

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

December 10, 2017 – Second Sunday of Advent

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
Dec. 11 — Communal Penance Service after 7:00 PM Mass
Dec. 11-13 — Advent Mission by Ken Billinger
Dec. 21 — First day of Winter
Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve
Dec. 25 — Christmas Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Dec. 26 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas holiday
Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve
Jan. 1 — Mary, Mother of God — New Year's Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Jan. 14 — Card Party 2:00-4:00
Jan. 15 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Jan. 19 — March for Life
Jan. 22 — Day of Prayer for Unborn
Jan. 29 — Kansas Day 157 years old



John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming ... “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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



Among the many intriguing characters in the gospels—the Magi, Pilate, Nicodemus—perhaps the most curious is John the Baptist. Today's gospel introduces John with these striking words, "John the Baptist appeared in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he fed on locust and wild honey." (Mk 1:4)



When the religious leaders of the people asked John who he was he replied, "I am 'the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord.'" (Jn 1: 23) It was John who baptized Jesus in the Jordan, not to cleanse Christ of sin, but to inaugurate the mission of Jesus with the blessing of God the Father who said as Jesus came out of the water, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

John the Baptist is a pivotal character in salvation history. As a prophet who preached the coming of the kingdom of God in the spirit of Elijah he is the link between the Old Testament and the New Testament. He prepared the people to receive the promised Messiah with a remarkable life that foreshadows that of Jesus.

The angel Gabriel announced the unusual conception of both John and Christ, assigning each a special name. Both preached the same message of conversion, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." Both defied the Sadducees and Pharisees. Both were thought of as prophets and feared by their enemies because of the people. Both were seized and bound. Both were sentenced by reluctant authorities and executed as criminals. And both were buried by their own disciples.

Despite these impressive similarities, John made it clear that he was not the Messiah. "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mk 1:8) It was John who identified Christ as "The Lamb of God." (Jn 3:25)

John the Baptist is at the heart of the gospel message, especially in this Advent season when we prepare for the rebirth of Christ in our hearts. "There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world." (Jn 1:6)



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No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace

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Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

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Contributions December 2-3, 2017

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 3120.00 Loose 1407.86
Repair Fund 573.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 822.00 Loose 181.52
Coffee & Rolls 45.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 390.00 Loose 345.00

Dec. 11 — Bertha R. and Kenny Brungardt

Dec. 8 — Dianne Crawford, Marilyn Braun

Advent Week 2 — PEACE

Merciful Father, Giver of all that is good and holy,
grant peace in our hearts, in our homes, and in our world.
Guide us to compassion for those whose lives are less fortunate
than ours. Teach us to welcome those in whose presence we feel
uncomfortable. Help us shed the vices of pride, selfishness, and
greed. Fill our hearts with humility and a desire to live more
fully in your presence.

Lord God, grant us Peace.

Holiday Schedules

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

at St. Fidelis

Monday, December 11 • 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)

Confession Schedule for Advent

Monday Evenings at St. Fidelis

after 7:00 p.m. Mass (around 7:30 p.m.)

No confessions scheduled on Christmas Day, December 25

ADVENT PARISH MISSION

at St. Fidelis

presented by Ken Billinger

(this Mission is part of Ken's Diaconate program training)

Monday, December 11 • 15-minute reflection
after the 7:00 p.m. Mass (before the Penance Service)

Tuesday, December 12 • 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13 • 7:00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

at St. Fidelis

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Thursday

(No Adoration on Thursday, December 28)

REGULAR SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday, December 23

5:00 p.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

6:30 p.m. • St. Ann, Walker

Sunday, December 24 — Christmas Eve morning

8:45 a.m. • St. Boniface, Vincent

10:00 a.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

(Christmas is a holy day of obligation)

Sunday, December 24 — Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria *(Children's Mass)*

8:30 p.m. • St. Ann, Walker

10:00 p.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

Choir will begin singing at 9:30 p.m.

