

"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	

www.stfidelischurch.com

September 6, 2015 – 23rd 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:

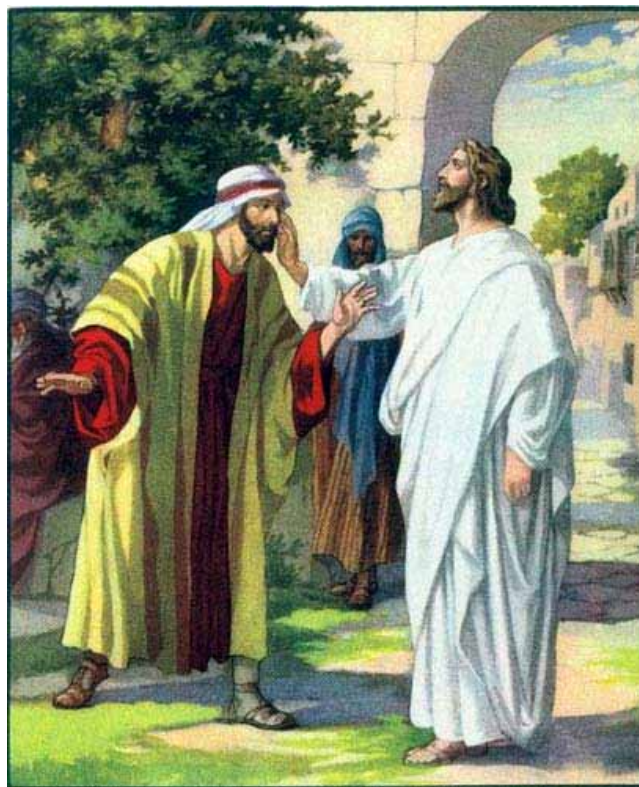
at St. Fidelis — Mondays — 7:30 pm
 or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

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

Sept. 11 — Patriot Day
Sept. 12-13 — Seed Wheat blessing at all Masses
Sept. 13 — Family Life sponsored Card Party for Grandparents Day
Sept. 14 — Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sept. 20 — Catechetical Sunday — "Brunch on the Plaza"
Sept. 25-26 — VHS Homecoming
Sept. 26 — Alumni Mass 4:00 p.m. (No 5:00 p.m. Mass)



“He has done all these things. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

(from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 7:31-37)

The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 7, in celebration of Labor Day. Mass on Monday will be at 9:00 a.m. No 7:00 p.m. Mass.





We conclude our presentation of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*, with his final exhortation and the two prayers which he composed asking God to bless our efforts to care for our Sister Earth.

245. *God, who calls us to generous commitment and to give him our all, offers us the light and the strength needed to continue on our way. In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. Praise be to him!*

246. *At the conclusion of this lengthy reflection which has been both joyful and troubling, I propose that we offer two prayers. The first we can share with all who believe in a God who is the all-powerful Creator; while in the other we Christians ask for inspiration in our commitment to creation set before us by the Gospel of Jesus.*

A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe, to know that we are united to every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love, and peace.

A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation

Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you! Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. Dwell in our hearts and inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love, and beauty. Praise be to you! Amen.

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Contributions August 29-30, 2015

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2074.00 Loose 1033.39

ST. ANN:

Adult 663.00 Loose 236.00
Coffee & Rolls 126.50

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 530.00 Loose 216.00
Candles 70.00

Money Counters

Sept. 8 (Tuesday) — Arlene Pfeifer

Sept. 14 — Doris Weigel, Shirley Weigel

Baptism



We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Jayce Steven Pfeifer**, son of Jason and Sarah (Bill) Pfeifer. Jayce Steven, born July 2, 2015, was baptized at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, by Father John Schmeidler on Saturday, August 29, 2015. His godparents are Jared Pfeifer and Courtney Klein.



Congratulations



The parishes offer their congratulations to **Cammie Schmidtberger** and **Geoffrey Whisman** who were married at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Saturday, August 29, 2015.

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.

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.

MASS AT HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer will host a Mass to commemorate the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross on **Sunday, September 13, at 3:00 p.m.** The celebrant will be Fr. John Schmeidler. Music will be provided by Trilogry. Seed wheat will be blessed.

There will be a social in the school building following the Mass.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Minister Schedules

The St. Fidelis Fall Ministry schedules are available at the entrances of the church.

ST. ANN

Work Day at St. Ann

St. Ann's Christian Mothers will be sponsoring a Work Day on **Saturday, September 19**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The school kitchen will be the main focus, but other areas of the school will also be tackled as time allows. Lunch will be provided and all able-bodied parishioners are invited to join the fun!

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.

Monthly Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet at 7:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 8**, at the Memorial Home.

COMMUNITY

Commodities to Be Distributed

Government surplus commodities will be distributed on **Wednesday, September 16**, from 1:30-2:00 p.m. at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street, Victoria. Please use the north entrance.



Starting Wednesday, September 9th

ADULT FITNESS CLASS

Every Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Victoria Elementary Gym

Anyone 18 and over welcome.

