

“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

April 22, 2018 – FOURTH Sunday of Easter

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

- Apr. 24** — Feast of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- Apr. 25** — Administrative Professionals Day
- May 3** — National Day of Prayer
- May 10** — Ascension
- May 13** — Mother’s Day
- May 13** — Graduation
- May 17** — Last Day of School
- May 19** — Armed Forces Day
- May 20** — Pentecost
- May 28** — Memorial Day—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- June 5** — Feast of St. Boniface
- June 10** — Tri-Parish Card Party
- June 17** — Father’s Day
- June 21** — First Day of Summer
- July 4** — Independence Day—PARISH



“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.”

(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:35-48)



"The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers," said the rebel in Shakespeare's Henry VI. Attorneys continue to get a bum rap in our society as the butt of unflattering jokes. It may come then as a surprise that there are a good number of saints who were attorneys, at least twenty six, plus another twenty five who are designated blessed on their way to canonization.

Well known among these attorney saints are: St. Alphonsus Liguori, St. Cajetan, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Francis De Sales, St. Jerome, St. John Capistrano, St. Thomas a Becket, St. Thomas More, and our own Capuchin St. Fidelis, our parish patron saint, whose feast day is this Tuesday, April 24.

Of further note, six of these attorney saints were martyred for their faith, including St. Thomas More, St. Thomas a'Becket, and again our own St. Fidelis. Most of the attorney saints were known to be effective preachers, often defending the faith against viscous opponents, which gives further meaning to the term defense attorney.

Not that they need extra help, but lawyers have not one but two patron saints: St. Ives and St. Thomas More. St. Ivo/Ives/Yves was born in Brittany, northern France in 1253. He became not only an attorney but also a judge and then a Franciscan priest. He founded fraternities of lawyers committed to provide legal assistance to the poor.

St. Thomas More, born in England in 1478, was much better known in his time and since. Many are familiar with his life from watching the 1967 film, "A Man for all Seasons." When he refused to take the king's oath denouncing the church, he left us these memorable words: "I die the king's good servant, but God's first."

A popular prayer for public servants is in his honor: "St. Thomas More, your zeal for justice and integrity in public life led you to martyrdom and sainthood. Intercede for our statesmen, politicians, judges, and lawyers, that they may be courageous and effective in their defense of all human rights. We ask this through Christ our Lord."

The prayer on the feast of St. Fidelis honors him and all attorney saints: "God our Father, You granted Saint Fidelis an ardent love for preaching the faith and crowned him with the palm of martyrdom. Through his prayers grant that we may be firmly rooted in love of you and secure justice for all people, through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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"My husband and I have a religious difference. He thinks he is God and I don't."



St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen



St. Thomas More

Parish Staff

Pastor:

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Contributions April 14-15, 2018

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2388.00 Loose 1613.69

ST. ANN:

Adult 363.00 Loose 496.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 250.00 Loose 159.60
Candles 83.45

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Apr. 23 — Anita Braun, Marilyn Braun

Apr. 30 — Bob and Phyllis Stramel

WANTED:
Old Photos of Walker School

St. Ann Christian Mothers is collecting old photographs taken in or around the Walker school building, which now serves as the parish hall. The building was used first as a high school, then a grade school, from 1925 to 1971. If anyone has photographs of sports teams, graduations, or other activities, the photograph would be copied and used in a historical collage. The original photograph would be returned to you.

If you have a photograph that you would be willing to share, please contact Mary Kay Schippers at 785-650-3050. Thank you!

ADULT CHOIR

Choir Practice

Adult Choir will practice on **Tuesday, April 24** at 7:00 p.m. The choir will lead the singing for the Eucharistic Holy Hour which will close the Religious Education Program on **Wednesday, April 25**.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Celebrating Queen Isabella Day

Daughters of Isabella will celebrate Queen Isabella Day on **Saturday, April 21**, with Mass at 5:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Members are asked to sit together up front.

ST. ANN

St. Ann Dates to Remember:

- ◆ No coffee and rolls Saturday, April 28.
- ◆ Mass time switches to 7:30 AM on Sundays beginning May 6.

Save the Date!

Daughters of Isabella

Mother/Daughter Mass/Crowning
Sunday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m.
at The Basilica of St Fidelis

A brunch will follow at the Victoria V.F.W.
Please RSVP to Sandy Glassman at 785-259-3343
or Deb Geschwentner at 785-735-4226.

