

"Beacon of Faith,"
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Cathedral of the Plains,"
THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

"Pearl of the Prairie,"
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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| 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

October 11, 2015 – 287th 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)

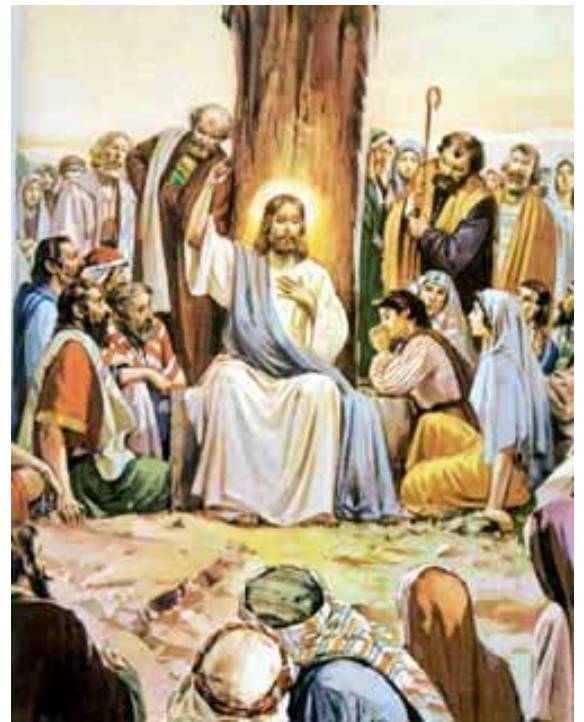
Tri-Parish Prayer Line

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

Oct. 12 — Columbus Day — No School
Oct. 16 — Boss' Day
Oct. 31 — Halloween
Nov. 1 — All Saints Day
Nov. 2 — All Souls Day
Nov. 3 — Election Day
Nov. 11 — Veterans Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Nov. 25 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon for Thanksgiving
Nov. 26 — Thanksgiving — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Nov. 27 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon for Thanksgiving
Nov. 29 — First Sunday of Advent

“It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”



(from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 10:17-30)



Few gospel images have captured the popular imagination as much as today's verse, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." A camel through the eye of needle is such a preposterously impossible image that it is unforgettable. And that was the idea. However, some have tried to rob this image of its marvel by reasoning away the exaggeration.

Efforts to explain this image in "sensible" terms have included the suggestion that there was a narrow gate into the city of Jerusalem which was difficult for a large camel to squeeze through and that gate was nicknamed the "Eye of the Needle." No such gate has ever been historically verified. Others have suggested that "camel" is a mistranslation of an Aramaic word which really means "cord" or "thread." That is verbal gymnastics as unreasonable as the image itself.

Scripture scholars are in general agreement that the image of "a camel passing through the eye of a needle" is an hyperbolic exaggeration typical of Semitic literature and the preaching of Rabbis in ancient Palestine. The unreasonable impossibility is the very point of the image; it is also the source of its lasting imprint on our memory.

A valid reflection on this gospel image, consistent with its original intent, is to see the greatly disproportionate size of the camel and the eye of the needle as a message that size is relative, that all riches are relative. Yet our attachment to them is often absolute. Both the camel and the eye of the needle come in many sizes. In fact, they both come in your size!

Many people feel that they are far from rich. Perhaps you are not rich. Maybe you are truly poor. But some poor people are obsessed with riches. When the philosopher Socrates was asked if he was wealthy, Socrates answered, "Compared to whom?" Are you rich? Compared to whom? Compared to those who dine on caviar and champagne? Or compared to one third of the world that is malnourished. Or compared to your ancestors, who worked long hours in the fields for the bare necessities of life? Being rich is relative. There are also riches of health and family and friends.

Today's gospel warning of the danger of riches applies as much to the indigent as to the affluent. It applies not to the amount of your wealth, but to the attitude you have toward wealth; how wealth affects the value you place on faith, and family, and friends. The camel of this gospel comes in all sizes, as does the eye of the needle. They both come in your size!

The gospel danger of riches is not how much you have, but how much it has you. Not what you possess, but what possess you. "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

... and mirth

A Buddhist monk walks up to a hotdog stand and says, "Make me one with everything."