Monday, December 25 — Christmas

8:45 a.m. • St. Boniface, Vincent

10:00 a.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Mary, Mother of God

(NOT a holy day of obligation in 2018)

Monday, January 1 — New Year's Day

8:00 a.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

Christmas Party and Meeting

The December Daughters of Isabella meeting is TODAY—**Sunday, December 10**, starting with the 10:00 a.m. Mass at The Basilica of St. Fidelis followed by a catered luncheon and Christmas party at the V.F.W. Hall. An optional gift exchange (\$10 limit) and Christmas caroling at Hays nursing homes will be part of the fun! We may even have a surprise visitor!



State D of I Offering Scholarship

The Kansas State Daughters of Isabella is offering a \$500 scholarship to a female high school graduating senior, college student, or post-secondary student whose mother, grandmother, etc. is a member of the Daughters of Isabella. For further information and an application, contact Victoria High School or call JoAnn Berens at 785-639-1948. **Applications are due to JoAnn Berens no later than January 8, 2018.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, December 12**, after the Parish Mission at approximately 8:00 p.m.

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DECEMBER HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

Give a gift to support the work of U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, P.O. Box 25241, Philadelphia, PA 19119. Visit sistersagainstrafficking.org.

Retirement Fund for Religious

There will be a special collection this weekend, **December 9-10**, for the National Retirement Fund for Religious Sisters, Priests, and Brothers. Due to the generosity of people across our nation, last year the National Religious Retirement office was able to disperse over \$25 million to 401 religious communities for direct care of elder members. Thank you for your generosity.



Prayer for a New Bishop

Heavenly Father, you have blessed our diocese time and again with good and holy bishops who have led us ever closer to you.

Aware of your profound love for us, we ask you to bless us once again. Send us a good and holy man to become our next bishop. Inspire us, the clergy, religious, and laity of the diocese to work generously with him so that we might grow together in your love and continue the good work you have begun in us for the sake of all.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

AMEN.

30 Days of Cash Giveaway Winners

Winners of the Knights of Columbus Cash Giveaway are:

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| 1 Jared Schippers | 16Curtis Wellbrock |
| 2 Bobbie Schippers | 17Brenda Robben |
| 3 Ernest Kroeger | 18Tom Lietz |
| 4 Kenneth Pfeifer | 19Mya Hertl |
| 5 Emily Gottschalk | 20Josita Dreiling |
| 6 Marilyn Braun | 21Kim Peach |
| 7 Lois Sander | 22Paul Flax, Sr. |
| 8 Curtis Wellbrock | 23Speedy Sander |
| 9 Ron Gfeller | 24Marie Stramel |
| 10Ron Gfeller | 25Charlotte Weber |
| 11Dustin Schumacher | 26Bob Brungardt |
| 12Paula Robben | 27Leroy Schmidtberger |
| 13John Braun | 28Norman Kuhn |
| 14Dustin Schumacher | 29Michael Berges |
| 15Aimee Gfeller | 30Jared Scheck |

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED TICKETS! ALL THE MONEY RAISED GOES TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNITY.

The Knights of Columbus now have a page on the parish website at StFidelisChurch.com.

A current list of all winners can be found on that page.

Holy Family Icon

The Knights of Columbus will display a traveling Holy Family Icon during the 10:00 a.m. Mass TODAY—**Sunday, December 10**, at The Basilica of St. Fidelis. Everyone is invited to arrive 40 minutes before Mass to join in prayers dedicated to the Holy Family.



CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION CALENDAR

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday, December 10

10:00 A.M. Mass—Jubilee Choir sings

Wednesday, December 13

Religious Ed classes

6:15-7:15 P.M.—Christmas Pageant practice during Religious Ed—meet in PAC

6:30 – 7:15 P.M. – Grades K – 5

7:30 – 8:30 P.M. – Grades 6 – 12

Sunday, December 17

Following the 10 A.M. Mass—CYO meets at St. Fidelis Thrift Shop for breakfast then Christmas caroling—Details TBA

Wednesday, December 20

Religious Ed classes (Last class before Christmas break)

5:15-6:15 P.M. Christmas Pageant

practice in St. Fidelis Church, prior to Religious Ed classes

6:30 – 7:15 P.M. – Grades K – 5

7:30 – 8:30 P.M. – Grades 6 – 12

10th Grade: Letter to the Bishop due & please submit service hours that you have completed

For classes participating: “Keep Christ in Christmas” posters due to religion teacher

