

“Beacon of Faith”  
**ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

“Cathedral of the Plains”  
**THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS**

“Pearl of the Prairie”  
**ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



<b>Parish Office:</b> 601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 • 785-735-2777 • Fax: 785-735-2779 <b>Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00	<b>Catholic Faith Education Office:</b> 785-735-9244		
<b>Gift Shop Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday: 8:30–noon and 1:00–4:30 Friday: 8:30–noon	<b>Weddings:</b> Couples planning to marry must contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before the wedding date for marriage preparations.	<b>Baptisms:</b> All new parents are asked to complete a Baptismal Preparation class before their child is baptized. For information, please call the Parish Office.	<b>Hospital Visits:</b> To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.
<b>In-Home Mass:</b> Any homebound or hospice family interested in having Mass in their home should contact the Parish Office.	<b>Holy Communion Brought to Homebound:</b> 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.	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:</b> <b>THURSDAYS</b> <b>10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.</b> in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar	

[www.stfidelischurch.com](http://www.stfidelischurch.com) / [www.stbonifacevincent.com](http://www.stbonifacevincent.com)

## December 4, 2016 – Second Sunday of Advent

### 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

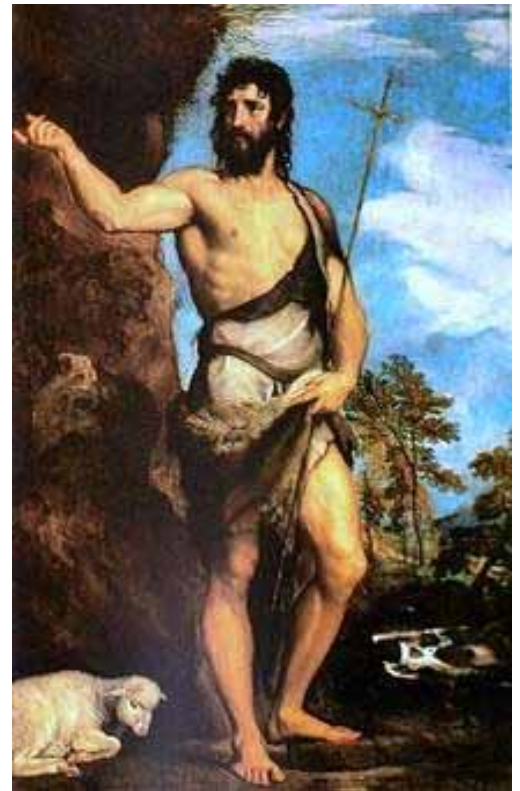
Anyone wishing to request prayers for family or friends may call Helen Windholz (735-2508) or Teresa Shepherd (735-9576) to add their requests to the Prayer Line

### Dates To Remember

**Dec. 6** — Feast of St. Nicholas of Myra  
**Dec. 7** — Pearl Harbor Remembrance  
**Dec. 12** — Communal Penance Service following 7:00 pm Mass  
**Dec. 21** — First Day of Winter — Winter Solstice @ 4:44 a.m. CST  
**Dec. 22-Jan. 4** — School Break  
**Dec. 23** — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas holiday  
**Dec. 24** — Christmas Eve  
**Dec. 25** — Christmas  
**Dec. 26** — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas holiday  
**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

“I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals.”

(from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:1-12)



**The FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, a Holy Day of Obligation.**

**Masses are at 6:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

The Parish Office will be closed.

No Eucharistic Adoration in St. Fidelis Church and no coffee at the Parish Office that day.



The gospels present many intriguing characters: Mary Magdalene, the Magi, Pilate, Nicodemus, and perhaps the most curious of all, John the Baptist. Today's gospel gives this almost exotic description of him: "John the Baptist appeared in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he fed on locust and wild honey."

Movies capitalize on that description and often portray John as a wild fanatic, almost a raving maniac. But a careful reading of the gospels reveals that John was a prophet in the spirit of Elijah who preached the coming of the kingdom of God. That is the same message that Jesus preached, and Jesus was also a prophet in the spirit of Elijah.

