

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.	BULLETIN ITEMS: Deadline is Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Connie (sftech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) at the Parish Office.	

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

August 19, 2018 – 20th 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

Eucharistic Adoration:

THURSDAYS • 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.
 in St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar

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

- Aug. 22** — Msgr. Gerald Vincke to be ordained as Bishop in Salina
- Aug. 26** — Bishop Prayer Service @ St. Fidelis 3:00; reception following
- Sept. 3** — Labor Day—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Sept. 11** — Patriot Day
- Sept. 14** — Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Sept. 14-15** — VHS Homecoming
- Sept. 15** — Holy Cross Church 100th Anniversary Mass @ 4:00 in Pfeifer
- Sept. 16** — Catechetical Sunday
- Sept. 20-21** — No Masses @ St. Fidelis — Fr. John not available
- Sept. 22** — First Day of Fall
- Sept. 28** — No Mass @ St. Fidelis — Fr. John not available

**For my flesh is true food,
 and my blood is true drink.**

**Whoever eats my flesh
 and drinks my blood
 remains in me and I in him.**

John 6:51-58



School Bells and Church Bells



School bells are ringing again. They not only announce the end of a carefree summer for students, but they also remind adults that we now return to a more regular life. The daily schedule holds us to complete the task at hand. Without regular hours, too often we simply do not get our work done.

This truth of school and shop and store applies also to our spirit. Some suggest a spiritual life free from all obligations. "I don't need Sunday church or daily prayers. My soul enjoys the total freedom of the spirit." It is true that an essential element of the spiritual

life is openness to the promptings of the spirit, a willingness to be moved to new ways of thinking and acting. But the foundation of the spiritual life rests on basic values that are nurtured by regular observance.

The spiritual models in the gospels are examples of fidelity to religious practices. Zechariah was told that he would be the father of John the Baptist "when he was serving as priest in his turn before God to enter the sanctuary of the Lord." Simeon was promised that he would not see death before he had seen the Messiah. "He came in the Spirit into the temple according to the custom of the law." The prophetess Anna also came upon the Christ Child at that time. "She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with prayer and fasting." All of these encountered the Lord in the routine practice of their faith.

The gospels tell us that the parents of Jesus were devout observant Jews, who "according the Law of Moses, took the child up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." "Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover." Christ and his disciples faithfully observed the Jewish feasts of Tabernacles, Dedication, and Passover. The gospel of Luke tells us that Jesus "went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath."

Jean Millet's painting, *The Angelus*, shows a peasant couple in the field pausing to pray as the Angelus bell peals from the distant church steeple. The ringing of the Angelus at six, noon, and six is a time honored call to prayer. The daily prayer of the church which complements the Eucharist is called *The Liturgy of the Hours*, reminding us by its very name to be faithful to regular prayer.

School bells are ringing again to call students to their classes. Church bells ring every day to praise God, and to invite us to honor Him at regular worship.

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If you think education is expensive, try ignorance!



Parish Staff

Pastor:

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Council Members

St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

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Contributions August 11-12, 2018

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 3120.00 Loose 1184.00
Catholic Charities 244.00
Repair Fund 3.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 1855.00 Loose 245.00
Catholic Charities 260.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 175.00 Loose 335.25
Catholic Charities 75.00
Candles 29.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

August 20 — Bob and Phyllis
Stramel

August 27 — Ivan and Verda
Werner

RCIA Classes Will Begin Soon

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults—is the process by which a person can study Sacred Scripture and explore the teachings of the Catholic Church through classes that are offered in an environment free of pressure and among others who have similar questions in this point in their lives. **Inquiry classes will begin September 23, 2018.** For more information, please call Shirley Brungardt at the Parish Office at 785-735-9244.

Novena for Legal Protection of Human Life

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, **August 3 to September 28.** Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about *Roe v. Wade* to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray.

(Friday Novena prayers AND lessons taken from the www.usccb.org website)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018

PRAY: May a change in the U.S. Supreme Court move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be..

LEARN:

Roe's extreme abortion license is not widely supported.

Abortion advocates claim that *Roe* enjoys broad public support and some recent polls seem to provide evidence for this claim. But most polls don't explain *Roe's* extreme abortion license and some misrepresent it. For example, a 2016 Pew Research Center poll claims 69% of Americans favor *Roe v. Wade* and 28% oppose it.¹ But the poll wrongly describes *Roe* as establishing "a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, at least in the first three months of pregnancy." The fact is, *Roe* made abortion legal through all 9 months of pregnancy and for virtually any reason.²

The vast majority of Americans oppose the policy of nearly unlimited abortion dictated by *Roe*, and most believe abortion should not be legal for the reasons it is most often performed. A June 2018 Gallup poll shows that 72% of Americans said abortion should be illegal in the second trimester and 87% said abortion should be illegal in the last trimester.³ A 2018 Marist poll shows that 51% of women said abortion should never be permitted (9%) or permitted only in cases of rape, incest, and to save the woman's life (42%).⁴

So why do polls show a majority of Americans favoring *Roe v. Wade*? Because they don't really know what *Roe* did.

