

“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

April 9, 2017 – Passion (Pal m) Sunday

Masses:

St. Fidel is, Victoria

Saturday — 5:00 pm
Sunday — 10:00 am
Monday — 7:00 pm
Tuesday through Friday — 6:45 am

St. Ann, Wal ker

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

- Apr. 16** — Easter
- Apr. 17** — Easter Monday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Apr. 17-21** — Capuchin Assembly — No Daily Masses @ St. Fidelis
- Apr. 22** — Earth Day
- Apr. 23** — Fidelisfest
- Apr. 24** — Feast day of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- Apr. 26** — Administrative Professionals Day
- Apr. 30** — First Communion @ 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Fidelis
- May 1** — May Day
- May 4** — National Day of Prayer
- May 14** — Mother’s Day
- May 14** — High School graduation
- May 18** — Last day of school
- May 20** — Armed Forces Day

They stripped off his clothes...
Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head...And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”



(from the Holy Gospel according to Mathew 26:14-27:66)

The Parish Office will be closed for the Easter holiday from Holy Thursday, April 13 @ noon through Easter Monday, April 17 — HAVE A HAPPY EASTER!



The Events of Holy Week till the Ascension

The gospel chronologies of Holy Week have some minor variations. While the other gospels have the Last Supper on Passover, John's gospel prefers a theological to a chronological order and has the Last Supper before Passover so that The Lamb of God dies on the cross as the lambs for Passover are slain in the temple. There are also variations in the sequence of the trials before the Sanhedrin and Pilate, yet there is a general agreement on most events as follows:

Palm Sunday—Jesus enters Jerusalem triumphantly and returns to Bethany that evening.

Monday—Jesus cleanses the temple and curses the fig tree, leaving the city in the evening to return again to Bethany.

Tuesday—The fig tree has withered. Jesus offers the parables of the two sons, the wicked vinedresser, the wedding feast, and the seven brothers. He teaches in Jerusalem on controversial issues such as: taxes to Caesar, the source of his authority, the nature of John's Baptism, the greatest commandment, the title Son of David, the deceit of the Scribes, and the temple's destruction.

Spy Wednesday—The religious leaders plot against Jesus and Judas agrees to betray him for thirty pieces of silver. Jesus is anointed by a woman at Simon's house in Bethany. (Mt 26:6; Mk 14:3, and earlier in Jn 12:1) This anointing is a different event from that by a "sinful woman" in Luke's gospel. (Lk 7:47)

Holy Thursday—After the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Jesus and the disciples go to Gethsemane where he is arrested and taken to Annas, and then to the high priest Caiaphas for a trial before the Sanhedrin. Peter denies him, as predicted.

Good Friday—Judas returns the silver to the chief priests. The Sanhedrin hands Jesus over to Pilate to be tried for sedition. When Pilate offers a choice, the crowd chooses Barabbas over Jesus, yet Barabbas, meaning "son of Abba," may offer a deeper message. After having Christ flogged and crowned with thorns Pilate presents him to the crowd as their King. But the crowd demands crucifixion and Pilate accedes. Jesus carries his cross to Calvary, is crucified between two criminals, entrusting his mother to John. Joseph of Aramathea asks Pilate for his body which is buried before sunset.

Holy Saturday—The Jewish Sabbath. Guards are set at the tomb. Women prepare spices and oils to bring to the tomb on Sunday.

Easter Sunday—The women find the tomb empty and report this to the disciples. Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene, to the other women, to two disciples on the way to Emmaus, to Peter, and to the disciples in the upper room with Thomas absent.

A week later, Jesus appeared to the eleven disciples in the Upper Room with Thomas present. Later he appeared to the disciples fishing in the Sea of Galilee, to James the brother of Jesus and to more than 500. Forty days after the Resurrection he appeared to his disciples on the Mount of Olives from which he ascended to heaven.

*"Hosanna to the Son of David;
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest."*

Parish Staff

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Contributions April 1-2, 2017

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 4778.00 Loose 1337.10
Repair Fund 159.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 472.00 Loose 266.00
Coffee & Rolls 46.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 280.00 Loose 457.00
Candles 29.00

April 10 — Ivan and Verda
Werner

Apr. 18 (Tuesday) — Doris
Weigel, Shirley Weigel

Lenten Confession Schedule

During Holy Week there will be additional opportunities for Confession as follows:

Monday — 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday — 11:00 a.m. to noon



Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest, and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Last year's Pontifical Good Friday collection:

- Supported 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, three academic institutions
- Helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students
- Supported 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers
- Helped rehabilitate 80 homes for Christian families
- Provided senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth
- Created 1,500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians
- Preserved 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

ADULT CHOIR

PRACTICE: Wednesday, April 12, in church at 7:00 p.m.

