

"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

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

October 16, 2016 – 29th 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

- Oct. 23** — Marriage anniversary Mass at St. Joseph Church, Hays, 3:00 pm
- Oct. 30** — Priesthood Sunday
- Oct. 31** — Halloween
- Nov. 1** — All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Nov. 6** — Daylight Savings Ends (turn clocks back 1 hour)
- Nov. 6** — Memorial Mass for deceased of the parishes 10:00 am
- Nov. 11** — Veterans Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Nov. 13** — Stewardship Sunday
- Nov. 19-20** — Advent Angels chosen
- Nov. 23** — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon for Thanksgiving holiday
- Nov. 24** — Thanksgiving Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, "Render a just decision for me against my adversary." For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, "While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me."

(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 18:1-8)



"The Hound of Heaven" by Francis Thompson is a literary and a theological poem which you may have read in high school or college literature. The opening verse in one of the great classics of literature:

*I fled Him down the nights and down the days;
I fled him, down the arches of the years
I fled him down the labyrinthine ways
I hid in laughter and the mist of tears.*

The poet then continues to describe how he had fled from God, yet God continued to pursue him. Finally, the fugitive surrenders to God. And God, in another memorable verse of great literature, explains the folly of fleeing from him, "All things betray thee, who betrayest Me."

Thompson's poem resonates with the parable in today's gospel. There are two characters in this parable, the judge and the widow. Most people instinctively assume that the judge represents God and the widow is a desperate Christian asking God for help. But such a heartless judge is an unsatisfying image of God.

Therefore some scholars interpret the parable with those roles reversed. The judge represents an errant Christian; and the widow is an image of God. Just as the widow hounded the judge until he granted her justice, God pursues the errant soul until justification is realized. The widow is the gospel's Hound of Heaven.

Today's gospel parable, as The Hound of Heaven, is an image of how God offers salvation to an unbeliever. But how does this parable or the Hound of Heaven apply to me? I believe in God. I go to Church. I try to live by the commandments. I am trying to find God. Why would God be pursuing me?

Despite our general commitment and our basic good will, most of us have certain areas of our faith where we are fleeing from God. And the Hound of Heaven will pursue us until we have accepted him fully.

We are all tempted to customize Christianity to suit ourselves, to pick and choose what is to our liking. We may, for example, follow quite faithfully the moral code of personal conduct but turn a deaf ear to social justice and compassionate charity. Or we may focus on love, tolerance, and forgiveness but turn a deaf ear to the moral demands of the gospel.

We often rejoice that God is portrayed in Scripture as a God of love, mercy, and forgiveness. We should not forget that He is also a stubborn God and a nagging God. Every parent knows that there is such a thing as "holy nagging." Children need a constant, unyielding insistence to do what is right. God, Our Father, will continue his "holy nagging" until his children respond to his grace. In the words of this gospel, "because this widow keeps bothering me, I shall deliver a just decision for her." In the words of the Hound of Heaven, "I am He whom thou seek! You drove love from yourself, you who drove it from me."

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Creditors have better memories than debtors.

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Contributions October 8-9, 2016

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 1852.00 Loose 1520.97
Repair Fund 100.00
Capuchin Education 20.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 176.00 Loose 166.00
Capuchin Education 50.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 287.00 Loose 257.00
Candles 51.00
Capuchin Education 50.00

Oct. 17 — Mary Brungardt, Det Younger

Oct. 24 — Connie Dreiling, Janie Dinges

Baptism



We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Lincoln Jay Calvin**, son of Trevor and Holliann (Stramel) Calvin. Lincoln Jay, born June 13, 2016, was baptized at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, by Father John Schmeidler on Saturday, October 8, 2016. His godparents are Ashley Calvin and Brady Stephens.

Baptism



We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Arya Renae Linder**, daughter of Dustin and Meghan (Powell) Linder. Arya Renae, born June 28, 2016, was baptized at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, by Father John Schmeidler on Sunday, October 9, 2016. Her godparents are Jerad Linder and Erin Garst.

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 to drop off your donations, contact Jan at the parish office.

CHOIR

CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesdays, October 19

SING: Sunday, October 23

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 19 — Religious Education classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Sunday, October 30 — Jr. CYO – Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat (Victoria, KS) 2-4 P.M.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 1 — All Saints Day – Office Closed

Wednesday, November 2 — Religious Education classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Wednesday, November 9 — Jubilee Choir Practice 5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – St. Fidelis

Religious Education classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 12 — Freshman Confirmation Retreat at St. Ann's, Walker, KS *Candidates and sponsors

Sunday, November 13 — 10:00 A.M. Mass Jubilee Choir performs (Freshman) Entrance and (Sophomore) Covenant Rites

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Sophomore Confirmation Retreat at St. Ann's, Walker, KS

*Candidates and sponsors

Wednesday, November 16 — Religious Education classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

WE ARE TRYING SOMETHING NEW with the schedule. There is a copy of the schedule at the north entrance of the church. Please sign your name on the days you will be able to minister. That way you will know if you will be in town or not. If you have any questions, contact Jan at the Parish Office. Thank you.