John the Baptist is a pivotal character in salvation history, linking the Old Testament to the New Testament. It has been said that John the Baptist has one foot in the Old Testament and the other in the New Testament. In the language of show business, he is the warm up act preparing the audience for Jesus of Nazareth.

When the beginning of the gospel story moves from Nazareth to the Jordan the reader first meets not Jesus but John the Baptist. Yet John's message to his followers is not about himself, but about Jesus of Nazareth. He points to Jesus telling them, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." (Jn 1:29) John's primary task is to prepare Israel for the coming of the promised Messiah. As such John baptizes and preaches repentance to make the people ready to receive the person and the work of Jesus. In Scriptural terms, John is an eschatological prophet, the typological forerunner of Jesus, whose life parallels and foreshadows that of Jesus.

The similarities of John the Baptist and Jesus of Nazareth, aside from the fact that they were cousins, should not be overlooked. The angel Gabriel announced the unusual conception of both, assigning a special name to each. Both preached the same message, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." Both attack the Sadducees and Pharisees. Both appealed to the same generation to repent. Both claimed to act by the authority of God. Both were thought of as prophets and feared by their enemies because of the people. Both were seized and bound. Both were sentenced by reluctant authorities. Both were executed as criminals. And both were buried by their own disciples.

Despite these impressive similarities, John himself made it clear that there was a critical difference between them. He was not the Messiah. "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mk 1:8) John does not speak of himself, but of Jesus, as *The Lamb of God*.

John the Baptist is very much at the heart of this Advent season. His message helps us to sort through all the distractions of the world to prepare for the rebirth of Christ in our hearts. "There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world." (Jn1:6) "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." (Jn 1:29)

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Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:**

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### Council Members

**St. Fidelis Pastoral Council**

Randy Leiker 259-1392 (Chair)  
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Janea Dinkel 735-9529 (FamLife)  
Peggy Fitzpatrick 735-8186 (RelEd)  
Doug Kuhn 650-1058 (Bldgs & Grounds)  
Donna Juenemann 735-9700 (Liturgy)  
John Schulte 735-9535

**St. Fidelis Finance Council**

John R. Braun 735-2622  
Harland Rupp 735-2206  
Dave Juenemann 656-0647

**St. Boniface Pastoral Council**

Carol Freitag 735-9282  
Randy Huser 735-4836  
Fred Tholen 735-4801

**St. Ann Pastoral Council**

Helen Windholz 735-2293  
Terry Riedel  
Jerry Nowak 637-5273

### Contributions November 26-27, 2016

**ST. FIDELIS:**

Adult 2129.00 Loose 1436.55  
Thanksgiving 539.00

**ST. ANN:**

Adult 1304.00 Loose 284.00  
Candles 54.00  
Coffee & Rolls 33.00

**ST. BONIFACE:**

Adult 245.00 Loose 223.00

**Dec. 5** — Doris Weigel, Shirley Weigel

**Dec. 12** — Randy Leiker, Tina Rajewski

Please remember your  
**ADVENT ANGEL**  
in your prayers  
throughout the season of Advent.



## Money Counters

If anyone from the tri-parishes is interested in helping to count the weekly Sunday offerings, **please contact Connie Windholz at the Parish Office by Monday, December 5.** The 2017 counting schedule will be mailed to the volunteers shortly after that date.

Depending on the number of volunteers, your commitment to count would be about once every 5 to 6 weeks for one hour on Monday mornings.

**Those currently volunteering for this job will remain on the list unless you notify the office to remove your name.**

Thanks to all who have given of their time for this task in the past year. You are greatly appreciated.



**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.

Santa will arrive in Victoria on  
**Sunday, December 11,** after  
the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the  
Victoria Grade School  
cafeteria.



There will be  
goodies for all  
the little boys  
and girls who  
visit him.

## SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Dear Lord, through the darkness, I look for your wisdom. I want my heart to be open to you. But sometimes in these days, it seems that so many things come between us. Help me to be awake and aware of the radiance you bring to my life. Help me to be grateful each day for the blessings of family and friends. Let me be a peacemaker in my own life, and in the world. Let me pray especially for this difficult world and those who are so in need of an end to violence. My heart begs for this as my Advent prayer today.



