

"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 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 / www.stbonifacevincent.com

August 7, 2016 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Aug. 15 — Assumption (NOT a Holy Day of Obligation)—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Aug. 15 — First day of school
Sept. 5 — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Sept. 10-11 — Blessing of seed wheat at all Masses
Sept. 11 — Patriot Day
Sept. 11 — Grandparents Day
Sept. 14 — Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sept. 18 — Children's Liturgy begins
Sept. 18 — Catechetical Sunday
Sept. 23-24 — Homecoming activities; 4:30 Alumni Mass; No 5:00 Mass
Oct. 10 — Columbus Day
Oct. 31 — Halloween
Nov. 1 — All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

“You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 12:32-48)



Thursday, August 11, is the feast of St. Clare of Assisi, companion of Saint Francis of Assisi and the foundress of the Order of Saint Clare, known popularly as the Poor Clares. She was born in Assisi on July 16, 1194, and baptized Chiara Offreduccio, the eldest daughter in a wealthy noble family. At age 18 she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach a Lenten service in the local church of San Giorgio and asked him to help her live according to the Gospel. On Palm Sunday in 1212, Clare left her father's home quietly and went to the chapel of the Porziuncula to meet with Francis. While there, Clare's hair was cut off and she was given a plain robe and veil in exchange for her rich gown.

Clare then joined the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo near Assisi under the guidance of St. Francis. Her father sought her out, found her and tried to force her back into his home but she refused professing that she would no longer live a life of luxury but live as a poor follower of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Clare's younger sister soon joined her at the Benedictine monastery, taking the name of Agnes. The two remained there until a convent was provided for them next to the church of San Damiano, which had been rebuilt by St. Francis and his early followers. Other women soon joined them and they became known as the "Poor Ladies of San Damiano." They lived a life of austerity, seclusion, manual labor, and prayer, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as the Second Franciscan Order. Initially the order was directed by St. Francis himself but in 1216 Clare became the abbess of San Damiano. After Clare's death, the order became known as the Order of Saint Clare.

St. Clare, as the feminine counterpart of St. Francis, is the embodiment of the reality that Christian spirituality is expressed differently but complimentarily by men and women and cannot be reduced to neuter format. Many of the great spiritual movements have rested on this duality: St. Benedict and St. Scholastica; St. John of the Cross and St. Theresa of Avila; Saint Augustine and Saint Monica.

A memorable historic event occurred in 1224 when an army of vagabond soldiers came to attack and pillage the city of Assisi. When the mob came to the church and convent at San Damiano, Clare went out to meet them with the Blessed Sacrament which she placed at the front wall where the army would have to see it. Then on her knees, she begged God to save the Sisters, "O Lord, save these Sisters whom I cannot now protect." In an unexplained sudden fright, the attackers panicked and fled without harming the sisters or doing further damage to the city of Assisi.

Clare died on August 11, 1253, at the age of 59, and two years later Pope Alexander IV canonized her as Saint Clare of Assisi. The Basilica of Saint Clare in Assisi was finished in 1260, and Clare's remains were transferred there and buried beneath the high altar. Some 600 years later, her remains were transferred once again to a newly constructed shrine in the crypt of the Basilica of Saint Clare where they remain today.

St. Clare was designated as the patron saint of television in 1958 by Pope Pius XII, because when she was ill and could not attend Mass she was reportedly able to see and hear it in her room. She is also the patroness of eye disease, goldsmiths, and laundry. Clare is often pictured carrying a monstrance to commemorate the time she warded off the soldiers at the gates of her convent with the Blessed Sacrament.

One final observation: in our Basilica of St. Fidelis, there are statues and stained glass windows of many great women Saints including St. Theresa of Lisieux, St. Ann, St. Theresa of Avila, St. Agnes, and St. Elizabeth, but there is no representation of Saint Clare of Assisi. An embarrassing omission by the Capuchin Franciscans!

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A rumor goes in one ear and out many mouths.

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Contributions July 30-31, 2016

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2516.00 Loose 1632.05

ST. ANN:

Adult 616.00 Loose 168.00
Coffee & Rolls 99.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 255.00 Loose 112.00
Candles 25.00

Aug. 8 — Randy Leiker, Tina Rajewski

Aug. 16 (Tuesday) — Mary Brungardt, Det Younger

Baptism



We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Vivian Gray Windholz**, daughter of Dale Windholz and Danielle Herl. Vivian Gray, born December 31, 2015, was baptized at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, by Father John Schmeidler on Sunday, July 31, 2016. Her godparents are Austin Gagnon and Ashley Herl.

