

"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

January 15, 2017 – 2nd 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

- Jan. 22** — 45th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade
- Jan. 23** — Pro-Life Rally in Topeka
- Jan. 26-29** — March for Life in Washington D.C.
- Jan. 29** — Kansas Day—156 years
- Feb. 2** — Groundhog Day
- Feb. 4-5** — Blessings of Throats after all Masses
- Feb. 5** — Boy Scout Sunday
- Feb. 14** — Valentine’s Day
- Feb. 20** — President’s Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Mar. 1** — Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 5** — First Sunday of Lent
- Mar. 12** — Girl Scout Sunday
Daylight Savings Begins
- Mar. 17** — St. Pat’s Day
- Mar. 20** — First Day of Spring

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. “



(from the Holy Gospel according to John 1:29-24)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 is Monday, January 16
The Parish Office will be closed.



It is often said that “the devil is in the details,” meaning that the fine points of an issue present the greatest challenge, yet the greatest opportunity. There are two such fine points in today’s gospel. The first is a minor difference between a verse in today’s Gospel and the use of that verse at Mass. In the Gospel John the Baptist says, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the *sin* of the world.” However, during Mass we refer to “The Lamb of God, who takes away the *sins* of the world.” In the gospel, John the Baptist spoke of the *sin* of the world; in the liturgy we do not speak of the *sin* of the world, but the *sins* of the world. Singular vs. plural.

What is the significance of this distinction between *sin* and *sins*? The difference between sin and sins, is analogous to the difference between prayer and prayers. *Sins* refers to a particular instance of evil; *sin* refers to evil itself as the root cause of every individual sin. John the Baptist, in referring to Christ as the Lamb of God, indicated that he was the one who would conquer the evil of Satan, the cause of all sin. The liturgy is referring to our own particular sins, and how they have been redeemed by the victory of Christ over sin and death. Our personal sins are but a manifestation of the greater reality of sin itself which Christ conquered, making it possible that we may be saved of our individual sins. As John the Baptist proclaimed, “The ax has been laid to the root.”

The second fine point in today’s gospel is the *Lamb*, which takes its meaning from the Old Testament. The Lamb of God or *Angus Dei* as recited or sung at Mass focuses on the sacrificial nature of the Eucharist by alluding to the Old Testament paschal lamb of the Exodus. When God led his captive people out of Egypt he ordered each family to kill an unblemished lamb, eat it at the Passover meal, and mark their door posts with its blood. They were then spared the deadly wrath of the avenging angel who took the first born of every home not marked with the saving blood.

For Christians that is symbolic of Christ, the Paschal lamb of the new covenant. As the Hebrews were freed from the slavery of Egypt by the sacrifice of the Paschal lamb, Christians are saved from the bondage of sin by the death and resurrection of Christ. In the gospel of John, Christ dies on the cross at the very hour that the Passover lambs are being sacrificed in the temple. After his death, his legs were not broken, as was prescribed for the lamb at the Passover meal. Christ is the new and eternal Paschal lamb.

As the blood of the paschal lamb spared the people from the angel of death, the blood of Christ saves us from the eternal death of sin. That is the message of John the Baptist, “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the *sin* of the world.” Christ’s victory over Satan, evil itself and the root of all sins, makes it possible that our individual sinful failings might be forgiven by our sharing in the death and resurrection of Christ through the sacraments of Baptism, Penance, and the Eucharist. In sum, because Christ conquered *sin*, our *sins* can be forgiven.

If the devil is in the details, so are the angels. Our appreciation of these fine points — the distinction between *sin* and *sins*; and symbolism of the *Lamb* in Lamb of God — enriches our understanding of the prayer we pray at every Mass before communion, “Lamb of God who takes away the *sins* of the world, have mercy on us.”

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Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they’re at home when you wish they were.

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Contributions January 7-8, 2017

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2494.00 Loose 1137.05
Repair Fund 2.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 103.00 Loose 2856.00
Crib Donations 4.52

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 438.00 Loose 170.00
Candles 63.00

Jan. 17 (Tuesday) — Anita Braun, Crystal Robben

Jan. 23 — Bob and Phyllis Stramel, Dorothy Goetz

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Mary Schmidtberger**, who passed away on Thursday, January 5, 2017. Services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Monday, January 9, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

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.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

JANUARY CALENDAR

Monday, January 16 — PAC
Closed

Wednesday, January 18 —
Religious Ed classes

K – 5 6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Wednesday, January 25 —
Religious Ed classes

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

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

10th grade Confirmation
class – remaining service
hours due**

Religious Ed – Donations Needed

Do you have gently used children's activity tables and/or small children's chairs that you would be willing to donate to the Religious Ed Office to be used in our kindergarten classroom?

Please contact Jeanette in the Religious Ed Office if you need more information or have some tables and chairs you would like to donate.

Office: 735-9244

E-mail:

FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net



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, 785-735-4051; or Cora Schulte, 785-735-4971.

The cost is meager and the benefits are heavenly!

If you did not receive tithing envelopes for 2017 and would like a box, please contact Jan at the Parish Office. The 2016 tithing statements will be mailed out in the next couple of weeks.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

REMINDER:

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

DIOCESE

ATTENTION, MEN!

Mark your calendars now! The 2017 Diocesan Men's Conference is scheduled for **Saturday, August 12**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Kansas Knights of Columbus 18th Annual Pro-Life Baby Shower

The Knights of Columbus are conducting a Pro-Life Baby Shower for the Mary Elizabeth Home in Hays.

Parishioners of the tri-parishes are asked to donate baby and pregnancy supplies, diapers, bottles, formula, new or used baby or maternity clothing, etc. Please place your donation in the baby cribs which will be set up at the entrances of each of the tri-parish churches **throughout the month of January**.