SING: Palm Sunday, April 9; Holy Thursday, April 13; Good Friday, April 14; and Holy Saturday, April 15.

Practices begin at 7:00 p.m. and last about 1 1/2 hours. If you like to sing, please come and join us.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet **Tuesday, April 11**, at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.



40 Cans for Lent

Your donation of 1 can per family per day during Lent will make a huge difference to a family that is below the poverty level.

Please help make a difference in some family's life.

Donations boxes will be located at all the tri-parish churches.

While the Knights' goal is **40 cans per family**, the weight goal of donated goods is **1,000 pounds**.

As of now, **500 pounds** have been collected.

Let's help the Knights reach their goal!



HOLY WEEK and EASTER SCHEDULE



Monday, April 10	7:00 p.m. Mass	St. Fidelis
	7:30 p.m. Confessions.....	St. Fidelis
Tuesday, April 11	6:45 a.m. Mass	St. Fidelis
Wednesday, April 12	6:45 a.m. Mass	St. Fidelis
Holy Thursday, April 13	NO THURSDAY MORNING MASS or MORNING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION	St. Fidelis
	7:00 p.m. Mass (Collection for the Poor)	St. Fidelis
	8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration.....	St. Fidelis
	<i>All tri-parish members and guests may reverence the Eucharist at anytime until 10:00 p.m.</i>	
Good Friday, April 14	1:00 p.m. Services (Holy Land Collection).....	St. Fidelis
	NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY	
Holy Saturday, April 15	8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass	St. Fidelis
Easter Sunday, April 16	7:30 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
	8:45 a.m. Mass	St. Boniface
	10:00 a.m. Mass.....	St. Fidelis

BLESSING OF FOOD: Food will be blessed at all Masses Easter Sunday morning.

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION: The collection will go to our special fund for the assistance of those who are less fortunate than we are.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: We will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places.



CAPUCHIN ASSEMBLY

The Capuchins will meet at the Friary the week after Easter. Therefore, there will be

No Masses Monday-Friday, April 17-21.

No Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, April 20.

ST. ANN

Treats for the Kids, Please

Parishioners are asked to help provide treats for students on **Wednesday, April 26**, the last day of religion class for the school year. Please drop off your treats at the St. Ann kitchen or PAC before 4:00 p.m. No nuts please!



Annual Barbecue

The annual St. Ann barbecue will be held after mass on **Saturday, April 29**, the last Saturday evening Mass for the season. Beginning May 7, mass will be held at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays. All are invited!



Second grade class reminder:

First Communion banners are due this **Wednesday, April 12th**. Please bring them with you to Religious Education or parents you may drop the banners off during office hours at the PAC. Everybody has done a beautiful job on the banners they have submitted!



Jr. CYO

(Grades 6-8)

Holy Thursday

Fellowship, Dinner and Mass

Let's meet for fellowship and dinner at the PAC's Meal Site Room on Thursday, April 13, at 5:30 P.M. Dinner begins at 6:00 P.M. We'll then attend the Holy Thursday Mass together at 7:00 P.M. at St. Fidelis. RSVP with Jeanette at (cell) 785-639-5067 or (office) 785-735-9244.

Liturgy of the Word for Children (LWC)

There will be no LWC on the following Sunday's:
Easter Sunday, April 16th
April 30th – First Communion

The last day of Liturgy of the Word is on Sunday, May 14th (Mother's Day).

Thank you to our volunteers who make Liturgy of the Word possible:



Tammy Lichter, Marge Rome, Ashley Dome, Andrea Hoffman, Jade Herl



Children's Easter Egg Hunt – Volunteer Opportunity

Jr. CYO has been invited to help with the children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15th. **Please arrive at 12:00 P.M.** at Victoria Grade School and **gather on the east side of Victoria Elementary School (closest to the park)**. Easter Egg Hunt begins at 1:00 P.M. **This is also a great opportunity for our current 8th grade and 9th grade classes to earn service hours for Confirmation!**

JR. CYO Camp

Rock Springs Ranch
May 27 – May 30, 2017

This camp is available for any 6th through 8th grader during the 2016-2017 school year. Rock Springs Ranch is a 4H Center and lays on a sprawling 700+ acres in the Kansas Flint Hills, located outside of Junction City. Outdoor activities available to kids will include: archery, volleyball, crafts, canoeing, softball, trap shooting, and horseback riding. Spiritual activities will include Mass, daily prayers, a pit Mass along with a surprise or two along the way. ☺

Camp forms along with the pre-registration fee are due to the Diocese of Salina by Friday, May 5, 2017. Please contact Jeanette at 785-735-9244 or by e-mail at FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net with any questions and/or for registration forms.

