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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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January 10, 2016 — BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASSSES:

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

Jan. 18 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 22 — 44th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade—Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn children
Jan. 29 — Kansas Day (155 years)
Feb. 2 — Ground Hog Day
Feb. 10 — Ash Wednesday
Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day — Card Party — First Sunday of Lent
Feb. 15 — Presidents Day
Feb. 21 — Confirmation
March 4 — World Day of Prayer
March 13 — Daylight Savings (turn clock ahead 1 hour)
March 17 — St. Patrick's Day
March 20 — Palm Sunday



And a voice
came from
heaven,

“You are my
beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”

(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)



FRIARS' MIND

Yogi Berra said famously, "It's *déjà vu* all over again." An old proverb says, "The more things change the more they are the same." The Sesame Street gang had its popular theme song, "Different yet the Same." These insights might be helpful for baptized Christians to understand today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord and how it relates to their own baptism.

If we limit the meaning of Baptism to our own baptism, we will never understand the Baptism of Christ. Why would the sinless Son of God receive baptism which frees one of sin and makes one a child of God? Even the Evangelists who recounted this event in the life of Christ appear uneasy with it, as their differing accounts indicate.

Mark (1:9-1) tells of the baptism straightforward without comment. Matthew (3:13-17) has John address the awkward situation, "I should be baptized by you." And he offers this explanation, "We must do this to fulfill all of God's demands." Other translations have "We must do this to fulfill all righteousness." In today's reading, Luke (3:21-22) shifts the focus to the Holy Spirit coming upon Jesus in prayer. "When Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove."

But these three different accounts all conclude the baptism of Jesus with the voice of God the Father, "This is my beloved Son." That sameness in difference is at the heart of the meaning of the baptism of Christ: Jesus is the Son of God, sent by the Father on a mission of salvation. His baptism is the public proclamation that Jesus has been anointed by the Father as Messiah with the power, wisdom, and holiness for that role. The gospel of John does not recount the Baptism of the Lord but conveys the same message when John the Baptist tells his followers, "Look, there is the Lamb of God."

The simple fact that God the Father speaks at the baptism of Christ is very significant. Only three times in the gospels does God the Father speak: at the baptism of Christ, at his Transfiguration (Mt 17:1-13; Mk 9:2-13; Lk 9:28-36), and as Christ prepares for his passion (Jn 12:28). Each of these events offers a fundamental insight into the identity of Christ in relation to the Father and his mission from the Father.

Different, yet the same. The Baptism of Christ resembles a photographic negative, a template, a pattern, a mold, the DNA of our own baptism. His baptism reveals his holiness and his mission; our baptism gives us a share in his holiness and commissions us as his disciples.

The opening prayer of today's Mass sees that sameness in difference:

"Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the river Jordan, and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, declared him your beloved Son, grant that we your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you."

. *and mirth*

A football game is where the spectators have four quarters to finish a fifth.

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CONTRIBUTIONS JANUARY 2-3, 2016

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 3215.00 Loose 1145.01
Repair Fund 600.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 378.00 Loose 542.00
Candles 127.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 345.00 Loose 304.00
Candles 45.75

CONTRIBUTIONS NEW YEAR'S DEC. 31, '15—JAN. 1, '16

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 1601.00 Loose 1230.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 21.00 Loose 100.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 90.00

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Bernard Everett Roth**, who passed away on Friday, December 25, 2015. Services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Wednesday, December 30, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

ST. ANN

St. Ann Christian Mothers:

Dues for 2016 are \$5.00. Please pay to Lou Ann Hammersmith, PO Box 163, Gorham KS 67640.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

D of I Scholarship

The Kansas State Daughters of Isabella is offering a \$500 scholarship to a female high school graduate. She must be enrolled in a post-secondary school or college, or attending one, and must be a member or a daughter, granddaughter, or niece of a member. For application instructions contact Victoria High School or Norma Keenan at 785-735-2877. **Applications must be postmarked before February 1.**

Monthly Meeting

The Victoria Daughters of Isabella will meet on **Monday, January 11**. There will be a program, "Winter Road Safety", by Police Chief Cole Dinkel at 7:00 p.m. with the regular meeting starting at 7:30, all at the 1867 Memorial Hall.