Friday, December 22

9:30 – 11:15 A.M. Christmas Pageant practice in St. Fidelis Church

11:15 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. – Jubilee Choir practice in choir loft (St. Fidelis Church)

Sunday, December 24

No Children’s Liturgy of the Word (pre-K through 3rd grade)

5:00 P.M. Mass – Jubilee Choir sings & Christmas Pageant

Tuesday, December 26

CYO departs for ski trip to Colorado

Wednesday, December 27

No Religious Ed classes

Friday, December 29

CYO returns to Victoria from ski trip

Sunday, December 31

No Children’s Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 A.M. Mass

JANUARY CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

No Religious Ed classes

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Religious Ed Committee meeting in PAC

Jr. CYO Christmas Party

When? Saturday, December 9th — 6:00 - 9:30 PM

Where? St. Fidelis Thrift Shop

503 Main St., Victoria, KS

Who? 6th - 8th graders

Please wear your ugliest... I mean, funniest :) Christmas sweater and bundle up! Bring a covered mug for hot cocoa, too.

Meet at 6:00 PM at St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

We’ll make Christmas cards for those whom we are delivering Christmas packages to and Christmas caroling for! Following, we’ll eat dinner then depart for **Christmas caroling!** (Bundle up!)

If you feel compelled to bring a little side dish or dessert—please do!

Parents and families are invited to join us! Parents are needed to drive and help supervise.

Contact Jeanette at 785-639-5067 (call or text) or by e-mail at FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net.

CYO BRUNCH & CAROLING

When? Sunday, December 17th

Time: 11 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Where? St. Fidelis Thrift Shop

503 Main St., Victoria, KS

Who? 9th - 12th graders

RSVP by Wednesday, December 13th

Please bring a Santa hat (if you have one) :) and an empty stomach.

Meet at 11:00 AM at St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

We'll eat brunch then depart for Christmas Caroling.

We will be visiting Via Christi in Hays to carol for all of the residents.

As well, we will hand deliver care packages to our parishioners.

Parents are welcome and needed to help sing, of course, and drive youth.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 13th!

Contact Jeanette at 785-639-5067 (call or text) or by e-mail at FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net.



Families of children participating in the Christmas Pageant:

A letter was sent home with your child during religion, November 29th, with detailed information regarding the pageant practice dates and times. A note was also sent out to the parents via Seesaw. The following is a basic layout of the practice dates and times. Please reference the letter sent home with you for further details. Practice dates, times, and locations vary.

Wednesday, December 13, from 6:15 to 7:15 P.M. in the PAC (second floor classroom)

Wednesday, December 20, from 5:15 to 6:15 P.M. in St. Fidelis Church

Friday, December 22, from 9:30 – 11:15 A.M. in St. Fidelis Church

*Jubilee Choir will practice from 11:15 A.M. – 12 P.M. in St. Fidelis choir loft

Questions? Contact Jeanette in the Religious Ed Office or Miss Rome

Thank you! ☺



The Victoria Knights of Columbus
purchased copies of author Matthew Kelly's book
“Perfectly Yourself”
about “Discovering God’s Dream for You.”

Pick up your FREE COPY of the book at the entrances to the church.
Copies are also available at the Parish Office.
One copy per family, please.

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family MATTERS

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Although too often many consider the month of December as the “Christmas Shopping Season,” our Church reminds us it is *Advent* — a time to prepare, be watchful, and alert. As a family, be watchful and look for symbols of the season: Lights, stars, candles, bells, wreaths, holly, nativity scenes, and candy canes. These familiar symbols of *Advent* and Christmas are tangible ways for us to embrace, learn, and anticipate our spiritual journey as we prepare for Christmas. Let us prepare Him room in our hearts, in our church, and in our families as we journey through this *Advent* season.

YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION



The Knights of Columbus have invited our youth, kindergarten through 8th grade, to once again design a poster which reflects the theme of Keeping Christ in Christmas!

This encourages our kids to forget about Elf on the Shelf, the gifts, and all the chaos the holidays can bring; it allows them to focus on our true Reason for the Season.

If your child would like to participate in this poster contest please contact Jeanette in the Religious Ed Office for entry forms, guidelines, and posters.

Posters are due to the Religious Ed Office by Wednesday, December 20th, the last day of Religious Ed prior to Christmas Break.

