

*"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>EUCCHARISTIC 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) / [www.stbonifacevincent.com](http://www.stbonifacevincent.com)

## February 19, 2017 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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

**Mar. 1** — Ash Wednesday  
**Mar. 3** — World Day of Prayer  
**Mar. 5** — First Sunday of Lent  
**Mar. 12** — Girl Scout Sunday  
Daylight Savings Begins  
**Mar. 17** — St. Patrick's Day  
**Mar. 20** — First Day of Spring  
**Mar. 20-24** — School Spring Break  
**Mar. 27** — Parish Penance Service after 7:00 pm Mass  
**Apr. 1** — April Fool's Day  
**Apr. 6** — Chrism Mass @ Salina 11:30  
**Apr. 9** — Passion (Palm) Sunday  
**Apr. 13** — Holy Thursday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED at noon  
**Apr. 14** — Good Friday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**Apr. 15** — Holy Saturday  
**Apr. 16** — Easter

**Jesus** said to his disciples:  
“You have heard that it was said,  
*An eye for an eye  
and a tooth for a tooth.*  
But I say to you,  
offer no resistance to one who is evil.  
**When someone strikes you  
on your right cheek,  
turn the other one as well ...”**

(from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:38-48)



**The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow  
Monday, February 20,  
in honor of President's Day**



Monday is Presidents' Day when we pause to remember our great presidents, especially George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Both of these men were guided by a religious faith, not so much in the formal denominational sense, but in a conviction of conscience before God. That fact is often forgotten in our secular age which prefers to divorce religious faith from public life. Lest we forget their heritage of faith, here are a few quotations of these two great presidents regarding religious faith in the public square.

### GOERGE WASHINGTON:

*"Do not let any one claim to be a true American if they ever attempt to remove religion from politics." 9-7-1764*

*"Be assured that I entertain a proper sense of your fervent supplication to God for my temporal and eternal happiness. 8-8-1789*

*"The propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which heaven itself has ordained." 4-30-1789*

*"I have often expressed that every man, conducting himself as a good citizen, and being accountable to God alone for his religious opinions, ought to be protected in worshipping the Deity according to the dictates of his own conscience." 8-8-1789*

### ABRAHAM LINCOLN:

*"In regard to this great book, I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to man. All the good Savior gave to the world was communicated through this book. But for it we could not know right from wrong. All things most desirable for man's welfare, here and hereafter, are found portrayed in it." 9-7-1864*

*"The gifts of God should be gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwells in the heavens." 10- 3-1863*

*"I have never denied the truth of the Scriptures and I have never spoken with intentional disrespect of religion in general, or of any denomination of Christians in particular. I do not think I could myself be brought to support a man for office whom I knew to be an open enemy of, or scoffer at, religion." 7-31-1846*

*"We have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand, which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us." 3-30-1863*

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"Congress meets this month. Let us pray: 'O Lord, be merciful with them for they know not what they are doing. Amen.'" ~Will Rogers

### 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, 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: sftech@ruraltel.net

### Council Members

#### St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

Randy Leiker 259-1392 (Chair)

Andy Kuhn 639-2156 (Vice-Chair, B & G)

LeeAnn Schmidtberger 735-9486 (Sec)

Janea Dinkel 735-9529 (FamLife)

Peggy Fitzpatrick 735-8186 (RelEd)

Doug Kuhn 650-1058 (Bldgs & Grounds)

Donna Juenemann 735-9700 (Liturgy)

John Schulte 735-9535

#### St. Fidelis Finance Council

John R. Braun 735-2622

Harland Rupp 735-2206

Dave Juenemann 656-0647

#### 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

### Contributions February 11-12, 2017

#### **ST. FIDELIS:**

Adult 2560.00 Loose 1313.58

Repair Fund 75.00

#### **ST. ANN:**

Adult 1431.00 Loose 234.00

Candles 111.00

#### **ST. BONIFACE:**

Adult 287.00 Loose 146.00

Candles 33.00

**Feb. 21 (Tuesday)** — Mary Brungardt, Det Younger

**Feb. 27** — Connie Dreiling, Janie Dinges

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship District #42 winners were (pictured from left) Jacob Sohm, Paxton Swanson, Macy Hanzlick, Thaddeus Wohler, Cara Criswell, Greg Huser, Anna Thielen, Wyatt Griffin, Gracyn Schippers, Brady Nowak, and Jillian Schmidt. The district competition was held at the Victoria High School gymnasium on Sunday, February 12. Competitors were the winners from the Russell, Victoria, and Wilson local Knights of Columbus competitions. The winners will have the opportunity to compete at the regional contest at Tipton, Kansas, on Sunday, February 19.

### Knights of Columbus Council #1867 announces their

Knight of the Month: Troy Schippers

Family of the Month: Jim Scheck family

## Knights of Columbus

Council #1867

### 2016 LENTEN FISH FRY

5:00 — 7:00 p.m.

on the Fridays of

**March 3, March 17, and March 31**

Victoria V.F.W. Hall, E. Main Street, Victoria

**MENU: Fish, noodles and beans, baked potato, cole slaw**



## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

### REMINDER:

Daughters of Isabella dues are due. Please mail \$15.00 to Wilma VonLintel, P.O. Box 33, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

## D. of I. Bake Sales

The Daughters of Isabella Bake Sales will be held on **March 3, 17, and 31** at the VFW Hall starting at 4:00 pm in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Fish Fries.



