

*"Beacon of Faith,"*  
**ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

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



<b>Parish Office:</b> 601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 • 785-735-2777 • Fax: 785-735-2779 <b>Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00	<b>Catholic Faith Education Office:</b> 785-735-9244		
<b>Gift Shop Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday: 8:30-noon and 1:00-4:30 Friday: 8:30-noon	<b>Weddings:</b> Couples planning to marry must contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before the wedding date for marriage preparations.	<b>Baptisms:</b> All new parents are asked to complete a Baptismal Preparation class before their child is baptized. For information, please call the Parish Office.	<b>Hospital Visits:</b> To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.
<b>In-Home Mass:</b> Any homebound or hospice family interested in having Mass in their home should contact the Parish Office.	<b>Holy Communion Brought to Homebound:</b> 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.		<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:</b> <b>THURSDAYS</b> <b>10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.</b> in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar

[www.stfidelischurch.com](http://www.stfidelischurch.com) / [www.stbonifacevincent.com](http://www.stbonifacevincent.com)

## September 18, 2016 – 25th 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

**Sept. 23-24** — Homecoming activities;  
4:30 Alumni Mass; No 5:00 Mass  
**Oct. 10** — Columbus Day  
**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. 11** — Veterans Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**Nov. 13** — Stewardship Sunday  
**Nov. 23** — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon for Thanksgiving holiday  
**Nov. 24** — Thanksgiving Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**Nov. 25** — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for Thanksgiving holiday  
**Nov. 27** — First Sunday of Advent

## Catechetical Sunday

The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.

(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 16:1-13)



## Friars' Mind

The gospel parables are often unsettling. Today's parable seems to approve of the shady business dealings of the steward and it even proposes him as a model for Christians. Some Scripture scholars hold that the steward was not doing anything wrong. He was simply subtracting his own commission from each of the debts. He was letting the debtors have their merchandise wholesale, foregoing his personal profit to gain the good favor of his clients.

But most Scripture scholars insist that the steward was dishonest, yet the parable is not approving of his dishonesty. It is praising only his clever initiative. We might have difficulty separating his dishonesty from his ingenuity, but the Semitic culture of gospel times apparently did not.

All commentators agree that the moral of the parable is that we should be as inventive spiritually as we are materially. Too often we are not. The central verse of this gospel is: "The children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light."

The obvious meaning of that verse is that unbelievers are more diligent in their material dealings, than Christians are in spiritual matters. Terrorists, for example, are more inventive in their scheming than our technicians are in our security; abortion advocates are more imaginative than pro-life activists; the unscrupulous in business are daring while honest merchants are dull.

In sum, pagans are better at being pagan than Christians are at being Christian. That is a valid understanding of this gospel. But there is also a personal application. The comparison should be not only between pagans and Christians. It should be addressed to the secular ingenuity within each of us. Do we develop our spiritual life as well as we manage our material business?

Most of us are good planners, good shoppers, and good organizers. We spend our time, our resources, and our money wisely. Are we as prudent and persistent in prayer and charity and mercy? Whatever your trade - a butcher or a baker or a candlestick maker - you pride yourself on the quality of your work. The gospel is asking if you have the same dedication to the values and virtues of your interior Christian life.

The gospel suggests that the worldly part of me is better at dealing with the material part of my life, than the spiritual part of me is in dealing with my inner spirit. "The children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light."

Despite this human weakness, many good things are happening in the Christian world. Most of our parishes are thriving with creative ideas to better our liturgies, our religious education, and our service to the community. Today's gospel is not a condemnation, but a counsel. If we are aware of our weaknesses, we are better able to develop our strengths. In the paradoxical words of St. Francis, "Let us begin again, for up to now we have done nothing. May each of us do our share to spread the gospel."

## ..... and mirth

Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When we were young, we had to walk twelve feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:**

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Lou Ann Hammersmith

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### Council Members

**St. Fidelis Pastoral Council**

Randy Leiker 259-1392 (Chair)  
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Janea Dinkel 735-9529 (FamLife)  
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Curtis Sander 735-2559  
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Carol Freitag 735-9282  
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Mike Eckroat 623-9566

**St. Ann Pastoral Council**

Helen Windholz 735-2293  
Terry Riedel  
Jerry Nowak 637-5273

### Contributions September 10-11, 2016

**ST. FIDELIS:**

Adult 2152.00 Loose 1219.00

**ST. ANN:**

Adult 221.00 Loose 424.50

**ST. BONIFACE:**

Adult 335.00 Loose 109.00

Candles 74.00

**Sept. 19** — Bob and Phyllis Stramel, Dorothy Goetz

**Sept. 26** — Ivan and Verda Werner

**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.

## CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

**Sunday, September 18** – 10:00 A.M. Mass — Liturgy of the Word begins

10:00 A.M – Jubilee Choir performs

Catechetical Sunday

**Wednesday, September 21** — Religious Education classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

\*Freshman Confirmation parent/student meeting at 7:30

P.M. – Meal Site Room

**Wednesday, September 28** — Religious Education classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

### Jubilee Choir

If you are in second grade or older and you have a love for singing and worship then Jubilee Choir needs you! The Jubilee Choir meets once a month on Wednesday afternoon from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. immediately prior to Religious Ed and perform once a month during the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday morning, typically the second Sunday of the month.

