

"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 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

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

July 10, 2016 – 15th 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:

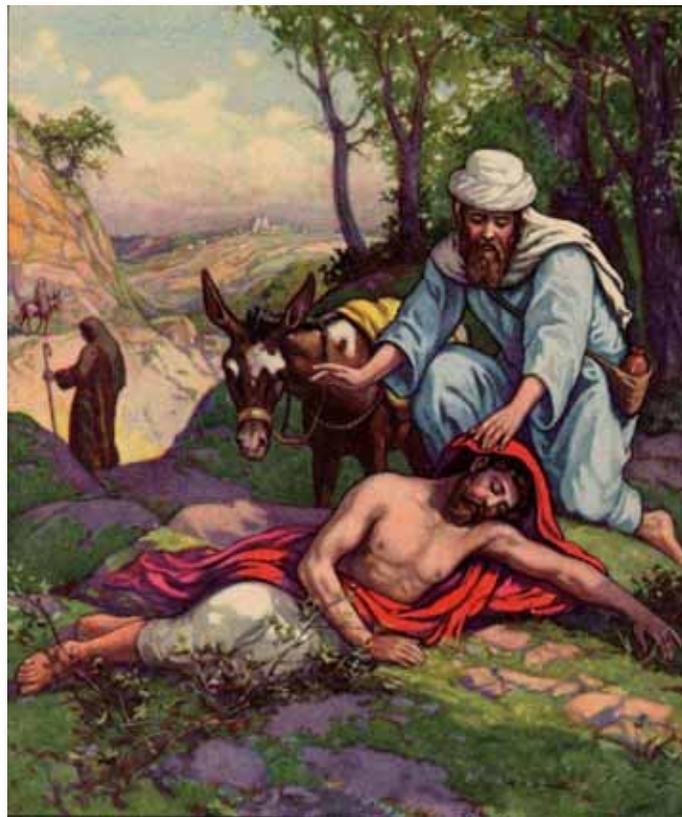
at St. Fidelis — Mondays — 7:30 pm
 or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

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

July 26 — Feast of St. Ann
Aug. 5-6 — Herzogfest — 4:00 Mass in city park; 5:00 Mass in church
Aug. 15 — Assumption (NOT a Holy Day of Obligation)—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Sept. 5 — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Sept. 10-11 — Blessing of seed wheat at all Masses
Sept. 11 — Patriot 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



“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all

your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 10:25-37)



Today's gospel parable of the Good Samaritan, as the parable of the Prodigal Son, is so memorable that it has become part of our daily vocabulary. Even atheists will speak of a "Good Samaritan" and a "Prodigal Son." Both parables are unique to the gospel of Luke and are in the special section of his gospel known as *The Journey to Jerusalem*.

The four gospels have a total of about thirty-five distinct parables. Almost half of those, sixteen, are unique to the gospel of Luke, which is rightly known as the Gospel of Parables. During this current liturgical year, year C, the gospel readings are from Luke and we will hear about a dozen of his parables in the Sunday gospels this year.

A parable is a story, but it is much more than a story. It is a story with a moral, such as Aesop's Fables, but yet more profound. A parable is a story with a moral message but which also engages the reader in personal reflection and challenges the reader to action. There are various methods of interpreting a parable. The spiritual writers of the early Church favored an allegorical understanding of the parables which we seldom hear in modern times. In their allegorical interpretation the characters and the events of the parable represented significant people and important events in salvation history and the life of the church.

St. Augustine's commentary on today's parable of the Good Samaritan is the classic allegorical interpretation of a parable. Notice how he sees each detail as an image of salvation history, the mission of the church, and the life of a Christian.

The traveler is Adam, representing every human being. He descends from Jerusalem, the lost paradise, to Jericho the secular world. The robbers are the deadly sins, which deprive him of virtue and immortality. He is left half dead: alive in that he can know God, but dead in that he is under the power of sin. The priest and Levite are the law and the prophets of the Old Testament, unable to help. The Samaritan is Christ, an outsider to the religious rulers of Israel. His animal is the body of Christ, on which are borne the sins of humanity. The inn is the Church, where oil and wine, images of the sacraments, heal the traveler's wounds. The innkeeper represents the apostles, authorized to care for the wounded man until the return of the Samaritan, that is, until the Second Coming of Christ.

That is St. Augustine's allegorical understanding of the parable of the Good Samaritan. Although it is centuries old, it is never outdated. Modern students of scripture tend to a more nuanced interpretation of parables where they look for a single point, a sudden insight, a twist of irony, like the punch line to a joke.

In this story of the Good Samaritan that twist is the subtle inversion of the question posed by the lawyer who had asked, "Who is my neighbor?" The parable turns the tables on the lawyer who is challenged to answer his own question, "Who was neighbor to the victim." The clever insight of the parable is that the real question is not, "Who is my neighbor?" but "Am I a good neighbor?" With the unexpected good example of a despised foreigner the parable concludes, "Go, and do likewise."