St. Ann Parish is hosting their
Annual Tri-Parish
BARBEQUE
Saturday, April 21, 2018
immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Mass



Burgers, brats, and drinks will be provided, but St. Ann parishioners are asked to bring one side dish to share.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Volunteers Needed to Pray Rosary

The Daughters of Isabella are in need of volunteers to say the Rosary on the third Sunday Mass of each month. Please call JoAnn Berens 785-639-1948.

D. of I. Scholarship Offered

The Victoria St. Fidelis Daughters of Isabella Circle #364 is offering a \$300 scholarship to a Catholic female high school graduating Senior. Her mother, step-mother, grandmother, or step-grandmother must be a member of the circle. For an application, call JoAnn Berens (785-639-1948) or Victoria High School (785-735-9211). **Deadline to apply is Monday, April 23, 2018** (please notice change in deadline date). The winner will be announced at the Circle's Mother/Daughter Brunch in May.



23rd Annual Fidelisfest Today!

MASS 10:00

SILENT AUCTION 11:00-12:30

LIVE AUCTION 11:30 until finished

RAFFLE Winners announced after auction

KIDS GAMES/BOUNCE HOUSE

11:00-2:00

COUNTRY STORE 11:00 until sold out

FOOD & DRINKS all day



Fidelisfest will be held on the north side of the Parish Activity Center. If the weather does not cooperate, it will be moved inside the Victoria Grade School.

PARISHIONERS: You can bring your donated Auction items and Country Store items between 8:00 and 11:00 this Sunday morning.

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND BE READY FOR A FUN TIME!!

YOUTH MINISTRY/CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION CALENDAR

APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday, April 22

11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. – Children’s games at Fidelisfest

Wednesday, April 25

Vacation Bible School pre-registration forms due to the Office of Religious Education

7:00 P.M. – End of Year Mass for all Grades K-12

Immediately following the End of Year Mass: Holy Hour with Rites of Exposition & Benediction – Grades 6-12 are highly encouraged to stay

and attend this Holy Hour

See separate bulletin ad for more detailed information. Information is also available on Seesaw, for all Grades K-12, and the Office of Religious Ed’s Facebook page.

Wednesday, May 2

2:30 P.M. – 3:15 P.M. – May Crowning practice in Basilica of St. Fidelis

Sunday, May 6

10:00 A.M. Mass – May Crowning with the Daughters of Isabella
Last Sunday of Liturgy of the Word for Children, Grades K-2

Sunday, May 13

10:00 A.M. Mass – Baccalaureate Mass

Tuesday, May 22

7:00 P.M. – Religious Ed Committee Meeting

Saturday, May 26 — Tuesday, May 29

Jr. CYO Rock Springs Camp

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day – Office closed

Monday, June 18 — Friday, June 22

Vacation Bible School, “A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments”



The second grade class is invited to participate in the May Crowning Service on Sunday, May 6, alongside the Daughters of Isabella at the Basilica of St. Fidelis.

A letter was sent home with students on Wednesday, April 18, and a note was posted on Seesaw.

Please RSVP with Jeanette by this Wednesday, April 25.



Families with children in grades K-5 during the '17-'18 school year: don't forget to submit the pre-registration form if your child will be attending our Vacation Bible School, June 18 - June 22. RSVP by April 25.

Religious Education End of Year Mass followed by Holy Hour with the Rites of Exposition and Benediction

Wednesday, April 25th

End of Year Mass

Begins at 7 P.M.

Basilica of St. Fidelis Church

Grades K—12 are asked to attend this Mass.

Children whose parents are not able to join them should be seated with their teacher and other classmates. Children whose parents are attending the Mass may sit with their parent(s). Each class will have multiple pews reserved for them. The grade level will be clearly marked at the end of each pew.

Grades K—5 and those not attending the Holy Hour will be dismissed following the Mass. Parents who wish to remain with their young children during the Holy Hour, or for a portion of the Holy Hour are more than welcome to remain in the Church.

Holy Hour

The Holy Hour will follow the End of Year Mass. (The Holy Hour will begin between 7:30 and 7:40 P.M.) Following the Mass Father John will excuse families and young children (grades K—5) who wish to depart.

Participation by our 6th—12th grade students and families is strongly encouraged during the Holy Hour. This Holy Hour includes the Rites of Exposition and Benediction which include: incense, songs of praise and worship led by the adult choir, scriptural reflections/readings, moments of silence, and more.

