

"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

June 4, 2017 – Pentecost

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

June 5 — Feast of St. Boniface
June 5-9 — Vacation Bible School
June 11 — St. Boniface Church 110th Anniversary celebration
June 14 — Flag Day
June 18 — Father's Day
June 21 — First day of Summer
July 4 — Independence Day—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
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 —



He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

(from the Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-23)



"The Sounds of Silence," a once popular song of Simon and Garfunkel, offered a surprisingly sober thought. Silence can speak to us. We need to be silent to hear important messages from nature, from our conscience, and from God. Will Rogers observed wryly that no one ever learned anything while they were talking.

The scriptural readings for this feast of Pentecost tell of the coming of the Spirit upon the Apostles and also to us. This Spirit is described as "a strong driving wind." The gospel says that Christ conferred the Holy Spirit on his Apostles by "breathing on them." St. Paul says that "this spirit dwells within you." In all these manifestations the Holy Spirit is invisible and quiet. The voice of the Spirit is the sound of silence.

Many today wonder about the working of the Holy Spirit. We know instinctively that the Spirit of God is alive within us. Yet we wonder why this Spirit doesn't speak to us. We have received the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation. Why do we not have some tangible experience of this Spirit? Why doesn't God speak to me?

In the Old Testament book of Kings (1 Kg19:11) when the prophet Elijah was confused about his mission an inner voice told him to stand on the mountain and the Lord would come to him. So Elijah stood on the mountain and there was a great storm uprooting the mighty oaks, but the Lord was not in the storm. After the storm, there was a violent earthquake splitting the giant rocks, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake there was a blazing fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. After the fire, there was stillness and silence. And the Lord was in the silence.

Perhaps we are confused about the working of the Holy Spirit because we are uncomfortable with silence. Scripture says, "Be still and know that I am God." (Ps 46:10) It is in silence that the Spirit speaks to us. Yet, silence can be a dangerous place to be because of what God might speak to us in that silence. And so we avoid silence.

So often we say, "All I want is a little peace and quiet." But when we are given such quiet, we soon turn to distraction. We turn on the television, the computer, the car radio, anything to distract ourselves not only from our inmost thoughts but unfortunately also from the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Many people say that they have trouble praying. Often they simply have trouble dealing with silence which is a prerequisite for contemplative prayer.

Pope Francis has remarked, "Our lives are often too full of sound and noise. It would be good for us to make room for silence, to hear the voice of Love. The Lord speaks to us through the Scriptures and in our prayer. Let us learn to keep silence before him, as we meditate upon the gospels."

Appreciating silence is a challenge in a culture where activity and noise is associated with success. Too often we are children of our culture, not of our heavenly Father, when our television, car radio, or iPhone is our default state of idle distraction. The Spirit of the Lord is seldom heard on these. The Holy Spirit comes to us more often in silence. "Be still and know that I am God." (Ps 46:10)

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An alarm clock is a device for awakening people who do not have small children.

Parish Staff

Pastor:

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Lou Ann Hammersmith

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Council Members

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Helen Windholz 735-2293
Terry Riedel 735-9375
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Contributions May 27-28, 2017

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 3057.00 Loose 2219.58

ST. ANN:

Adult 1955.00 Loose 278.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 210.00 Loose 257.00

Candles 38.25

June 5 — Anita Braun, Crystal Robben

June 12 — Bob and Phyllis Stramel

Ministry to the Elderly

The ministry to the elderly has been a success. We visit with some parishioners in their home once a week and we visit our parishioners that are in the Rest Homes in Hays and do a Communion Service at CedarView in Hays.

If you or anyone you know would like a visit with communion or if you would like to volunteer for this ministry, 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.

Summer Food Program NOTICE CHANGE IN DATES

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.

Mother Love Prayer Book

The Christian Mothers prayer book, "Mother Love", is available at the Gift Shop in the PAC. They are \$16.00.

Pastoral Council Nominations

If anyone is interested in serving on the St. Fidelis Parish Council or if you want to nominate someone for a position, please contact the Parish Office at 785-735-2777. Thank you.

Food Pantry

We take donations of paper goods and toiletries as well as perishable and non-perishable food items.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from the food pantry, please let them know it is available to anyone living within the Tri-parish area.

We also donate items to "Options", the domestic abuse and violence organization in Hays. We fill purses from the Thrift Shop with toiletry items to be given to women who use the shelter. Many times these women leave their abusive relationship with nothing.

Thrift Shop Update

The St. Fidelis Thrift shop continues to be a success. If you have not been in the new location, stop in and check it out. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS who take great pride in making it look so clean and organized.

We are always taking donations. The clothing items we do not sell are given to the Community Assistance Center or the Thrift Shop in Hays.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION



Youth Service Opportunities

Vacation Bible School—Jesse Tree Journey

June 5—June 9 Victoria Elementary School—Please contact Jeanette Brungardt in the Religious Education Office for more info and to sign-up to help: 785-735-9244 / 785-639-5067.

