

„Cathedral of the Plains“

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 3, 2015 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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:

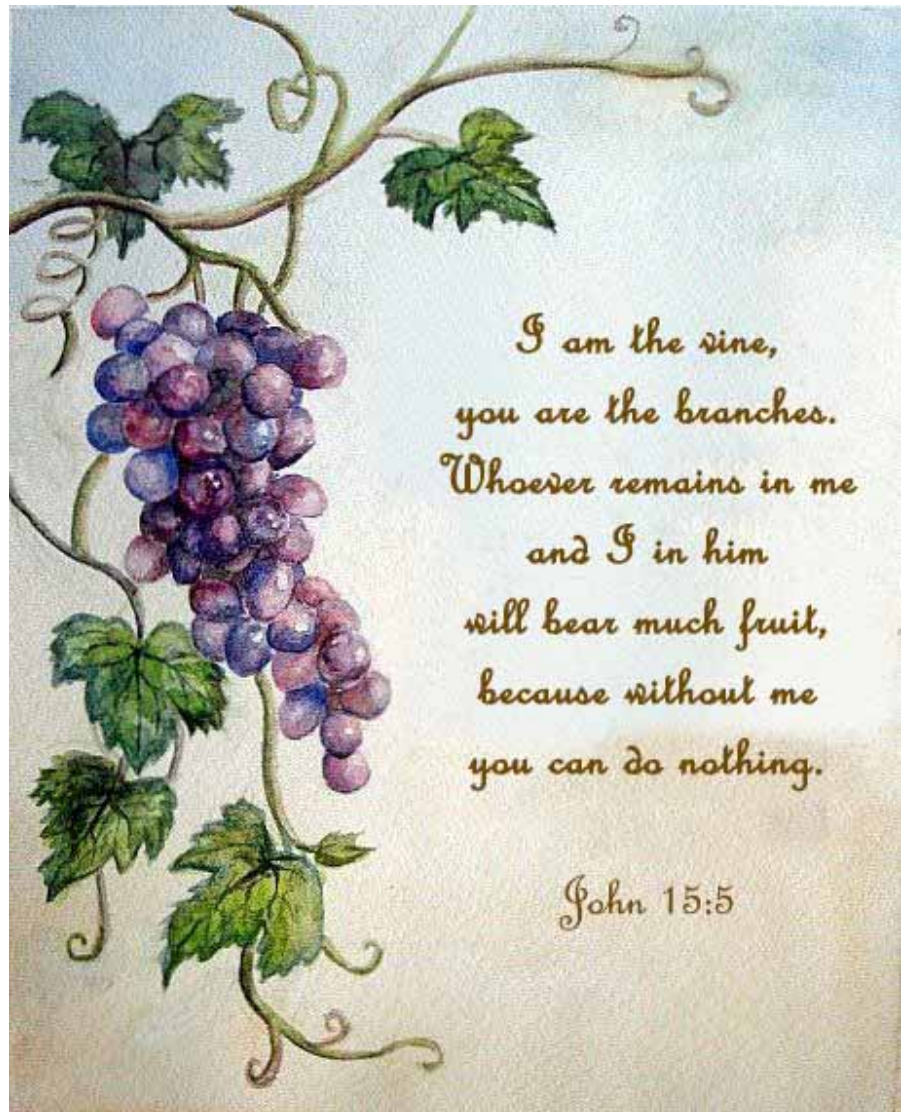
at St. Fidelis — Mondays — 7:30-8:00 pm
 or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

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 7 — National Day of Prayer
May 10 — Mother's Day
May 14 — Ascension Thursday
May 15 — Feast of St. Isidore the Farmer
May 16 — Armed Forces Day
May 17 — High School Baccalaureate Mass (10:00) and Graduation
May 21 — Last day of school
May 24 — Pentecost
May 24 — Fidelisfest
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



(from the Holy Gospel according to John 15:1-8)



When Christ appeared to Mary Magdalene on Easter morning she thought at first that he was the gardener. It was a reasonable assumption. Several significant events in the life of Christ occurred in a garden.