Parish Staff

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Contributions October 3-4, 2015

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2650.00 Loose 1533.00
Repair Fund 1074.00
Capuchins 196.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 676.00 Loose 666.00
Hall Rent 100.00 Capuchins 131.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 403.00 Loose 287.75
Candles 28.00 Capuchins 200.00

Money Counters

Oct. 12 — Dianne Crawford,
Marilyn Braun

Oct. 19 — Jim and JoAnn
Pfanenstiel

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Pauline (Karlin) Dinkel**, who passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2015. Services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Tuesday, October 6, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.



Congratulations



The parishes offer their congratulations to **Kylie Dunn** and **Jordan Bleske** who were married at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Saturday, October 3, 2015.

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.



GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION MICHAEL SCULLY, O.F.M. CAPUCHIN

Friday, October 16, 2015

Mass: 5:00 pm

St. John the Evangelist

1234 Kentucky Street

Lawrence, KS 66044

...followed by Dinner and Celebration

Lawrence Holidome

200 McDonald Drive

Lawrence, KS 66044

*(If you intend to come to this celebration,
please RSVP to 785-843-0109.)*

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There will also be an Anniversary Mass at
the Basilica of St. Fidelis

Friday, October 23, 2015

5:00 pm

...followed by snacks in the St. Fidelis

Grade School Gym

Victoria, KS 67671

| ST. FIDELIS PARISH Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections | |
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| Budgeted Loose / Envelopes per week | \$ 5,192.30 |
| Actual received Loose / Envelopes 9-27-2015 | \$ 4,1883.00 |
| Budgeted Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date | \$ 72,692.20 |
| Actual received Loose/Envelopes year-to-date 9-27-2015 | \$ 52,383.40 |
| OVER BUDGET | \$ 20,308.80 |

ST. FIDELIS THRIFT SHOP 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.

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March for Life Trip to Topeka

The Diocese of Salina Respect Life Office will sponsor a bus trip to the March for Life in Topeka, **January 22, 2016**. The trip includes bus fare, breakfast, Rally, Mass, lunch, and March for Life in Topeka. The cost of the trip is \$70 if you register by November 20. Late registration is \$75. *Registration deadline is December 11.* Register at www.salinadiocese.org/respect-life.

Catholic Charities Offers Therapeutic Services

HAYS CATHOLIC CHARITIES offers therapeutic services to individuals, couples, and adolescents dealing with emotional turmoil and stress. Professional guidance is available so that you do not have to suffer in silence. Gwen Hodges, licensed therapist, is accepting clients at our new location, 122 E 12th St. Therapy services may be covered by your insurance, or you may qualify for a reduced, sliding scale fee. Contact the Catholic Charities Hays office for more details at 785-625-2644.

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.

Big Cash Giveaway

St. Fidelis Council #1867 will be selling tickets for their Big Cash Giveaway. Only a set amount of tickets will be sold so the chances of winning are very good! You can purchase your tickets from local K. of C. members at any time OR call Ollie Kuhn at 735-4234. Members will be selling tickets after Mass on Sunday, October 25. All proceeds go towards local Knights of Columbus charities.

Memorial Mass and Dinner

Knights of Columbus members and spouses of deceased members, mark your calendars for the 3rd and 4th Degree Memorial Mass and Dinner on **Sunday, October 25**, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Memorial Hall.

Monthly Meeting

Knights of Columbus members will meet on **Tuesday, October 13**, at 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Hall.

OCTOBER

Sunday October 11 — Jubilee Choir performs 10:00 A.M. mass
Liturgy of the Word for pre-K through 3rd
Wednesday, October 14 — Religious Education K-5 6:30-7:15
6-12 7:30-8:30
Thursday, October 22 — 7:00 P.M. - Religious Education
Committee Meeting

Religious Ed Committee Meeting

The Religious Education Committee meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 22, 2015**, at 7:00 P.M. in the Meal Site Room at the Parish Activity Center. Please feel free to park in the North parking lot of the PAC.

CYO Rendezvous

Sunday, October 18, 2015

Calling all teenagers in grades 9th through 12th!