Curious to know more? Please attend! :)

All parishioners are welcome to attend the Mass and/or Holy Hour.

This is My Body which is given for you.

“How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament. Are you in trouble? Come and throw yourself at his feet.” -Saint John Vianney

“And behold, I am with you always...”
Matthew 28:20

“When you look at the crucifix you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.”
-Mother Teresa

**Victoria High School will be conducting
Make A Difference Day
on Thursday, May 3.**

If you would like student help or need students to do a project for you, please contact Dylan Dronberger at ddronberger@ruraltel.net or you can call the high school at 785-735-9211 and leave a message with Michelle.

VICTORIA VFW POST 1751

Club Room is open to the public on Friday evenings from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be available.

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.

A penny saved . . .
is a government oversight.

Letter from Oktoberfest Committee—New German Market

Volga German Centennial Assn., PO Box 1314, Hays, KS 67601

April 11, 2018

Dear Volga German community members:

The Volga German Oktoberfest Committee has decided to try a new idea this year: a German Market. We would like to invite you to participate by selling baked goods and other items. We want to make this an easy opportunity for you to make some money, perhaps to help fund your local German celebrations.

To entice groups to participate, we will make participation free for this first year. We will insist that you fill out registration information so that we may assign you a place to be. The Market will be held in the grass lot just south of NCK Tech on Main Street, Hays, across the street from Municipal Park, where the main Oktoberfest event is held.

We will provide a (approximately) 10' x 10' area for you to set up. True Value Grand Rental will provide a table at each vendor area for you to use, for free. You are welcome to bring a tent for your spot if you like.

Things to know:

- **There is no electricity available, so selling hot food will not be allowed for safety reasons.
- The Market will operate from 8am to 10am on the morning of Oktoberfest: Friday, September 28, 2018.
- For this first year, the OF Committee will not collect a portion of your proceeds.
- We will offer free coffee to both vendors and customers.
- NCK Tech culinary students will offer hot breakfast items in their drive-thru near the Market.
- The Market will close in time for vendors and customers to watch the opening ceremony across the street.
- Frozen items are allowed as long as they are kept frozen for the duration of the market. They must be in coolers with appropriate ice, etc.
- Parking is available near the Market.

Items to consider for sale:

- Cold breakfast items
- German baked goods, in single or family sized servings
- Homemade breads
- dried noodles
- Pickles/sauerkraut
- Jams, Jellies
- Traditional craft items like needlework and wheat weavings
- Any other traditional items or foods, especially those that Grandma used to make, but no one has seen in a long time!

If your group is interested in participating, please let us know right away to help us with our planning. We will send more information to those interested soon.

We hope to see you there!

Contact: Lee Dobratz, Vendor Coordinator, Oktoberfest Committee
ldobratz24@gmail.com, 620-803-2258 or 785-628-2624

Stir into Flame

Tune in to Divine Mercy Radio
Tuesday-Friday, May 1-4, for
KVDM's Spring Care-a-Thon

*Chance to win prizes play Catholic Trivia, hear from local guests *

Guests of particular interest for the tri-parishes of
St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface are:
(for a complete schedule go to dvmercy.com)

Tuesday, May 1

10:00 a.m. – A Special Announcement

Wednesday, May 2

8:00 a.m. – Fr. John Schmeidler
2:00 p.m. – Randy Huser and Students

Friday, May 4

4:00 to 6:00 p.m. – Straight Talk with Fr. Fred (Live)
(Time to call in and ask any question about the Catholic
Faith. Call-in number: 785-621-5061.)

Please pray for this evangelization mission. Thank you.



City-wide
Garage Sale
Saturday,
April 28, 2018

City-wide Clean Up

Friday - Saturday - Sunday
April 27, 28, and 29

Dumpsters will be available at the
compost site during the following times:

April 27 — 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

April 28 — 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

April 29 — 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



*No tires, appliances with Freon, and no household hazardous
waste will be accepted.*

“Healing” Meetings

The Center for Life Experiences, 2900 Hall Street, Hays
*For information on these groups, contact
Ann Leiker at 785-259-6859 or email ccfpc@ruraltel.net.*

HEALING AFTER LOSS OF SUICIDE is an organization
offering family members and friends of those who have lost a
loved one to suicide a place to connect with others who are
dealing with this highly specialized grief recovery process. The
group will eat supper at 5:30 p.m. **Wednesday, April 25**, at
China Garden, 2503 Vine St., Hays. They will then gather at
7:00 in The Center for Life Experiences.

