

“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>EUCHARISTIC 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) / [stbonifacevincent.com](http://stbonifacevincent.com)

## December 31, 2017 – Holy Family

### 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

**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  
**Feb. 19** — Presidents Day—PARISH  
 OFFICE CLOSED  
**Mar. 11** — Girl Scout Sunday  
**Mar. 11** — Daylight Savings Time



“Behold this child is destined for the fall  
 and rise of many in Israel...”

(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:22-40)

**The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow,,  
 New Year’s Day, Monday, January 1.**



On this feast of the Holy Family we offer pertinent quotes from Pope Francis' recent document *The Joy of Love in the Family (Amoris Laetitia)*.

"I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfill their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way. There is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems." [57]



"Just as a good wine begins to 'breathe' with time, so too the daily experience of fidelity gives married life richness and 'body'." [231]

"The life of every family is marked by all kinds of crises, yet these are also part of its dramatic beauty. Couples should be helped to realize that surmounting a crisis need not weaken their relationship; instead, it can improve, settle, and mature the wine of their union." [232]

"I sincerely believe that Jesus wants a Church attentive to the goodness which the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness, clearly expressing her objective teaching, always doing what good she can, even if in the process, her shoes get soiled by the mud of the street." [308]

"Few human joys are as deep and thrilling as those experienced by two people who love one another and have achieved something as the result of a great, shared effort." [130]



"In the speed with which people today move from one affective relationship to another they believe, as with digital social networks, that love can be connected or disconnected at a whim of a consumer. Many treat affective relationships the way they treat material objects and the environment: everything is disposable; everyone uses and throws away, takes and breaks, exploits and squeezes to the last drop. Then, goodbye." [39]

"Let me say a word to fiancés. Have the courage to be different. Don't let yourselves get swallowed up by a society of consumption and empty appearances. What is important is the love you share, strengthened and sanctified by grace. You are capable of opting for a more modest and simple celebration in which love takes precedence over everything else." [212]

"Young love needs to keep dancing towards the future with immense hope." [219]

"No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love. All of us are called to keep striving towards something greater than ourselves and our families, and every family must feel this constant impulse. Let us make this journey as families, let us keep walking together." [325].

## Parish Staff

### Pastor:

Fr. John Schmeidler, OFM, Cap.  
email: frjohncap@gmail.com

### Bookkeeper/Minister to the Elderly and Homebound/Thrift Shop/Food Pantry:

Jan Brungardt  
email: fidelis@ruraltel.net

### Catholic Faith Education Office:

Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/  
Youth Minister  
email: fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net  
Shirley Brungardt, RCIA Director/  
Sacramental Records  
email: sfreled@ruraltel.net

### Housekeeping/Sacristan:

Darlene Dreiling

### Groundskeeper: Julius Dreiling

### Maintenance: Joe Brungardt

Organists: Kathy Dreiling-Amrein  
Lou Ann Hammersmith

### Choir Director: Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

### Technology Coordinator:

Connie Windholz  
email: sfttech@ruraltel.net

## Council Members

### St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

Peggy Fitzpatrick 735-8186 (Chair)  
Andy Kuhn 639-2156 (Vice-Chair)  
Donna Juenemann 735-9700 (Sec)  
Janea Dinkel 735-9529 (RelEd)  
Doug Kuhn 650-1058 (Bldgs & Grounds)  
John Schulte 735-9535  
Deb Braun 735-7106  
Gina Oberle 735-8056

### St. Fidelis Finance Council

John R. Braun 735-2622  
Harland Rupp 735-2206  
Randy Leiker 259-1392

### St. Boniface Pastoral Council

Carol Freitag 735-9282  
Randy Huser 735-4836  
Fred Tholen 735-4801

### St. Ann Pastoral Council

Helen Windholz 735-2293  
Terry Riedel 735-9375  
Jerry Nowak 637-5273

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

**Jan. 8** — Bob and Phyllis Stramel

## With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Kathleen Ann "Kathy" Edsall**, who passed away on Saturday, December 16, 2017. Services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Thursday, December 21, with inurnment in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Stanley Joseph Stramel Jr.**, who passed away on Wednesday, December 20, 2017. Services were held at the Liberty Foursquare Church in Hays, on Saturday, December 23, with burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Pfeifer.

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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 [sistersagainsttrafficking.org](http://sistersagainsttrafficking.org).

## Christian Mothers / Altar Society

### Yearly Dues Are Due

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers dues for 2018 are now due. Dues for 2018 will continue to be \$5.00. You may mail your dues to Teresa Shepherd, P.O. Box 324, Victoria, Kansas, 67671 or use the envelope in your contribution box and drop them in the collection basket. Thank you.

### Contributions December 23-24, 2016

#### ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 3767.00 Loose 1413.85

#### ST. ANN:

Adult 683.00 Loose 151.00

#### ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 205.00 Loose 502.00

### Contributions Christmas December 24-25, 2017

#### ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 5152.00 Loose 18,794.39  
Cemetery 25.00

#### ST. ANN:

Adult 555.00 Loose 887.00

#### ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 350.00 Loose 441.00  
Candles 11.00

# 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.

## Tri-Parish

# Cards & Games Party

**Sunday, January 14 • 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Parish Activity Center (north entrance)



Everyone is invited.  
Pick up a friend and  
come join the fun!

*Soup "supper" will be  
provided for those in  
attendance.*

*You are welcomed to bring a  
potluck snack of any kind  
for everyone to enjoy.*

LET'S PLAY!