**AMEN.**

*“Pope Francis invites us to understand more deeply our relationships with God, one another, and the rest of creation, and to live accordingly. ‘Everything is connected,’ he reminds us. (LS 91).”*

~ “Serene Attentioness to God’s Creation,” [www.goo.gl/xdm378](http://www.goo.gl/xdm378)  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



## Tri-Parish Family Life Christmas Basket Food Drive

The Tri-Parish Family Life Christmas Basket food drive is underway. Collection containers for non-perishable items will be located at all entrances of the churches.

You may bring non-perishable items along with perishable items to the parish office during regular office hours. You may also drop them off at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop. **Please have your items in before Tuesday, December 13.**

The following items are needed: ham, boneless turkey, milk, butter, boxes of Stove Top Stuffing, 1 pound packages of hamburger or sausage, eggs, Hamburger Helper, dry pasta and pasta sauce, bread, canned fruit and vegetables, packet or canned gravy, cereal, granola bars, cake mixes and frosting, 5-pound bag of potatoes, Knorr pasta sides, soups, and chicken or beef broth.

If you know of anyone who needs a basket, please call Jan at the parish office. Thank you.

## ST. ANN

### Christmas Potluck



St. Ann Parish will hold their annual Christmas potluck on **Saturday evening, December 17**, immediately following the 6:30 Mass.

Parishioners are asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. Main course and drinks will be provided.



**THE FEAST DAY OF  
ST. NICHOLAS,  
BISHOP OF MYRA,  
IS  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6.**

St. Nick is also known as Santa Claus for his generosity to neighbors and strangers.

## CHOIR

**PRACTICE:** Wednesday, December 7, @ 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, December 15, @ 7:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, December 21, @ 7:00 p.m.

**SING:** Sunday, December 18, @ 10:00 a.m.; 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.*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Meeting Scheduled

The Knights of Columbus will meet on **Tuesday, December 13**, at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

### Winners of the Knights of Columbus Council #1867 30 Days of Cash Giveaway thus far are:

Nov. 1.....Leigh Ann Edmonds	Nov. 17...Allen Lang
Nov. 2..... Bill Robben	Nov. 18...Jessica Schwab
Nov. 3..... Wayne Wellbrock	Nov. 19...Allen Hammerschmidt
Nov. 4.....John Braun, Jr.	Nov. 20...Marlaina Kuhn
Nov. 5..... Susan Kisner	Nov. 21...Sasha Schippers
Nov. 6.....John Braun, Sr.	Nov. 22...Randy Huser
Nov. 7.....Jared Scheck	Nov. 23...Crystal Robben
Nov. 8..... Bertha R. Brungardt	Nov. 24...Howard & Aquina Rajewski
Nov. 9..... Kevin Juenemann	Nov. 25...Jerald Mermis
Nov. 10... Wayne Wellbrock	Nov. 26...Norbert T. Kuhn
Nov. 11... Sarah Harbert	Nov. 27...Warren Wittman
Nov. 12... Linda Rogers	Nov. 28...Ollie Khn
Nov. 13... Brett Nieman	Nov. 29...Randy Huser
Nov. 14... John Clark	Nov. 30...Lisa Nemnich
Nov. 15... Wayne Kieffer	
Nov. 16... Ryan and Jordan Bleske	

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

### Mass and Christmas Party

The Daughters of Isabella will attend Mass as a group in the Basilica of St. Fidelis at 10:00 a.m. on **Sunday, December 11**. Members are asked to sit as a group at the front of church on the south side.

Members will then proceed to the Meal Site room in the Parish Office for a Christmas potluck dinner, party, and \$10-limit gift exchange.



### D. of I. Leading Rosary for Youth

The Daughter's of Isabella will be leading a rosary for youth on **Thursday, December 8**, before the 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Mass at the Basilica of St. Fidelis.

