

"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

September 25, 2016 – 26th 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. 9** — Day of Mercy—Confessions heard from 2:00-4:00 at St. Fidelis
- Oct. 10** — Columbus Day
- Oct. 23** — Marriage anniversary Mass at St. Joseph Church, Hays, 3:00 pm
- 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



“If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.”

(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 16:19-31)



"Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came. You wanna be where everybody knows your name." Fans of the hilarious sitcom "Cheers" will remember that catchy theme song. Our name is more than just another word. It is our identity. We react differently to the sound of our own name than to any other sound. This is true also of pets and many animals. Few things are as reassuring as being recognized by name. To indicate a personal relationship we often say that we know a certain person "by name." This is true of God's relationship with us and our relationship with God. "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine." (Is 43:1)

Names are very significant in the Bible. God gave names to a few special people before they were born, most notably Jesus (he who saves) and John (beloved of God) the Baptist. Their names designated the role of their life in salvation history. God also changed the names of special people such as Abraham, Sarah, Israel, and Peter to highlight their special purpose in God's plan.

In today's gospel parable the poor man has a name, the rich man does not. The poor man is "Lazarus." The wealthy man is just "a rich man." This is the only gospel parable in which a character is given a personal name. The rich man is nameless, but the poor man is "Lazarus." The poor man is known to God personally, by name. He had a relationship with God. They were, as we say, on a first name basis. The rich man is nameless: unknowing of God; unknown by God.

The name of the poor man helps us to understand why Lazarus went to heaven while the rich man was condemned to hell. Lazarus means "God has helped." God helped Lazarus to find a way through his suffering to eternal glory. But the poor man did not go to heaven for being poor. The poor in this life are not, for that reason, happy in the next. Lazarus was rewarded because despite his hardships, perhaps because of his hardships, he knew the presence of God in his life. He knew God and God knew him, by name.

When the rich man referred to the poor man by his name he unwittingly revealed the reason why he was condemned to hell. He said, "Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water." He knew the poor man by name. He had to know of his suffering. The sin of the rich man was not that he was rich but that he did not use his blessings to help the poor man whom he knew by name.

The rich man was condemned to hell, not for being rich, but for being selfish. The poor can also be selfish, and share the same fate. He was not condemned for having money. He was condemned for hoarding money.

The rich man failed to have a relationship with the Lord because he failed to see God in his blessings and in the burdens of Lazarus. Lazarus did not allow his sufferings to estrange him from God, but he accepted them in a manner that drew him closer to God. He knew the Lord and the Lord knew him, by name. And welcomed him into eternal life, *"Where everyone knows your name."*

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My goal for 2016 was to lose 10 pounds. Four months left and only 15 to go.

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Contributions September 17-18, 2016

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 1963.00 Loose 1374.97
Louisiana 832.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 884.00 Loose 421.00
Coffee & Rolls 55.00
Louisiana 202.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 283.00 Loose 483.00
Candles 38.00
Louisiana 230.00

September 26 — Ivan and Verda Werner

October 3 — Doris Weigel, Shirley Weigel

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Virgil R. Jacobs**, who passed away on Saturday, September 3, 2016. Services were held at St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic in Hays on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Matthew Myron Wellbrock**, who passed away on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. Services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis on Saturday, September 18, 2016, with burial in St. Boniface Cemetery, Vincent.

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.

The proceeds for the Herzogfest
were \$4,539.34.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any
way to make this a fun and successful
event for the parish.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 28 — Religious Education classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

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.

* CLARIFICATION *

The announcement in last week's bulletin concerning Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat on October 11 is for the city of Hays ONLY.

Victoria will hold their Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat collection on another date. The Victoria date will be announced in a future bulletin. **STAY TUNED. . .**

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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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.

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 (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.

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, a website of U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ST. FIDELIS DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA CIRCLE 364 for winning one of the Queen Isabella Awards (the highest honor) in August at the International Convention in Henderson, Nevada. Pictured with the award are D. of I. members (left to right) Fran Robben, Kathy Kuhn, Mary Catherine Windholz, Arlene Wittman, JoAnn Berens, Deb Geshwentner, Norma Keenan, Alice Schrant, Wilma VonLintel, Charlotte Weber, Theresa Kuhn, Estella Kuhn, and Wanda Kuhn.


