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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	

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December 25, 2016 – Christmas

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

Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve
Jan. 1 — New Year's Day — Mary, Mother of God
Jan. 2 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for New Year's holiday
Jan. 8 — Epiphany of the Lord
Jan. 16 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Jan. 22 — 45th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade
Jan. 23 — Pro-Life Rally in Topeka
Jan. 26-29 — March for Life in Washington D.C.
Jan. 29 — Kansas Day—156 years
Feb. 2 — Groundhog Day
Feb. 4-5 — Blessings of Throats after all Masses
Feb. 5 — Boy Scout Sunday
Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day

TODAY
IN THE
CITY OF
DAVID A
SAVIOR
HAS
BEEN
BORN
FOR
YOU....



(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:1-14)

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday.
No Eucharistic Adoration in St. Fidelis Church and no coffee at the Parish Office on Thursday, December 29.



“Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all of sin. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand; let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness; let the pagan take courage as he is invited to a new life. If you are a saint, rejoice for you are drawing nearer to your crown. If you're a sinner, rejoice for you are offered mercy. If you are a pagan, rejoice for God calls you to a new life in Christ.

In the fullness of time, in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature subject to death.

And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: Glory to God in the highest, and they proclaim peace to men of good will as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy it should bring to the lowly hearts of men.



Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.

Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ.”

~ Christmas Sermon of Pope St. Leo the Great, 451 AD

Parish Staff

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Contributions December 17-18, 2016

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2153.00 Loose 1400.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 595.00 Loose 494.73
Retired Religious 20.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 295.00 Loose 133.00
Candles 34.76

Dec. 27 (Tuesday) — Dorothy Goetz

Jan. 3 (Tuesday) — Dianne Crawford, Marilyn Braun

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Amelia T. "Millie" Jacobs**, who passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 2016. Services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Friday, December 16, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

Please keep the youth and chaperones who are attending this week's ski trip in your prayers.

Please pray for God's hand to guide everyone and may the youth and chaperones be mindful of His presence and goodness.

Please also pray for those driving to be prepared and vigilant, for the youth to enjoy one another's company and create new friendships, and for everyone to arrive safely back home at the end of their trip.

ST. FIDELIS THRIFT SHOP

will be closed until January 2, 2017.

If you have items to drop off, please bring them to the parish office during office hours.

The tithing envelopes are by the north door and in the bridal room of the Basilica of St. Fidelis.

If you are not currently receiving envelopes and would like to, contact Jan at the Parish Office.

Holiday Schedules

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

(Christmas is a holy day of obligation)

Saturday, December 24 — Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria (*Children's Mass*)

8:30 p.m. • St. Ann, Walker

10:00 p.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

Choir will begin singing at 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25 — Christmas

8:45 a.m. • St. Boniface, Vincent

10:00 a.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31 — New Year's Eve

5:00 p.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

6:30 p.m. • St. Ann, Walker

Sunday, January 1 — New Year's Day

8:45 a.m. • St. Boniface, Vincent

10:00 a.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

ST. BONIFACE

Little Town of Bethlehem Nativity



The crib at St. Boniface will be open to visitors from 1:00-5:00 p.m. TODAY.

CHOIR

SING: Christmas Eve Midnight Mass (10:00 p.m.); and New Year's Eve Mass (5:00 p.m.). Anyone wanting to sing should come for the practices.

We welcome anyone who loves to sing.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday, December 25 —
Christmas — No Liturgy of the Word during Mass

Monday-Thursday, December 26-29 — CYO Ski Trip in Nathrop, Colorado

Wednesday, December 28 —
No Religious Ed Classes

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 1 — No Liturgy of the Word during Mass

Monday, January 2 — PAC closed

Wednesday, January 4 — No Religious Ed Classes — No Jubilee Choir practice

Sunday, January 8 — 10:00 A.M. Mass — Jubilee Choir performs

Tuesday, January 10 — 7:00 P.M. - Religious Ed Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 11 — Religious Ed classes — Beginning of second semester

K-5 6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

6-12 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Monday, January 16 — PAC Closed

Wednesday, January 18 — Religious Ed classes

K-5 6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

6-12 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Wednesday, January 25 — Religious Ed classes

K-5 6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

6-12 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

10th grade Confirmation class — remaining service hours due**

YOUTH MINISTRY

JUBILEE CHOIR PRACTICE TIMES

Jubilee Choir performs on Sunday, January 8th, during the 10:00 Mass. Jubilee Choir will not have practice on Wednesday, January 4th. There will be no Jubilee Choir practice during the months of January and February. Jubilee Choir will not perform during the month of February.

A letter regarding the practice and performance dates for 2017 was mailed home to parents at the end of November. If you did not receive this letter or have misplaced it please contact Jeanette in the Religious Ed Office and she'll be happy to send you the dates.



**For unto us
a child is born,
unto us
a son is given.**

The Seasons of Our Souls by Fr. Earl Meyer

Practical reflections on the Christian life. Many are edited versions of those published in the local paper. Available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop. Offering of \$5.00.



Happy Holiday!!!

Yes it is Happy Holidays because **Trilogy** has finished their first Christmas CD and it is for sale at **\$15.00 each with \$4.00 going to the Basilica of St. Fidelis from each sale.**

(Cost is \$19 if mailing is necessary.)

The CD's are available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop OR contact Jerry Schmidtberger at 785-735-7055.

Payment can also be sent to Jerry at PO Box 211, Victoria, KS.

VICTORIA VFW POST 1751—If you are looking for a place to gather for Receptions, Weddings, Anniversaries, Family Reunions, Class Reunions, Dances, First Communions, 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.

*“What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race;
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.”*

~ John 1:3-4, NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission

KEEP PRAYING!

Pray for the Conversion of 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!



Victoria Elementary News!!

The **Sunny D** labels have been sent in, and now we anxiously await our delivery of 20 books for every classroom at VES!! We are still collecting **Box Tops and Pop Tabs**. Last year we collected 123 pounds of pop tabs, and we received \$1,412.10 for the Box Tops! We'd love to surpass both those numbers this year!

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!

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.



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.



St. Fidelis Food Pantry

Parish Activity Center (PAC) • 601 10th St. • 785-735-2777

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	DECEMBER 26
7:00 pm Lawrence Schippers	
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 27
6:45 am Vernon Berens	
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 28
6:45 am Valerian Hammerschmidt	
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 29
6:45 am	
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 30
6:45 am Elmer and Mildred Hoff	
SATURDAY	NEW YEAR'S EVE
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Emanuel, Vera, and Tom Pfeifer family	DECEMBER 31
6:30 pm St. Ann Englebert and Clara Weber	
SUNDAY	NEW YEAR'S DAY
8:45 am St. Boniface Robert, Amelia, and Gary VonLintel	JANUARY 1
10:00 am St. Fidelis Lance Lang	

The new schedule is out.

We are continuing the volunteer sign up. Please volunteer by signing up for your ministry.

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 31, 5:00 pm

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Adult	7 Volunteers	Lauren Klein	Volunteers
Choir		2 Volunteers	
Lector	Comm.		
LeeAnn Schmidtberger	Volunteer		

Saturday, January 1, 10:00 pm

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Lydia/Christy Sander	Amorette Windholz	3 Volunteers	Volunteers
	6 Volunteers		
Lector	Comm.		
Amorette Windholz	Volunteer		



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