## DIOCESE

**Your donation works for aging religious.** "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to *work*."



Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

Due to the generosity of people across our nation, last year the National religious Retirement Office was able to disperse \$25 million to 401 religious communities for direct care of elder members.



## Diocese of Salina

Office of the Bishop

103 N. Ninth  
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Salina, Kansas 67402-0980

November 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection the weekend of December 10-11-2016. This annual appeal benefits some 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests – women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

Pope Francis calls on the faithful to recognize the special witness that consecrated women and men offer our Church and world. He requests the whole Christian people to be increasingly aware of the gift which is the presence of our many consecrated men and women.

As we reflect on the saints of the past, many of us may also recall women and men religious whom we would consider saints in our day. With gratitude, we remember the sister who penitently helped us learn our multiplication tables or the brother who coached our high school team, teaching us that faith must be lived out even on the basketball court.

Today, many of these sisters, brothers, and religious order priests are elderly. While some continue in volunteer ministry, others are frail and need care. Most worked for years for small stipends, leaving their religious communities without adequate savings to meet growing retirement and eldercare needs.

This is an opportunity for each of us to be the presence of Jesus to our senior consecrated religious. Please pray for God's blessing on all religious and give what you can to the Retirement Fund for Religious the weekend of December 10-11, 2016. Please join me in supporting this important drive and in praying for God's continued blessings on our elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests.

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Edward J. Weisenburger*

Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger  
Bishop of Salina

## CYO Ski Trip

**Date:** December 26, 2016 – Leave at 8:00 A.M. from PAC  
December 29, 2016 – Arrive in Victoria around 5:00 P.M.

**Location:** Lodging in Deer Valley Ranch, Nathrop, Colorado,  
skiing at Monarch Mountain

If you missed the parent meeting and have any questions – please contact Jeanette in the Religious Ed Office or speak with Father John, we'll be happy to help answer any questions you may have.

A few weeks ago registration forms were mailed to students and parents who expressed interest in attending the ski trip. I am happy to mail out additional forms if needed. We do ask that the blue form with the youth or chaperone's personal information, such as weight, height, shoe size,

etc., be turned in by Wednesday, December 7, regardless if an individual is skiing or not. (If not skiing, please indicate "not skiing" on the form.) This will allow Father John to reserve your ski's/snowboard's. The rest of the information may be turned in at any time along with the \$300. Checks may be made payable to St. Fidelis Church.

Information regarding chaperone's names and phone numbers, what to pack, and more detailed information will be mailed to all youth and chaperone's attending the ski trip after **December 7<sup>th</sup>** once the ski forms have been turned in.

And please remember – you do not have to ski to have fun and attend! Alternative plans/outings will be made for youth not skiing or snowboarding.

Jeanette – [FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net](mailto:FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net)  
Office – 735-9244 Cell – 785-639-5067

## CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

### DECEMBER CALENDAR

**Wednesday, December 7** — CYO Ski trip: RSVP's/ski info. forms due to Rel Ed Office!

5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir Practice

6:30 – 7:15 P.M. – Christmas Pageant practice during Rel Ed for selected/notified Liturgy of the Word participants  
Religious Education Classes

K-5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6-12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

**Thursday, December 8** — PAC / Religious Ed Office Closed – Immaculate Conception

**Sunday, December 11** — 10:00 A.M. – Jubilee Choir performs  
1:00 P.M. Second grade - First Reconciliation student & parent meeting — Location: PAC Meal Site Room

**Wednesday, December 14** — Religious Ed Classes

K – 5: 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12: 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

**Sunday, December 18** — 1:00 P.M. Second grade – Receive

Sacrament of First Communion — Location: St. Fidelis Church

**Wednesday, December 21** — 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation: Letter to the Bishop due!

Turn in all service hours completed so far (remainder due end of January 2017)

Religious Ed Classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6– 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

**Saturday, December 24** — 5:00 P.M. Mass @ St. Fidelis - Christmas Pageant & Jubilee Choir performs

**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

**Wednesday, January 4** — No Religious Ed Classes

## Religious Education – Second grade class

The First Reconciliation parent meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, December 11, at 1:00 P.M.** and expect it to last until approximately 2:00 P.M. This is an informational meeting to help parents and students prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. We do ask that at least one parent as well as the child attend this meeting. Please contact Jeanette in the Religious Ed Office if you are unable to attend.