R.E. FACEBOOK & TWITTER—Our Religious Education program is now on Facebook and Twitter! Visit: www.facebook.com/StFidelisReligiousEd AND/OR twitter.com/StFidelisRelEd. Updates regarding grades K-12: cancellations of religious education classes, reminders of special events, and other noteworthy occurrences will be posted. Both sites will be overseen by the Office of Religious Education at the Parish Activity Center.

FACEBOOK & TWITTER—The CYO and Jr. CYO have separate Facebook accounts. Information on upcoming events within the tri-parishes of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface pertaining to our youth will be updated regularly! You can find us on Facebook by searching for "St. Fidelis CYO" or "St. Fidelis Jr. CYO". The CYO and Jr. CYO have a joint Twitter account at www.twitter.com/fidelisyouth.

YOUTH MINISTRY



The Jesse Tree Journey VBS
June 5 – June 9
8:30 – 11:30 A.M. daily
Victoria Grade School

On Wednesday, April 5th, pre-registration forms for “Jesse Tree Journey” Vacation Bible School will be 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/the pre-registration form can also be found on the Basilica’s Religious Ed Facebook page!

www.facebook.com/StFidelisReligiousEd

Pre-registration forms are due to the Religious Ed Office by May 12, 2017.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday, April 9 — 10:00 A.M.

Mass - Jubilee Choir performs

Wednesday, April 12 —

First Communion banners due

Religious Ed Classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Friday, April 14 — Good

Friday — PAC Closed

Sunday, April 16 — Easter

Sunday – No Liturgy of the Word for Children

10:00 A.M. Mass - Jubilee

Choir Performs

Monday, April 17 — PAC

Closed

Wednesday, April 19 —

Religious Ed Classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

*Mail Unit 6 to

homeschooled students

Sunday, April 23 — Fidelisfest

Wednesday, April 26 — End

of Year Religious

Education Mass Grades K

– 12: 7:00 P.M. Mass at

St. Fidelis

*Second grade – First

Communion practice at

5:30 p.m. at St. Fidelis

Church

Sunday, April 30 — 10:00

A.M. Mass – Celebration

of First Communion

No Liturgy of the Word for

Children

Jubilee Choir performs

Tuesday, May 2 — Religious

Education Commission

Meeting



Something to Think About

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

FIDELISFEST

Items Donated for Fidelisfest

1. prizes for games
2. prizes for games
3. prizes for games
4. silent auction items (3)
5. prizes for games
6. Treager grill
7. Maroon blanket
8. Black and Decker Griddle
9. Kitty Cloud Pet
10. \$600 eyeglass gift certificate
11. Folding ladder, Corningware dishes
12. Blue fuel work light
13. 2 wooden shelves
14. Wood magazine rack
15. 4-piece condiment set
16. Lumbar support seat cushion
17. Mug rugs
18. Soup bowl holders
19. 2-\$50 gift cards
20. 2-\$25 gift cards
21. 4-\$25 gift cards
22. Wooden toys
23. Farberware
24. Dehydrator
25. Uncirculated fifty states quarters, Denver mint in collector book
26. Uncirculated fifty states quarters, Philadelphia mint in collector book
27. Kennedy half dollars in Dansco Album, 1964-2017; 1964-1970 40% silver; 2001-2017 uncirculated
28. 4-\$10 Gift Cards
29. 20 lb. Meat box (8 lb. pork, 8 lb. beef, 2 chickens)
30. Wind Spinner
31. metal outdoor hanging flower
32. Jose Hess handbag, 2 book collections by Tammy Kippes Sauer
33. 2 \$35 Gift Certificates
34. Pedicure
35. 3 bicycles
36. Cookie jar
37. light fixture
38. File cabinet

THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

22ND ANNUAL FIDELISFEST

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

THIS YEAR THE FIDELISFEST WILL BE HELD ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER WEATHER PERMITTING.

IF THE WEATHER DOES NOT COOPERATE, WE WILL MOVE INSIDE THE GRADE SCHOOL.

