

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

www.stfidelischurch.com

May 24, 2015 – 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

May 25 — Memorial Day — Cemetery Blessings — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
June 5 — Feast of St. Boniface
June 8-12 — Totus Tuus in Hays
June 14 — Flag Day
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

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 Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.



Interview with an honest Catholic

Q.: What kind of Catholic are you?

A.: A poor one.

Q.: Are you a dogmatic Catholic or an open-minded Catholic?

A.: I don't know what that means. Do you mean do I believe the dogma that the Catholic Church proposes for belief?

Q. Yes.

A: Yes.

Q: How is such a belief possible in this day and age?

A: What else is there?

Q: What do you mean, what else is there? There is humanism, atheism, agnosticism, Marxism, behaviorism, materialism, Buddhism, astrology, occultism, theosophy.

A: That's what I mean.

Q: To say nothing of Judaism and Protestantism.

A: Well, I would include them along with the Catholic Church in the whole peculiar Jewish-Christian thing.

Q: Would you exclude scientific humanism as a rational and honorable alternative?

A: Yes.

Q: Why?

A: This life is too much trouble, far too strange, to arrive at the end of it and then to be asked what you make of it and have to answer "Scientific humanism." That won't do. A poor show. Life is a mystery, love is a delight. Therefore I take it as axiomatic that one should settle for nothing less than the infinite mystery and the infinite delight, i.e., God. In fact I demand it. I refuse to settle for anything less. I don't see why anyone should settle for less than Jacob, who actually grabbed a hold of God and would not let go until God identified himself and blessed him.

Q: But isn't the Catholic Church split these days, its liturgy banal, vocations declining?

A: Sure. That's a sure sign of its divine origins, that it survives these periodic disasters.

Q: How do you account for your belief?

A: I can only account for it as a gift from God.

Q: Why would God make you such a gift when others seem more deserving?

A: How would I know? The only answer I can give is that I asked for it, in fact demanded it. I took it as an intolerable state of affairs to have found myself in this life and in this age, which is a disaster by any calculation, without demanding a gift commensurate with the offense. So I demanded it. No doubt other people feel differently.

Q: But shouldn't faith bear some relation to the truth, to the facts?

A: Yes. That's what attracted me to Christianity's rather insolent claim to be true, with the implication that other religions are more or less false.

Q: You believe that?

A: Of course.

Parish Staff

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St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

Randy Leiker 623-6965 (Chair)
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St. Ann Pastoral Council

Helen Windholz 735-2293
Allen Hammerschmidt 735-2447
Jerry Nowak 637-5273

Contributions May 16-17, 2015

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 1098.00 Loose 2024.00
Nepal 832.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 211.00 Loose 172.00
Nepal 230.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 182.00 Loose 328.00
Candles 32.00 Nepal 119.00

Money Counters

May 26 (Tuesday) — Dianne Crawford, Marilyn Braun

June 1 — Jim and JoAnn Pfanenstiel

Baptism



We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Lucy Renae Woolsey**, daughter of Tyler and Rebecca (Streifel) Woolsey. Lucy Renae, born April 13, 2015, was baptized at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, by Father John Schmeidler on Saturday, May 16, 2015. Her godparents are Tucker Woolsey and Kristin Streifel.

LUNCH PROGRAM

St. Fidelis Church and the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop are sponsoring a summer food program at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street, beginning June 1. A free nutritious lunch will be served to any children from 11:00 a.m. – noon Monday through Friday. Please use the front entrance of the Parish Activity Center. There are no enrollments or reservations required but if you are bringing a large group such as a day care group, please let us know that morning by calling 785-735-2777. For more information, contact Jan at the Parish Office.

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.