We are very grateful to Becky Scheck and LouAnn Hammersmith as well as the children and families who have whole heartedly committed to this ministry. If it weren't for you all, we would not have the pleasure of hearing those angelic voices on Sunday mornings!

Please contact the Religious Ed Office—either Shirley or Jeanette—to request more information such as practice and performance dates and/or to sign your child up! **The first practice will be on Wednesday, September 14, 2016.**

Office: 785-735-9244; E-mail: [FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net](mailto:FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### K. of C. Charities Aid Foundation, Kansas State Council 2016 Religious Education Fund Raffle

**\$100 per ticket**

Only 1,700 applications will be accepted.

**Contact Harland Rupp for tickets (785-623-1368)**

*Make checks payable to:*

*Kansas State K of C Religious Education Fund*

**The drawing will be held December 3, 2016.**

28 prizes will be given away: one \$25,000, one \$6,000, two \$4,000 each, five \$2,000 each, and nineteen \$1,000 each.

Need not be present to win. These donations are not tax deductible.

**Last year a total of \$1,125 came back to the tri-parish (St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface) Religious Education program.**

## Second Collection for Louisiana Flood Victims

As many as 60,000 homes have been damaged in the flooding in Louisiana with 20,000 people rescued from flood waters. Lives have been cruelly altered. In light of the devastation, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has directed that every Diocese in the U.S. is to take up a second collection for the victims **this weekend—September 17-18**. This emergency collection will be used both to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses in the area.

Donation checks should be made out to the Parish. The Bishop is asking each pastor to compile all collected funds and forward one check from the parish to the Diocese. In this way we can get the funds quickly where they are needed.

## CASA Family Day

### A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children

National "Family Day" is **Monday, September 26**, sponsored by CASA (Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse) as a day for parents to connect with their children so they might strengthen their family relationships and encourage children to stay drug free. Activities for encouraging connection between parents and children can be: talking while taking kids to practices, sharing while tucking little ones into bed, and having frequent family dinners with discussion topics and no TV. An excellent website for parents to find more information and family activities is [www.casafamilyday.org](http://www.casafamilyday.org).

## March for Life in January

The Diocese of Salina Respect Life Office will sponsor a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., **January 25-29, 2017**. The trip includes bus fare, hotel for two nights, Mass, the March for Life, National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, sightseeing, and the Life is VERY Good Rally. Information can be found at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx) (optional, additional cost).

Cost of the trip is \$325 per person. Online registration will be available at <http://salinadiocese.org/respect-life>. There is a \$50 non-refundable reservation fee. **Reservations are due no later than September 30**. For more information contact Deacon Scott Watford, Respect Life Coordinator, at 785-628-1446 or [respectlife@salinadiocese.org](mailto:respectlife@salinadiocese.org).