Contact Shannon Radke 785-735-4504.



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, September 16 and 30**, at Arby's, 3501 Vine, at 6:00 p.m. All singles welcome; bring a friend.

ST. FIDELIS PARISH Envelope and Loose Offertory Collections	
Budgeted Loose / Envelopes per week	\$ 5,192.30
Actual received Loose / Envelopes 8-30-2015	\$ 3,107.39
Budgeted Loose/ Envelopes year-to-date	\$ 46,730.70
Actual received Loose/Envelopes year-to-date 8-30-2015	\$ 33,477.00
OVER BUDGET	\$ 13,253.70

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Liturgy of the Word Leader

If anyone is interested in leading Liturgy of the Word for Pre-School one Sunday a month during the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Fidelis, please call Shirley Brungardt at the Religious Ed office at 735-9244.

Center for Ministry Development Save the Date!

Engaging Parents Forming Family Faith is a workshop designed for all parish, diocesan, and Catholic school leaders whose ministries touch the family – including pastors, deacons, pastoral associates, coordinators of youth ministry, leaders in faith formation and catechists, sacramental preparation leaders, family ministers, service/social concerns leaders, Catholic school principals and teachers. The cost of the workshop is \$54.00, which includes handouts and lunch. For more information or to register, go to:

<https://www.cmdnet.org/EPFFF-reg>

Click on the red box, “Workshop Dates and Locations”, to find the workshop offered in Hays.

DATE: Saturday, September 12, 2015

TIME: 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Immaculate Heart of Mary (Hays, KS)

“How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith!” ~ Pope Francis, July 26, 2014 Angelus

Religious Education Classes

Religion classes for students in grades K-5 begin on Wednesday, September 9, from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. Classes for students in grades 6-12 also begin on September 9th, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center.

If you have not yet updated registration forms for your children, please stop in at the Religious Ed office any time during office hours and complete the necessary paperwork before September 4th.

Items for Religious Ed Program

If anyone has crayons—new or used, children’s scissors, markers, rulers, or new pencils that you would be willing to donate to the religious ed programs, those items can be dropped off at the Religious Ed Office anytime during office hours. Thank you. Shirley and Jeanette.



LITURGY

Commission Meeting

The Liturgy Commission will meet on **Wednesday, September 16**, at 5:30 p.m. in the PAC.

DIOCESE

Catholic Charities Open House

Catholic Charities would like to invite everyone to their Open House on **Friday, September 18**, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bishop Weisenburger will have a special blessing of the office at 11:00 am. Come see the new office and meet the staff.

Diocese Honoring Married Couples

The Diocese of Salina wishes to honor all couples who are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60 or more years of marriage.

Celebrations with Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, celebrant, are planned at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Salina, **Sunday, October 11**, 3:00 p.m., and at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Hays, **Sunday, October 18**, 3:00 p.m. If you would like to participate in one of these celebrations, please notify the parish office **by Tuesday, September 8**, requesting a personal invitation.

Please provide your Last Name, First Name of Husband and Wife, Street Address, City, State, ZIP, Phone Number, Home Parish, Anniversary Date and Year Married, Anniversary Number being celebrated in 2015 and the location of the parish where you will be attending.

March for Life in January

The Diocese of Salina Respect Life Office will sponsor a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., January 20-24, 2016. The trip includes bus fare, hotel for two nights, Mass, the March For Life, National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, sightseeing, and the Life is VERY Good Rally (www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx) (optional, additional cost). Cost of the trip is \$325 per person. Online registration is open at salinadiocese.org/respect-life, or pick up a form at the parish office. There is a \$50 non-refundable reservation fee. Reservations are due no later than October 1. For more information contact Eric and Jaclyn Brown at 785-650-2474 or respectlife@salinadiocese.org.

CANTERBURY PILGRIMAGES & TOURS will host a “fly” option to the March for Life January 21-24, 2016. This round-trip airfare from Kansas City Airport will include hotel in the Greater D.C. area, breakfast daily at the hotel, participation in the Pro-Life Rally and March, three dinners at restaurants in the greater D.C. area, motor coach transportation, celebration of Mass with others from around the country as well as the other pilgrims from the Diocese of Salina, and sightseeing. Cost for the trip starts as low as \$995 per person. For more information or to reserve online, visit salinadiocese.org/respect-life, or pick up a form at the parish office.

V.F.W. and Auxiliary Meetings



The V.F.W. and the V.F.W. Auxiliary will meet on **Thursday, September 10**, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall.



CITYWIDE CLEANUP

SEPTEMBER 18 (3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.)
 SEPTEMBER 19 (8:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.)
 SEPTEMBER 20 (8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.)



Victoria Residents Only

Black and White:

Moral Clarity in a World of Gray

with the Director of Catholic Answers: *Tim Staples*

Saturday, Sept. 12 * 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Rose Garden Banquet Hall

Tickets: \$50

(includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, 2 drinks, and speaker)

Tickets available at:

Divine Mercy Radio, 108 E. 12th St. Ste. #1, Hays
 or on line at: dvmercy.com

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.

