

"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.
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.	Hospital Visits: To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.
		EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAYS 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

April 17, 2016 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Masses:

St. Fidelis, Victoria

Saturday — 5:00 pm
 Sunday — 10:00 am
 Monday — 7:00 pm
 Tuesday through 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

April 22 — Earth Day
April 24 — Feast of St. Fidelis
April 24 — Fidelisfest
May 8 — Mother's Day
May 15 — High School Graduation
May 18 — 8th Grade Promotions
May 19 — Last day of school
May 21 — Armed Forces Day
May 30 — Memorial Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
June 5 — Feast of St. Boniface
June 14 — Flag Day
June 19 — Father's Day
July 4 — Independence Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
July 26 — Feast of St. Ann



**“My sheep hear my voice;
 I know them, and they follow me.
 I give them eternal life,
 and they shall never perish. ...”**

(from the Holy Gospel according to John 10:27-30)



Pope Francis recently issued a letter on Marriage entitled, *Amoris Laetitia*, The Joy of Love. The document is lengthy, over 200 pages, yet well worth the effort to read it. For those who do not have the time nor are inclined to read lengthy texts for the next few weeks, we will offer selected quotes to give a sense of the substance of his message. Perhaps this will prompt some to read and reflect on the full text.

Love Trusts and Sets Free

The fourth chapter may be a good place to begin since it offers practical advice following the theology of the first three chapters. Pope Francis builds this fourth chapter on St. Paul's famous and often quoted description of love as patient, kind, and bearing and believing all things. Examining each of these words, the pontiff puts them into their cultural context to better explain the Christian view of love. The reflection is in effect a careful back-to-the-basics explanation of how Christians should act.

On St. Paul's description that love "bears all things," the pontiff states: "Married couples joined by love speak well of each other; they try to show their spouse's good side, not their weakness and faults." Commenting on "believes all things," he states: "Love trusts, it sets free, it does not try to control, possess and dominate everything."

Love in the Partnership of Marriage

Francis then speaks to people considering or just beginning marriage, offering kind advice about life-long partnership. He calls on partners to practice dialogue with one another. "Men and women, young people and adults, communicate differently. They speak different languages and they act in different ways. Take time, quality time. This means being ready to listen patiently and attentively to everything the other person wants to say. It requires the self-discipline of not speaking until the time is right.

"Develop the habit of giving real importance to the other person. This means appreciating them and recognizing their right to exist, to think as they do and to be happy. Never downplay what they say or think, even if you need to express your own point of view. Keep an open mind. Don't get bogged down in your own limited ideas and opinions, but be prepared to change or expand them. The combination of two different ways of thinking can lead to a synthesis that enriches both."

The Spirituality of Marriage

"Just as God dwells in the praises of his people, so he dwells deep within the marital love that gives him glory. The Lord's presence dwells in real and concrete families, with all their daily troubles and struggles, joys and hopes. The spirituality of family love is made up of thousands of small but real gestures. In that variety of gifts and encounters which deepen communion, God has his dwelling place. Life as a couple is a daily sharing in God's creative work, and each person is for the other a constant challenge from the Holy Spirit. The two are thus mutual reflections of that divine love which comforts with a word, a look, a helping hand, a caress, an embrace."

"No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love. All of us are called to keep striving towards something greater than ourselves and our families, and every family must feel this constant impulse. Let us make this journey as families, let us keep walking together. May we never lose heart because of our limitations, or ever stop seeking that fullness of love and communion which God holds out before us"

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Contributions Easter

April 9-10, 2016

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2055.00 Loose 1745.96
Repair Fund 13.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 821.00 Loose 417.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 295.00 Loose 311.00
Candles 45.00

Money Counters

April 18 — Connie Dreiling, Janie Dinges

Apr. 15 — Dianne Crawford, Marilyn Braun

Baptism



We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Brynlee Rose Anderson**, daughter of Dustin and Lindsay (Schuckman) Anderson. Brynlee Rose, born February 22, 2016, was baptized at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, by Father John Schmeidler on Sunday, April 10, 2016. Her godparents are Nolan Schuckman and Tiffany Robben.