## SEPTEMBER—ALERT

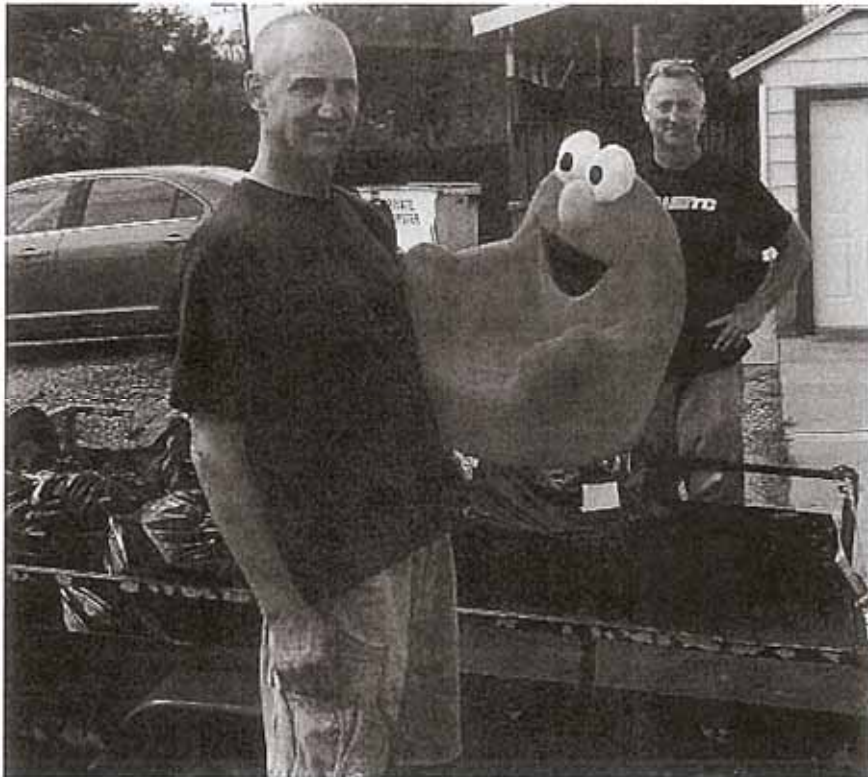
Few crimes are more abhorrent than child trafficking and few crimes are more challenging for communities to recognize and address. U.S. citizens and foreign national children are trafficked for sex and labor in the United States. In fact, many child victims of human trafficking are students in the American school system. No community—urban, rural, or suburban—and no school, socioeconomic group or student demographic is immune. All of us can educate ourselves to the evils of human trafficking. See [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org), a website of U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

ST. FIDELIS GIFT AND THRIFT SHOP

503 MAIN

VICTORIA, KS 67671

Come and check out the new Shop. Many new items, much more room, and something for everyone. We have Halloween and soon we will display tons and tons of Christmas items. We thank everyone, especially the St. Fidelis Knights of Columbus for making this move possible. And also the volunteers who put in countless hours moving and sorting and moving and sorting. It was a huge undertaking that is still in progress. We cannot accept some items, for instance: TV's, baby beds, car seats, used computers and items that are outdated or just don't work. We will always take clothes that are clean and usable. We also take toys that are not broken, most household items, dishes, and lots of other items to numerous to mention. If we receive items that do not work or we are not allowed by law to sell them we have to pay to have them taken to the landfill. The last load cost us over \$70. Please keep this in mind when donating items. If you need items picked up, contact Jan at the parish office.



## Want to Work in Catholic Radio?

Divine Mercy Radio is looking for a Special Operations Technician. Knowledge of computer hardware and server security a plus. Must be willing to embrace the Divine Mercy Radio mission and perform a variety of duties. Full job description at [dmrmercy.com](http://dmrmercy.com). Send cover letter and resume to: Divine Mercy Radio, 108 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Hays, KS 67601.

*Thank you for praying but,  
"Where are all the others," Jesus asks.*

### 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 — September 19

Lunch Menu: Chicken breast, hand tossed roll, chicken flavored rice green beans, pears, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

6:00 pm HS JV Football vs Ellinwood

### Tuesday — September 20

Lunch Menu: Cheeseburger pocket, steamed peas, fresh cauliflower, fruit cocktail, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

4:00 HS Volleyball vs Ness City with Kinsley

### Wednesday — September 21

7:45 am Faculty meeting in Library

Lunch Menu: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, orange slices dinner roll, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

9:00 Homecoming Pep Rally at City Baseball field home bleachers. In case of inclement weather, pep rally will be held in gym.

### Thursday — September 22

Lunch Menu: Tater tot casserole, green beans, applesauce, sticky bun, salad, milk

FCCLA State meeting

AIM period—Students have directed study.

1:00 Tennis at Russell

4:30 pm JH Volleyball vs. St. John

5:00 Cross Country at Hill City

6:30 pm JH football vs. St. John

### Friday — September 23

Homecoming Spirit Day: Maroon and Gold Day

Lunch Menu: Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, cantaloupe, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

Float building in bus barn after lunch

3:00 HS Students dismissed

4:00 Homecoming parade

4:30 Pep Rally in front of High School

5:00 VIP Sponsored tailgate party

6:30 Crowning Ceremony

7:00 pm HS football vs. Otis-Bison

### Saturday — September 24

9:00 am Varsity Tennis at WaKeeney

8:00-11:00 pm Homecoming Dance in HS Cafeteria



Community Assistance Center — 12th and Oak, Hays

## GARAGE SALE

Tuesday, September 20 • 8:00-11:00 am



## AHSGR Annual Kansas Round-Up

The **American Historical Society of Germans from Russia** (AHSGR) Hays, Sunflower Chapter, is hosting the annual Kansas Round-Up of Chapter on **Saturday, October 1, 2016**, at Whiskey Creek Restaurant's back meeting room. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with a business meeting and speaker throughout the day. Meal tickets (includes lunch and banquet) are \$25.00 a person. Registration is \$10.00 for AHSGR members and \$15.00 for non-members.

