

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.	EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAYS 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar	

www.stfidelischurch.com / 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:

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Darlene Dreiling

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Lou Ann Hammersmith

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Connie Windholz
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Council Members

St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

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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.

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
UNO

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 — 9th and 10th 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 9th and 10th grade) will be canceled. The 9th and 10th 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 11/12th 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.

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

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

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

1st - Christian Mothers

2nd - Knights of Columbus

3rd - Daughters of Isabella

4th - 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.