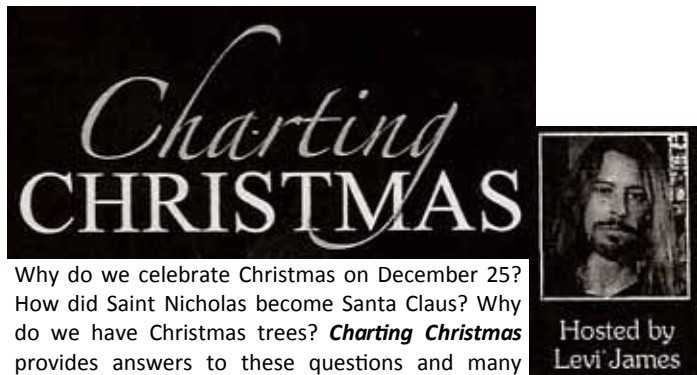
The students will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation the following Sunday on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M.

Religious Ed Office – 735-9244 Cell – 785-639-5067  
E-mail – [FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net](mailto:FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net)



## Christmas Movie Day at St. Boniface

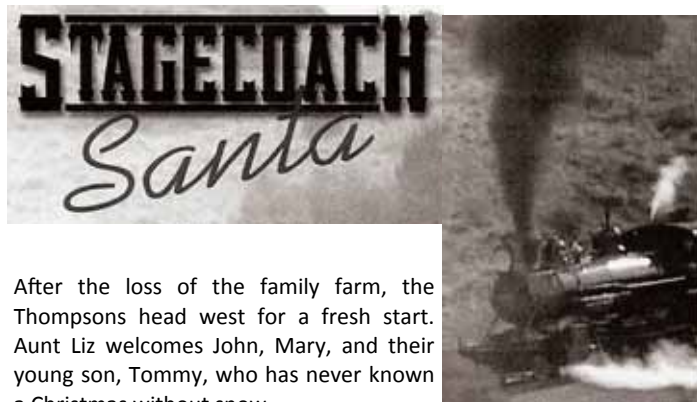
St. Boniface Parish will host an afternoon of entertainment on **Sunday, December 4**. At 2:00 the documentary "Charting Christmas" will play in the Parish Hall, followed by the movie "Stagecoach Santa" at 3:00. The DVD's will be projected on a 100-inch screen. Popcorn and drinks provided by the parish. Bring a lawn chair for your comfort, or use the tables and chairs in the hall. All tri-parish members are welcome.



Why do we celebrate Christmas on December 25? How did Saint Nicholas become Santa Claus? Why do we have Christmas trees? *Charting Christmas* provides answers to these questions and many more as it explores the history of Christmas.

Filmed on location in the Holy Land and the United Kingdom, this documentary traces the origins of Christmas traditions beginning with the biblical prophecies concerning the Messiah and the New Testament accounts of His birth. See how Christmas celebrations evolved through the ages and were influenced by notable figures and entities including Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Boniface, Charles Dickens, and even the Coca-Cola Corporation. Included are interviews with biblical scholars and historians, such as author and Bible teacher Lance Lambert and Canon Jim Rosenthal, founder of the St. Nicholas Society. Their commentaries illuminate the origins of Christmas and tell us why we celebrate as we do today.

**2:00 P.M. — DURATION: 41 MINUTES**



After the loss of the family farm, the Thompsons head west for a fresh start. Aunt Liz welcomes John, Mary, and their young son, Tommy, who has never known a Christmas without snow.

John's struggle to provide for his family is bolstered by the childlike faith of his young son who, despite his new environment, inspires everyone he meets to consider the true meaning of Christmas.

After a mysterious stagecoach rider visits in the dark hours of Christmas Eve, even John must believe that his troubles are temporary, and miracles do happen on Christmas.