¹ Pew Research Center poll, November 30-December 5, 2016.

² See supra notes 1-v.

³ Gallup Poll, June 2018.

⁴ Marist Poll, January 2018.



There will be a prayer service and reception at 3:00 p.m. in the Basilica of St. Fidelis **next Sunday, August 26,** with **Bishop-elect Gerald "Jerry" Vincke.**

He will be ordained as Bishop of the Salina Diocese this Wednesday, August 22. All are welcome to come and meet the new bishop.

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2018 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported the 2018 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal—**"Together...Providing Help. Creating Hope."** Your contribution will allow Catholic Charities to continue to offer hope to individuals and families for another year. If you have not yet contributed, it is not too late to partner with Catholic Charities to serve the poor and most vulnerable within our communities.

Please request a remittance envelope to mail your donation directly to Catholic Charities or leave with our parish office. Thank you again for supporting your neighbors as we reflect upon the words of Pope Francis, **"Blessed are the open hands that embrace the poor...they are the hands that bring hope."**

If you have any questions, please contact Development Director Eric Frank at 785-825-0208 or efrank@ccnks.org.

AUGUST HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

The internet is the 21st century auction block to buy and sell men, women, and children. **LEARN** about internet exploitation in the trafficking business.

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking
(sistersagainsttrafficking.org).

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER CALENDER

Monday, September 3

Labor Day – PAC & Rel Ed Office Closed

Wednesday, September 5

6:30-7:30 P.M. – First day of Religious Ed Classes – Grades 1-12 at PAC

Friday, September 7

Altar Servers deadline – Requests for days off due to Rel Ed Office (for the months of October through January)

Saturday, September 8

CYO Youth Night at St. Mary's, Russell – Speaker from NCYC '18, Mass, dinner, adoration, games & dance – 5:30 – 11:00 P.M.

Sunday, September 9

Paul J. Kim (Speaker from NCYC '18) speaks to parish, public, parents, 12:00 – 1:00 P.M. at St. Mary's, Russell

Wednesday, September 12

3:30 – 4:30 P.M. – Training for new altar servers at St. Fidelis Church (& again on 9-19)

5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir's first practice

6:30 P.M. – 8th grade student-parent meeting at 6:30 P.M. – St. Fidelis chapel

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Religious Ed classes, grades 1 – 12

Sunday, September 16

10:00 A.M. Mass – Jubilee Choir sings at St. Fidelis

Wednesday, September 19

3:30 – 4:30 P.M. – (Second part) Training for new altar servers at St. Fidelis Church

6:30 P.M. – 9th grade student-parent meeting – St. Fidelis chapel

6:30 - 7:30 P.M. – Religious Ed classes, grades 1 - 12

Wednesday, September 26

March for Life RSVP & \$100 deposit due to Office of Religious Ed

Altar servers schedule (October – January) issued to servers during Rel Ed

COMMUNITY



Where Are Those Darn Keys?

They weren't in my pockets. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot.

My husband has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. He's afraid that the car could be stolen. As I looked around the parking lot, I realized he was right. The parking lot was empty.

I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then, I made the most difficult call of all to my husband: "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice. "Are you kidding me?" he barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me."

He retorted, "I will; just as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your darn car!"

Welcome to the GOLDEN YEARS.

(posted by Larry's Beautiful Postings on Facebook)

Ellis St. Mary CYO Community Fried Chicken Dinner Sunday, August 26, 2018

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



Victoria VFW Post 1751

RAFFLE DRAWING



to help fund a Handicapped Bathroom

PRIZES: Two \$500; One \$300; Twelve \$100

**Drawing to be held Sunday, October 28, at 1:00 p.m.
at the VFW Hall in Victoria.**

Winners need not be present to win.

Tickets are \$25.00.

For tickets, contact any Post 1751 Member
or call 785-623-1368.

STARS & STRIPES BREAKFAST

All You Can Eat

Sunday, September 9 * 7:30 a.m. to noon

V.F.W., 22nd & Vine, Hays

MENU: Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Biscuits, Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Toast, Coffee, Juice

A portion of the early sales go to benefit the Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Hays.