Help DSNWK Through Dillons Shopping

You can support people with developmental disabilities with a simple swipe of your Dillons card. How? Just register your existing Plus Shopper's Card! Signing up is simple, and you won't have to do a thing except use your Dillons plus shopper's card when purchasing items. Signing up for the community rewards program with your Dillons card has no bearing on your ability to accumulate or use fuel points for yourself. To designate DSNWK to receive funds from Dillons based on your purchases, just follow the instructions below.

1. Make sure you have a Dillons Plus Shoppers Card.
2. Visit <https://www.dillons.com/communityrewards>
3. Sign in to your account or create an account if you do not yet have one.
4. Click "Enroll Now".
5. Type the first three letters of "Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas" in the search box or search using DSNWK's Community Rewards Number: 10111.
6. Select Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas in the search results and click "Enroll".

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!



Monday — September 7 — No School, Labor Day!

Tuesday — September 8

AIM period—students will have directed study

4:00 pm HS volleyball @ Otis-Bison. Departure: 2:15

6:00 pm HS JV football @ Central Plains

Wednesday — September 9

FCCLA District meeting @ Hoisington. Mrs. Connie Braun and students will attend

Josten's Yearbook Workshop and yearbook ad sales in Hays.

The yearbook class will be gone all day

AIM period—students will have directed study. Alumni for Aim in Auditorium for 10th and 11th graders

5:30 pm JH cheer practice

5:30 pm HS cheer practice

Thursday — September 10

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

1:00 pm HS JV Tennis @ Trego. Departure: 11:30

4:30 pm Cross country @ Quinter. Departure: 2:50

4:30 pm JH volleyball @ Macksville. Departure: 2:15

6:30 pm JH football vs. Macksville

Friday — September 11

11:00 am LifeTouch fall sports pictures. The following teams will be taken:

HS: football, volleyball, tennis, cross country, cheerleaders

JH: football, volleyball, cheerleaders

AIM period—students will have directed study

7:00 pm HS football @ Ellinwood

Saturday — September 12

ACT Test

9:00 am JV tennis @ Norton

9:00 am HS volleyball tournament in Otis-Bison. Depart: 7:45 from east parking lot

Seed Wheat Blessing

Seed wheat will be blessed during all Masses the next weekend of September 12-13. A table will be placed near the Communion railing for you to place your seed wheat on before Mass.



Tri-Parish Family Life Commission Cards & Games Party In honor of GRANDPARENTS DAY SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 13

2:00 — 4:30 p.m.

Parish Activity Center

Play Pinochle, Farkle,
Dominos, Rummikub, etc.



FUN FOR ALL AGES.

*We ask that you make your Grandparent's, Neighbor's,
or Friend's day a little more special by bringing them
to this celebration!*

There will be snacks and door prizes.

New Steps on West Side of Church

The sand stone steps in front of St. Fidelis Church are being replaced sometime in the next couple of months. At this time we do not have a specific use for the stones being replaced. We are asking people if there is an interest in purchasing portions of the steps. We will not be cutting them; you're purchasing them whole. If interested, contact Fr. John at the Parish Office.

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	LABOR DAY	SEPTEMBER 7
9:00 am Gilbert Rohleder		
TUESDAY		SEPTEMBER 8
6:45 am Alois, Mary Mae, and Sueellen Pfeifer		
WEDNESDAY		SEPTEMBER 9
7:00 pm David Winter Olinto and Viola Lodovici		
THURSDAY		SEPTEMBER 10
6:45 am Marlene Dinkel		
FRIDAY		SEPTEMBER 11
6:45 am Adam (anniv) and Leona Sander		
SATURDAY		SEPTEMBER 12
2:00 pm St. Fidelis Andrea Robben and Nick Felder wedding		
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Gilbert Karlin and Arthur Wagner families living and deceased		
SUNDAY	24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	SEPTEMBER 13
7:30 am St. Ann Leon (anniv), Gerard, Mary, and Ron Hammerschmidt		
8:45 am St. Boniface Verlin, Patty, and Stephan Dreiling		
10:00 am St. Fidelis Larry Berens Herman and Anita Weber family living and deceased Winnie Beckwith		

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 12, 5:00 pm

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
John Braun	Mary Lou Rome Teresa Shepherd	Eric Braun Justin Braun	Kathy Kuhn Mary Lou Rome
Lector	Tom Tholen	Ethan Rupp	Rome
Sandy Scheck	Mark / Danita Schroeder		Arlene Wittman
Comm.	Kathy Kuhn		
Amorette Windholz	Wanda Karlin		

Sunday, September 13, 10:00 am

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Megan Karst	John Braun Wanda Kuhn	Jalyn Dinkel Jaxon Dinkel	Jeff / Janine Kisner
Lector	Colleen Kuhn	Jarron Schmidt	Yvonne Braun
Marilyn Braun	Tammy Dome Jamey /Angie		
Comm.	Roth		
Det Younger	Leeroy Schmidtberger		

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