ST. FIDELIS PARISH Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections	
Budgeted Loose / Envelopes per week	\$ 5,145.19
Actual received Loose / Envelopes 5-17-2015	\$ 3,122.00
Budgeted Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date	\$ 236,678.74
Actual received Loose/Envelopes year-to-date 5-17-2015	\$ 245,510.09
OVER BUDGET	\$ 8,831.35

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

MONTHLY MEETING

The Daughters of Isabella will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, June 2**, starting with bingo at 7:00 p.m. followed by a meeting at 7:30 at the K. of C. Hall.

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.

Pastoral Council Elections Changed

The 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.

BULLETIN ITEMS

The deadline for bulletin articles is Wednesday at noon. Please contact Connie (sfttech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) at the Parish Office if you have an item for the bulletin.

ST. ANN

Pastoral Council Nominations

St. Ann Parish is accepting nominations for Pastoral Council for the 2015-2018 term. Helen Windholz's term as council member will expire at the end of June. Helen is eligible and willing to accept a second term. If there are other parishioners who are 18 or older and are interested and willing to accept a nomination, please call Father John at 735-2777.

Name for St. Ann Parish

St. Ann's Parishioners,

WE NEED YOUR HELP. We would like to give our parish a name and would like your suggestions.

Our sister parishes both have names to reflect the uniqueness of their people and their values. St. Boniface has the name of "Pearl of the Prairie" and St. Fidelis has the name of "Cathedral of the Plains". We would like a name for our special parish, also.

So, be thinking about a name that will reflect St. Ann's people.

You can e-mail your suggestions to Helen Windholz at windfarm@ruraltel.net or call her at 785-735-2293 or 785-735-4766 (please call in the evenings); OR on May 24th at the 7:30 a.m. Mass, we will have slips of paper in each pew for you to write your suggestion down. We will collect them in a 2nd collection or after Mass.

After we have collected all of the suggestions, we will give everyone a chance to vote on the final name.

The person who has suggested the winning name will receive a prize, so include your name with your suggestion if you want to be eligible for a prize.

Thank you for your time and ideas.

St. Ann's Parish Council
Allen, Helen and Jerry

Memorial Day

Mass @ 9:00 a.m.

(There will NOT be a 7:00 p.m. Mass)

Cemetery Visits

The schedule for visits to the surrounding cemeteries on **Memorial Day, Monday, May 25**, led by V.F.W. members is as follows:

approx. **9:45 a.m.** St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria
(after Mass)

10:15 a.m. Sacred Heart Cemetery, Emmeram

10:45 a.m. St. Ann Cemetery, Walker

11:15 a.m. St. Boniface Cemetery, Vincent

11.45 a.m. Holy Cross Cemetery, Pfeifer

V.F.W. members will gather at the V.F.W. Hall following the cemetery visits.



A Memorial Day Prayer

We thank you, O God, for the men and women who have gone before us in our family. We thank you for the traditions and beliefs they have handed down to us. Help us to defend what they worked for and to pass their goodness from our generation to those who follow us.

This Memorial Day we celebrate the memory of those who died because they believed that their sacrifice would win freedom for us. But, Father, though we are free, we are still far from real peace as nation wars against nation. Help us to understand the meaning of peace and the price we must pay for it. This we ask through Jesus, Your Son, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen

~ Taken from Faith and Fest: A Collection of Prayer and Celebration Resources
Linking Parish and Home—Archdiocese of Omaha 2005



**LET US REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED
THAT WE MAY LIVE FREE!**



Vestments for Ordained Deacons

If you would like to contribute towards priestly vestments for Deacon Andrew Rockers and Deacon Kyle Berens, who will be ordained in the Salina Diocese in May, you may do so at Messenger, 2512 Vine Street, Centennial Plaza, Hays (785-621-2085).

Ireland Pilgrimage

Fr. Joseph Kieffer with Fr. Tony Neusch will be leading a pilgrimage to Ireland from **September 16-26, 2015**. If you are interested in this trip and would like a brochure, please email Fr. Kieffer at joek321@hotmail.com or call him at 785-738-2851. The **deadline for registration is June 15, 2015**.