~ NEXT WEEKEND ~ 21st ANNUAL FIDELISFEST SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016

MASS—10:00 AM

COUNTRY STORE—11:00 AM UNTIL SOLD OUT

KID'S GAMES—11:00 AM

SILENT AUCTION—11:00-11:30

LIVE AUCTION—11:30

RAFFLE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED
FOLLOWING THE LIVE AUCTION

HAMBURGERS, BEER, BRATS, AND POP
THROUGHOUT THE DAY

CHANGE OF LOCATION—BEHIND THE PAC
WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR MORE
INFORMATION

AUCTION ITEMS MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE
OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS OR BY CALLING
JAN AT 785-735-2777 TO ARRANGE FOR A
MORE CONVENIENT TIME.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

SAVE THE DATE!

*St. Fidelis Daughters of Isabella
90th Anniversary Celebration*

Sunday, May 1, 2016

10:00 a.m. Mass at The Basilica of St. Fidelis

Followed by a reception and dinner at noon at
the Victoria V.F.W. Hall.

Invitations have been sent. Please RSVP by April 18.

Celebrating Queen Isabella Day

Daughters of Isabella will celebrate Queen Isabella Day Friday, April 22, with Mass at 10:15 a.m. at Via Christi Village, 2225 Canterbury, Hays.

Antique Car Club Touring Church

The Colorado High Peaks Antique Car Club will be touring The Basilica of St. Fidelis on Saturday, April 23, somewhere around 9:30 or 10:00 a.m. as part of the club's tour through Kansas. They will be bringing about 15 antique cars.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT — Kyle and Charlotte (Harbert) Schulte would like to announce that they were married on Saturday, April 2, 2016, in Olmitz, Kansas.

CHOIR

CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Annual 4th Degree Knights Dinner

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree 0305 will have their annual dinner on Sunday, April 17, at the Memorial Home, 503 Main Street, Victoria.

Social Hour starts about 5:00 p.m. Dinner about 6:00 p.m. Dress is casual.

Wives of deceased brothers will be guests of the Knights.

DIOCESE

APRIL-ALERT

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Children are trafficked for forced labor, domestic work, as child soldiers, and for begging, but most children are trafficked for sexual exploitation. There is a demand for younger and younger victims worldwide. This demand comes from customers in the growing global sex industry. Pray for children of the world. Access the website sistersagainstrafficking.org... U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

Baby Bottle Campaign



Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas will be conducting their 5th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Bottles can be picked up here at church the weekend of April 30-May 1 and returned the weekend of June 25-26.

Your contribution supports pregnancy services that include emergency assistance, counseling support, and adoption guidance. All money stays local and helps people who need our services the most.

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas
— serving those all ALL faiths.



Playing For God's Team VBS
June 13 – June 17
8:30 – 11:30 A.M. daily
Victoria Grade School

On Wednesday, April 6, pre-registration forms for **“Playing for God’s Team” Vacation Bible School** were sent home with all students in grades K through 5. If you are a parent of a kindergarten through fifth grade student and did not receive a form, please contact Jeanette Brungardt in the Religious Ed Office at 785-735-9244 or by email at FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net. Information can also be found on the Basilica’s Facebook page!

Pre-registration forms are due to the Religious Ed Office by May 11, 2016.

“Let the field be joyful and all that is in it.” Psalm 96:12

Religious Education K-12

On the last day of religious education, **Wednesday, April 27**, all grades in Kindergarten through 12th grade will meet at the Basilica of St. Fidelis for Mass at 7:00 P.M. Parents and families are welcome and encouraged to attend! This service will last between 30 to 45 minutes.

