails, the kingdom of God will flourish even beyond normal expectations. In the words of St. Paul, "Though sin abounds, grace abounds all the more."

This parable of the mustard seed is a reassurance to Christians who live in a world that is often hostile to their faith. The shade of the plant's branches indicates comfort and refuge. Most Christians have experienced that their faith is not only a challenge to living a better life, but that it also provides comfort and refuge in time of trials. The nests built in the branches of the mustard plant imply finding a home. Believers find a home in their faith community here on earth and the promise of a lasting home in heaven.

... and mirth

How ironic that non-conformists are all alike.

Parish Staff

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Contributions June 6-7, 2015

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2411.00 Loose 1102.00
Cemetery 25.00
Repair Fund 1080.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 256.00 Loose 533.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 273.00 Loose 72.00
Candles 35.00

Money Counters

June 15 — Bob and Phyllis Stramel, Dorothy Goetz

June 22 — Ivan and Verda Werner

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Gilbert F. Rohr**, who passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2015. Services were held at St. Ann Catholic Church, Walker, on Wednesday, June 10, with burial in St. Ann Cemetery, Walker.



Congratulations



The parishes offer their congratulations to **Victoria North** and **Nathan Flax** who were married at the Basilica of St. Ann Walker, on Saturday, June 6, 2015.



Congratulations



The parishes offer their congratulations to **Shannon Wilson** and **Aaron Werth** who were married at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Saturday, June 6, 2015.

St. Fidelis Pastoral Council Elections Change

St. Fidelis Parish Council elections will not be held on the weekend of May 30-31. It will be held later in June. We are still in need of people who would like to serve on the Council. If you are interested, please contact Fr. John at the Parish Office.

Fidelisfest

We are still waiting on a couple of checks for the Fidelisfest. As soon as everything is received we will post the totals in the bulletin.

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.

ST. FIDELIS PARISH Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections	
Budgeted Loose / Envelopes per week	\$ 5,145.19
Actual received Loose / Envelopes 6-7-2015	\$ 3,513.00
Budgeted Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date	\$ 252,114.31
Actual received Loose/Envelopes year-to-date 6-7-2015	\$ 256,909.09
OVER BUDGET	\$ 4,794.78

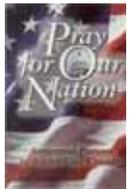
Ellis St. Mary's CYO Community Fried Chicken Dinner

Sunday, June 21, 2015
Knights of Columbus Hall, 1013 Washington St, Ellis, KS
10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or until sold out

Pan Fried Chicken dinner includes Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Coleslaw, Dinner Rolls, and Dessert
Ages 5-9: \$5.00; Ages 10 & over: \$10.00

Victoria Community Blood Drive

Nex-Tech Network Operations, 801 Hiway 40
Monday, June 15 — 8:30 am-4:15 pm
Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule your appointment.



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.

Community Assistance Center — 12th and Oak, Hays

GARAGE SALE

Tuesday, June 16 • 8:00-11:00 am

MAKE IT A GREAT ROUND

At The 13th Annual **VICTORIA HERZOGFEST GOLF TOURNAMENT**
JULY 11, 2015 ~ RUSSELL GOLF COURSE
BEGINNING AT 8:00 AM
4 PERSON SCRAMBLE \$50.00 PER PERSON

CONTACT:
RUSSELL GOLF COURSE
AT 785-483-2852
FOR REGISTRATION

FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
PRIZE MONEY AWARDED

Thrift Shop

The St. Fidelis Thrift continues to do well. Thank you again to all of the volunteers, donors, and shoppers.

DIocese

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY with Bishop Weisenburger

Bishop Weisenburger will be leading a pilgrimage to Italy **October 22-31, 2015**. This is the first pilgrimage the Diocese of Salina has hosted. If you are interested in joining Bishop Weisenburger and others from the Salina Diocese on this pilgrimage or need more information, please contact Syndi Larez in the Office of Development at 785-827-8746. To see the itinerary of the pilgrimage go to www.salinadiocese.org. Space is limited.

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

To St. Ann's Parishioners:

WOW!! Thanks to everyone for all the suggestions for a special name for our parish. We had over 25 suggestions. With this wonderful response, it gives us the faith and courage to continue with our mission. Our mission is not to change the name of St. Ann's, but to enhance it, and to give it a name that portrays the uniqueness of our people and our church. Since we had so many suggestions, we have narrowed them down to 5 final names. They are as follows:

- "Chapel of the Highways"
- "Beacon of Faith"
- "Pioneer Fields of Faith"
- "Beacon of the Byways"
- "Gateway to Heaven"

On **Sunday, June 21st** we will let anyone who belongs to St. Ann's Parish, child or adult, vote for the final name. If you want to vote before that, you can call Helen Windholz at 785-735-2293 or e-mail her at windfarm@ruraltel.net; or you can contact any of the three of us on the parish council.

Thanks again to all for your continued faith and help with this project.

Your parish council, Allen, Helen and Jerry



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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	JUNE 15
7:00 pm Alfred and Myrna Dreiling	
TUESDAY	JUNE 16
6:45 am Justin and Dennis Denning	
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 17
7:00 pm Leona Roehleder	
THURSDAY	JUNE 18
6:45 am Neola Schmidtberger	
FRIDAY	JUNE 19
6:45 am Victor and Marlene "Toots" Scheck	
SATURDAY	JUNE 20
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Patricia F. Harman	
SUNDAY	12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 am St. Ann Norma Schmeidler family living and deceased	JUNE 21
8:45 am St. Boniface for the parishes	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Joseph and Albina Rome and Don Gross (anniv)	

* 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, June 20, 5:00 pm

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Megan Karst	Keith Billinger Yvonne Braun	Wyatt Dreiling Cooper	Judy Dreiling family
Lector Diane Gross	Bertha (Chris) Brungardt Jane Wagner	Windholz Kinley Windholz	Mary Jean Brungardt
Comm. Randy Leiker	Diane Gross Wilma / Regis VonLintel		

Sunday, June 21, 10:00 am

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
John Braun	John Braun Cora Schulte	Tyler Engel Quenton Engel	Hockersmith family
Lector Becky Scheck	Connie Braun Dianne Crawford Norma Keenan	Dalton Stout	Dorothy Goetz
Comm. Mike Kreller	Marge Rome Leroy Schmidtberger		



St. Fidelis Food Pantry

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