In John's gospel the betrayal and arrest of Christ take place in "a garden across the Kidron valley." Peter denies Christ when a servant of the high priest identifies him as one who was with Christ "in the garden." Christ is buried in a new tomb in a garden and appears to Mary Magdalene in that garden on Easter morning. The burial and resurrection of Christ in a garden is an image of Christ as the new Adam, reversing the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

Perhaps Christ is found frequently in a garden because his Father is a gardener. In today's gospel analogy of the vine and branches, Christ speaks of God the Father as the gardener "who takes away every branch that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit."

Gardening brings the joy of watching things grow and blossom, but also the duty of weeding and pruning. Discarding what is dead or unproductive is a necessary and unpleasant task. Pruning healthy plants to make them more productive is wise, but it involves trimming away new growth which can be painful. When a gardener trims rose bushes down to mere stubs for the winter it may seem destructive. Yet in spring the blossoms are again more beautiful.

Amateur gardeners know that even healthy plants need to be trimmed and shaped to grow to their full potential. Applying that image to our own personal life can be very uncomfortable. No one wants to be trimmed and shaped. We want to grow our own way. Not another's way. Not even God's way.

This analogy reminds us that we do not always live as we wish, but as God wills. God's way may involve hardship. Human suffering is the most troubling question of life, and of faith. Christians understand suffering as a mystery, a mystery known only to God. That does not mean that suffering is meaningless. On the contrary, Christianity gives meaning to suffering. The mystery of human suffering is related to the mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ. St. Paul writes, "We make up in our own bodies what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ." Human suffering can be redemptive, for ourselves and others.

God not only discards what is unproductive or dead in our spiritual life, he also trims back and prunes our undisciplined growth that it may be more productive. Souls, as gardens, can be very beautiful, but only if there is a gardener "who takes away every branch that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit."

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"A liberal is a conservative who has been arrested. A conservative is a liberal who has been mugged." ~Tom Wolfe

Parish Staff

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Contributions April 25-26, 2015

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2591.00 Loose 708.45

ST. ANN:

Adult 131.00 Loose 405.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 418.00 Loose 324.00
Candles 6.00

Money Counters

May 4 — Randy Leiker, Tina Rajewski

May 11 — Mary Brungardt, Det Younger



Congratulations



The parishes offer their congratulations to **Tara Zwegardt** and **Dustin Karst** who were married at Holy Cross Church, Pfeifer, on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

Pastoral Council Elections

St. Fidelis Pastoral Council elections will be held the weekend of May 31-June 1. If anyone is interested in running for a position on the Council or if you want to nominate someone for a position, please contact the Parish Office at 785-735-2777. **Please response by Monday, May 11**, so we can publish the candidates' bios in the bulletin before the election. Thank you.

FIDELISFEST AUCTION

Your new donated items for the Fidelisfest Auction may be dropped at the Parish Office during regular office hours. If those time aren't convenient for you or you would like your items picked up contact Jan at the Parish Office.

FIDELISFEST HELP

Anyone willing to help the day of the Fidelisfest and the day before, please contact Jan or Fr. John at the office. Thank you in advance.

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.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Monthly Meeting

The Daughters of Isabella will meet **Tuesday, May 5**, at the K. of C. Hall. The program will be designing an angel magnet starting at 7:00 p.m. followed by a meeting at 7:30.

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.

LITURGY

ADULT CHOIR

PRACTICE: Tuesday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. in preparation for Fidelisfest.

FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION

MEETING SCHEDULED

The Family Life Commission will meet at the Parish Office on **Thursday, May 7**, at 5:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 10 — Jubilee Choir sings @ 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 10—Last gathering for Liturgy of the Word

Totus Tuus

St. Fidelis students are welcome to join the Catholic Churches in Hays for Totus Tuus Summer Camp in Hays—**June 7-12, 2015**.