Pinochle  
Farkle  
Dominos  
Rummikub  
Phase 10  
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## 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.**



**CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION CALENDAR**

**DECEMBER CALENDAR**

**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  
6:30 P.M. — March for Life parent, youth and chaperone meeting – PAC Meal Site Room

**Sunday, January 7, 2018**

10:00 A.M. — Liturgy of the Word for children

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018**

Religious Ed Committee meeting in PAC's Meal Site Room

**Wednesday, January 10, 2018**

Religious Ed classes  
K-5: 6:30 — 7:15 P.M.  
6-12: 7:30 — 8:30 P.M.

**Sunday, January 14, 2018**

10:00 A.M. Mass — Jubilee Choir sings

**Wednesday, January 17, 2018**

Religious Ed classes canceled — 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade ONLY meet in St. Fidelis Chapel for religion class from 7:30-8:30 P.M.

5:00 P.M. — Group departs St. Fidelis Church for March for Life trip in Washington, D.C.! \*Follow us on the

Jr. CYO and CYO Facebook pages at "St Fidelis — St Ann — St Boniface Jr CYO" and "St Fidelis — St Ann — St Boniface CYO"

**Sunday, January 21, 2018**

Group returns from March for Life trip in Washington, D.C.

**Wednesday, January 24, 2018**

Religious Ed classes  
K-5: 6:30 — 7:15 P.M.  
6-12: 7:30 — 8:30 P.M.

**Wednesday, January 31, 2018**

Religious Ed classes  
K-5: 6:30 — 7:15 P.M.  
6-12: 7:30 — 8:30 P.M.

**Religious Ed Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 7:00 P.M.**

Meet in PAC's Meal Site Room.

Happy New Year!



**Religious Ed Class Canceled**

On **Wednesday, January 17, 2018**, Religious Ed classes (with the exception of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade) will be canceled. The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade class will gather in the chapel at St. Fidelis Church doing normal class time (7:30 – 8:30 P.M.) for their religion class.

Due to a conflict in schedule with the upcoming March for Life trip we will not have class on this Wednesday for grades K -8 and 11/12<sup>th</sup> grade.



**Parent, youth and chaperone meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.**

Please meet in PAC's Meal Site Room. One parent and youth should attend.

Parishioners: please keep watch in the Sunday's bulletin as we will release our itinerary closer to the dates of our trip.

*Jeanette B.*

*Keeping the German Heritage Alive*

## NEW YEAR'S DAY DANCE

January 1, 2018 • 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Wes Windholz Band

\$8.00 per person

Cowboy Junction

2649 280th Avenue, Hill City, Kansas

sponsored by

The Sunflower Polka Club

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

More information: 785-819-2246



## 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.



## 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 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.

## First Care Clinic

Hours are:

**Monday - Thursday**

**8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Friday 8:30 AM - Noon**

Phone: **785-735-3710**



## VFW Still Raising Funds for New AC Compressor

An air conditioner compressor burned up in the V.F.W. Post 1751 building. The organization is still needing donations to help pay off the new unit.

To donate, please contact Harland Rupp at 785-623-1368.

## "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](mailto:ccfpc@ruraltel.net).

**NAMI** (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Hays affiliate is the point of contact for the public for information, referrals, and support for people with mental illness and their family and friends. The Center for Life Experience provides the meeting facility and houses the Affiliate's reference library. The group will gather on **Monday, January 8**, at 6:00 p.m. for the Recovery Group and for the Family Support Group. The Education Group will meet at 7:15.

**HEALING AFTER LOSS** is an organization offering hope, encouragement, and understanding to those who have had an adult loss such as a spouse, parent, sibling, or friend in their lives. The group will eat supper at 5:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 9**, at JD's Chicken, 740 E. 8th St., Hays. They will then gather at 7:00 in The Center for Life Experience.

## 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!!

## 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.





**May God bless you  
with a wonderful New Year in 2018!**

**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.**

## 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 New Year's Day, January 1*

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

at St. Fidelis

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

*(No Adoration on Thursday, December 28)*

## 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

*(No 7:00 p.m. Mass)*

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MONDAY</b> ..... <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> .....	<b>JANUARY 1</b>
<b>MARY MOTHER OF GOD (NOT a holy day of obligation this year)</b>	
8:00 am St. Fidelis Joseph and Velma Lang	
<b>NO 7:00 P.M. MASS ON JANUARY 1</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>JANUARY 2</b>
6:45 am Gilbert and Mary Jane Miller family	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>JANUARY 3</b>
6:45 am Andrew J. and Miriam Wasinger Vernon Berens	
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>JANUARY 4</b>
6:45 am Stella Sander	
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>JANUARY 5</b>
6:45 am Edwin and Ruth Engel	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>JANUARY 6</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Harold and Carol Cline family Don Pfeifer	
6:30 pm St. Ann Frank Riedel	
<b>SUNDAY</b> ..... <b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> .....	<b>JANUARY 7</b>
8:45 am St. Boniface Verlin, Patty, and Stephan Dreiling	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Lance Lang	

### \* Sunday Rosary Schedule \*

1<sup>st</sup> - Christian Mothers

2<sup>nd</sup> - Knights of Columbus

3<sup>rd</sup> - Daughters of Isabella

4<sup>th</sup> - Family Life

## MINISTER SCHEDULE

### CANTORS

Saturday, January 6, 5:00 PM — Megan Wellbrock

Sunday, January 7, 10:00 AM — Jubilee 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.