

*"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)

## July 9, 2017 – 14th 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)

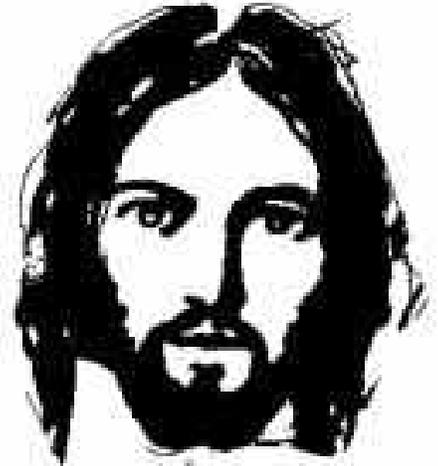
### Tri-Parish Prayer Line

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

**July 26** — Feast of Sts. Ann and Joachim  
**Aug. 4-5** — Herzogfest  
**Aug. 15** — Assumption — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**Sept. 4** — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**Sept. 11** — Patriot Day  
**Sept. 14** — Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
**Sept. 22** — First Day of Fall  
**Oct. 4** — Feast of St. Francis of Assisi — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**Oct. 9** — Columbus Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**Oct. 31** — Halloween  
**Nov. 1** — All Saints Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**Nov. 2** — All Souls Day  
(Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed)

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”



(from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:25-30)



Christianity loves a paradox and today's gospel offers us an indelible image of the apparent contradiction of a paradox: "My yoke is easy and my burden is light."

A yoke is a wooden frame placed on oxen to pull a plow. Since the weight of a yoke chaffs and irritates, a yoke has become a universal symbol of an oppressive burden. Christ did not deny that his teachings are burdensome. The difference is that his yoke is easy and his burden light, which is, of course, a paradox, an apparent contradiction.



How can a yoke be easy and a burden be light? The Christian yoke is easy because it fits human nature well. The gospel resonates with what is best in us. The Sermon on the Mount, the two great commandments, the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son are challenging and burdensome. Yet when we hear them, we know that such is the way we should live. This is how we want to live. Even unbelievers find inspiration in the gospels. The Christian yoke fits our human nature well.

And it is easier if it is well worn. Beginning any religious practice can be awkward and stiff, like a new pair of shoes. But fidelity to such practices brings both consolation and comfort. St. Francis said of his conversion, "What before seemed bitter was changed into sweetness." A well-worn yoke is more comfortable and makes the work easier. The yoke of Christian living, as the yoke of oxen, is easier when it is well worn. The more we practice our Catholic faith the more comfortable and rewarding it becomes.

The essence of today's gospel paradox is the apparent contradiction. A yoke limits freedom. How can less freedom be easier? Only the very immature understand freedom as a license to do as one pleases. It takes but a little experience in life to realize that human freedom must be lived with responsibility. It is unlimited freedom that becomes the yoke, the heavy burden of chaos.

Freedom is one of many values that must be balanced by other virtues. Justice must be tempered by mercy, and courage with prudence. Unlimited freedom is a license to destroy others and ultimately oneself. It is only by living within the boundaries of our freedom that we discover the meaning of responsibility and can grasp the gospel paradox, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light."



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The reason many people get "lost in thought" is because it is unfamiliar territory.

## Parish Staff

### Pastor:

Fr. John Schmeidler, OFM, Cap.  
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### Bookkeeper/Minister to the Elderly and Homebound/Thrift Shop/Food Pantry:

Jan Brungardt  
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### Catholic Faith Education Office:

Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/  
Youth Minister  
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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: sftch@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 July 1-2, 2017

### **ST. FIDELIS:**

Adult 2761.00 Loose 1759.50  
Peter's Pence 567.00  
Repair Fund 34.00

### **ST. ANN:**

Adult 117.00 Loose 504.00  
Peter's Pence 30.00

### **ST. BONIFACE:**

Adult 292.00 Loose 226.00  
Candles 26.00  
Peter's Pence 122.00

**July 10** — Mary Brungardt, Det Younger

**July 17** — Connie Dreiling, Janie Dinges

## With Sympathy

The family has requested that we notify the parishes of the death of Margaret "Maggie" (Hall) Sander who passed away on May 27, 2017, in Mifflintown, Pennsylvania. Maggie was the wife of Jim Sander, formerly of Victoria, and the sister-in-law of Judy and Paul Dreiling of St. Fidelis Parish. Her inurnment will be at a later date in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

## Summer Food Program

St. Fidelis Church is sponsoring a summer food program at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10<sup>th</sup> Street, **from May 30-August 22**. A free nutritious lunch will be served to any children from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Please use the front entrance of the Parish Activity Center.



