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ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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	

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December 24, 2017 – Fourth 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. 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
- Feb. 2** — Groundhog Day
- Feb. 3** — St. Blaise — blessing of throats this weekend
- Feb. 4** — Boy Scout Sunday
- Feb. 14** — Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 14** — Valentine’s Day
- Feb. 16** — Stations of the Cross held Fridays of Lent at 5:00 pm
- Feb. 18** — First Sunday of Lent

“Hail,
 full of
 grace!
 The Lord
 is with
 you.”

(from the Holy Gospel according to
 Luke 1:26-38)



**The Parish Office will be closed
 Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26, and
 Friday, December 29, for the Christmas holiday.**



Most families celebrate Christmas with their own traditions to enrich their family life and their faith. The Franciscan family reflects on how Saint Francis observed Christmas.

One year Christmas fell on a Friday and a friar insisted that meat may not be eaten on that day. "If it is Christmas it is not Friday," replied Saint Francis. "If the walls could eat meat, I would give it to them today. And if I were the Emperor, I would order that on this day all people scatter corn to the birds, especially to our sisters the larks, and that everyone who has a beast in the stable should give it a special feeding for love of the Child Jesus born in a manger. On this day the rich should feast all the poor."



The most memorable Christmas for Saint Francis was in 1223 at Greccio where he designed the first crèche, a live nativity scene. "I want to celebrate Christmas night in a special way. I wish to do something that will recall to memory the little Child who was born in Bethlehem and set before our bodily eyes in some way the inconveniences of his infant needs, how he lay in a manger upon the hay where he had been placed with an ox and an ass standing by.

"In the woods by the cloister you will find a cave, and there you should arrange a manger filled with hay. There must also be an ox and an ass, just as at Bethlehem. I want to celebrate visibly the coming of the Son of God upon earth and see with my own eyes how poor and humble he wished to be for our sakes.

"The friars prepared the cave with a manger and the ox and the ass, as Francis had requested. Mass was celebrated over the manger and Francis sang the gospel and preached about the birth of the poor king in the little town of Bethlehem. Some saw the child doll lying lifeless in the manger awoken as if from a deep sleep. This was a fitting vision, for in the hearts of many the child Jesus had been forgotten, but now, through his servant Francis, he had been brought back to life and held in loving reverence.

"A church was later built over that manger so that where animals once had eaten hay, the faithful could be nourished by the Body and Blood of our Lord, who through such great love has become one with us on Christmas and in the Eucharist."



*"A child is born to us, a son is given to us.
They will name him Prince of Peace."
(Is 9:4,5)*

Parish Staff

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Contributions December 16-17, 2017

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 3181.00 Loose 1530.20
Religious Retirement 107.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 589.00 Loose 658.97
Candles 96.00 Tourists 10.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 300.00 Loose 327.00
Candles 59.00

Jan. 2 (Tuesday) — Anita Braun,
Marilyn Braun

Advent Week 4 — LOVE

Loving Father,

as we near the end of Advent, help us prepare for the birth of your Son. You who brought love to this world, be the love that dwells among us. Help us celebrate our lives with the awareness of your goodness and gratitude for all that you give us. May the love of Christ be shown in what we do and what we say.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Holiday Schedules

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

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

TRILOGY

**will sing on Sunday, December 31,
for the 10:00 a.m. Mass.**

**They will also sing Christmas
carols before Mass.**

**So come early and listen to some
holiday music.**

NO DAILY MASSES

FOR THE FOLLOWING DAYS OF DECEMBER:

Tuesday through Friday, December 26-29

Fr. John is not available for these daily Masses.

No other priest is available.

Offertory Envelopes

Please use your old box of envelopes until the end of the year and then recycle them and use your new box. Many of the numbers have changed and the number on your envelope is how I record your donations. Thank you! *Jan Brungardt*

If you have not received a box of envelopes and would like one, contact Jan at the Parish Office.

In this season of giving, I want to take the time to thank all the members of the tri-parish community for all the thoughts, prayers, and contributions that have been given to me in light of my diagnosis, and especially the anonymous contributions for which we are extremely grateful.



It makes us proud to be members of this community.



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Tom and Janice Tholen



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.

COMMUNITY

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Beef Raffle to Help Lady Knights Basketball Program

Raffle tickets are being sold to help the VHS Lady Knights basketball team raise funds to update equipment and other items for their basketball program. There will be two winners of 1/4 beef each. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20 and can be purchased at all home games or from any team member or the team coaches. The drawing will be held at the last home basketball game on **February 16, 2018**. Thanks for your support in this effort to help the Lady Knights basketball program.



CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION CALENDAR

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA



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.**

ST. BONIFACE



The Little Town of Bethlehem Nativity display at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Vincent will be open to visitors from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on the following days: **Saturday, December 23; Sunday, December 24; and Christmas Day.**

ST. ANN

Coffee and Rolls are canceled at St. Ann parish hall after Mass on **Saturday, December 23.**



Merry Christmas from all at St. Ann Parish!

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, December 23, 5:00 PM — Hannah Dreiling
 Sunday, December 24, 10:00 AM — Pam Scheck
 CHRISTMAS EVE-5:00 PM — Children's Choir
 MIDNIGHT MASS-10:00 PM — Adult Choir
 CHRISTMAS DAY-10:00 AM — Schulte/Dreiling/Amrein family
 Saturday, December 30, 5:00 PM — Kevin Juenemann
 Sunday, December 31, 10:00 AM — Trilogly
 NEW YEARS DAY-8:00 AM —

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY.....CHRISTMAS DAY	DECEMBER 25
8:45 am St. Boniface (for Christmas obligation) for the Parishes	
10:00 am St. Fidelis (for Christmas obligation) Bernard Roth	
TUESDAY-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26-29 — NO MASSES	
Father John is not available and no other priest is available.	
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 30
5:00 pm St. Fidelis (for Sunday obligation) Elmer and Mildred Hoff	
6:30 pm St. Ann (for Sunday obligation) Donald Braun	
SUNDAY.....HOLY FAMILY	DECEMBER 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE	
8:45 am St. Boniface Robert and Amelia VonLintel	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Emanuel, Vera, and Tom Pfeifer families	

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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