## DIOCESE

### Catholic Community Annual Appeal

From forming a new generation of priests or supporting our youth to become faithful leaders, the Catholic Community Annual Appeal makes ministry possible. Please make your gift to the Appeal. Won't you join us and **"The Lord is Good to all; He has Comassion on all He has made."**

### Human Trafficking

February 8 was the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita who was sold into slavery as a child. PRAY for all children who live in slavery and are exploited. **US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org).

## Christian Mothers Altar Society

### Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your 2017 membership. Please use the envelope in your parish packet designated "Christian Mothers Altar Society" or put your \$5.00 membership dues in any envelope with your name on/in it and place it in the Sunday collection basket.

New members are welcome to join the Christian Mothers Altar Society any time by contacting the parish office, Fr. John, or any of the officers: Det Younger, 785-735-2757; Joan Wellbrock, 785-735-2562; Marge Rome, 785-735-4851; or Cora Schulte, 785-735-4971.

*The cost is meager and the benefits are divine!*



## YOUTH MINISTRY

The Office of Youth Ministry is asking for donations. We will oversee the kids' games and booths at this year's Fidelisfest on April 23rd! If you have any kids toys, gently used or new, for ages 2 to 10 years old please consider donating them to the Office of Youth Ministry. The toys will be used as prizes. Thank you to all who donated last year and helped make the games such a success and so enjoyable for everybody! If you have questions, you may contact

### FIDELISFEST KIDS BOOTHS

Jeanette at 785-735-9244 or at [FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net](mailto:FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net).

\*Youth (middle school & high school) are also invited again to volunteer and oversee the children's games. Adults will also be needed to help supervise the bounce houses.

## ST. ANN

### Christian Mothers Dues

St. Ann's Christian Mothers dues of \$5.00 are due and payable to Lou Ann Hammersmith, Box 163, Gorham, Kansas 67640.

## JR. CYO Gathering

The Jr. CYO will meet on **Wednesday, February 22**, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Activity Center prior to Religious Ed. We have so much to discuss!! Here's a sneak peek:

Spring food drive for the St. Fidelis Food Pantry  
Lent

Fidelisfest Kids Booths/Games

Rock Springs Camp

Vacation Bible School

If you need to come in late, please still come!  
We'll meet until 7:15 P.M.

Blessings, *Jeanette Brungardt*

## ADULT CHOIR

**PRACTICE:** Wednesdays, February 22, March 1 (after Mass), 15, and 29, April 5 and 12, and Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m.

**SING:** Sunday, February 26; Sunday, March 26; 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.*

## COMMUNITY

**Stayin Alive**  
Hands-Only / 16th Annual

# CPR

Sign Up for **FREE** Training

## Saturday, March 4, 2017

1 Session: 10:00 a.m.

**HaysMed**  
Center for Health Improvement Gym  
2500 Canterbury Drive ~ Hays KS

Training is open to people 8 and older.

**Friends and Family**  
CPR course is not for professional certification.

**Two Steps to Save a Life**

1. Call 911
2. Push hard & fast in the center of the chest

To register, call **Debbie McLaren**  
1-800-248-0073 x. 5500 or (785) 623-5500  
or register on-line at  
<https://www.haysmed.com/education/>

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# MARDI GRAS PARTY

ADULTS ONLY - \$10 PER TICKET

## Saturday, February 25, 2017

6 PM to 12 AM - Gorham Senior Center

*Don't forget your Mardi Gras mask!*

### MUSIC AND KARAOKE

provided by Parsons Productions

To get your advanced tickets call  
**TAFRA RANDA 785-735-4264** or **MICHELLE BROWN 785-735-4676**

Finger Food and Cash Bar      Social Hour 6 PM to 8 PM  
Music & Karaoke 8 PM TO 12 AM

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA OF GORHAM**

**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 Dennis at 785-639-4621.

**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!



**City Council Meeting**

Victoria City Council meetings are always held on the third Monday of the month. This month's meeting will be **Monday, February 20**, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Community residents are encouraged to attend.

**St. Francis of Assisi Church, Munjor  
Annual Parish Supper  
Sunday, March 5 \* 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Munjor School Gym**



**German Meal:**

Noodles, Beans, Creamed Potatoes & Dumplings, Bratwurst, Homemade Bread, Relish, Dessert, Drink

Adults: \$8.00 Children 5-12 \$4.00 Under 4 free

**Country Store & Raffle**

**Victoria Elementary News!!**

Our Sunny D books for all classrooms have arrived! The Box Tops will be sent in at the end of February so please keep clipping and saving them. We would love to raise lots of money with the Pop Tabs we're collecting for the Ronald McDonald House in Topeka. **Send all your Box Tops and Pop Tabs to Victoria Elementary ASAP!** Thank you!