There are no enrollments or reservations required but if you are bringing a large group such as a day care group, please let us know that morning by calling 785-735-2777. For more information, contact Jan at the Parish Office.

## Get Vitals Checked on Tuesdays

St. Fidelis Parish will have a retired Registered Nurse do vitals checks at the Parish Activity Center in the Meal Site Room on **Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.** beginning Tuesday, May 2. The service is free and open to anyone. She will do blood pressure, respirations, pulse, and weight checks. Thank you in advance for your participation in this new service being offered through the Family Life Office.



## CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

### Youth Service Opportunities



#### Summer Lunch Program — Parish Activity Center

The Summer Lunch Program began Tuesday, May 30, and will last through August 22, Monday—Friday. Volunteers do not need to RSVP or coordinate a date or time—please arrive at the PAC around 10:30 A.M. to help Father and Jan prepare for the kids to arrive at 11:00. If you do have questions, please contact Jan Brungardt in the PAC: 785-735-2777.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Monthly Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet on **Tuesday, July 11**, at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

## COMMUNITY

### Bake Sale to Help Leiker Family



The Victoria High School tennis team will hold a bake sale for Farron Leiker and family. He is in ICU at the K.U. Med Center undergoing treatment for a brain tumor.

The Leiker children attend school and participate in the religious education program in Victoria.

The bake sale will be held after Mass on **Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 9**, in the bridal room of the Basilica of St. Fidelis.

Please pray for Farron and his family during this difficult time.

**Budweiser BUD LIGHT**

**MAKE IT A GREAT ROUND**

**At The 15th Annual VICTORIA HERZOGFEST GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**JULY 22ND, 2017 ~ RUSSELL GOLF COURSE**

**BEGINNING AT 8:00 AM**

**4 Person Scramble \$50 Per Person (Includes Mulligan)**

**CONTACT RUSSELL GOLF COURSE AT 785-483-2852 FOR REGISTRATION**

**FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE PRIZE MONEY AWARDED!**

Veterans of Foreign Wars  
**POST #1751**  
 Victoria, Kansas

**VFW**



**BBQ**

**SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017**  
**11:00 TO 1:30**

BRATS, HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS  
 ALONG WITH BEANS, SLAW, CHIPS, AND DESSERT

*Keep the date open and support your local V.F.W.*

**Lady of Fatima Prayer Group**

Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group will meet again in church at 1:00 p.m. on **Thursday, July 13**, for rosary and prayers.

Group praying has been requested on the 13th of each month until October 13, the 100-year anniversary of the apparition of our Blessed Mother Mary to Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta in Portugal.

You are welcome to join them in prayer.

**V.F.W. Meeting**



The V.F.W. will meet on **Thursday, July 13**, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall. There will be no Auxiliary meetings during July and August.



**DIOCESE**

*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!



**Catholic Charities**

**12th Annual Fundraiser**

Sunday, July 23rd • 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.  
**Salina Country Club**

There is no charge for the dinner and auction, but reservations are required.

RSVP by contacting Catholic Charities at 785-825-0208 or [jwarner@ccnks.org](mailto:jwarner@ccnks.org).

You may also RSVP at our website [www.ccnks.org](http://www.ccnks.org).

**Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund Meeting**

The Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund, Inc. will have its annual meeting at **7:30 p.m. on July 30, 2017**, at the Parish Activity Center in Victoria. Board of Directors will be elected, the annual treasurer's report will be presented, and regular board business will be conducted. All members are invited to attend.

*Word of Life*

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn, and the poor are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

~Pope Francis, “Day for Life Greeting.”  
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Peter's Pence Collection  
Be a Witness of  
**Charity**

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give; visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

July 30 is World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. There are global maps showing the epidemic of human trafficking and reports on the existence of slavery in countries. JOIN US—U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking ([sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org))—to combat modern-day slavery.

### Anniversary Mass

The Anniversary Masses this year will be on Sunday so couples can fulfill their Sunday obligation while celebrating their anniversary. Masses will be as follows:

**St. Nicholas, Hays, 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 1**

**Sacred Heart, Salina, 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 8**

More information will be published as the dates get closer.

### March for Life

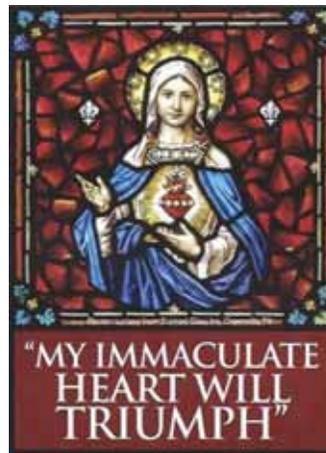
2018 March for Life in Washington, D.C., is Friday, **January 19, 2018**. The Salina Diocese-sponsored pilgrimage to the March will depart the chancery parking lot on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, and will return Sunday, January 21. Mark the dates on your calendar and look for information and details soon to come.