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND BE READY FOR A FUN TIME!!!

AUCTION

SILENT 11:00-11:30

LIVE 11:30-FINISHED

ITEMS DONATED BY PARISHIONERS

AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

JASON SCHNEIDER, AUCTIONEER

FREE GAMES AND
BOUNCE HOUSE
FOR KIDS
11:00-2:00

RAFFLE

PRIZES: 1ST-\$2000 2ND \$1000

3RD THRU 6TH \$500

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AFTER AUCTION

TICKETS \$10 EACH; 7 FOR \$50; 16 FOR \$100

MASS 10:00 AM

OPEN ALL DAY

BEER

**HAMBURGERS
HOT DOGS**

BRATS

POP

COUNTRY STORE
11:00 UNTIL SOLDOUT
NOODLES, BAKED GOODS,
CRAFT ITEMS

PARISHIONERS!!!

PLEASE BRING YOUR NEW DONATED AUCTION ITEMS AND COUNTRY STORE ITEMS TO THE PARISH OFFICE ANY TIME DURING OFFICE HOURS OR YOU CAN BRING THEM TO THE AUCTION SITE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 23, BETWEEN 8 & 11 AM.

THANK YOU!!!!!!

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Word of Life—April 2017

“An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it’s important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her.”

Go to www.goo.gl/MkBfb9 to find out more in **10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting.**

(This is a page on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website www.usccb.org. If you have a smartphone with a QR scanner app, you can scan the QR code at the right to quickly access the information on the web.)



Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats

Women and men of abortion, weep no more. Jesus is calling you to follow Him. Give yourself the gift of a retreat weekend.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats

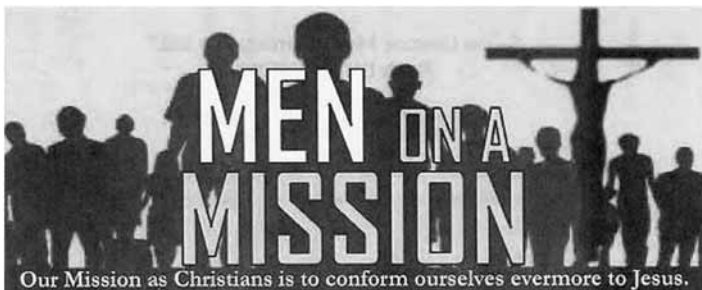
Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time

Next retreat: June 23-25

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

rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org

Confidential



The Diocese of Salina is sponsoring the 6th annual Diocesan Catholic Men’s Conference, “Men on a Mission,” on **Saturday, August 12**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please attend and bring your sons who are high school age and older.

Two nationally known speakers, Dr. Ray Guarendi, host of the radio show, “The Dr. Is In,” and the TV show, “Living Right with Dr. Ray,” and Fr. John Lager, national chaplain of FOCUS and cofounder of Marked Men for Christ, are this year’s speakers.

To register online or for more information go to www.salinadiocese.org/family-life or call **785-827-8746, Ext 17**. Early registration is encouraged as men from both the Wichita and Dodge City Dioceses are also expected to participate. *Registration is requested before August 1.*

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

During Child Abuse Prevention month, we are reminded of the call to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, which includes the protection of children. In 2002, the bishops of the United States adopted the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. They are committed to their “Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal” to our parishes and Catholic schools. Dioceses have put in place effective policies for safeguarding our children.

Child Abuse Prevention Month should lead to heightened awareness of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment for all with the Church and in our communities.

Human Trafficking

Human trafficking thrives where there is darkness and secrecy. Shine a light on this evil. Invite someone to speak to your parish or to a parish group about trafficking.

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking
(sistersagainstrafficking.org)

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 have the Victim’s Assistance Coordinator meet with the caller in person, if the caller so desires. Calls are confidential with the following exceptions:

- Any allegation of child 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 child abuse including sexual misconduct must be shared with the proper diocesan authorities. Email address: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org

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



Catholic Charities Community Outreach

Catholic Charities will have a community free store event on **Monday, April 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at their Hays office, 122 E. 12th Street.

Items available are infant’s and children’s clothing, miscellaneous baby items, maternity clothing, men’s and women’s clothing, blankets, miscellaneous household items, and information and applications for all other services. Item availability is on a first come, first serve basis.

Motivated by our Christian faith, Catholic Charities ministers to families and seeks to reduce poverty for the vulnerable, regardless of their religion.



