

"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.
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.	Hospital Visits: To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.
		EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAYS 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar

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May 8, 2016 – Mother's Day

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

- May 15** — High School Graduation
- May 18** — 8th Grade Promotions
- May 19** — Last day of school
- May 21** — Armed Forces Day
- May 30** — Memorial Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- June 5** — Feast of St. Boniface
- June 14** — Flag Day
- June 19** — Father's Day
- July 4** — Independence Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- July 26** — Feast of St. Ann
- August 15** — Assumption (not a Holy Day of Obligation) — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Sept. 5** — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Sept. 11** — Patriot Day



MOMS ARE SPECIAL



On Mothers Day we continue with select quotes from Pope Francis' letter on marriage and family, *Amoris Laetitia*, focusing this week on those statements which pertain specifically to mothers.

Pregnancy

"Pregnancy is a difficult but wonderful time. A mother joins with God to bring forth the miracle of a new life. Motherhood is the fruit of a particular creative potential of the female body, directed to the conception and birth of a new human being. Each woman shares in the mystery of creation, which is renewed with each birth. The Psalmist says: 'You knit me together in my mother's womb' (Ps 139:13). Every child growing within the mother's womb is part of the eternal loving plan of God the Father: 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you' (Jer 1:5). Each child has a place in God's heart from all eternity; once he or she is conceived, the Creator's eternal dream comes true. Let us pause to think of the great value of that embryo from the moment of conception. We need to see it with the eyes of God, who always looks beyond mere appearances."

"A pregnant woman can participate in God's plan by dreaming of her child. For nine months every mother and father dreams about their child. You cannot have a family without dreams. Once a family loses the ability to dream, children do not grow, love does not grow, life shrivels up and dies. For Christian married couples, baptism necessarily appears as a part of that dream. With their prayers, parents prepare for baptism, entrusting their baby to Jesus even before he or she is born."

Motherhood

"Mothers are the strongest antidote to the spread of self-centered individualism. It is they who testify to the beauty of life. A society without mothers would be dehumanized, for mothers are always, even in the worst of times, witnesses to tenderness, dedication, and moral strength. Mothers often communicate the deepest meaning of religious practice in the first prayers and acts of devotion that their children learn. Without mothers, not only would there be no new faithful, but the faith itself would lose a good part of its simple and profound warmth. Dear mothers: thank you! Thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world."

"We love our children because they are children, not because they are beautiful, or look or think as we do, or embody our dreams. We love them because they are children. The love of parents is the means by which God our Father shows his own love. He awaits the birth of each child, accepts that child unconditionally, and welcomes him or her freely. It is important for that child to feel wanted. He or she is not an accessory or a solution to some personal need. A child is a human being of immense worth and may never be used for one's own benefit."

"I urge all future mothers: keep happy and let nothing rob you of the interior joy of motherhood. Your child deserves your happiness. Don't let fears, worries, other people's comments or problems lessen your joy at being God's means of bringing a new life into the world. Prepare yourself for the birth of your child, but without obsessing, and join in Mary's song of joy: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.' (Lk 1:46-48) Try to experience this serene excitement amid all your many concerns, and ask the Lord to preserve your joy, so that you can pass it on to your child."

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Contributions Easter April 30-May 1, 2016

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 3202.50 Loose 1446.00
Repair Fund 633 .00

ST. ANN:

Adult 534.00 Loose 707.00
Coffee & Rolls 85.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 355.00 Loose 285.00
Candles 37.25

Money Counters

May 9 — Anita Braun, Crystal Robben

May 16 — Bob and Phyllis Stramel, Dorothy Goetz

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Joseph James Dreiling**, who passed away on Tuesday, April 26, 2016. Services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Monday, May 2, with inurnment in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

Fidelisfest Successful

The 2016 "Fidelisfest" is over. And once again thanks to you, it was a great success. The weather cooperated—and people came from many areas to help us celebrate. We cleared over \$44,000.00. The final totals will be in the bulletin when all the bills are in and paid.

This absolutely would not have been possible without your donations and support. Many of you have donated year after year and some are first time donors. We appreciate all of your support and willingness to pitch in and help with setting up and tearing down the Fidelisfest grounds.

Mark your calendar for next year—
April 23, 2017.

Help Welcome Bicycle Group

Join us in welcoming the Kandango bicycle group to The Basilica of St. Fidelis on **Friday, June 10**. Breakfast and lunch will both be served by Fr. John behind the parish office. Menu items will include but are not limited to Breakfast fajitas, hamburgers, brats, chips, kuchen, with water, soda or beer. There will be a small fee for the items.