Students currently in grades 1-5 meet Monday, June 8th, thru Friday, June 12th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Students currently in grades 6-12 meet Sunday, June 7th, through Thursday, June 11th, from 7:30 to 9:40 p.m.

There is no cost for students to attend the camp.

Space is limited and registration is on a first come first served basis. **Deadline for registration is Wednesday, May 20th**. For more information or to register please contact Shirley Brungardt at the Religious Ed. Office: 735-9244 or Cell: 735-4273.



Real Miser

A man worked all his life and saved money.

He was a real miser. He loved money more than just about anything. Just before he died he said to his wife, "Now, listen, when I die I want you to take all my money and place it in the casket with me. I want to take all my money to the afterlife."

He got his wife to promise she would do this.

Well, one day he died.

He was stretched out in the casket, the wife was sitting there in black next to her best friend. When they finished the ceremony and before the undertaker closed the casket, the wife said, "Wait a minute."

She placed a shoebox in the casket and then the undertaker locked the casket and rolled it away.

Her friend said, "I hope you weren't crazy enough to put all that money in there with that stingy old man."

She said, "Yes, I promised. I am a good Christian. I can't lie. I promised that I would put the money in the casket with him."

"You mean to tell me you put every cent of his money in the casket?" her friend asked, incredulously.

"Yes," said the wife, calmly. "I gathered all the money and put it in the bank. Then I wrote him a check."

DIOCESE

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.

COMMUNITY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thursday, June 4, 2015

There will be a community gathering

at the V.F.W. Hall in Victoria to welcome visitors from Kubelstein, Germany, in recognition of the 25th Anniversary of Kubelstein becoming a sister city with Victoria.

As many community members as possible are encouraged to attend.

Watch the bulletin for more details.



Ellis St. Mary's CYO

Community Fried Chicken Dinner

Sunday, May 10, 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

<p>For those who have had Open Heart Surgery, Stents (PTCA), Congestive Heart Failure (CHF), or a Heart Attack (MI) and the people who care about them.</p>	<p>Wednesday May 13, 2015</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Healthy Snacks</p> <p>6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Presentation and Roundtable Bryan Moore, RN, RPSGT, RST Anil Pandit, MD</p>	<p>Sleep Apnea and The Heart</p>	<p>Coffee & Conversation</p>	<p>FREE</p> <p>Center for Health Improvement 2500 Canterbury Drive Hays, Kansas</p> <p>Hays Orthopedic Lobby Use West Entrance</p> <p>RSVP by May 11 www.haysmed.com/coffeeandconversation 785.623.5500</p> <p>Registration is required. Limited to the first 50 respondents.</p> <p>Sponsored by</p> <p> HAYSMED DabaKey HEART INSTITUTE</p>
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Students Offering Help for Make-A-Difference Day in May

VICTORIA CITIZENS: If you need help around your house or outside, the Victoria High School students are hosting Make-A-Difference Day on **Friday, May 8**. During Make-A-Difference Day, the students will be available to help you around your house. If you need assistance, please call Victoria Jr. Sr. High School (785-735-9211) and ask for Mr. Dylan Dronberger.

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).



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, May 5 • 7:30 am-1:00 pm



MAIL CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE WILL BE MAY 9

Victoria Schools Calendar



Monday — May 4

AIM period—students will have directed study
3:30 pm JH/HS track practice
7:00 pm K-6 Spring Concert

Tuesday — May 5 — *Teacher Appreciation Day*

A sincere thank you to all our teachers who make

Victoria Jr./Sr. High School a great place to teach and learn

AIM period—students will have directed study. Staff appreciation lunch in FACS kitchen

1:00 pm JH track meet @ Claflin. Students depart at 11:00

3:30 pm HS track practice

4:00 pm HS baseball with Russell @ Beloit. Students depart at 1:30

Wednesday — May 6 — *School dismissed 2:20 p.m.*

FCCLA District B meeting. Mrs. C. Braun and select students will attend

AIM period—students will have directed study.