Habitat for Humanity of Ellis County is seeking applicants for the newly renovated Habitat house located at 901 11th Street in Victoria, KS.

Interested applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered:

Need—Their current housing is substandard, does not meet their needs, or they would otherwise be unable to purchase a home. Must be citizens of the United States.


Willingness to Partner—Must be willing to perform

“sweat equity” volunteer hours on their new home, another home or at the ReStore. Must apply and be approved for the USDA Rural Development 502 Direct loan.

Ability to Pay—Good credit rating, Annual Income needs to be between the two guidelines listed in the chart below.


For an application or more information on the home, contact Leslie Goodspeed at 785-623-4200, executivedirector@habitatelliscounty.org, or visit www.hfhec.org. Mail completed applications to: HFHEC, P.O. Box 444, Hays, KS 67601

Ellis County	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
Low	\$11,800	\$13,500	\$15,200	\$16,900	\$18,300	\$19,600	\$21,000	\$22,300
High	\$36,950	\$42,250	\$47,500	\$52,800	\$57,000	\$61,250	\$65,450	\$69,700



Something to Think About

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.



First Care Clinic

Hours are:

Monday – Thursday
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM – Noon

Phone: **785-735-3710**

Mother/Daughter Tea At Hays St. Joseph Parish

Attention mothers! Don't lose communication with your teenage daughter. Whether she knows it or not, your teenage daughter needs the guidance of her mother now more than ever.

So make a date with your daughter(s) and come to the Saints Anne and Mary Mother/Daughter Tea from **1:30 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 30**, at St. Joseph Parish school building (former Kennedy Middle School), 1309 Fort St., Hays. Cost is \$20 for mothers and daughter ages 13 and older. Additional daughters are \$5.

RSVP by April 24 to Samantha Baker, simeitl@gmail.com or 785-639-3285. This event sponsored by the area's Natural Family Planning Practitioner Interns.

THE U IN JESUS

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God stuck U in the name of His Son.

And each time U pray, you'll see it's true,
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.

And His great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
And this word resUrrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His Upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.

"Go into the world and tell them it's true
That I love them all—Just like I love U."

Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service

The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at **3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 23**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hays. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers, and meditation.

Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church.

Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are in the brochure rack of our churches.

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on April 23.

This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio 88.1.

VICTORIA VFW POST 1751

Club Room will be open to the public on Friday evenings from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be available.

(This is on a trial basis.)

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 Harland or Edna at 785-623-1368 or 785-735-2206.

Stop * stop HUMAN SLAVERY

Did you know

100,000 U.S. children are commercially sexually exploited every year in the U.S.

82% of U.S. incidents involved sex trafficking

98% involved are **women & girls**

95% of victims experienced physical or sexual violence during trafficking

The majority of trafficking victims are between **18 and 24 years** of age

Learn more about this horrific crime. (No charge)

Speaker: Sr. Margaret Nacke, CSJ, U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking

**Where – Ruppenthal Middle School Auditorium
Russell, KS**

When – Monday, April 24, 2017

Time – 7:00 p.m.

**Sponsor: Beta Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma
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Russell County Area Community Foundation

V.F.W. and Auxiliary Meetings



The V.F.W. and the V.F.W. Auxiliary will meet on **Thursday, April 20**, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall. The meeting date was changed due to Holy Thursday falling on the second Thursday of the month.



City-wide Garage Sale

Saturday, April 29, 2017



Residents who would like to participate need to have a short list and \$10 to city Hall **by Friday, April 14.**

Want to Host an Exchange Student?

Interested in your family learning about a new culture? Have you ever dreamed of visiting a different country? Hosting an exchange student can open doors for you and your family beyond your imagination. Students from Germany, Italy, Spain, Brazil, the Czech Republic, and many other countries are needing a host family for this next school year.

Host families are only responsible for providing a bed, and access to three meals a day. The students provide everything else for their stay. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please contact Kori Braun at 785-735-4161.

City Council Meeting

Victoria City Council meetings are always held on the third Monday of the month. This month's meeting will be **Monday, April 17**, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Community residents are encouraged to attend.

Hays Diabetes Support Group

The Hays Diabetes Support Group holds 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.

David "JD" Schram to Give Talk about Healing after Suicide Attempt

The Hays Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is sponsoring a talk by David "JD" Schram, a former Hays resident and current member of the Stanford faculty. He will share his experience about healing from and moving past a serious suicide attempt.