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.

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Month of the Rosary

October celebrates the month of the rosary, honoring Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Praying the rosary with your family is a wonderful way to keep your family connected.

OCTOBER—ALERT

The United States is one of the destination countries for human trafficking. Victims originate from nations such as Russia, Ukraine, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Czech Republic, Mexico, and India. Victims are brought here to work in fields, sweatshops, homes, restaurants, motels, hotels, and brothels. Ending this slavery is everyone's work. Learn more by going to sistersagainstrafficking.org, a website of U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. Share information with your family and friends.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To learn more about the Catholic response, visit the U.S. Bishop's website for their Pastoral Letter: "When I Call for Help" (http://bit.ly/usccb_dv). If you or a family member or friend needs help now, contact the **National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233** (24 hours); 800-787-3224 (TTY); www.ndvh.org. **If you are in immediate danger, call 911.**

KNOW THE FACTS. Domestic abuse and violence refers to a pattern of violent and coercive behavior exercised by one adult in an intimate relationship over another. It is not a private family matter.

Domestic violence, also known as intimate partner violence (IPV), is defined by the Centers for Disease Control as a serious, preventable public health problem that affects millions of Americans. It refers to the physical, sexual, or psychological harm by a current or former partner or spouse and does include teen dating relationships.

A statistic from the Bureau of Justice indicates that from 1994 to 2010 about 4 in 5 victims of intimate partner violence were female. Domestic violence affects the whole family, including any children. Faith communities are called to offer hope, help, and healing to all harmed by domestic abuse and violence.

**Ellis St. Mary CYO
Community Fried Chicken Dinner
Sunday, October 23**

Knights of Columbus Hall, 1013 Washington St, Ellis, KS
10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or until sold out

Pan-fried Chicken dinner includes Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Vegetable, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, and Dessert
Ages 5-9: \$5.00; Ages 10 & over: \$10.00



First Care Clinic

Hours are:

**Monday - Thursday
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM - Noon**

Phone: **785-735-3710**

Plan Ahead for Cursillo Weekends

Cursillo in Christianity is an encounter with self, Christ, and others. It is a method to develop, live, and share spirituality in any area of human life where Christians want to dedicate their lives to God. If you are interested in a means of personal growth in living what is fundamental for being a Christian, and encouraging one another in proclaiming the best news of the best reality that God in Christ loves us, please prayerfully consider attending.

The next weekend events: **Men's weekend March 16-19, 2017; Women's weekend July 27-30, 2017.** Location: Victoria, Kansas, Spiritual Life Center.

For more information contact Patricia Dusin at 785-302-1220, or patriciad@ruraltel.net.

**City of Victoria Looking for
Part-time Treasurer**

The position requires working once a month for 3-5 hours during regular business hours. For additional information on the position, call City Hall at 785-735-2259.



**CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP
Friday, Saturday, Sunday
October 21, 22, and 23**

Items can be taken to the compost site.
Paint, household hazardous waste, tires, and items with Freon cannot be accepted.

Call City Hall with additional questions at 785-735-2259.



Gifts for Mama

Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered. They discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother.

The first said, "I built a big house for our mother."

The second said, "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver."

The third said, "You remember how our mother enjoys reading the Bible. Now she can't see very well. So I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. It took elders in the church 12 years to teach him. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse and the parrot recites it."

Soon thereafter, their mother sent out her letters of thanks.

"Milton," she said, "the house you built is so huge. I live only in one room, but I have to clean the whole house."

"Gerald," she said, "I am too old to travel. I stay most of the time at home so I rarely use the Mercedes. And that driver is so rude! He's a pain!"

"But Donald," she said, "the little chicken you sent was delicious!"

**TRICK OR TREAT
SO OTHERS CAN EAT**

**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 30**

**2:00 - 4:00
P.M.**



Save Your Box Tops, Pop Tabs, and Labels for Victoria Elementary

Victoria Elementary School is once again collecting **Box Tops**, **Pop Tabs**, and **Sunny D UPC labels**. Also find out more about the **Dillions Community Rewards** program they are involved with that can help the school earn money. VES can earn cash for their activity fund with the Box Tops. The Sunny D labels will help the classrooms earn free books. The Pop Tabs are delivered to Topeka to the Ronald McDonald House where they are recycled, and the money raised goes to help with the cost of operating the house.

The **Sunny D UPC labels** will be turned in by November 30, the **Box Tops** at the end of February, and the **Pop Tabs** will be delivered to Topeka over Spring Break. These items can be dropped off at the school, or you can give them to any elementary school student or teacher. Thanks for your help!

"GOD governs the world but, prayer governs GOD"

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!