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One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.

Parish Staff

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Contributions July 2-3, 2016

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 3062.00 Loose 1574.00
Peter's Pence 416.00 Repair 734.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 479.00 Loose 555.00
Peter's Pence 45.00 Candles 123.00
Coffee & Rolls 55.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 395.00 Loose 296.00
Candles 48.00
Peter's Pence 90.00

July 11 — Anita Braun, Crystal Robben

July 18 — Bob and Phyllis Stramel, Dorothy Goetz

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Rose Ann Rome**, who passed away on Saturday, July 2, 2016. Services were held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays, on Wednesday, July 6, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

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.

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.

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 and 5-8. If these hours do not work for you to drop off your donations, contact Jan at the parish office.

Summer Food Program

St. Fidelis Church is sponsoring a summer food program at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street, from June 1-July 29.

A free nutritious lunch will be served to any children from **11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday**. Please use the front entrance of the Parish Activity Center. There are no enrollments or reservations required but if you are bringing a large group such as a day care group, please let us know that morning by calling 785-735-2777. For more information, contact Jan at the Parish Office.



CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Rel. Ed. Registration

Registration for Religious Education, grades K – 12, will be held on Tuesday, August 2, and Wednesday, August 3. Please note the change in registration times:

August 2 – August 3, 2016

Parish Activity Center – Religious Education Office
Time: 9 A.M. – 12 P.M. and 1 P.M. to 6 P.M.*

*The Parish Activity Center and Religious Ed Office will be closed each day from 12:00 to 1:00 P.M. for lunch.

For questions regarding registration please contact Shirley Brungardt or Jeanette Brungardt at 785-735-9244 or at FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net.

ST. ANN

Gas Range for Sale

St. Ann Parish is selling the 1925 Garland 6-burner gas range from the Parish Hall kitchen. \$400 or best offer. Call 785-650-3050.

ST. ANN PARISH
WALKER, KS

Quilt Raffle

Handmade by the Little Sisters of the Poor
Measures 86" x 98"

Donated to St. Ann Parish by John Riedel Jr. Family

Tickets will be sold after each Mass in Victoria, Vincent, and Walker the weekend of July 9-10

1 Ticket for \$1
or
6 Tickets for \$5

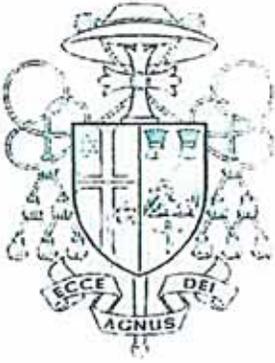
DRAWING TO BE HELD
Sunday, July 31st
during a brunch in the Parish Hall

Need not be present to win

Pastoral Council Nominations

St. Ann parish is accepting nominations for Pastoral Council for the 2016-2019 term. Allen Hammerschmidt's 2nd term as a council member will expire at the end of June. Nominees must be registered parishioners of St. Ann and 18 years or older. If you are interested and willing to accept a nomination please call Father John at 785-735-2777 or visit with one of the current council members.

Help with Summer Lunch Program — Saint Ann Christian Mothers are invited to volunteer to help with the summer lunch program sponsored by St. Fidelis Parish. Lunch will be served from 11:00 to 11:30 daily from **June 1 to July 29** at the Parish office in Victoria. Tasks would include: helping with food prep, serving kids, and clean up. For more information or to volunteer for one day or more frequently, please call Jan at the Parish Office number 785-735-2777.



Diocese of Salina

Office of the Bishop

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Greetings from Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger

Dear Friends,

July, 2016

I am pleased to invite you to the 11th Annual Catholic Charities Fundraiser scheduled for Sunday, July 24, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Salina Country Club. Your support of this event serves the poor and vulnerable in your communities and puts the gospel into action.

Your support of Catholic Charities helps individuals and families during times of crisis. They offer support and financial assistance through a variety of programs and provide hope to individuals working to regain stability in their lives while retaining their dignity. Your contribution serves as a work of mercy by helping to alleviate the sufferings of many and allowing them to rebuild their lives.

Pope Francis continues to draw attention to the poor in the world and calls upon all of us to do the same especially throughout this *Year of Mercy*. He reminds us that, "To change the world, we must be good to those who cannot repay us." By contributing, you are supporting this mission.

To attend Catholic Charities 2016 Annual Fundraiser you must make a reservation by calling the Salina office at 785-825-0208 *or* completing the online registration at www.ccnks.org. Although there is no charge to attend, donations are welcome any time.