Commodities to Be Distributed

Government surplus commodities will be distributed on **Wednesday, May 27**, at 1:30 p.m. at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street, Victoria.



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SEMINARIAN RECOGNITION DINNER with Bishop Weisenburger

Make plans to join Bishop Edward Weisenburger for a dinner and meet the Seminarians of the Diocese of Salina. The Seminarian Recognition Dinner will be on **Thursday, May 28, 2015**, at St. Mary Queen of the Universe Parish, Salina. Evening Prayer will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a catered meal.

For more information on the event, visit the vocations page at www.salinadiocese.org or contact Syndi Larez at the Chancery at 785-827-8746.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY with Bishop Weisenburger

Bishop Edward 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.



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.

They're Coming!! They're Coming!! Here Come the Germans!!

Two families from Kubelstein, Germany, Victoria's Sister City, will be visiting here **June 1 thru June 5**.

A welcoming open house and social will be hosted by the city and community to celebrate the 25th anniversary of this union on **Thursday, June 4**, at the VFW Hall in Victoria. The social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by a short exchange presentation between the two cities and the Basilica of St. Fidelis at 7:00. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

There will be snacks, finger foods, chips, dips, relish, cookies, etc. furnished. Beverages can be purchased at the VFW Canteen. If you like to dance, Wes Windholz's polka band will play from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Let's give our German friends a hearty and warm welcome to our city.



Ellis St. Mary's CYO Pan Fried Chicken Dinner Sunday, May 31, 2015

Knights of Columbus Hall, 1013 Washington St., Ellis, KS
10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or until sold out
(extra supplies have been ordered)

Buffet style dinner includes Pan Fried Chicken, Homemade Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Dinner Rolls, and Dessert
Ages 5-9: \$5.00; Ages 10 & over: \$10.00

EVERYONE WELCOME!

There will be 10-, 16-, and 24-piece buckets of chicken with sides or no sides to go.
Call 785-259-3992 to place your order.

20TH ANNUAL FIDELISFEST

TODAY

SUNDAY, MAY 24

MASS

10:00 AM

BLESSING OF TIME CAPSULE

AFTER MASS

COUNTRY STORE

11:00 AM UNTIL SOLD OUT

KID'S GAMES

11:00 AM

GERMAN DINNER

11:00 AM

AUCTION

1:00 PM


RAFFLE WINNERS

FOLLOWING AUCTION

HAMBURGERS, BEER, BRATS,

AND POP

THROUGHOUT THE DAY

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	MAY 25
9:00 am Joseph (anniv) and Albina Gross and Don Gross	
TUESDAY	MAY 26
6:45 am Eldon Stang	
WEDNESDAY	MAY 27
7:00 pm Willie and Bertha Pfeifer	
THURSDAY	MAY 28
6:45 am John T. Newman	
FRIDAY	MAY 29
6:45 am Adam and Catherine Bellendir Leo and Hubertine Stramel family	
SATURDAY	MAY 30
2:00 pm St. Fidelis Kasandra Huser and Taylor Bliss wedding	
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Kenny Werth Justin and Dennis Denning	
SUNDAY	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY MAY 31
7:30 am St. Ann Robert and Lydia Sander family living and deceased	
8:45 am St. Boniface For the parishes	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Leslie Ann Mason	

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 30, 5:00 pm

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
	Ramona McCarty		Kathy Kuhn
	Debbie Staab		Jeff / Janine
Lector	Bertha (Chris)		Kisner
Anne	Brungardt		
Dinkel	Mary Brungardt		
Comm.	Anne Dinkel		
Amorette	Kathy Kuhn		
Windholz	Melissa Schmidt		

Sunday, May 31, 10:00 am

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
	Randy Leiker		Jamey Roth
	Anne Dinkel		family
Lector	Tammy Dome		Yvonne Braun
Det	Joan Wellbrock		
Younger	Yvonne Braun		
Comm.	Connie Braun		
Shannon	John Braun		
Radke			



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