**SUNFLOWER CHAPTER OF AHSGR INVITES YOU TO A**

**FASENACHT POLKA DANCE  
Sunday, February 26 - Noon-4:00 pm**

Old Kennedy School Building — Cafeteria  
St. Joseph Campus, Hays  
Admission Cost — **POT LUCK DISH**



WHEN - Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017  
WHERE - Kennedy Cafeteria, Hays  
TIME - Noon - 4:00pm  
WHO - Wes Windholz Band  
COST - Pot Luck Dish

The Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia is sponsoring a Fasenacht Polka Dance on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017** at the Old Kennedy School Building Cafeteria on the St. Joseph Catholic Church Campus. The back doors will open at noon and your admission price is a dish of "Pot Luck" to share with your neighbors and friends. Dancing will be from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. and the sharing of the Pot Luck will be from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

**"Featuring the WES WINDHOLZ BAND"**

Come join us as we have fun dancing before Lent begins and also learn about our organization at the same time. A table will be available with information on the local chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia.

The entrance to the cafeteria is off off Ash street turning west on 14th street that leads right into the parking lot and just look for all the people coming in!

**You don't need to be a member to join us...but after this you may want to join us!!!**



**INTERNATIONAL**

For More Information Contact:  
Kevin Rupp  
krupp@ahsgr.net  
785-656-0329

**Victoria Schools  
Calendar**



**Monday — February 20 — President's Day**  
No School

**Tuesday — February 21**

12:45 pm 2nd and 3rd grade @ FHSU

Lunch Menu: Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, corn, grapes, sticky bun, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study. 7th grade girls will meet in Mrs. Kori Braun's office

4:30 pm HS basketball vs. Osborne

**Wednesday — February 22**

Lunch Menu: Goulash, green beans, garlic bread, peaches, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice

5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

**Thursday — February 23**

Lunch Menu: Sub sandwich, chips, steamed carrots, apple wedges, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study.

3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice

5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

**Friday — February 24**

Lunch Menu: Pizza, fresh broccoli, banana, oatmeal sugar cookies, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice

5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

**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.

**CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION**

**FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

**Monday, February 20** — PAC

Closed – President’s Day

**Wednesday, February 22** —

Religious Ed classes

K-5 6:30 – 7:15

6-12 7:30 - 8:30

\*Jr. CYO meets in PAC from

6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

\*Second grade sent home

with stencils for First

Communion banners.

**MARCH CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, March 1** —

Ash Wednesday – No

Religious Ed Classes

\*Please attend Ash

Wednesday Mass

Unit 5 mailed to homeschool

students

**Friday, March 3** — 5:30 P.M.

Stations of the Cross at

St. Fidelis

**Wednesday, March 8** —

5:15 - 6:15 P.M. Jubilee Choir

practice (first practice of

second semester)

K-5 6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

6-12 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

\*Lent penance services for

grades 2-12

**Friday, March 10** — 5:30

P.M. Stations of the

Cross at St. Fidelis

**Sunday, March 12** — 10:00

A.M. Mass – Jubilee

Choir performs

1:00 P.M. – Second grade –

First Communion parent

meeting at PAC

**Wednesday, March 15** —

Religious Ed Classes

K-5 6:30 - 7:15

6-12 7:30 - 8:30

\*Prayer & Action pre-

registration forms due +

\$65 registration fee to

Jeanette in Rel Ed Office

**Friday, March 17** — 5:30

P.M. Stations of the

Cross at St. Fidelis

**Wednesday, March 22** —

Spring Break \*No

Religious Ed Classes\*

**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**

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>FEBRUARY 20</b>
7:00 pm Marvin Windholz Mark Thorson, Jr.	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>FEBRUARY 21</b>
6:45 am Cyrilla Dinkel	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>FEBRUARY 22</b>
6:45 am Edward Meder Jennifer Lehmann Ryan Schrant	
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>FEBRUARY 23</b>
6:45 am Louise Schmidtberger Jonah Schmidtberger	
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>FEBRUARY 24</b>
6:45 am Leslie Mason	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>FEBRUARY 25</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Pauline Oberle 6:30 pm St. Ann Alma Dreiling Tom G. Dreiling	
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> ..... <b>FEBRUARY 26</b>
8:45 am St. Boniface Mary Ellen Schmidtberger 10:00 am St. Fidelis Joe and Pauline Dinkel family	

**Lenten Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment**



**The Seven Last Words of Christ**

**Tuesdays - March 7, 14, 21, 28,**

**April 4 and 11**

**7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**at the Basilica of Saint Fidelis**

Father Earl Meyer will present reflections on the *Seven Last Words of Christ* on the Tuesdays of Lent. The Seven Last Words are the words spoken by Christ at seven different times while he was on the cross as recorded in the four gospels. These words have been a traditional Lenten meditation since the earliest days of the church.

These Tuesday Lenten services will also include the scriptural rosary and prayers of intercession.

Everyone is kindly invited to attend this “centuries old” devotion on all the Tuesdays of Lent from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Basilica of Saint Fidelis.

**\* 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, February 25, 5:00 PM** — Becky and Jim Scheck

**Sunday, February 26, 10:00 AM** — John Braun

**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.