Heartwarming and compassionate, *Stagecoach Santa* proves once again that the power of love overcomes even the most difficult circumstances, and that faith and hope will always prevail.

**3:00 P.M. — DURATION: 60 MINTUES**

### Parish Christmas Gathering

St. Boniface Parish will have a Christmas gathering on **Sunday, December 4, at 5:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. A potluck supper will be followed by a slide show of parish activities and stewardship throughout the past year, a reminder of our time, talent, and treasure given to the Church.



### "Faith and Fun" Youth Night

St. Boniface Parish will have an evening of appreciation for all that the youth do for the parish. On **Saturday, December 17**, the youth will gather at the parish hall at 5:30 p.m. for pizza and to watch the movie "The Last Straw". The humorous Christmas movie is about children doing acts of kindness for family members during Advent and shows the importance of asking forgiveness from those you have hurt to make the best Christmas feeling. After the movie, the youth up to age 14 will take the 7:00 p.m. hour of the 24-Hour Adoration and the older youth will take the 900 p.m. hour.

### 24 Hour Adoration at St. Boniface

The 24 Hour Adoration at St. Boniface parish will begin **Saturday, December 17, at 8:00 a.m. and conclude Sunday, December 18, at 8:00 a.m.**

Families will take turns an hour at a time around the clock.



### Little Town of Bethlehem Nativity Hours of Display

The crib at St. Boniface will be open to visitors from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 27, and all the Saturdays and Sundays of December up to and including Christmas Day.



**V.F.W. Auxiliary  
Christmas Party**

**Thursday, December 8, 2016**

Social 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner 6:00 p.m.  
Gift exchange optional  
V.F.W. Hall, Victoria



**V.F.W. Meeting**



V.F.W. members will meet on **Thursday, December 8**, at 5:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall before the Auxiliary Christmas party.

*It makes no difference if the candidate you voted for won or not. We must truly pray for guidance and protection. Join us in prayer, every 3rd Tuesday.*

**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!



**Happy Holiday!!!**

Yes it is Happy Holidays because **Trilogy** has just finished their first Christmas CD and it is ready 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.

The list of songs on the CD are:

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|--|---|
| 1. Beautiful Star of Bethlehem           | 9. Christmas Everyday                       |
| 2. Glorious Impossible                   | 10. There's a New Kid in Town               |
| 3. Carol of the Stable                   | 11. It's Still the Greatest Story Ever Told |
| 4. Mary, Did You Know                    | 12. Christmas Lullaby                       |
| 5. It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas | 13. Winter Wonderland                       |
| 6. Sweet Little Jesus Boy                | 14. Silent Night                            |
| 7. Breath of Heaven                      | 15. We Wish You a Merry Christmas           |
| 8. Silver Bells                          |   |

Sunday, December 4, 2016

V.F.W.

**Green Bean Dumpling & Chicken Noodle Soup Lunch with Sloppy Joes and Hot Dogs**



Cookies for Dessert  
Water, Tea, and Coffee included  
**11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**



**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.

**Ellis St. Mary CYO**

**Community Fried Chicken Dinner**

**Sunday, December 11, 2016**

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**



*Give the perfect gift.*

Give blood.

**Blood Drive**

**Victoria Community**

VFW, 204 E. Main

**Thursday, December 15**

**9:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

Please call **1-800-RED CROSS**  
(1-800-733-2767)

or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter: **VictoriaKS** to schedule an appointment.



# FHSU CATHEDRAL CONCERT



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**

**3:30 PM**

**@ The Basilica of St. Fidelis**

## Victoria Schools Calendar



### Monday — December 5

Lunch Menu: ham slice, scalloped potatoes, corn, fruit cocktail, cornbread, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at VES. Girls in tin gym

6:00 pm Purple and Gold basketball tournament @ Trego. Boys and girls play Oakley. Depart 3:25

7:30 pm Boys basketball vs. Trego

### Tuesday — December 6

Lunch Menu: Quesadilla, Mexican rice, black beans, steamed carrots, pears, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VES. Boys in tin gym