COMMUNITY

Life Chain to Be Formed in Hays

The annual Life Chain will be held on **Respect Life Sunday October 2**. Everyone will meet at 2:45 p.m. at the Memorial for the Unborn in St. Joseph Cemetery, 26th and Oak Streets, Hays. Following a short prayer service, participants will form a chain with signs in front of the cemetery along 27th and Vine Streets, remaining in silent prayer until 4:00 p.m. Let us join forces in numbers and prayers as we work together to end abortion.

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 **Saturday, October 8**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Come celebrate a day of breast cancer awareness and survivorship. Models are breast cancer survivors. **Tickets available for \$20 a person until Monday, October 3**. For more information call the Cancer Council of Ellis County at 785-625-6653.



First Care Clinic
Hours will be:
Monday – Thursday
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM – Noon
Phone: **785-735-3710**



Available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop
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We Will Remember
\$15.00
(\$4.00 from each Music CD sale will be given to The Basilica of St. Fidelis)

Mary Kay Schippers’ Books Available in Gift Shop

“A Year on the Family Farm” (\$13) and its sequel, “Another Year on the Family Farm” (\$15), by Mary Kay Schippers are available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop. Profits go to the Tri-Parishes.



Who’s Dumb?

One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, “What setting do I use on the washing machine?”

“It depends,” I replied, “What does it say on your shirt?”
He yelled back, “FHSU.”
And they say blondes are dumb.

TMP-Marion Bake Sale

Deadline for orders: Friday, October 14



- Bierocks—\$35 per dozen
- Peach or Cherry Kuchen—\$12 each
- Blackberry Kuchen—\$15 each
- Frozen Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough—\$8 each

Pickup time: 3:00-6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 21 at TMP.

Contact Sandy Losey at 785-625-6577
or at TMP-M.org/bierocksundkuchen

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.**

*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 26

Lunch Menu: Turkey and cheese sandwich, tater tots, cauliflower, pears, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

4:00 pm HS volleyball vs. TMP (Hays)

7:30 pm USD 432 BOE work night

Tuesday — September 27

8:15 am 5th Grade to FHSU

Lunch Menu: Taco salad, refried beans, peas, grapes, cookie, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

4:00 pm HS volleyball @ Otis-Bison with St. John. Depart 2:15.

4:00 pm FCCLA workshop

Wednesday — September 28

Yearbook ad sales in Hays. Mrs. Kori Braun and select students will attend

8:30 am FCCLA District planning meeting in Osborne. Mrs. C. Braun and students will attend

Lunch Menu: Chicken wrap, new potatoes, corn, mandarin oranges, salad, milk

7:30 pm USD 432 BOE work night

Thursday — September 29

Custodial Worker's Day. Thank you to Jamie, Wade, and Gary for all you do.

Lunch Menu: Lasagna, green beans, pineapple, French bread, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

3:00 pm Tennis @ Ellsworth. Depart 1:10

4:00 pm Cross country @ Ness City. Depart 1:55

4:00 pm JH volleyball @ Ness City. Depart 2:00

6:30 pm JH football @ Ness City

Friday — September 30

Lunch Menu: Bratwurst, noodles, navy beans, apple wedges, salad, milk

Southwest Plains presentation: 10:30 7-8 grades, 1:30 9-12 grades

AIM period—Students have directed study

7:00 pm HS football @ Logan/Palco. Dismissed 3:20

Saturday — October 1

8:30 am HS Volleyball @ Ellis Tournament. Departure time TBA

9:00 am HS V tennis @ Phillipsburg. Departure time TBA

9:00 am HS JV tennis @ Colby. Departure time TBA

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 dvmr.com. Send cover letter and resume to: Divine Mercy Radio, 108 E. 12th St., Hays, KS 67601.

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.

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!