Thank you,
Jeanette B.

VICTORIA VFW POST 1751

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

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

**HERZOGFEST BREAKFAST
~ TODAY ~**

Reminder that a Herzogfest fundraising breakfast is being held at the Hays V.F.W. **today—Sunday, December 10**—from 7:30 a.m. until noon. For tickets, call Dace Winkelman 785-218-0032.

**KEEP PRAYING! BRING YOUR ROSARY
OUR NATION IS IN NEED OF PRAYER**

Prayer hour **every 3rd Tuesday** of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. Fidelis.

Please enter through the north door. We all sit together. The church is too big to be scattered.

You are never late. Join us whenever you get there.

All are welcome!



**VFW Auxiliary & VFW Members
Christmas Party and Meeting**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

Social at 12:30 p.m.

followed by lunch at 1:00 p.m.

Optional gift exchange (\$10 limit)

Please RSVP to

Kathy Kuhn (785-735-5040)

by December 13



Ellis St. Mary CYO

Community Fried Chicken Dinner

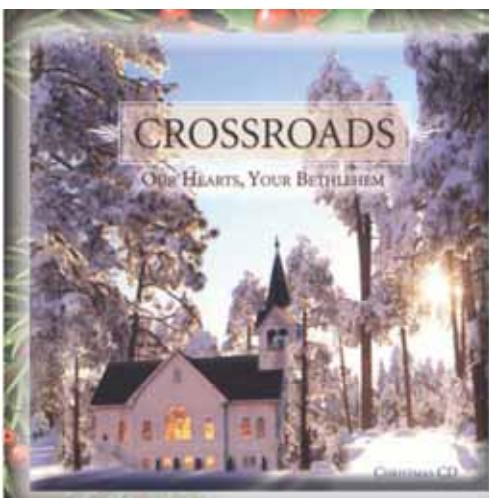
Sunday, December 17, 2017

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



After 20 years of singing together as a music ministry
CROSSROADS will be giving their final concert.

CROSSROADS Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 10 • 3:00 PM

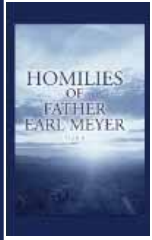
First United Methodist Church

305 W. 7th, Hays

This is free to the public.

We hope you join us in celebrating the Christmas Season with music and saying "farewell" and "thank you" for the many years of support the community and surrounding towns have given us!

A V A I L A B L E in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop



“Homilies of Father Earl Meyer
- Year A”

“Homilies of Father Earl Meyer
- Year B”

“Homilies of Father Earl Meyer
- Year C”

Hard cover \$20; soft cover \$10

“Healing” Meetings

The Center for Life Experience, 2900 Hall Street, Hays

For information on these groups, contact

Ann Leiker at 785-259-6859 or email ccfpc@ruraltel.net.

HEALING AFTER LOSS OF SUICIDE is an organization offering family members and friends of those who have lost a loved one to suicide a place to connect with others who are dealing with this highly specialized grief recovery process. The group will eat supper at 5:30 p.m. **Wednesday, December 13**, at Cancun’s Mexican Restaurant, 1011 Elm Street, Hays. They will then gather at 7:00 in The Center for Life Experience.

HEALING HEARTS is an organization providing support for immediate family members who are healing from the death of a child in their lives. It is where parents, grandparents, and siblings can connect with others who understand the journey toward healing after the loss of a child. The group will meet on **Thursday, December 14**, at 7:00 p.m. in The Center for Life Experience.

LIFE'S A GIFT. GIVE MORE OF IT. DONATE BLOOD.

**Victoria High School
Blood Drive**

Victoria High School Gym 1107 East 10th

**Tuesday, December 12
8:00 AM – 3:30 PM**

Contact the VHS Office at 785-735-9211
for your lifesaving appointment to donate blood!

Download the Blood Donor App | redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

Victoria Elementary Is Collecting Box Tops and Pop Tabs, Dillons Rewards

Victoria Elementary School is collecting **Box Tops** and **Pop Tabs**. The school receives money for their activity fund with the Box Tops. The school is also a part of the **Dillons Community Rewards Program**, which you can sign up for online. Each time you swipe your Dillons Plus Shopper’s Card, USD 432 automatically starts earning a rebate.