Let's gather at St. Fidelis for Mass, an introduction to Eucharistic adoration, fellowship and dinner; sharing in an afternoon of worship and reflection. Your parents and family members are more than welcome to attend Mass and Adoration. Mass will begin at 4:00 P.M.; Eucharistic adoration and a discussion from our guest speaker will follow.

Dinner in the open air (weather permitting) at the PAC will end our evening together. This event is expected to last until 6:00 P.M., at the latest.

If you have never attended a CYO event before then that is all the more reason to come! Please know your presence is encouraged and we look forward to seeing you there!



CYO Ski Trip

Join us for fellowship in Colorful Colorado's beautiful Rocky mountains!

When: December 20 – 23, 2015

Where: Salida, Colorado
Monarch Mountain

Who: Teens in ninth through twelfth grade

Cost: \$300.00 per teenager



Adults who wish to sponsor a child and pay for all or a portion of their trip are more than welcome. Your contribution enables us to offer scholarships for students unable to cover the full cost of the trip. For more information regarding contributions, scholarships, chaperoning, and to register please contact Jeanette Brungardt at 785-639-5067 or 785-735-9244. (Teenagers who wish to not ski but would still like to join us would be charged a smaller fee and are also MORE than welcome!) Peace!

Cursillo Weekend for Women Set

Cursillo in Christianity is an encounter with self, Christ, and others. It is a method to develop, live and share spirituality in any area of human life where Christians want to dedicate their lives to God. If you are interested in a means of personal growth in living what is fundamental for being a Christian, and encouraging one another in proclaiming the best news of the best reality that God in Christ loves us, please prayerfully consider attending.

The next weekend event is: Women's weekend **March 3-6, 2016**. Location: Victoria, Kansas, Spiritual Life Center.

Dates for a Men's weekend are still being decided, and will be announced soon. For more information contact Patricia Dusin at 785-302-1220, or patriciad@ruraltel.net.

— 24TH Annual —

Festival of Faith
One Lord, One Body, One Community



Sunday
October 11, 2015 - 3:00 PM

Ephesians 4: 2-6 (NIV)

 A time of sharing our faith in Christ with special music and words of encouragement.

 An offering will be taken to benefit the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance Second Mile fund, which provides assistance to the needy in our community. Please bring non-perishable foods to benefit our community.

Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center
Sheridan Hall, Fort Hays State University

Sponsored by:
Hays Area Chamber of Commerce
& Ellis County Ministerial Alliance

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 **Wednesday, October 21**, at Peter Mandys, 3402 Vine, at 6:00 p.m. Card Party and Game Night on **Saturday, October 17**, 7:30 p.m., 1402 E. 25th. Bring favorite beverage and snacks. All singles welcome; bring a friend.

Trick or Treat
So Others Can Eat
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.



Victoria youth groups will be collecting canned goods/nonperishable items for the Ellis County Community Assistance Center in Hays which provides food, clothing, and household items to those in need in Ellis County. Items can be left sacked on your porch for pickup. The community's support is appreciated.

Hays Diabetes Support Group

The Hays Diabetes Support Group will hold their meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the **second Monday of every month** at DSNWK, 2703 Hall St., east side of the building, door #10.

This group is for all individuals who are pre-diabetic, Type 1 and Type 2. Family members, spouses, and parents of children who are diabetic are welcome.

Please contact Jackie Williams at 785-639-3046 or you can email at haysdiabetessupgroup2015@yahoo.com. Check them out on Facebook at Hays Diabetes Support Group.



First Care Clinic

is opening the health clinic in Victoria
Wednesday, October 21.

Hours will be:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
and Friday 8:30 AM - Noon

Phone: **785-735-3710**



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.

School Collecting Box Tops, Pop Tabs, etc.

Victoria Elementary School is once again collecting **Box Tops, Pop Tabs, and Sunny D UPC labels**. Also clip and save **Tyson Project A+ labels** and find out more about the **Dillions Community Rewards** program we are involved with that can help our school earn money. VES can earn cash for our activity fund with the Box Tops and Tyson labels. 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 30, 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!