Anonymous donors have offered an \$85,000 Challenge Match. All donations made now through July 24 will be matched up to \$85,000. This means every dollar you donate will be doubled. With your help, we can raise \$170,000 to reduce poverty in our Diocese. Please, thoughtfully consider making a gift today.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger
Bishop of Salina

Catholic Charities Annual Fundraiser

Sunday, July 24 — 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Salina Country Club

Please send RSVP to:

P.O. Box 1366, Salina, KS 67502-1366
or 785-825-0208 or www.ccnks.org

JULY-ALERT

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons (July 30) designated by the United Nations General Assembly, December 2013. "Every country must join together to overcome this transnational threat by supporting and protecting victims while pursuing and prosecuting the criminals. Let us resolve to act as one in the name of justice and dignity for all." ~UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon. Access the website sistersagainstrafficking.org ... U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

Salina Diocese Men's Conference

Catholic Men of the Salina Diocese, join us for our 50th Annual Salina Diocese Men's Conference, "Come Follow Me," **Saturday, August 13**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hays. If you have sons who are high school or older, please bring them. Nationally acclaimed speaker, Curtis Martin, founder and CEO of Focus, Fellowship of Catholic University Students, is the speaker. The basic theme woven throughout the conference is: what am I called to as a Catholic man in today's world. Men of the Dodge City Diocese are also invited, so register early. To register online or for more information, go to salinadiocese.org or call 785-827-8746, Ext. 40.



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 8AM – 3PM. Amy McInerny, 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. Register at salinadiocese.org/respect-life. Learn to engage the public policy process to continue to build the culture of life!

SDCCW — Save the Date!

Catch Tony Brandt and Chris Stewart of Casting Nets Ministries who will inspire you in your faith journey. Both men are husbands, fathers, and captivating speakers. They have been featured on EWTN's Life on the Rock and you can hear them speak at the Salina Diocese Council of Catholic Women Convention at Sacred Heart Parish in Colby on **Saturday, August 20**. You definitely won't want to miss this one-day event which also features Noelle Garcia.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Pre-registration forms are available in the July 22 edition of The Register.

Vacation Prayer

Gracious God, it's time for our family vacation, yet I find it hard to move from my life of work and hurry to a time for relaxation. Help me to understand that I need to let go of my worries about what will happen at the office while I am gone. Help me to see the beauty of your world as we travel from place to place. Let me allow my self to relax and take time for myself and my family.

Touch my soul, Lord; let me see and do new things. My heart is open and ready. Help me to be attentive to my family and to be aware of the experiences that we will encounter together.

I thank you for this time together, let me always remember everything is a gift from you.

I ask this for the sake of your love.

AMEN.

COMMUNITY

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.

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

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

V.F.W. Meeting



The V.F.W. will meet on **Thursday, July 14**, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall. The V.F.W. Auxiliary will not have a meeting in July.

**VICTORIA V.F.W. POST 1751
Brats & Burger Fundraiser
SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2016
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

This event is a way to help the Post raise funds and to let the community know what the Victoria Post 1751 is about.

It is also a way to recognize the Veterans in our community.



Also serving chips, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert, pop, and water.

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.

**Singles Dances
of Western Kansas**



Join Us and Bring your Friends!

July 29 - Craig Stevens
August 26th - Charles Williams Experience
September 30 - Home Cookin'

8:30PM - 11:30 PM

Hays American Legion
1305 Canterbury Dr
Hays KS 67601

\$8.00 Per Person at The Door

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	JULY 11
7:00 pm Alphonse and Sophie Dreiling family	
TUESDAY	JULY 12
6:45 am	
WEDNESDAY	JULY 13
6:45 am Russ and Ann Kaltenbach	
THURSDAY	JULY 14
6:45 am Andrew and Miriam Wasinger family	
FRIDAY	JULY 15
6:45 am George and Wilhelmina Wellbrock family	
SATURDAY	JULY 16
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Adam and Leona Sander family Ralph Windholz	
SUNDAY	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME..... JULY 17
7:30 am St. Ann Donald Sander Richard and Isabelle Rupp	
8:45 am St. Boniface	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Rich Schmidtberger	

*** Sunday Rosary Schedule ***

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 16, 5:00 pm

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Megan Karst	Norma Keenan Keith Billinger	Ally Dinkel Brady Dinkel	Jim / JoAnn Pfanenstiel
<u>Lector</u>	Tom Tholen	Wyatt Dreiling	Sandy Scheck
Carol Billinger	Gib Billinger Tammy Dome		
<u>Comm.</u>	Melissa Schmidt		
Kathy Kuhn	Bertha A. Brungardt		

Sunday, July 17, 10:00 am

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
John Braun	John Braun Joan Wellbrock	Eli Schmeidler Shelby	Randy / Sherry Leiker
<u>Lector</u>	Fran Robben	Schmeidler	Louise Robben
Det Younger	Diane Gross Teresa Shepherd	Alexis Truan	
<u>Comm.</u>	Janine Kisner		
LeeAnn Schmidtberger	Leroy Schmidtberger		



St. Fidelis Food Pantry

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