

“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 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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July 24, 2016 – 17th 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; *NO MASS at Vincent on Sunday, Aug. 7*
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

Feast of St. Ann — Tuesday, July 26

“And I tell you,
ask and you
will receive;
seek and you
will find; knock
and the door
will be opened
to you.”



(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 11:1-13)



“Lord, teach us to pray” was the request of the disciple in today’s gospel who had observed Jesus at prayer. There is an important lesson in that fact alone: Jesus at prayer is our model for prayer. The response of Christ to that disciple was not a lecture on the theology of the spiritual life, but a simple prayer, the familiar words of the *Lord’s Prayer*, the *Our Father*. Since we also instinctively want to know how to pray, a reflection on the composition of the Our Father will benefit our own efforts at prayer.

The wording of the *Lord’s Prayer* in today’s reading is from Luke’s gospel. It is different from our usual liturgical form which is from Matthew’s gospel, but the two versions are substantially the same. Luke’s version is shorter. It has five petitions, while Matthew has seven. Missing from Luke is, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,” and “Lead us not into temptation.” Luke’s final petition, “Subject us not to the trial,” differs from Mathew’s closing, “deliver us from evil.” Luke’s version stresses not failures of human weakness but the ultimate test of faith itself which is the message of both versions. The conclusion, “For Thine is the Kingdom . . .” is not a part of the scriptural text but is an added liturgical response, as we pray at Mass before the sign of peace.

The opening address of the prayer, “Our Father,” was revolutionary and is thematic of the whole prayer. In the Old Testament the relationship of the people with God was not one of close familiarity, but of such a reverential distance that they would never even pronounce the name of God. The coming of Christ, the incarnation, brought us a new relationship with divinity. Christ is our brother and God is our Father, which is truly revolutionary and unique among all religions. The German *Vater Unser* conveys this intimacy by using the familiar form *du* rather than the formal *Sie*.

When we begin the prayer by calling God “Our Father,” we acknowledge a mutual relationship. We place ourselves under the care of God, but we also designate ourselves as children of God and assume the responsibility to act as such. We begin by acknowledging God and his kingdom, and only then do we address our own concerns.

After the opening salutation, the prayer has seven petitions. The first three petitions concern the cause of God: hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done. The following four petitions concern our hopes and needs: give us our daily bread; forgive us our trespasses; lead us not into temptation; and deliver us from evil.

This structure corresponds to the two tablets of the Ten Commandments, where the first three commandments pertain to God’s honor and the final seven to our conduct. This outline also reflects the two great commandments of Christ: love of God and love of neighbor. The format of the *Lord’s Prayer* is our fundamental relationship with God and with other people as taught by both the Old and the New Testament.

The Our Father is essentially about a love of God which inspires a love of others. This is evident in the personal pronouns, which are unselfishly plural. The prayer never says: *I, me, or mine*; but only: *we, us, and ours*. Christianity is a community faith. It is not “Jesus and me,” but “Jesus and us.” St. Augustine wrote, “One Christian is no Christian.” St. Bernard said, “Any prayer that does not echo the *Our Father* is not an authentic prayer.”

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A synonym is a word you use when you can’t spell the word you want.

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Contributions July 16-17, 2016

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2772.00 Loose 1371.15

ST. ANN:

Adult 161.00 Loose 588.81

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 315.00 Loose 251.00

Candles 76.00

July 25 — Ivan and Verda
Werner

Aug. 1 — Doris Weigel, Shirley
Weigel

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.

ST. ANN

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.

Saint Ann Parish Annual Breakfast Brunch

Sunday, July 31st

Parish Hall

After the 7:30 a.m. Mass

Everyone is welcome to attend!!

The raffle drawing for a quilt handmade by *The Little Sisters of the Poor* will take place during the brunch. Raffle tickets are available from Mary Kay Schippers.

Mary Kay can be reached at 785-650-3050.

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.

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.

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.

DIOCESE

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.

The Bishop to Be at Conference

Bishop Weisenburger will be celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 11:00 a.m. at the Salina Diocese Council of Catholic Women Conference at Sacred Heart Parish in Colby on **Saturday, August 20**. ALL women, young and old, will enjoy the Bishop’s homily, speakers, meal, and fellowship at this “Growing in Faith” Convention. Make a decision to attend this uplifting event!

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

The Diocese of Salina is sponsoring a Fifth Annual Diocesan Men’s Conference, “Come Follow Me,” on **Saturday, August 13**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays. Please attend and bring your sons who are high school or college age.

Nationally known speaker, Curtis Martin, founder and CEO of Focus, Fellowship of Catholic University Students, is the speaker this year. Come and hear what our young people are being told to keep them strong in their Catholic faith. Men of the Dodge City Diocese are also being invited, so register early to reserve a seat.

To register online or for more information, go to salinadiocese.org or call 785-827-8746, Ext. 40.

COMMUNITY

Herzogfest Entry Forms

Entry forms for the Herzogfest 5K, Basketball, Tennis, and Soccer are available on www.herzogfest.com.



Prizes will be awarded for all 1st and 2nd place winners.

HERZOGFEST

Friday-Saturday, August 5-6, 2016

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.

Gala for Gail

A benefit for Gail Staab will be held **Saturday, July 30**, from 5:00-10:30 p.m. in the Schenk Building at the Ellis County Fairgrounds. Social hour starts at 5:00 and dinner at 6:00 with Dueling Pianos and raffles. Tickets are \$50/person; 8 and under are free (ticket still required). Advance tickets can be purchased at Refine, Sake2MeSushi, and Union Station Coffee.

Your generosity will help offset medical costs, traveling and living expenses, etc. while Gail receives a bone marrow transplant. If you have any questions contact Nathan Staab (785-650-7519) or Angie Rupp (913-991-7024). Gail is the sister-in-law of Norman and Linda Robben (you can contact Linda also with any questions).

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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 25
7:00 pm Bernard J. and Viola Billinger	
TUESDAY	JULY 26
6:45 am Ernest and Dolores Hoffman Art VonFeldt	
WEDNESDAY	JULY 27
6:45 am Joe Pfeifer family life Bill Weigel	
THURSDAY	JULY 28
6:45 am Dwight Walters	
FRIDAY	JULY 29
6:45 am Robert and Velma Leiker	
SATURDAY	JULY 30
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Tim Kuhn Gary and Arlene Stramel 50th wedding anniversary	
SUNDAY	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME..... JULY 31
7:30 am St. Ann John and Anna Scheck and deceased family John and Anna Mermis and deceased family	
8:45 am St. Boniface Galen and Donnie Dinkel Kenny and Charles Robben Lavern Braun and Wendelin and Clarita Braun	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Vera Braun Oliver Kuhn and Kathy Kuhn Thomas	

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 30, 5:00 pm

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Christy/Lydia Sander	Becky Scheck Gib Billinger	Trenton Engel Quenton	Mark / Danita Schroeder
<u>Lector</u>	Carol Billinger	Engel	Regis / Wilma VonLintel
Angie Roth	Debbie Staab Mary Brungardt	Vance Hockersmith	
<u>Comm.</u>	Kathy Kuhn Connie Jane Wagner		
Dreiling			

Sunday, July 31, 10:00 am

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Leroy Schmidtberger	Ken Brungardt Michelle Geist	Collin Kisner Emma Rupp	Norman / Pam Scheck
<u>Lector</u>	Connie Braun	Ethan Rupp	Charlotte Weber
Yvonne Braun	Mark Schroeder Danita Schroeder		
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