Victoria Schools Calendar

Monday — October 12 — No School—Teacher In-Service

4:30 pm HS volleyball @ Plainville. Depart: 3:00

7:30 pm BOE meeting

Tuesday — October 13

AIM period—students will have directed study. Alumni for

AIM—10th and 11th graders will meet in the auditorium

4:00 pm HS volleyball vs. Macksville with LaCrosse

Wednesday — October 14

8:45 am 1st Grade @ FHSU

LifeTouch fall 2nd chance pictures

AIM period—students will have directed study

Thursday — October 15

Mrs. Somers and select students to Great Bend

AIM period—students will have directed study. STUCO meeting in Mr. Dronberger's room

4:00 pm Cross country @ Coldwater. Depart: 12:30

4:30 pm JH volleyball vs. Ness City. Depart: 2:00

6:30 pm JH football @ Ness City

Friday — October 16

KSHSAA state tennis

AIM period—students will have directed study

7:00 pm HS football @ Thunder Ridge

Saturday — October 17

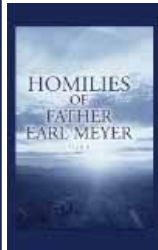
KSHSAA state tennis

HS volleyball—CPL Tournament @ Ellinwood



World Mission Sunday Next Week

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to support the 1,150 of the youngest dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and please be generous in next weekend's collection for the Society of the Propagation on the Faith.



In the Parish Office and Gift Shop
"Homilies of Father Earl Meyer - Year A"
 and
"Homilies of Father Earl Meyer - Year B"

Hard cover \$20; soft cover \$10.
 Also available online as a Kindle or Nook.

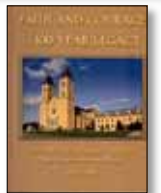
Mary Kay Schippers' New Book Available in Gift Shop

"Another Year on the Family Farm" by Mark Kay Schippers is now available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop. This sequel to "A Year on the Family Farm" sells for \$15 with all profits going to the Tri-Parishes.



"FAITH AND COURAGE . . . 100 YEAR LEGACY"

Church History/Directory
 Copies available at the Parish Office for \$20.⁰⁰.
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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

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| MONDAY | OCTOBER 12 |
| 7:00 pm Albert and Almeda Hoffman | |
| TUESDAY | OCTOBER 13 |
| 6:45 am Derek Dreiling | |
| WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 14 |
| 7:00 pm Edmund A. Kuhn | |
| THURSDAY | OCTOBER 15 |
| 6:45 am James "Fritz" Wohler Bonivent, Margaret, Donnie, Leo, Hubert, and Galen Dinkel and Marlene Dinkel | |
| FRIDAY | OCTOBER 16 |
| 6:45 am Pat and Theresa Dreiling 64th wedding anniversary | |
| SATURDAY | OCTOBER 17 |
| 5:00 pm St. Fidelis Edwin Engel and Leo and Hubertine Stramel family | |
| SUNDAY | 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| 7:30 am St. Ann Gehardt, Agnes, and Gilbert Rohr | OCTOBER 18 |
| 8:45 am St. Boniface For the parishes | |
| 10:00 am St. Fidelis Mary Mae Pfeifer and Alois and Sueellen Pfeifer | |

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 17, 5:00 pm

| Cantor | Ministers | Servers | Greeters |
|---------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Addie Roth | Wanda Karlin | Ally Dinkel | Rick / Kim |
| Kathy Amrein | Debbie Staab | Brady Dinkel | Ptacek |
| Lector | Gib / Carol | Brooklyn | Cora Schulte |
| Amorette | Billinger | Nowak | |
| Windholz | Melissa Schmidt | | |
| Comm. | Yvonne Braun | | |
| Sandy Scheck | Deb Geschwentner | | |

Sunday, October 18, 10:00 am

| Cantor | Ministers | Servers | Greeters |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Jim / Becky | Anne Dinkel | Ethan Rupp | Jamey Roth |
| Scheck | Randy Leiker | Lane Kisner | family |
| Lector | Det Younger | Collin Kisner | Sandy Scheck |
| Shanna Dinkel | Norma Keenan | | |
| | Joan Wellbrock | | |
| Comm. | Fran Robben | | |
| Det Younger | Amorette Windholz | | |



St. Fidelis Food Pantry

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