The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The bicyclists are from Kansas, Iowa, Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, California, Illinois, Missouri and Washington.

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.

Monthly Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet on **Tuesday, May 10**, at 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Hall.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Monthly Meeting Supper

The Victoria Daughters of Isabella monthly meeting **Monday, May 9**. Dinner is on us! Members please join the D. of I. at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., all at the 1867 Memorial Home.

FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION

Meeting Scheduled

The Family Life Commission will meet on **Monday, May 9**, at 5:00 p.m. at the Parish Office.

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society will be held **Monday, May 9**, in the North Sacristy of the church after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. There will be refreshments and camaraderie following the meeting. Current members and potential members are welcome.

We will be accepting new members at our September meeting.

The official Mother Love prayer book has been updated and is available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop. In it you will find beautiful prayers for every intention.

Your updated membership dues of \$5 are always welcome.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION



Playing For God's Team VBS

June 13 – June 17

8:30 – 11:30 A.M. daily

Victoria Grade School

On Wednesday, April 6, pre-registration forms for "Playing for God's Team" Vacation Bible School were sent home with all students in grades K through 5. If you are a parent of a kindergarten through fifth grade student and did not receive a form, please contact Jeanette Brungardt in the Religious Ed Office at 785-735-9244 or by email at FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net. Information can also be found on the Basilica's Facebook page!

Pre-registration forms are due to the Religious Ed Office by May 11, 2016.

"Let the field be joyful and all that is in it." Psalm 96:12

MAY CALENDAR

Saturday-Tuesday, May 28-31 — Jr. CYO Rock Springs Retreat

Don't Count the Years — Count the Memories

There are moments in life when you miss someone so much that you just want to pick them from your dreams and hug them for real!

Sometimes when the door of happiness closes, another opens; but often times we look so long at the closed door that we don't see the one which has been opened for us.

Dream what you want to dream; go where you want to go; be what you want to be, because you have only one life to do all the things you want to do.

May you have enough happiness to make

you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, and enough hope to make you happy.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.

Don't count the years — count the memories....

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MAY-ALERT

Human Trafficking and Sporting Events. Traffickers are opportunistic hunters and see major sporting events, and the thousands of people who flock to sports venues, as an opportunity for huge profits with little risk of penalty or punishment. Human trafficking is a business, and traffickers will take advantage of what they perceive to be good business opportunities—including national and international sporting events. Access the website sistersagainstrafficking.org...U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

St. Isidore Day

St. Isidore is the patron saint of farming and is one of the patron saints of the Diocese of Salina. We will observe his memorial day on **Monday, May 16**, with a 10:00 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Weisenburger at the Sacred Heart Parish in Atwood, KS. There will be a blessing of grains, soil, and other crops as part of the liturgical celebration. Lunch will be served around 11:00 a.m. by the parishioners.

Following lunch, there will be a blessing of one of the fields (and maybe a blessing of a bucket-calf) on the way to tour Surefire Ag Industries. The tour should conclude by 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, contact Fr. Richard Daise or Fr. Brian Lager.

Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline

785-825-0865:

For the safety and the healing of children, the Diocese of Salina provides an Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline. Calls to this number will be answered by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, who will offer to meet with the caller in person, if the caller so desires. Calls are confidential with the following exceptions:

- Any allegation of sexual abuse concerning those who currently are minors must be reported to **The Kansas Protection Report Center (1-800-922-5330)** as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy.
- Any allegation of sexual misconduct must be shared with the proper diocesan authorities.

This bulletin announcement provided by the Diocesan Office of Safety and Security.

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.

HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT!

Host families are needed for high school exchange students for the 2016-2017 school year. The students will arrive from Europe, Asia, and South America in mid-August 2016 and will stay with the host family for one semester or until the end of the school year. They are in need of caring American families (with or without children) to provide a home and share with them this unique experience. The host family provides a bed, meals, friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life with a student from overseas. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have spending money for their personal expenses. Approved families can view online student applications and select the student that best matches their own family. For more information, please call Kori Braun at 785-735-4161

Victoria Schools Calendar



Monday — May 9

AIM period—students will have directed study
3:30 pm JH/HS track practice
4:00 pm HS baseball with Russell vs. Hoisington. Depart: 2:00.
7:30 pm BOE meeting