Victoria Recreation Looking for Volunteers

Victoria Recreation
is looking for VOLUNTEERS to teach a craft or skill.
If you would be interested in donating your time or
have any questions, please contact
Sharon Bleske @ 785-735-4081 or
Marla Robben @ 785-735-8073.

Box Tops & Pop Tabs for VES

Victoria Elementary School is still collecting **Box Tops
and Pop Tabs**. 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.

Victoria Schools Calendar

Monday — April 23

Lunch Menu: Steak fingers, steamed potatoes, mixed vegetables,
biscuit, grapes, salad, milk
AIM Period — Students have directed study
3:30 pm JH/HS track practice
4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

Tuesday — April 24

Lunch Menu: Spaghetti, green beans, French bread, peaches, salad,
milk
AIM Period — Students have directed study. Girls BB meeting in
Mr. Dronberger's room
3:00 pm HS track @ Ellis. Depart 1:35
3:30 pm JH track practice
4:00 pm HS baseball w/Russell vs. TMP. Dismissed after 6th hour

Wednesday — April 25

12:00 pm 4th and 5th Grad to FHSU
FCCLA Peer Ed. Mrs. Connie Braun and select student will attend
CPL Art @ Macksville. Mr. Lee and select students will attend
AIM Period — Students have directed study
Lunch Menu: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit
cocktail, roll, salad, milk
3:30 pm JH/HS track practice
4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

Thursday — April 26

Lunch Menu: Cheeseburger pocket, steamed broccoli, curly fries,
pineapple, salad, milk
AIM Period — Students have directed study
2:00 pm JH track meet @ Stockton. Depart 11:00
3:30 pm HS track meet @ Trego. Depart 1:30

Friday — April 27

9:15 am 2nd Grade field trip to Hays
Lunch Menu: Sub sandwich, Dorito chips, steamed carrots,
coleslaw, honeydew, salad, milk
AIM Period — Students have directed study
3:30 pm HS/JH track practice
4:00 pm JV baseball @ Hays High. Dismissed after 6th hour

**Mass at St. Ann Church, Walker,
will be said at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays
starting Sunday, May 6.**

This schedule will be followed until November.

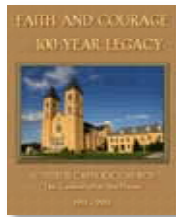
The new Pictorial Directory has arrived. You may pick yours up at the Parish Office or they will be available today at Fidelisfest. If you had your picture taken, you get a free directory.

Give the story of your heritage!

“FAITH and COURAGE. . .100 YEAR LEGACY”

The centennial history book of the Basilica of St. Fidelis, published in 2014, portrays the story of our ancestors' immigration from Russia to Ellis County, and a timeline of historical events surrounding the church, schools, and community. It's a perfect gift for friends or relatives who had roots and memories in Victoria. A limited few are still available for \$10.

**Cora Schulte 785-735-9233 (home),
785-735-4971(cell) text, or email
cmschulte2@ruraltel.net
Free delivery in Ellis, Hays, Russell, &
Victoria.**



*Also available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop
601 10th Street, Victoria*

**Available in the
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- † Die Herzogher \$30
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- † Towers of Heavenly Recipes Cookbook \$20

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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 with your bulletin items.

 **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, Wednesday from 10-3:30, Thursday from 10-4. If these hours do not work to drop off your donations, contact Jan at the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY	APRIL 23
7:00 pm Ed and Irene Schmidt family	
TUESDAY	APRIL 24
6:45 am Alice Brungardt	
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 25
6:45 am Simon and Aldea Arnold	
THURSDAY	APRIL 26
6:45 am Frank and Mary Hoffman Joe Dreiling	
FRIDAY	APRIL 27
6:45 am Bernard J. and Viola Billinger	
SATURDAY	APRIL 28
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Kathy Edsall Gilbert, Gene, John, and Theresa Kuhn	
6:30 pm St. Ann Richard and Isabelle Rupp family Clara Mermis family Anselm Braun Alvin Riedel family	
SUNDAY	APRIL 29
8:45 am St. Boniface	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Alvin and Virginia Windholz	

* 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, April 28, 5:00 PM — Becky and Jim Scheck
Sunday, April 29, 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.