2:20 pm Early dismissal

3:30 pm JH/HS track practice

4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

Thursday — May 7 — *School dismissed 12:30 p.m.*

HS will eat first today. JH will have AIM first

7:30 am Faculty breakfast

AIM period—Students will have directed study

1:00 pm Victoria Invitational Track Meet

Friday — May 8 — *Make a Difference Day*

All Senior bills and activities due to office!

NHS trip to Wichita. Mrs. Zimmer, Mrs. Kori Braun, and select students will participate

AIM period—Students will have directed study.

3:30 pm JH/HS track practice

4:00 pm HS baseball with Russell @ SE of Saline. Select students will depart at noon

Sunday — May 10 — *Happy Mother's Day*

Single and Beyond

Single and Beyond is an ecumenical Christian social group for divorced, widowed, and single people located in or near Hays. Their mission is to provide friendship, support, and understanding to one another. Contact Nancy at 785-628-3347 or singleandbeyond@gmail.com Food and Fellowship gathering on **Wednesdays, May 6 and 20**, at North Wendy's, 4235 Vine St., at 6:00 p.m.



Homemade Cinnamon Rolls for Sale

The Victoria FCCLA is proud to announce that 12 members qualified for nationals this summer in Washington, DC.

They will be making and selling homemade cinnamon rolls to raise the funds for their trip. If you would like to support them, please call the high school and place your order at 735-9211, or order directly from MaKayla Crawford, Madisyn Gerhardt, Ashlyn Hammerschmidt, Sienna Hockersmith, Aryan Karlin, Maegan Karlin, Megan Karst, Hannah Radke, Haley Robben, Aspen Schoenrock, Sara Schippers, and Anna Schmidtberger. One dozen rolls for \$15.00 or \$7.50 for a half dozen.

Their projects will be on display at the Open House and Awards night on Wednesday, May 13, at Victoria High School. The FCCLA members thank you for all your support.

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.

20TH ANNUAL FIDELISFEST SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015

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

WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR MORE
INFORMATION.

AUCTION ITEMS MAY BE
BROUGHT TO THE OFFICE DURING
OFFICE HOURS.

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 4
7:00 pm Joseph and Albina (anniv) Rome Don Gross and Doris Younger Pfeifer	
TUESDAY	MAY 5
6:45 am Charles Braun and family	
WEDNESDAY	MAY 6
7:00 pm Frank C., Agnes, and Donald Sander	
THURSDAY	MAY 7
6:45 am Alvin and Martina Schmidtberger	
FRIDAY	MAY 8
6:45 am Alvin and Ventura Sander	
SATURDAY	MAY 9
2:00 pm St. Fidelis Samantha Keener and David Tholen wedding	
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Iris Knoll Susan Klein Gilbert, Mary Ann, and Tom Leiker	
SUNDAY	MAY 10
7:30 am St. Ann Winfred and Aggie Goetz Paul and Bill Schrant	
8:45 am St. Boniface For the parishes Helen Schumacher Alice Freitag	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Joseph and Catherine (anniv) Weigel Ed and Irene Schmidt	

* 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 9, 5:00 pm

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
	Wanda Karlin	Tyler Engel	Tom / Det
	Ramona McCarty	Trenton Engel	Younger
<u>Lector</u>	Randy Leiker	Grant	Joan Wellbrock
Marilyn	Brenda Robben	Schoenrock	
Braun	Fran Robben		
<u>Comm.</u>	Det Younger		
Kathy	Amorette Windholz		
Kuhn			

Sunday, May 10, 10:00 am

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
	Michelle Geist	Addie Roth	Katie
	Ken Brungardt	Jacob Roth	Bellendir
<u>Lector</u>	Bertha Brungardt	Vance	Leory / JoAnn
LeeAnn	Norma Keenan	Hockersmith	Braun
Schmidtberger	Wanda Kuhn		
<u>Comm.</u>	Joan Wellbrock		
Connie	Katie Bellendir		
Dreiling			