3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice

5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

### Wednesday — December 7

Lunch Menu: Green bean and dumpling soup, boiled egg, biscuit, steamed peas, orange slices, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at VES. Girls in tin gym

3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice

5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

### Thursday — December 8

FCCLA meeting in Hesston. Mrs. Connie Braun and select students will attend

Lunch Menu: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, banana, dinner roll, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study. 8th grade boys will meet in Mrs. K. Braun's room during AIM

3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VES. Boys in tin gym

TBA—Purple and gold basketball tournament @ Wakeeney—Girls will play at 3:00 if a loss Tuesday; 6:30 if they win. Boys will play at 4:30 if a loss Tuesday; 7:30 if they win.

### Friday — December 9

FCCLA meeting in Hesston. Mrs. Connie Braun and select students will attend

Lunch Menu: Sloppy Joe, oven fries, steamed broccoli, tropical fruit, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at VES. Girls in tin gym

3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice

5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

### Saturday — December 20

ACT test date

TBA—Purple and Gold basketball tournament @ Wakeeney

## 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!

## Plan Ahead for Cursillo Weekends

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 events: **Men's weekend March 16-19, 2017; Women's weekend July 27-30, 2017**. Location: Victoria, Kansas, Spiritual Life Center.

For more information contact Patricia Dusin at 785-302-1220, or [patriciad@ruraltel.net](mailto:patriciad@ruraltel.net).

## 2016 Toy Drive Coca-Cola

**Saturday, December 10 • 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

**Coca-Cola Warehouse**


**Bring a new unwrapped toy or your angel tree gift and receive a 20-ounce, ice cold Coca-Cola.**



The alternate Toy Drop Off if you can't make December 10 is Victoria Coca-Cola Warehouse Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the angel trees. Cash donations will be given to Teaming Up for Tots in Ellis County, and Coca-Cola employees will deliver the toys to the organization.

**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 to drop off your donations, contact Jan at the parish office.

**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.

## Holiday Schedules

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

**Thursday, December 8 • 6:45 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**  
**at St. Fidelis**

### COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

**at St. Fidelis**

**Monday, December 12 • 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)**

### Confession Schedule for Advent

**Monday Evenings at St. Fidelis**

after 7:00 p.m. Mass (around 7:30 p.m.)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**at St. Fidelis**

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

on Thursdays, December 1, 15, and 22

*(No Adoration on Immaculate Conception December 8, and Thursday, December 29)*

## 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. Fidelis Food Pantry

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>DECEMBER 5</b>
7:00 pm Ben and Olivia Windholz family	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>DECEMBER 6</b>
6:45 am	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>DECEMBER 7</b>
6:45 am George and Wilhelmina Wellbrock family	
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b> .....
6:45 am Andrew and Miriam Wasinger family	<b>DECEMBER 8</b>
7:00 pm Alvin, Irene, and Bob Dortland	
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>DECEMBER 9</b>
6:45 am Cyrilla Dinkel (anniv)	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>DECEMBER 10</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Wilmer, Irene, and Beverly Dinkel	
6:30 pm St. Ann Gerard, Mary, Ron, and Leon Hammerschmidt	
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> .....
8:45 am St. Boniface LaVern Braun	<b>DECEMBER 11</b>
10:00 am St. Fidelis Virginia Bleske	

### \* Sunday Rosary Schedule \*

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

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, December 10, 5:00 pm**

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Leroy Schmidtberger	Mary Lou Rome Wilma VonLintel	Sara Schippers	Volunteer
<u>Lector</u>	Volunteer	Emily Schippers	
Volunteer	Volunteer	Claire Schippers	
<u>Comm.</u>	Volunteer		
Volunteer	Volunteer		

**Sunday, December 11, 10:00 am**

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Children's Choir	Cora Schulte Wanda Kuhn	Jarron Schmidt	Volunteer
<u>Lector</u>	Volunteer	Vance Hockersmith	
Cora Schulte	Volunteer		
<u>Comm.</u>	Volunteer		
Connie Dreiling	Volunteer		