

"Beacon of Faith,"
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Cathedral of the Plains,"
THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

"Pearl of the Prairie,"
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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| 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

June 25, 2017 – 12th 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 4 — Independence Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Monday and Tuesday
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

Jesus said to the Twelve:
“Fear no one.
Nothing is concealed that
will not be revealed,
nor secret
that will not be known....
So do not be afraid;
you are worth more than
many sparrows....”

(from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:26-33)



Today's gospel is about fear. "Fear no one." "Do not be afraid." The fear spoken of is not fear of what threatens our property, our health, or our freedom—although those are valid fears. The gospel is about fear of what can destroy our soul and our spirit. "Be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." This is the fear of being identified as a Christian, being ashamed to be a Catholic. The gospel concludes, "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

At the time this gospel was written, the Christians were persecuted, imprisoned, even thrown to the lions. The early Christians who heard these gospel verses knew that if they were identified as a Christian, their life was in danger. The tranquility of the faith of persecuted Christians in such mortal danger is testimony to their total trust in God. They were surrounded by the solidarity and prayers of their community and completely abandoned themselves into the hands of the Lord. Christians of every age must also know that they are in solidarity with all the faithful, trusting that God cares for us. "Do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows."

Today all Americans enjoy freedom of religion, legally. But some interpret freedom of religion as freedom from religion. This can be a subtle form of persecution where we are free to live our faith only within the confines of our church buildings and ritual celebrations. The unspoken message is: The values of your faith can influence your private life but not your public life. That would be a violation of the integrity of the personal values of unbelievers as well as Christians. Faith is personal, identified with the person. By that very fact it must be part of the total life of an honest person.

Religious political correctness not only misses the spiritual value, but also the secular strength of a pluralistic society. A diverse society is enriched only when each group brings the principals and values of its heritage into the public forum. When we allow the voices of other traditions to speak in our society—Muslims, Jews, Quakers—we are not simply being tolerant. We are enriching ourselves because their perspective, their principles, their practices, help us to find a deeper meaning in our own faith.

Often it is from a misguided desire to promote social harmony that we do not make clear what we are and what we stand for. On the other hand, a rude "in your face" insistence on one's convictions is counterproductive. A quiet and consistent witness is more effective than a direct confrontation, which is more likely to polarize than to inspire. This does not mean that offensive remarks should go unchallenged. We should always speak up when Catholicism is distorted.

Ultimately, actions speak louder than words. The witness of our life is the greatest testimony to the truths of our faith. Good example is the one irrefutable argument. It is in this sense of the witness of our actions more than our words that we are to understand these challenging words of Christ. "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

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When everything is coming your way . . . you are in the wrong lane.

| Parish Staff |
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| 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: sftch@ruraltel.net |

| Council Members |
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| 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 June 17-18, 2017 |
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| ST. FIDELIS: <u>Adult</u> 3763.00 <u>Loose</u> 1568.00 |
| ST. ANN: <u>Adult</u> 507.00 <u>Loose</u> 273.00 |
| ST. BONIFACE: <u>Adult</u> 305.00 <u>Loose</u> 142.00 <u>Candles</u> 40.00 |

June 26 — Doris Weigel, Shirley Weigel
July 5 (Wednesday) — Randy Leiker, Tina Rajewski

Summer Food Program

St. Fidelis Church is sponsoring a summer food program at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th 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.



Do You Have Scrap Material or Larger Pieces You No Longer Want?

If anyone has material they no longer need or want, we would appreciate you donating it towards the Prayer Quilt ministry St. Fidelis Parish sponsors. After the quilts are sewn, they are blessed and given to those who are ill or in the hospital.

Small or large material pieces that can be cut into patchwork pieces are needed. Spools of thread (any colors) are also needed.



Please drop the material and thread by the Parish Office.

Anyone wanting to help sew quilts for the ministry is welcome to volunteer. Just call the Parish Office and let us know. Thank you.



The Parish Office will be closed July 3 and 4 in celebration of Independence Day. Please have articles for the **JULY 9 BULLETIN** in by **11:00 A.M. on Friday, June 30**.



Call the Office at 785-735-2777 or email Connie at sftech@ruraltel.net with your bulletin articles.

COMMUNITY

VICTORIA VFW POST 1751

Club Room will be closed from now through August, reopening in September. Arrangements can be made for it to be open to groups by calling **785-806-6095**.

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.

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!



New Members for D. of I. Organization

The Daughters of Isabella conferred membership during the past several months on eight new members. They posed for a picture during the organization's June meeting.

Pictured at left, seated, are Ashlyn Windholz, Nichole Howard, and Jesse Hattenbach.

Pictured standing are Sandy Glassman, Rebecca Winkleman, and Bethany Weber.

New members not pictured are Doreen Koerner and Rosie Kreutzer.

D. of I. Attending Mass for World Day of Prayer

The Daughters of Isabella are requested to attend Mass on **Thursday, June 29**, at 6:45 a.m. for the D. of I. "World Day of Prayer." Please sit as a group towards the front in the Basilica to say a special prayer afterwards.