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. If these hours do not work for you to drop off your donations, contact Jan at the parish office.

BULLETIN ITEMS—The deadline for bulletin articles is **Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.** Please contact Connie (sftech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) at the Parish Office if you have an item for the bulletin.

FACEBOOK & TWITTER—The CYO and Jr. CYO have separate Facebook accounts. Information on upcoming events within the tri-parishes of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface pertaining to our youth will be updated regularly! You can find us on Facebook by searching for “St. Fidelis CYO” or “St. Fidelis Jr. CYO”. The CYO and Jr. CYO have a joint Twitter account at www.twitter.com/fidelisyouth.

R.E. FACEBOOK & TWITTER—Our Religious Education program is now on Facebook and Twitter! Visit: www.facebook.com/StFidelisReligiousEd AND/OR twitter.com/StFidelisRelEd. Updates regarding grades K-12: cancellations of religious education classes, reminders of special events, and other noteworthy occurrences will be posted. Both sites will be overseen by the Office of Religious Education at the Parish Activity Center.

ST. ANN

The winner of the St. Ann
quilt raffle was
Marian Spittles from Hays.

A HUGE
thank you

to all who helped sell raffle tickets
and to all who purchased them!

Blessings to you all!

Tour Guides Needed

We are looking for individuals or couples to conduct tours of the church for visiting groups and tourists. For more information, contact Jan at the Parish office.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Religious Education Commission Meeting

August 11th, 7:00 p.m. at the PAC.

RCIA Classes Beginning Soon

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults—is the process by which a person can study Sacred Scripture and explore the teachings of the Catholic Church through classes that are offered in an environment free of pressure and among others who have similar questions in this point in their lives. Inquiry classes begin on **Monday, September 26, 2016**. For more information, please call Shirley Brungardt at the Catholic Faith Education Office at 785-735-9244.

AUGUST CALENDAR

Thursday, August 11 – 7:00 P.M. Religious Ed Committee Meeting

Monday, August 15 – Religious Ed/PAC Office closed

Tuesday, August 16 – 7:00 P.M. Religious Ed Catechist In-service Meeting

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 7 – First day of religious Ed classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6-12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Wednesday, September 14 – 5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir Practice at St. Fidelis Church
Religious Education classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

*Eighth grade parent/student meeting at 7:30 P.M. – Meal Site Room

Sunday, September 18 – 10:00 A.M. Mass — Liturgy of the Word begins

10:00 A.M – Jubilee Choir performs

Catechetical Sunday

Wednesday, September 21 — Religious Education classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

*Freshman Confirmation parent/student meeting at 7:30 P.M. – Meal Site Room

Wednesday, September 28 — Religious Education classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline 785-825-0865:

For the safety and the healing of children, the Diocese of Salina provides an Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline. Calls to this number will be answered by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, who will offer to have the Victim's Assistance Coordinator meet with the caller in person, if the caller so desires. Calls are confidential with the following exceptions:

- Any allegation of child abuse concerning those who currently are minors must be reported to the **Kansas Protection Report Center (1-800-922-5330)** as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy.
- Any allegation of child abuse including sexual misconduct must be shared with the proper diocesan authorities. Email address: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org

This bulletin announcement provided by the Diocesan Office of Safety and Security.

Married Couples to Be Honored

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. Joseph Parish, Hays, **Sunday, October 23**, at 3:00 p.m. and at St. Mary, Queen of the Universe Parish, Salina, on **Sunday, October 30**, at 3:00 p.m.

*If you would like to participate in one of these celebrations, please notify the parish office **by Thursday, September 8**, requesting a personal invitation.*



Please provide 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 2016, and the location of the parish where you will be attending.

Catholic Charities

The 2016 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will take place next weekend, August 13-14. This appeal is crucial for them to sustain their yearly operations and continue this important church ministry. With your support, Catholic Charities puts the Gospel into action by serving the poor and vulnerable throughout the Salina Diocese. Please contemplate all of the blessings you have been granted in your life and prayerfully consider making a gift this year. Please use the pledge cards and remittance envelopes provided at Mass to make a donation next weekend. You may return by using the collection plate during Mass or mailing directly to Catholic Charities. *Your support is greatly appreciated.*

If you have any questions, please contact Development Director, Eric Frank, at 785-825-0208 or efrank@ccnks.org.