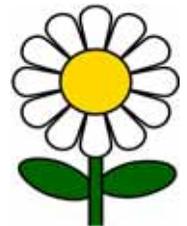
APRIL CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 20 — Religious Education
 K-5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.
 6-12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 27 — Last day of Religious Education Classes
 7:00 P.M. — ALL of K-12 Mass at the Basilica of St. Fidelis

End of Year Picnic!

The Religious Education Office, the Christian Mother’s of St. Ann in Walker and the parishioners of the “Beacon of Faith”, in Walker, want to end the school year with a special get-together and BBQ for all parishioners throughout the tri-parishes especially our students, their families, catechist’s and family, along with the volunteers who provide tremendous support to the Religious Education Office.



- WHERE?** **St. Ann’s Catholic Church, Walker, KS**
WHO? **Students, catechists, volunteers, families & parishioners**
WHEN? **Saturday, April 30th following the 6:30 P.M. Mass at St. Ann’s**
WHAT TO BRING? **Lawn chairs or blanket (seating is also available inside parish hall) along with a side dish or dessert. Food can be dropped off at Parish Hall before or during the 6:30 Mass.**

Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 27, with the Religious Education Office at 785-735-9244 or by e-mail (Jeanette): FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net, (Shirley): sfreled@ruraltel.net—Thank you!! ☺

COMMUNITY

Victoria Elementary Still Collecting Box Tops

The **Pop Tabs** have been delivered to the **Ronald McDonald House** in Topeka! Victoria Elementary had a total of 123 pounds of tabs, and we were able to donate a check of \$47.97 this year. We have already started to collect for next year! Remember we are also collecting **Box Tops** so if you have any of these items be sure to give them to any elementary school student or staff member, or you can drop them off at the school. Thanks again for all your help!

Ellis St. Mary CYO Community Fried Chicken Dinner Sunday, April 24

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 Roll, and Dessert
 Ages 5-9: \$5.00; Ages 10 & over: \$10.00

Rachel 's Vineyard Retreats

The mercy of Jesus is like an ocean ready to flow into any soul who asks for even a small portion. Experience the healing touch of Jesus' mercy.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats. *Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time.*

Next Retreat: May 20-22
 1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383)
 785.639.4643 (call or text)
rvineyard@ruraltel.net
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Prayer Hour for Our Nation

We need a lot of prayer, since we are in an important election season. Prayer hour **every 3rd Tuesday** of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Fidelis Church. All are welcome!



Community Assistance Center — 12th and Oak, Hays

GARAGE SALE

Tuesday, April 19 • 8:00-11:00 am



ART Show & SALE

Date: Sunday, May 1st
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Place: Sand Plum Nature Trail just west of St. Fidelis Basilica in Victoria (From the church go west on 10th street onto the sand road, approx. ¼ mile.)
Featuring: Local artists; photographers, antique art (for sale by artist) Limestone keepsakes will be given away and your donation will go directly to the Basilica. The nature trail will be open to visitors attending the art show!
Admission: Free

Sponsored by Sand Plum Art

VICTORIA VFW POST 1751—If you are looking for a place to gather for Receptions, Weddings, Anniversaries, Family Reunions, Class Reunions, Dances, First Communion, or any type of get together, the VFW has a full kitchen that can be used if needed. For more information to rent the Hall, please call Dennis at 785-639-4621.

Commodities to Be Distributed

Government surplus commodities will be distributed on **Tuesday, April 19**, at 1:30 p.m. at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street, Victoria.



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, April 20**, at Gutch's Bar & Grill, 111 W. 7th St., at 6:00 p.m. All singles welcome; bring a friend.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Host families are needed for high school exchange students for the 2016-2017 academic year. The students will arrive in mid-August 2016 and will attend local high schools. Approved families may choose from online applications. For more information, call Kori Braun at 785-735-4161

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Tri-Parishes,

I am writing this bulletin insert as an open invitation to anyone who may feel the calling to volunteer your time and talent to help out with funeral dinners. This is a wonderful way to give back to the church what it has given to you. Stewardship is the name of the game.