Banquet speaker this year is Dr. Tanja Schell who was raised in Russia. Her family was originally from the Volga German village of Seewald before the family was deported in 1941 to Omsk, West Siberia, and finally ended up back in Germany. She will be giving a number of presentations during the day. Other speakers include, Dr. Yuri Yerastov, Hannah Witt from AHSGR, Guy Windholz and the Sunflower Chapter presenting the program "Weihnachseit im Oktober". **Deadline for registration is Monday, September 19, for the meals.**

For more information contact Kevin Rupp at 785-656-0329 or visit [www.sunflowerchapterofahsgr.net/Roundup.htm](http://www.sunflowerchapterofahsgr.net/Roundup.htm) for more information.

**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.

## 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.

**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.

## 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](mailto:singleandbeyond@gmail.com). Food and Fellowship gathering on **Wednesday, September 21**, at Gambino's Pizza, 2102 Vine, at 6:00 p.m. All singles welcome; bring a friend.

The Ellis County Health Department is coming to Victoria to administer flu shots to the citizens of Victoria and the surrounding area. **VFW Hall on Tuesday, October 4, 8:00 to 9:00 A.M.**

VHS Homecoming activities are next weekend, September 23-24  
**Mass on Saturday, September 24, will be at 4:30 p.m.**  
 There will not be a 5:00 p.m. Mass.

**Cancer Council of Ellis County**

“The Art of Survivorship” is the theme for the 21st Annual “Day of Caring” brunch and fashion show at FHSU Memorial Union on October 8, 2015, beginning at 9 am. Come celebrate a day of Breast Cancer Awareness and Survivorship. Models are breast cancer survivors. Tickets available for \$20 a person until October 3. For more information call the Cancer Council of Ellis County, 625-6653.

**October 11th Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat**

Please leave food on your porch by the door, we really need the communities support we are low on food.

Garage sales: Sept. 20th, Oct. 4th and 18th, Nov. 1st-Totally Christmas and Nov. 15th

We are not open on Saturday's for donation until next spring , please use our drop box in front of building.

Thanks for you Support.. Laurie

**TMP-Marian Bake Sale**

**October 21, 2016**

**Bierocks-\$35 per dozen**

**Peach or Cherry Kuchen-\$12 each**

**Blackberry Kuchen-\$15 each**

**Frozen chocolate chip cookie dough \$8.00**

**Deadline for orders is Friday, October 14**

**Pick up times is 3-6 pm on October 21 at TMP**

**Contact Sandy Losey at 625-6577 or at**

**Tmp-m.org/bierocksundkuchen**

**ST. BONIFACE**

**110th Anniversary of St. Boniface Church**

The 110th Anniversary Celebration of St. Boniface parish will be **Sunday, June 11, 2017**. Bishop Weisenburger will celebrate Mass at 3:00 p.m. and bless the buildings at St. Boniface—the church, new parish hall, and the remodeled priest house and former sisters house.



Plans are being made for a meal and tours of the new/remodeled buildings at throughout the day, as well as a slide show of history and current parish activities. The parish is also putting together a cookbook for sale at the celebration. More details will follow in the coming months.

**Attention: St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society Members**

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mass -7:00 p.m.

Reception of New Members

Women of the parish, consider becoming an official member of St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society organization. New members will be inducted during Mass. If interested please contact Det Younger by phone 785-735-2757 or email at [detyounger@gmail.com](mailto:detyounger@gmail.com) We welcome all current members. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, come see what we have been up to.

**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.

**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 & CANTORS**

**PRACTICE:** Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m.

**SING:** Saturday, September 24 @ 4:30 p.m. for the Alumni Homecoming Mass.

**CANTORS**

September 24, 5:00 pm — Adult Choir

September 25, 10:00 am — Pam Scheck

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>SEPTEMBER 19</b>
7:00 pm Lawrence "Bud" Brungardt	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>SEPTEMBER 20</b>
6:45 am Fr. Al Brungardt	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>SEPTEMBER 21</b>
6:45 am Victor and Marlene "Toots" Scheck	
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>SEPTEMBER 22</b>
6:45 am Ray and Annette Lang	
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>SEPTEMBER 23</b>
6:45 am Carey Schulte	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>SEPTEMBER 24</b>
4:30 pm St. Fidelis John and Albina Rome Don Gross	
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME..... SEPTEMBER 25</b>
7:30 am St. Ann Walter and Scholastica Leiker	
8:45 am St. Boniface Art Vonfeldt	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Earl and Charlene Roth	



**St. Fidelis Food Pantry**

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