ALERT

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness month. Women, men, and children in the U.S. and around the world are subjected to forced labor, domestic servitude, and the sex trade at the hands of human traffickers. U.S. Catholic Sisters are working together to end this crime. Learn more about it at sistersagainstrafficking.org. Ending slavery is everyone's work.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

JANUARY CALENDAR

- Sunday, January 10** — 10:00 A.M. Mass – Jubilee Choir Performs at St. Fidelis Church
- Wednesday, January 13** — Religious Education
K-5 — 6:30-7:15 P.M.
6-12 — 7:30-8:30 P.M.
- Wednesday, January 20** — Religious Education
K-5 — 6:30-7:15 P.M.
6-12 — 7:30-8:30 P.M.
- Thursday, January 21** — 7:00 P.M. – Religious Education Committee Meeting at PAC
- Wednesday, January 27** — Religious Education
K-5 — 6:30-7:15 P.M.
6-12 — 7:30-8:30 P.M.

9-Day Novena

The U.S. Bishop's annual novena "9 Days for Life" takes place **Saturday, January 16-Sunday, January, 24**. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message, or an app. To find out more or to join in the novena go to www.9daysforlife.com.

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.

Wrinkled was not
one of the things I wanted to be
when I grew up.

MONEY COUNTERS

- Jan. 11** — Bob and Phyllis Stramel, Dorothy Goetz
- Jan. 18** — Ivan and Verda Werner

Monthly Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet **Tuesday, January 12**, at 7:30 p.m.

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

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!



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 haysdiabetessupportgroup2015@yahoo.com. Check them out on Facebook at Hays Diabetes Support Group.



If a man is standing in the middle of the forest speaking and there is no woman around to hear him, is he still wrong?

V.F.W. and Auxiliary Meetings



The V.F.W. and the V.F.W. Auxiliary will meet on **Thursday, January 14**, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall.



COMMUNITY PEP BAND PRACTICE

will resume on **JANUARY 4, 2016.**

The Community Pep Band is still recruiting band members. If you have played an instrument sometime in your past and would like to play but don't have an instrument, Mr. Luke Johnson will find one for you. Anyone one in the surrounding area is invited.

PRACTICES: Monday nights
WHERE: High School Band Room
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

Join the fun and help ignite the enthusiasm to get band music back into our community and school activities.

For more information contact:

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Luke Johnson
 785-639-2913 (cell)
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Victoria Schools Calendar 

Monday — January 11

AIM period—students will have directed study
 3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
 5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice
 4:30 pm JH basketball @ Ellinwood. Depart: 2:50
 4:30 pm C-Team Boys (Old Gym)
 5:30 pm B-Team Boys (Old Gym)
 6:45 pm A-Team Boys (Old Gym)
 5:30 pm B-Team Girls (New Gym)
 5:45 pm A-Team Girls (New Gym)
 7:30 pm BOE meeting

Tuesday — January 12

AIM period—students will have directed study. 7th grade girls will meet in Mrs. Kori Braun's
 3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at VES. Girls in tin gym
 5:00 pm HS basketball vs. Stockton

Wednesday — January 13

AIM period—students will 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 — January 14

AIM period—students will have directed study
 4:00 pm JH basketball vs. Kinsley
 3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice @ VES
 5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice @ VES

Friday — January 15

12:05 pm 2nd and 3rd grade to FHSU
 AIM period—students will have directed study
 3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VES. Boys in tin gym
 4:00 pm HS basketball @ Central Plains. Depart 2:15



Thank You to the

Choirs, Canters, Organists, Servers, Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Church Decorators
who did such a great job for the
Tri-parish Christmas and New Year celebrations.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	JANUARY 11
7:00 pm Dan Pfeifer family living and deceased	
TUESDAY	JANUARY 12
6:45 am Vera Braun	
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 13
6:45 am Albert and Clara Dinkel family	
THURSDAY	JANUARY 14
6:45 am Louise Dreiling and Ryan Schrant	
FRIDAY	JANUARY 15
6:45 am Ray and Annette Lange Milton Wellbrock	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 16
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Leo and Ruby Ziegler	
6:30 pm St. Ann Paul and Bill Schrant	
SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 17
8:45 am St. Boniface For the parishes	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Willie and Bertha Pfeifer	

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.



* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 5:00 PM

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Megan Wellbrock	Janine Kisner Fran Robben	Emma Rae Rupp	Bill / Diana Schmidtberger
<u>Lector</u> Danita Schroeder	Norma Keenan Diane Gross Jamey / Angie	Ethan Rupp Hannah Radke	Rosie Kreutzer
<u>Comm.</u> Angie Roth	Roth Brenda Robben		

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 10:00 AM

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
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