Victoria Schools Calendar



Monday — October 17

FCCLA select members absent

Lunch Menu: Soft taco, refried beans, Mexican rice, tropical fruit, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

Tuesday — October 18

12:45 pm 4th and 5th Grades to FHSU

Lunch Menu: BBQ beef sandwich, steamed broccoli, fruit crisp, applesauce, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

Wednesday — October 19

FCCLA select members absent

Pre-school field trip

Lunch Menu: Cavatini, green beans, garlic bread, pineapple, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

Thursday — October 20

Lunch Menu: Chicken breasts, rice, peas, peaches, hand tossed bun, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study. 8th Grade BOYS will meet in Mrs. K. Braun's room during AIM

Friday — October 21 — End of 1st Nine Weeks

Lunch Menu: Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, corn, roll, fruit cocktail, salad, milk

7:00 pm HS football @ Lincoln. Dismissed at 3:15

Saturday — October 22

ACT test date

10:30 am KSHSAA regional cross country @ Tribune

1:00 pm KSHSAA sub-state volleyball @ Stockton

- T O D A Y - V.F.W. SOUP LUNCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

11:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.



Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili Soup
Hot Chicken Sandwich or Hot Dog
Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Water

\$6.00 Meal

\$4.00 Kids 10 & under

Carry out available.

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.

All Soul Services at Area Parishes Sunday, October 30

St. Catherine Parish, Catherine — immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Services will begin in church and then proceed to the cemetery. A collection will be taken up in the church for the upkeep of the cemetery. In case of bad weather, the entire service will be held in church.

St. Severin Cemetery — at 10:00 am. A collection will be taken up at the cemetery for the upkeep of the cemetery. In case of bad weather, St. Catherine Parish invites you to attend the services at the church in Catharine at 9:00 am. A separate collection will be taken up for St. Severin Cemetery at that time.

St. Anthony Parish, Schoenchen — at 11:00 a.m.

Our Lady Help of Christian Church, Antonino — at 12:00 noon.

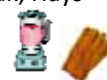
Cemetery upkeep: Donations towards the upkeep of **St. Catherine Cemetery and/or St. Severin Cemetery** are welcomed at anytime. Simply place your donation in an envelope, write on the outside of the envelope if the money is for St. Catherine or St. Severin and that it should be forwarded to St. Catherine Church. You may drop it in the collection basket where you attend Mass or mail it to St. Catherine Church, PO Box 18, Catharine, KS 67627-0018.



Community Assistance Center — 12th and Oak, Hays

GARAGE SALE

Tuesday, October 18 • 8:00-11:00 am



The center will not be open on Saturdays for donations until next spring. Please use their drop box in front of the building.

ST. ANN

ST. ANN CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

ARE HOSTING A

**TRI-PARISH SOUP SUPPER
AND GAME NIGHT**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE 6:30 PM MASS



Games will include pinochle, other card games, and board games. Soups and drinks will be provided, but St. Ann parishioners are asked to bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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.



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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS:

Recently you received a letter asking for your cell phone number and e-mail address. If you have not returned the postcard yet, please send it in as soon as you can. We are trying to update your records.

Harland Rupp, Grand Knight

**Knights of Columbus 3rd and 4th degree
Memorial Mass
and Corporate Communion
Sunday, October 30**

4:00 p.m. in St. Ann Catholic Church

Followed by social and dinner in Walker Parish Hall.

All members, spouses, and widows of deceased members are invited.



St. Fidelis Food Pantry

Parish Activity Center (PAC) • 601 10th St. • 785-735-2777

*** Sunday Rosary Schedule ***

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 22, 5:00 pm

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Lydia/Christie Sander	Diane Gross Bob Stramel	Jarron Schmidt	Judy Dreiling family
<u>Lector</u>	Phyllis Stramel	Jillian Schmidt	
Volunteer	Volunteer	Brody Nowak	
	Volunteer		
<u>Comm.</u>	Volunteer		
Volunteer	Volunteer		

Sunday, October 23, 10:00 am

<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Adult Choir	Keith Billinger Cora Schulte	Trenton Engel	
<u>Lector</u>	Marge Rome	Quenton	
Cora Schulte	John Braun Leroy Schmidtberger	Engel Wyatt Engel	
<u>Comm.</u>	Volunteer		
Connie Dreiling	Volunteer		

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	OCTOBER 17
7:00 pm	Edwin and Ruth Engel
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 18
6:45 am	Leo and Hubertine Stramel
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 19
6:45 am	Alois, Mary Mae, and Suellen Pfeifer
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 20
6:45 am	Frank and Mary Ann Hoffman
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 21
6:45 am	Joseph, Ralph, and Betty Schmidtberger
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 22
5:00 pm	St. Fidelis Mary Weigel
SUNDAY	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 am	St. Ann Alfred J. Jr., Verlin, Darita, and Dorothy Mermis Gene Gallart
8:45 am	St. Boniface
10:00 am	St. Fidelis Martina Schmidtberger

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