### Plan Ahead for Cursillo Weekends

Cursillo in Christianity is an encounter with self, Christ, and others. It is a method to develop, live, and share spirituality in any area of human life where Christians want to dedicate their lives to God. If you are interested in a means of personal growth in living what is fundamental for being a Christian, and encouraging one another in proclaiming the best news of the best reality that God in Christ loves us, please prayerfully consider attending.

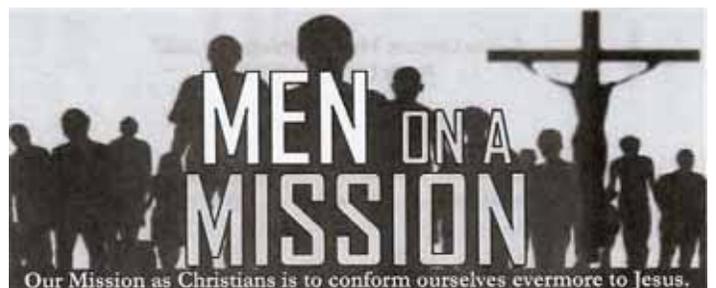
The next weekend events: **Men's weekend July 20-23, 2017**, and **Women's weekend July 27-30, 2017**. Location: Victoria, Kansas, Spiritual Life Center.

For more information contact Patricia Dusin at 785-302-1220, or [patriciad@ruraltel.net](mailto:patriciad@ruraltel.net).



Scott Hahn's conversion to Catholicism is one of the most well-known and inspiring stories of today. Hear him speak at the Midwest Catholic Family Conference August 4-6 at the Century II Convention Center in Wichita. **Save up to \$30 with early bird registration by July**

**16.** Register online at [catholicfamilyconference.org](http://catholicfamilyconference.org) or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to [midwconf@cox.net](mailto:midwconf@cox.net).

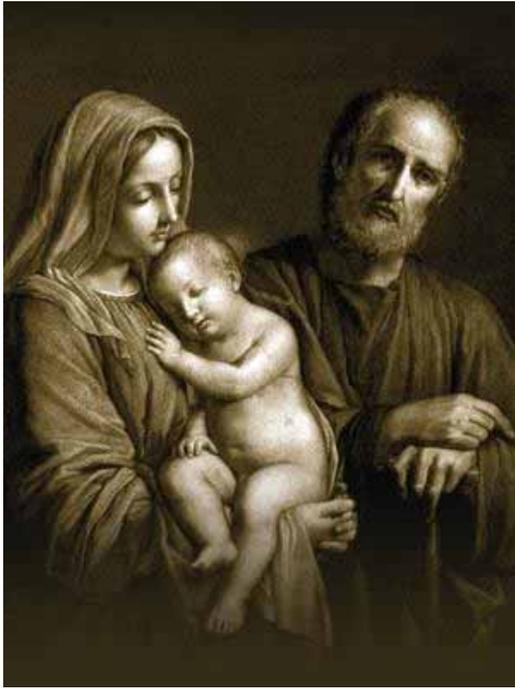


Catholic Men of the Salina Diocese, join us for the Sixth Annual Salina Diocese Men's Conference, "Men on a Mission," on **Saturday, August 12, 2017**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays. If you have sons who are high school or older, please bring them.

There will be two speakers: Dr. Ray Guarendi, host of the radio show, "The Dr. Is In," and the TV show, "Living Right with Dr. Ray," and Fr. John Lager, national chaplain of FOCUS and cofounder of Marked Men for Christ.

Men of the Dodge City Diocese are also invited, so register early. To register online or for more information go to [salinadiocese.org/family-life](http://salinadiocese.org/family-life) or call **785-827-8746, Ext 17**.

Registration is requested before August 1. An additional \$10 fee will be assessed after August 1.



## A FAMILY PRAYER

**H**eavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love.

In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness, and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

**Amen.**

### 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>JULY 10</b>
7:00 pm Seraphin and Felicitas Windholz and Sherry Windholz	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>JULY 11</b>
6:45 am Alphonse and Sophie Dreiling	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>JULY 12</b>
6:45 am	
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>JULY 13</b>
6:45 am	
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>JULY 14</b>
6:45 am	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>JULY 15</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Adam and Leona Sander	
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> .....
<b>JULY 16</b>	
7:30 am St. Ann Donald Sander	
8:45 am St. Boniface	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Andrew and Miriam Wasinger	

### \* 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, July 17, 5:00 PM** — Kevin Juenemann

**Sunday, July 18, 10:00 AM** — Trilogly

#### 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.