Envelopes will also be available for those wishing to make a monetary donation. Please make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus and mail the donation in the self-addressed envelope or bring it to the Parish Office.



Free Throw Championship

FREE THROW
CHAMPIONSHIP



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of **January 1st**) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held **Sunday, January 29**, at the Victoria High School Gymnasium. The gym will open approximately at noon, and the contest will start at 1:00 p.m.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age (copy of birth certificate) and written parental consent. Entry forms will be distributed by the school.

For additional forms or information, contact Troy Schippers at 785-735-4625. All Knights of Columbus are invited/encouraged to attend the competition.



Victoria Elementary News!!

The **Sunny D** labels have been sent in, and now we anxiously await our delivery of 20 books for every classroom at VES!! We are still collecting **Box Tops and Pop Tabs**. Last year we collected 123 pounds of pop tabs, and we received \$1,412.10 for the Box Tops! We'd love to surpass both those numbers this year!

If you have any of these items be sure to give them to any elementary school student or staff member, or you can drop them off at the school. Thanks again for all your help!

VICTORIA VFW POST 1751—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.

City Council Meeting

Victoria City Council meetings are always held on the third Monday of the month. This month's meeting will be **Monday, December 19**, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Community residents are encouraged to attend.



First Care Clinic

Hours are:

Monday - Thursday

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM - Noon

Phone: **785-735-3710**

Single and Beyond

Single and Beyond is an ecumenical Christian social group for divorced, widowed, and single people located in or near Hays. Their mission is to provide friendship, support, and understanding to one another. Contact Nancy at 785-432-0533 or singleandbeyond@gmail.com. Food and Fellowship gathering on **Wednesday, January 18**, at Gella's Diner/LB Brewing Co., 117 E. 11th St., at 6:00 p.m. All singles welcome; bring a friend.



The Seasons of Our Souls by Fr. Earl Meyer

Practical reflections on the Christian life. Many are edited versions of those published in the local paper. Available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop. Offering of \$5.00.

KEEP PRAYING!
BRING YOUR ROSARY

Pray for the Guidance of Our Nation

Prayer hour **every 3rd Tuesday** of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Fidelis Church. All are welcome!



Victoria Schools Calendar

Monday — January 16 — *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

No School—Teacher In-service

TBA—JH basketball practices

TBA—HS girls basketball practice

6:30 pm HS girls basketball vs. Ellsworth @ Hoisington Winter Jam

Tuesday — January 17

Lunch Menu: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, peaches, dinner roll, 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 girls basketball practice

4:45 pm HS boys basketball vs. Hoisington @ Hoisington Winter Jam. Depart 2:15

Wednesday — January 18

8:00 am Dental screening for students

Lunch Menu: Mexican Chicken, black bean salad, nacho chips, broccoli, pineapple, 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 — January 19

LifeTouch winter sports pictures during AIM

Lunch Menu: Bierock, potato triangle, steamed peas, strawberries, cake, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice

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

5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

TBA—Hoisington Winter Jam Tournament

Friday — January 20

Lunch Menu: Beef & Veg. soup, cinnamon bread, crackers, mixed fruit, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

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

TBA—Hoisington Winter Jam Tournament

Saturday — January 21

TBA—Hoisington Winter Jam Tournament

THE ST. FIDELIS THRIFT SHOP has reopened and has been as busy as ever. It was closed during the holidays due to a water leak in the kitchen. If you have any items to drop off, please do so at the Thrift Shop during their business hours. If those times are not convenient, call Jan at the Parish Office and schedule a more convenient time.

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.

R.E. FACEBOOK & TWITTER—Our Religious Education program is now on Facebook and Twitter! Visit: www.facebook.com/StFidelisReligiousEd AND/OR twitter.com/StFidelisRelEd. Updates regarding grades K-12: cancellations of religious education classes, reminders of special events, and other noteworthy occurrences will be posted. Both sites will be overseen by the Office of Religious Education at the Parish Activity Center.

FACEBOOK & TWITTER—The CYO and Jr. CYO have separate Facebook accounts. Information on upcoming events within the tri-parishes of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface pertaining to our youth will be updated regularly! You can find us on Facebook by searching for “St. Fidelis CYO” or “St. Fidelis Jr. CYO”. The CYO and Jr. CYO have a joint Twitter account at www.twitter.com/fidelisyouth.



Still Working

A farmer was finishing his planting one Sunday morning as the pastor of the local church came by.

“Brother,” the priest lectured him, “don’t you know that God made the world in six days and rested on the seventh?”

“Yes,” said the farmer, looking uneasily at the rain clouds in the sky. “I know all about that. But He got done and I didn’t.”

~From the St. Fidelis Church bulletin April 4, 1993

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Gorham

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Victoria

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207 W. Main St
Victoria, KS 67671

785-735-2846

Jim and Crystal Robben
Jason Robben

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

MONDAY	JANUARY 16
7:00 pm Leaa Saffer Eddie Sander	
TUESDAY	JANUARY 17
6:45 am Gilbert Riedel Milton Wellbrock	
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 18
6:45 am Leona Rohleder	
THURSDAY	JANUARY 19
6:45 am Edward Brungardt	
FRIDAY	JANUARY 20
6:45 am Leo and Ruby Ziegler	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 21
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Scotty and Hilaria Windholz 6:30 pm St. Ann John and Anna Scheck family John and Anna Mermis family Landry Robben Wilma Staab	
SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 22
8:45 am St. Boniface 10:00 am St. Fidelis Willie and Bertha Pfeifer and Joe Dreiling	

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, January 21, 5:00 PM — Hannah Dreiling
Sunday, January 22, 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.