COMMUNITY

Veterans of Foreign Wars
POST #1751
Victoria, Kansas

VFW



BBQ

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017

11:00 TO 1:30

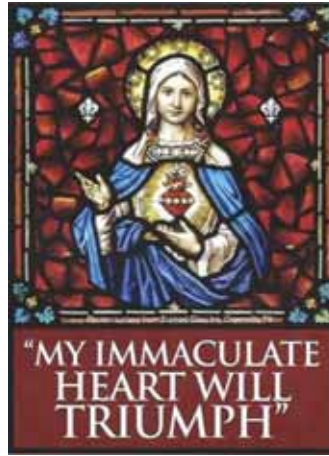
BRATS, HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS
ALONG WITH BEANS, SLAW, CHIPS, AND DESSERT

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



Peter's Pence Collection
Be a Witness of
Charity

Next week, our second collection will be for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



Start a new family tradition by coming to the Midwest Catholic Family Conference August 4-6 at the Century II Convention Center in Wichita. Listen to speakers and take advantage of daily Mass, adoration, and a beautiful Eucharistic procession.

Save up to \$30 with early bird registration by July 16. Register online at catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to midwconf@cox.net.

Time to Return Baby Bottles

Just a reminder to please return your Catholic Charities baby bottles when you come to Mass this weekend, June 24-25. Volunteers and containers will be available to receive them. Thank you for supporting Catholic Charities work with those who need our services the most. Your financial assistance helps make a difference in the area community!



With the wonderful success of last year's conference, the Sixth Annual Salina Diocese Catholic Men's Conference, "Men on a Mission," will be held again, this year on **Saturday, August 12, 2017**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays. All men are invited. Bring your sons who are in high school or college. The goal is to strengthen Catholic men in their faith and thereby strengthen the Catholic families and parishes.

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



Diocese of Salina

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Office of the Bishop

This Special Collection will be taken up the weekend of July 1-2, 2017

Peter's Pence Collection
Be a Witness of
Charity

"A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just."

—Pope Francis, *Angelus*, March 17, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our Diocese of Salina will take up the Peter's Pence Collection. Our participation supports the charitable work of Pope Francis as he reaches out to those who are marginalized and suffering around the globe. By supporting this collection, you join the Holy Father in bringing a little more mercy into the world.

We are taking up this collection to be part of the Church's effort to promote a culture of encounter and justice. Pope Francis called to us in his 2016 *Urbi et Orbi* address, "May efforts be made everywhere to promote the culture of encounter, justice and reciprocal respect, which alone can guarantee the spiritual and material welfare of all people." Your support makes it possible for the Holy Father to carry out his charitable works around the world, to help victims of war, natural disasters, and other difficult situations.

Let us join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the marginalized in our world. Please prayerfully consider how you can best support the collection this year. For more information about the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Thank you and May God bless you abundantly,

Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger
 Bishop of Salina

Christian Mothers Initiation

St. Ann Christian Mothers will hold an initiation of new members immediately following the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 25. All members are asked to attend. Rolls and coffee will be served in the parish hall following the ceremony.

St. Ann Parish Council

Jerry Nowak has agreed to accept the nomination to serve a second term on the St. Ann Pastoral Council. Since there were no other nominations, Jerry will serve a second term on the council from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2020.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION



Youth Service Opportunities

Religious Education Office—Parish Activity Center

The Religious Ed Office is already preparing for next school year! Mrs. Jeanette will be rearranging classrooms and desks, sorting supplies, creating activity books, and doing general preparation for the following school year. Contact Jeanette in the Religious Ed Office: 785-735-9244. *(Her maternity leave begins June 27th so she will be out of the office for several weeks.)*

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.

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

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| MONDAY | JUNE 26 |
| 7:00 pm Sherry Windholz | |
| TUESDAY | JUNE 27 |
| 6:45 am Sander and Schrant families living and deceased | |
| WEDNESDAY | JUNE 28 |
| 6:45 am Ray Schmidtberger | |
| THURSDAY | JUNE 29 |
| 6:45 am Lavon Weber | |
| FRIDAY | JUNE 30 |
| 6:45 am Terry Keenan and Elizabeth Birzer | |
| SATURDAY | JULY 1 |
| 5:00 pm St. Fidelis Alvin J. and Celeste Schmidtberger Frank and Twila Brungardt | |
| SUNDAY | THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.....JULY 2 |
| 7:30 am St. Ann Alma Dreiling Tom G. Dreiling | |
| 8:45 am St. Boniface James and Marian Rajewski | |
| 10:00 am St. Fidelis Verlin, Patty, and Stephan Lee Dreiling Norman Schrant Adam Knoll family | |

*** Sunday Rosary Schedule ***

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, July 1, 5:00 PM — Aspen Schoenrock
Sunday, July 2, 10:00 AM — Marilyn 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.