I have been organizing the meals and calling for volunteers to help prepare, serve, and clean up following the meals for some time now. Sometimes I feel like I am calling the same people over and over again.

Just the other day I had some new ladies that have retired from their jobs recently offer to help out; I thought that was wonderful. This is where I came up with the idea to give others the chance to volunteer.

I hope I have not caused any hard feelings if I have not called on you before and I am truly sorry. Now is your chance to let me know if you have a little time that you could donate. We usually start at 8:00 a.m. and work until the job is done, depending on the number of people we have to serve.

For years the St. Fidelis Christian Mothers, under the direction of the Tri-Parish Family Life Commission, have been offering this service to our parishioners who have lost a loved one. Some of our volunteers are not members of the Christian Mothers; we appreciate their help so much, and that is why I am asking you to consider calling me and allowing me to add your name to the volunteer call list. The fellowship is just wonderful! And as I have said many times before "many hands make light work". All I need is your name, telephone number, and when you would be available to help.

God bless you in advance for all you do for our parishes in his name. God bless you for considering this service.

I can be reached at the parish office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at phone number 785-735-2777 or on my cell phone at 785-735-9478 or 785-735-4106. Please leave a message and I will get ahold of you as soon as possible.

Bertha Brungardt

YOUTH MINISTRY

JR. CYO Camp

Rock Springs Ranch • May 28 – May 31, 2016

This camp is available for any 6th through 8th grader, during the 2015-2016 school year. Rock Springs Ranch is a 4H Center and lays on a sprawling 700+ acres in the Kansas Flint Hills, located outside of Junction City. Outdoor activities available to kids will include: archery, volleyball, crafts, canoeing, softball, trap shooting, and horseback riding. Spiritual activities will include Mass, daily prayers, and a pit Mass, along with a surprise or two along the way. 😊

Registration forms along with the pre-registration fee are due to the Diocese of Salina by May 5, 2016. Please contact Jeanette, 785-735-9244, at the PAC with any questions and for registration forms.

A few kids have signed-up already and we hope and pray that many more can take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! Blessings.

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

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.



MINISTER SCHEDULES for Masses at the Basilica of St. Fidelis can be found on the church's website on the "Mass Schedule" page.

www.StFidelisChurch.com

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	APRIL 18
7:00 pm Lawrence "Bud" Brungardt, Jr.	
TUESDAY	APRIL 19
6:45 am Anna Sander	
Clarence Billinger	
Rita Billinger	
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 20
6:45 am Albert Rohleder	
THURSDAY	APRIL 21
6:45 am Charlita Karlin	
FRIDAY	APRIL 22
6:45 am Louise Schmidtberger	
Jonah Schmidtberger	
SATURDAY	APRIL 23
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Herman, Regina, Joyce, and Kenny Brungardt	
6:30 pm St. Ann Gilbert Rohr	
Bob Weigel, Anselm, Anna, and Donnie Braun	
SUNDAY	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	APRIL 24
8:45 am St. Boniface	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Alice Brungardt	

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 23, 5:00 pm

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Becky / Jim	Wanda Karlin	Emma Rupp	George /
Scheck	Gib Billinger	Ethan Rupp	Mary Ann
<u>Lector</u>	Carol Billinger	Hannah Radke	Dinkel
Sandy	Colleen Kuhn		Mary Lou
Scheck	Dianne Crawford		Rome
<u>Comm.</u>	Mary Brungardt		
Shanna	Kathy Kuhn		
Dinkel			

Sunday, April 24, 10:00 am

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Adult	John Braun	Aspen	Bill / Diana
Choir	Connie Braun	Schoenrock	Schmidtberger
<u>Lector</u>	Mark Schroeder	Grant	Jeff / Janine
Yvonne	Danita Schroeder	Schoenrock	Kisner
Braun	Jamey Roth	Taylor	
<u>Comm.</u>	Angie Roth	Anderson	
Teresa	Wanda Kuhn		
Shepherd	Deb Geschwentner		



St. Fidelis Food Pantry

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