

"Beacon of Faith,"
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Cathedral of the Plains,"
THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

"Pearl of the Prairie,"
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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| 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 17, 2016 – 16th 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



“Mary, has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.”

(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 10:38-42)



One of the great challenges in life is to set and keep the proper priorities. The difference between a happy and unhappy life is often whether or not we have set the right goals and persevered to achieve them. And it is getting more difficult today for people to set and achieve their priorities. Our technological advances, while offering great possibilities to improve our lives, also create so many complex tasks that there seems to be no time for the things that we know are more important.

To all of us in this modern frenzy of having too many things to do, Jesus, who came to set the captives free, tells us in the simple words he spoke to Martha the secret to our liberation: "You are worried and distracted by many things. Only one thing is necessary." The crucial question becomes, "What is that one thing?" We can learn that by contrasting the actions of Martha and Mary in today's gospel.

Martha and Mary both welcomed Jesus to their home, but they sought to welcome him in very different ways. Martha tried to please the Lord by doing various things for him. Anyone who has hosted a guest knows the anxious drudgery of cleaning, setting the table, preparing food, etc. Yet when Martha asks Jesus to persuade her sister Mary to do her fair share of the preparations, Martha surprisingly receives what at first glance seems to be a mild rebuke.

Jesus was **not** saying to Martha that her efforts were wrong or unappreciated. Many times Christ praised service of others: he said that he himself had come among us as one who serves; he washed his disciples' feet at the Last Supper and told them to do the same; and he said that the greatest among us would be the one who serves the rest.

Jesus was clearly not criticizing Martha for her service. But he was saying to her that none of those efforts were ultimately essential or even sufficient to welcome him. There was no reason to get anxious and worried about them. There was something more important, something that Mary, who had chosen the "better part," realized and that Martha had missed, despite her good intentions.

Here is what Mary recognized: Jesus had come to their home not to be fed, but to feed. The welcome he sought was their time, their friendship, their love, and their open hearts. Mary understood this and sat at his feet listening to him as if nothing in the rest of the world really mattered - because nothing really did matter as much at that moment. Jesus was more than another guest. He was the one thing necessary.

It is only too easy to be a Martha: so caught up, anxious, and distracted by the many less important things that we welcome into our minds and hearts each day that we no longer have the time, the energy or the space to invite the Lord. It is Christ as Lord and Savior who ought to be invited in first. Jesus reminded Martha to choose the better part, to identify the most important thing of all and then set her mind and heart on it.

We are called to imitate Mary in choosing the better part and truly allowing Jesus to feed us as he wishes. It is not enough for us to know what our priority should be. We also have to choose it. It is not enough just to know where the treasure is buried; we need to make the choice to sell off other things that own us so that we can purchase that field. The better part is reorienting our life that the gospel of Jesus Christ is truly its center.

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All of us could take a lesson from the weather: it pays no attention to criticism.

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Contributions July 9-10, 2016

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2746.00 Loose 1120.58
Repair 220.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 274.00 Loose 211.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 265.00 Loose 82.00
Candles 8.00
Peter's Pence 120.00

July 18 — Bob and Phyllis Stramel, Dorothy Goetz

July 25 — Ivan and Verda Werner

Baptism



We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Luke Thomas Tholen**, son of David Allen and Samantha Joyce (Keener) Tholen. Luke Thomas, born March 3, 2016, was baptized at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Vincent, by Father John Schmeidler on Sunday, March 27, 2016. His godparents are Ashley Wellbrock and Scott Keener.

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

The Thrift Shop will not be open on Wednesday evenings.

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.

I have a hard time
deciphering the fine line
between boredom
and hunger.

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.

Pastoral Council Election

Election for Saint Ann Pastoral Council will be held on **Sunday, July 31**, during the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Nominations are Van Froelich and Terry Riedel. Any registered member of Saint Ann Parish 18 years or older may vote.

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.

COMMUNITY

Much-Used Piano

Available for give-away.

Call the Victoria Grade School for more information.

785-735-2870



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

Noelle Garcia to Be at SDCCW Convention

Don't miss the opportunity to experience vibrant, young, entertaining speakers at the Salina Diocese Council of Catholic Women Convention in Colby on **Saturday, August 20**, at Sacred Heart Parish.

Noelle Garcia, recording artist and young mother of four, will be sharing her faith with lots of laughs, prayer, and music. A native Texan, she now resides in Dodge City. Noelle hopes to inspire her listeners to be who they are called to be. Also featured during the convention will be the speaking duo of Christ Stewart and Tony Brandt of Casting Net Ministries.

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

Salina Diocese Men's Conference

With the wonderful success of last year's Diocesan Men's Conference, a Fifth Annual Men's Conference: "Come Follow Me," will be held again this year on **Saturday, August 13**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays. All men are invited. Bring your sons who are in high school, and college.

Our goal is to strengthen Catholic men in their faith and thereby strengthen our Catholic families and parishes. 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 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. Register at salinadiocese.org/respect-life. Learn to engage the public policy process to continue to build the culture of life!

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 sistersagainsttrafficking.org ... U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

COMMUNITY



Community Assistance Center — 12th and Oak, Hays

GARAGE SALE

Tuesday, July 19 • 8:00-11:00 am



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**

Single and Beyond

Single and Beyond is an ecumenical Christian social group for divorced, widowed, and single people located in or near Hays. Their mission is to provide friendship, support, and understanding to one another. Contact Nancy at 785-432-0533 or singleandbeyond@gmail.com. Food and Fellowship gathering on **Wednesday, July 20**, at Golden Corral, 383 Mopar Dr., at 6:00 p.m. All singles welcome; bring a friend.

"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!