His talk, "The bridge back to life: moving from the edge of death to the center of life," will focus on the mistakes he made and more importantly the efforts he invested in coming back from that experience and will also tell his audience how they can help others who are also struggling with depression and/or suicide.

The public is encouraged to attend this presentation, which will be held at the Robbins Center on the Fort Hays campus on **Wednesday, April 19, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** There is no admission charge but a free will offering will be taken at the end of the program.

Victoria Community EASTER EGG HUNT



WHEN: Saturday, April 15, 2017
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
WHERE: Meet in the parking lot between The Basilica of St. Fidelis and the Victoria Grade School
AGE GROUPS: 0-1 years, 2-3 years, 4-5 years, 6-7 years, and 8-9 years

CAMERAS WELCOME.
There may be an appearance by the Easter Bunny.



KEEP PRAYING!
BRING YOUR ROSARY

Pray for the Guidance, Wisdom, and Protection for the New Administration

Prayer hour **every 3rd Tuesday** of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Fidelis Church. All are welcome!



Victoria Elementary School Breakfast



Sunday, April 9, 2017

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Serving:

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage,
Biscuits & Gravy, Hash Browns
& Coffee or Orange Drink

Victoria Schools Calendar



Monday — April 10

Senior trip to Topeka
 Lunch Menu: BBQ rib, noodles, beans, green beans, bun, apple wedges, salad, milk
 AIM period—Students have directed study
 3:30 pm JH/HS track practice
 4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell
 7:30 BOE meeting

Tuesday — April 11

Lunch Menu: Covered wagon, macaroni and cheese, steamed broccoli, tropical fruit, salad, milk
 AIM period—Students have directed study
 3:30 pm JH/HS track practice
 4:00 pm Russell baseball @ Ellinwood. Depart 12:30

Wednesday — April 12

Lunch Menu: Cavatini, corn, pineapple, French bread, salad, milk
 AIM period—Students have directed study
 3:30 pm JH/HS track practice
 4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

Thursday — April 13 — Dismissed at 12:30 p.m.

Lunch Menu: Chicken wrap, new potatoes, steamed carrots, applesauce, peach bread, salad, milk
 AIM period—Students have directed study
 1:00 pm Squire invitational track meet
 4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

Friday — April 14 — Good Friday

NO SCHOOL

Due to the Parish Office being closed at noon on Holy Thursday, April 13, items for the **April 16 BULLETIN** need to be in **by 11:00 A.M. on Monday, April 10.**



Please call the Office at 785-735-2777 or email Connie at sftech@ruraltel.net with your bulletin articles.

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.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Scholarship Offered

The St. Fidelis Daughters of Isabella is offering a scholarship in the amount of \$250 to a qualified, Catholic female high school graduate. For application, contact Victoria High School or call Norma Keenan at 785-735-2877. **Deadline for application is Wednesday, April 12, 2017.**



Monthly Meeting

The Daughters of Isabella will meet in the St., Fidelis Thrift Shop on **Monday, April 10**, beginning with the Divine Mercy Rosary and Litany at 7:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30.

Please bring your 2017 program calendar to the meeting.

THANK YOU TO ALL,
especially the faithful members of the
Daughters of Isabella,
who donated to the D. of I. Bake Sales
in March.
God bless you for your generosity.

Norma Keenan, Regent

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 Food Pantry

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	APRIL 10
7:00 pm Jerry Roth family living and deceased Lawrence Schippers	
TUESDAY	APRIL 11
6:45 am Carrol Knoll and Sophia Rose St. Amant	
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 12
6:45 am Earl and Charlene Roth	
THURSDAY	HOLY THURSDAY
7:00 pm Ryan Schrant Andrew J. Brown Frank Brungardt	
FRIDAY	GOOD FRIDAY
1:00 pm	
SATURDAY	HOLY SATURDAY
8:30 pm St. Fidelis Betty Janicek	
SUNDAY	EASTER
7:30 am St. Ann Lawrence "Bud" Brungardt, Jr. Elmer and Edna Schulte	
8:45 am St. Boniface	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Lavon Weber Leland Schumacher Art VonFeldt	

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE CANTORS

Holy Thursday, April 13, 7:00 PM — Adult Choir
Good Friday, April 14, 1:00 PM — Adult Choir
Holy Saturday, April 15, 8:30 PM — Adult Choir
Easter Sunday, April 16, 10:00 AM — Children's Choir

MINISTERS

The ministry schedule continues to be on a volunteer basis. Please sign the schedule by the north entrance or come to the sacristy before Mass to see if anyone is needed.