The Pop Tabs are delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Topeka where they are recycled. Money raised helps with the cost of operating the house. The school will turn in **Box Tops** at the end of February and the **Pop Tabs** will be delivered over Spring Break. Ask grandparents, neighbors, and anyone else you know to help collect these items and swipe those Dillons cards this school year!!

Victoria Schools Calendar

Monday — December 11

6:00 am HS girls basketball practice

Lunch Menu: Ham slice, scalloped potatoes, steamed peas, fruit cocktail, cornbread, salad, milk

AIM Period — Students have directed study

3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice @ VES

4:00 pm JH basketball vs. Ness City

7:30 pm BOE meeting

Tuesday — December 12

Lunch Menu: Sub sandwich, Doritos chips, steamed carrots, mixed fruit, salad, milk

AIM Period — Students have directed study

3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VES. Boys at tin gym

4:00 pm HS basketball @ TMP. Dismissed @ 3:10

Wednesday — December 13

College tours at NCK Beloit. Mrs. K. Braun and select students will attend

Lunch Menu: Soft taco, refried beans, rice, steamed peas, orange slices, salad, milk

AIM Period — Students have directed study

3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at VES. Girls in tin gym

3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice

5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

Thursday — December 14

Lunch Menu: General chicken, fried rice, steamed broccoli, strawberries & bananas, salad, milk

AIM Period — Students have directed study

3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VES. Boys in tin gym

3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice

5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

7:00 pm USD 432 Christmas Concert

Friday — December 15

Lunch Menu: Hamburger, tater tots, steamed broccoli, apple crisp, tropical fruit, salad, milk

AIM Period — Students have directed study

3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at VES. Girls in tin gym

3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice

5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

**NO DAILY MASSES
FOR THE FOLLOWING DAYS OF DECEMBER:
Tuesday-Thursday, December 19-21
Tuesday-Friday, December 26-29
Fr. John is not available for these daily Masses.
No other priest is available.**

ST. ANN

CHRISTMAS Potluck

St. Ann Parish will hold their annual Christmas potluck on **Saturday evening, December 9**, immediately following the 6:30 Mass. Parishioners are asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. Main course and drinks will be provided.



ADULT CHOIR

High school students are welcome to come and sing with the choir for Christmas Midnight Mass as well as anyone else who is interested.

PRACTICES:

Wednesday, December 13, at 8:00 (after Mission)
Thursday, December 21, at 7:00

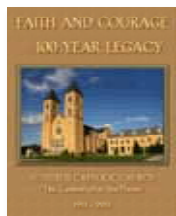
**NEED A SPECIAL GIFT FOR SOMEONE
ON YOUR LIST?**

Give the story of your heritage!

“FAITH and COURAGE. . .100 YEAR LEGACY”

The centennial history book of the Basilica of St. Fidelis, published in 2014, portrays the story of our ancestors' immigration from Russia to Ellis County, and a timeline of historical events surrounding the church, schools, and community. It's a perfect gift for friends or relatives who had roots and memories in Victoria. A limited few are still available for \$10.

Call Cora Schulte 785-735-9233 (home),
785-735-4971(cell) text, or email
cmschulte2@ruraltel.net
Free delivery in Ellis, Hays, Russell, &
Victoria.



Also available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop
601 10th Street, Victoria

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 with your bulletin items.



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	DECEMBER 11
7:00 pm Virginia Bleske Dr. Joe and Mag Brungardt family	
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 12
6:45 am Ernie Schmeidler Kerry, April, Michael, Kayden, and Colton Tierman	
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 13
6:45 am Joe, Magdalen, and Bill Roth family and Tom Younger	
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 14
6:45 am Craig Gasper	
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 15
6:45 am Tim Kuhn	
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 16
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Norman and Yvonne Schumacher 6:30 pm St. Ann Rich and Verna Robben	
SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:45 am St. Boniface Wilma Hoffman 10:00 am St. Fidelis Cletus Younger	DECEMBER 17

*** Sunday Rosary Schedule ***

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, December 16, 5:00 PM — Megan Wellbrock
Sunday, December 17, 10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger

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.