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 25-29, 2017**. 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. Information can be found at www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx (optional, additional cost).

Cost of the trip is \$325 per person. Online registration will be available at <http://salinadiocese.org/respect-life>. There is a \$50 non-refundable reservation fee. **Reservations are due no later than September 30**. For more information contact Bradley Stramel at 785-259-5437 or brstramel@gmail.com.

Salina Diocese Men's Conference

This is a final reminder about the **Saturday, August 13**, Men's Conference at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. Come and hear an excellent nationally known speaker, Curtis Martin. A \$5.00 late fee will be charged after August 1. Walk in registrations are still accepted the day of the conference at the \$40.00 price.

AUGUST-ALERT

This month might be vacation time for some but traffickers are busier than ever, buying and selling men, women, and children for financial gain. About 700,000, primarily women and children are trafficked annually within or across international borders. Call 888-3737-888 if you suspect a person being trafficked. Don't forget to view **sistersagainstrafficking.org**, the website of U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

Respect Life Conference



The annual Respect Life Conference "Lobby for Life" will be held on **Saturday, August 27**, in Russell at St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish from 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Amy McInerney, Executive Director of the National Coalition for a Human Life Amendment, will be the keynote speaker. Lunch will be provided. The cost of the conference is \$20 for an individual, \$30 for a couple and \$10 for a high school student. Conference schedule and registration information, including how to register online, available at <http://salinadiocese.org/respect-life>. Learn to engage the public policy process to continue to build the culture of life!

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to all those who donated and worked
to make our
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a great success.**



V.F.W. and Auxiliary Meetings

The V.F.W. and the V.F.W. Auxiliary will meet on **Thursday, August 11**, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall.



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.

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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.

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Victoria Elementary Still Collecting Box Tops

Victoria Elementary School is still collecting **Pop Tabs** for the Ronald McDonald House and **Box Tops**. 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.

First Care Clinic

Hours will be:

**Monday – Thursday
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM – Noon**

Phone: **785-735-3710**



“Where two or three have come together in my name, I am there among them.” ~ Matthew 18:20

Pray for the Conversion 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!



NO MASS at St. Boniface TODAY— Sunday, August 7

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet on **Tuesday, August 9**, at 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Home.

K. of C. Charities Aid Foundation, Kansas State Council 2016 Religious Education Fund Raffle

\$100 per ticket

Only 1,700 applications will be accepted.

Contact Harland Rupp for tickets (785-623-1368)

Make checks payable to:

Kansas State K of C Religious Education Fund

The drawing will be held December 3, 2016.

28 prizes will be given away: one \$25,000, one \$6,000, two \$4,000 each, five \$2,000 each, and nineteen \$1,000 each.

Need not be present to win. These donations are not tax deductible.

Last year a total of \$1,125 came back to the tri-parish (St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface) Religious Education program.

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	AUGUST 8
7:00 pm Emanuel, Vera, and Tom Pfeifer	
TUESDAY	AUGUST 9
6:45 am Dennis and Justin Denning	
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 10
6:45 am Bernard Roth	
THURSDAY	AUGUST 11
6:45 am Sam and Aldea Arnold	
FRIDAY	AUGUST 12
6:45 am	
SATURDAY	AUGUST 13
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Frank J. Sr. and Rose E. Bleier family	
SUNDAY	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 14
7:30 am St. Ann Severin (anniv) and Isabelle Scheck and Joe Dreiling	
8:45 am St. Boniface	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Robert Hoffman	

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*** Sunday Rosary Schedule ***

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 13, 5:00 pm

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
John Braun	Gib Billinger	Justin Braun	Chris / Kristy
	Carol Billinger	Eric Braun	Windholz
Lector	Tammy Dome	Madisyn	Arlene
Amorette Windholz	Melissa Schmidt	Gerhardt	Wittman
	Diane Gross		
Comm.	Bertha A. Brungardt		
Cora Schulte	Leroy Schmidtberger		

Sunday, August 14, 10:00 am

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Megan Wellbrock	John Braun	Sara Schippers	Francis / Helen
	Randy Leiker	Emily	Windholz
Lector	Fran Robben	Schippers	Hockersmith
Shannon Radke	Joan Wellbrock	Lydia Sander	family
	Teresa Sheppard		
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