Tuesday — May 10

10:00 am JH CPL track meet @ Ness City. Depart 7:45
AIM period—students will have directed study. 7th grade girls meeting in Mrs. Kori Braun's office
3:30 pm HS track practice
7:00 pm NHS induction in auditorium

Wednesday — May 11

Athletic physicals for VJSHS students in the AM
JH field trip to Hutch
7:45 am PDC Committee meeting in the HS library
AIM period—students will have directed study
3:30 pm HS track practice
6:30 pm FCCLA Awards and Installation
7:30 pm HS Awards Night and Open House

Thursday — May 12

Seniors last day of school. Seniors will turn in iPads during 1st and 3rd hours with Mr. Dronberger. Seniors need to bring their chargers
AIM period—students will have directed study
3:00 pm HS CPL track meet @ Ness City. Depart: 12:30

Friday — May 13 — All Bills and Activities Due

Graduation practice and Baccalaureate practice for seniors and junior attendants
AIM period—students will have directed study
3:30 pm HS track practice

Sunday — May 15

1:00 pm HS Graduation — Congratulations, Seniors!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday — May 18

Last School Day for 8th Grade
8th Grade field trip to Hays
7:30 pm JH Awards Night and 8th Grade Promotion
iPad check-in for all students—must have chargers at school

Thursday — May 19

Last day of school

Friday — May 20

Teachers' Work Day

V.F.W. and Auxiliary Meetings



The V.F.W. and the V.F.W. Auxiliary will meet on **Thursday, May 12**, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall.



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 785-628-3347 or singleandbeyond@gmail.com. Food and Fellowship gathering on **Wednesday, May 18**, at JD's Country Style Chicken, 740 E. 8th St, Hays, at 6:00 p.m. All singles welcome; bring a friend.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

The mercy of Jesus is like an ocean ready to flow into any soul who asks for even a small portion. Experience the healing touch of Jesus' mercy.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats. *Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time.*

Next Retreat: May 20-22

1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383)

785.639.4643 (call or text)

rvineyard@ruraltel.net

CONFIDENTIAL

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.

Victoria Elementary Still Collecting Box Tops

The **Pop Tabs** have been delivered to the **Ronald McDonald House** in Topeka! Victoria Elementary had a total of 123 pounds of tabs, and we were able to donate a check of \$47.97 this year. We have already started to collect for next year! Remember we are also collecting **Box Tops** so 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!

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!



St. Ann Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays until November.

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.

Thrift Shop Doing Well

St. Fidelis Thrift shop continues to do well. In April, we sold almost \$1,500.00 worth of merchandise. Thanks to the generosity of: the Frank Brungardt family—we no longer will be paying rent, only the utilities; J & E Rentals that let us use a storage unit free of charge; all the volunteers who are so dedicated; those that donate items; and our customers who purchase items. It takes all of you to make this work. Thanks to all of you, the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop will continue to grow.

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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	MAY 9
7:00 pm Joseph and Catherine Weigel Pete and Leona Wellbrock Gilbert, Mary Ann, and Tom Leiker	
TUESDAY	MAY 10
6:45 am Henry, Josepha, Don, Virgil, Robert, and Wayne (anniv) Ruder	
WEDNESDAY	MAY 11
6:45 am Ray Schulte	
THURSDAY	MAY 12
6:45 am Elmer Hoff	
FRIDAY	MAY 13
6:45 am Hilaria Windholz	
SATURDAY	MAY 14
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Susan Klein	
SUNDAY	PENTECOST SUNDAY
7:30 am St. Ann Winfred and Aggie Goetz Marvin and Millie Goetz Marcella Bealby	
8:45 am St. Boniface	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Henrietta Kuhn Albert Braun family	

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 14, 5:00 pm

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Pam	Mary Lou Rome	Audrey Staab	Ron / Gloria
Scheck	Det Younger	Morgan Staab	Braun
Lector	Amorette	Ashlyn Pfeifer	Pete / Tina
Shannon	Windholz		Braun
Radke	Teresa Shepherd		
Comm.	Wanda Karlin		
Diane	Gib Billinger		
Gross	Carol Billinger		

Sunday, May 15, 10:00 am

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Adult	Bertha Brungardt	Wyatt Engel	Katie Bellendir
Choir	Cora Schulte	Tyler Engel	Leroy / JoAnn
Lector	Ken Brungardt	Kendall Braun	Braun
LeeAnn	Phyllis Stramel		
Schmidtberger	Shannon Radke		
Comm.	Connie Braun		
Anne	Deb Geschwentner		
Dinkel			