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.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Women and men of abortion, weep no more. Jesus is calling you to follow Him. Give yourself the gift of a retreat weekend.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

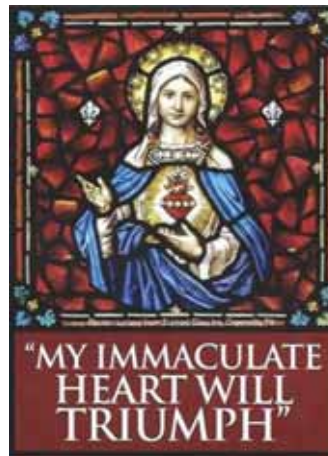
Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time

Next retreat: June 23-25

1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383)

rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org

Confidential



We have programs and speakers for all ages at the Midwest Catholic Family Conference August 4-6 at the Century II Convention Center in Wichita. Focusing on Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, your children, middle schoolers, and teens will be able to develop a deeper spiritual life. **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.

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 event: **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.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

Ending slavery is everyone's work. Find out about your slavery footprint and multiple ways in which people are enslaved today. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org).



The Diocese of Salina is sponsoring the 6th annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference, "Men on a Mission," on **Saturday, August 12, 2017**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please attend and bring your sons who are high school age and older.

There will be two nationally known 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.

To register online or for more information go to www.salinadiocese.org/family-life or call 785-827-8746, Ext 17. Early registration is encouraged as men from the Dodge City Diocese are also invited. *Registration is requested before August 1.*

ST. ANN

Pastoral Council Nominations

St. Ann Parish is accepting nominations for Pastoral Council for the 2017-2020 term. Jerry Nowak's term as council member will expire at the end of June. Jerry is eligible and willing to accept a second term. If there are other parishioners who are 18 or older and are interested and willing to accept a nomination, please call Father John at 735-2777.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will hold their regular meeting on **Tuesday, June 13**, at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

**110TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. BONIFACE CHURCH
VINCENT, KANSAS**

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017

MASS WITH BISHOP EDWARD WEISENBURGER AT 3:00 P.M.

THE MASS WILL HAVE ENGLISH, GERMAN, AND LATIN SINGING
AND WILL BE TELEVISED IN THE PARISH HALL FOR THE OVERFLOW CROWD.

GERMAN MEAL AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE PARISH HALL AND OUTSIDE TENT

**TOURS OF THE CHURCH,
THE REMODELED PRIEST HOUSE, THE FORMER SISTERS' HOUSE, AND THE NEW PARISH HALL
FROM NOON-2:30 P.M. AND FROM 4:00-7:00 P.M.**

ROSARY OF THANKSGIVING FOR 110 YEARS AT 7:00 P.M.

THE PARISH CHILDREN WILL OPERATE A COUNTRY LEMONADE STAND
AND GIVE OUT COOKIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

**STANDS OF HISTORY AND PICTURES WILL BE IN FRONT OF EACH BUILDING,
AS WELL AS MEMORABILIA ON DISPLAY IN THE PARISH HALL,
INCLUDING THE ORIGINAL SCROLL FROM 1907 WHEN THE PARISH WAS FOUNDED.**

THERE WILL BE NO 8:45 A.M. MASS AT ST. BONIFACE ON THIS DAY.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

MONTHLY MEETING

The Victoria Daughters of Isabella will have their monthly meeting on **Monday, June 12**, at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop starting at 7:00 p.m. with a Rosary and Litany followed by the regular meeting. All members are encouraged to attend as the revised internal rules will be presented and voted on for approval.

COMMUNITY

Lady of Fatima Prayer Group

Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group will meet again in church at 1:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, June 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.

**Ellis St. Mary CYO
Community Fried Chicken Dinner
Sunday, June 11, 2017**

Knights of Columbus Hall, 1013 Washington St, Ellis, KS
10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or until sold out
Pan-fried Chicken Dinner includes Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Vegetable, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, and Dessert
Ages 5-9: \$5.00; Ages 10 & over: \$10.00

V.F.W. and Auxiliary Meetings



The V.F.W. and the V.F.W. Auxiliary will meet on **Thursday, June 8**, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall.



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 Harland or Edna at 785-623-1368 or 785-735-2206.

American Red Cross
Give blood. Help save lives.

**Blood Drive
Victoria Community**
VFW, 204 E. MAIN
**Thursday, June 8
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

For more information call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org
enter: VictoriaKS to schedule an appointment.
1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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	JUNE 5
7:00 pm Ventura Sander	
TUESDAY	JUNE 6
6:45 am Alvin and Virginia Windholz	
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 7
6:45 am Norman and Yvonne Schumacher	
THURSDAY	JUNE 8
6:45 am Kathy Kuhn Thomas Oliver Kuhn Clara Baier	
FRIDAY	JUNE 9
6:45 am Clarence Billinger	
SATURDAY	JUNE 10
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Marlene Dinkel	
SUNDAY	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY..... JUNE 11
7:30 am St. Ann Alma Dreiling and Tom G. Dreiling Rich and Verna Robben	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Jerome and Irene Windholz	
3:00 pm St. Boniface Living and deceased members of St. Boniface parish and for benefactors who gave their time, talent, and treasure the past 110 years	

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

**MINISTER SCHEDULE
CANTORS**

Saturday, June 10, 5:00 PM — Christy & Lydia Sander
Sunday, June 11, 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.