Tickets: Adults \$8.50 and Children 5-12 \$3.50

Tickets can be purchased at

St. Joseph Parish Office, 215 West 13th Street, Hays, or from Leon Wolf, Larry Reichert, Elmer Dreher, or Kevin Rupp.

UPDATE: Fundraiser for Felix Howard

Felix Howard, son of St. Ann parishioner Nichole Howard, has had several surgeries for an AVM brain aneurysm. He is now in Wesley Rehab in Wichita getting therapy with walking, talking, and more. The family thanks everyone who has donated money to defray costs and who have prayed for Felix's recovery.

They would appreciate your continued support of prayers and donations which can be sent to Nichole's mother, Mrs. Marilyn Schrant Joy, 2142A 260 Avenue, Hays, Kansas 67601.

To help with expenses, Marilyn is also making bierocks for \$20 a half dozen or \$40 a dozen. You can contact her at 785-628-1835 to make arrangements for the bierocks to be made fresh.

Coaching Positions Open

Victoria Jr. Sr. High School has openings for two coaching positions. One is assistant high school boys basketball coach and the second is assistant junior high boys basketball coach. If interested in either of these positions, please contact Dylan Dronberger at the school at 785-735-9211 or e-mail at ddronberger@ruraltel.net.

City Council Meeting

Victoria City Council meetings are held on the third Monday of the month. This month's meeting will be **Monday, August 20**, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Community residents are encouraged to attend.

KEEP PRAYING! BRING YOUR ROSARY OUR NATION IS IN NEED OF PRAYER

Prayer hour **every 3rd Tuesday** of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. Fidelis.

Please enter through the north door. We all sit together. The church is too big to be scattered.

You are never late. Join us whenever you get there.

All are welcome!



Victoria Schools Calendar



Monday — August 20 — Teacher In-Service

Tuesday — August 21 — Teacher In-Service

3:00 pm JV tennis at Trego. Depart 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday — August 22 — 1st Day of School 8:00 A.M.

Lunch Menu: Chicken leg, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll, cantaloupe, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

Thursday — August 23

Lunch Menu: Sub sandwich, Sun Chips, baked beans, peaches, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

2:50 pm FCCLA "Welcome Back" for all HS students. Students report to cafeteria

Friday — August 24


Lunch Menu: Soft taco, Mexican rice, refried beans, steamed peas, apple wedges, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

4:00 pm HS volleyball @ Trego with LaCrosse. Depart 3:00 p.m.

Sunday — August 26

FCCLA Take AIM Conference @ Manhattan



First Care Clinic

Hours are:
Monday – Thursday
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM – Noon
Phone: 785-735-3710

"Healing" Meetings

The Center for Life Experience, 2900 Hall Street, Hays

For information on these groups, contact

Ann Leiker at 785-259-6859 or email ccfpc@ruraltel.net.

HEALING AFTER LOSS is an organization offering hope, encouragement, and understanding to those who have had an adult loss such as a spouse, parent, sibling, or friend in their lives. The group will eat supper at 5:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, August 21**, at Jalisco's Mexican Restaurant, 2520 Vine St., Hays. They will then gather at 7:00 in The Center for Life Experience.

ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir Practice Begins

Practice will be held on **Wednesday evenings, August 22 and 29 and September 5 and 12** at 7:00 p.m. in the choir loft. The choir is practicing for the upcoming Alumni Mass on September 15.

Any former alumni or anyone just interested in singing with the Adult Choir are very welcome to participate.

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.



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.

HOLY CROSS CHARITIES, PFEIFER

Holy Cross Charities, Pfeifer, Kansas,
is having a

F U N D R Z R

Grand Prize is a
2017 Polaris RZR XP1000
2nd prize will be \$500 cash.

Tickets are \$100 each or 6 for \$500.
Only 500 tickets will be sold.
The winner will be announced Saturday,
September 15, 2018,
at our 100-year celebration.

Contact:

Jerry Dreiling 765-650-3863 after 5:00
Glenn Stramel 785-259-4504
Janice Seib 785-625-5265 after 5:00

Proceeds go towards re-shingling the church roof
and general maintenance.

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	AUGUST 20
7:00 pm Richard R. and Mary E. (Arnold) Staab	
TUESDAY	AUGUST 21
6:45 am Louise Dreiling Ryan Schrant	
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 22
6:45 am Lenore Lang	
THURSDAY	AUGUST 23
6:45 am Doris Younger Pfeifer	
FRIDAY	AUGUST 24
6:45 am Alvin M. and Ventura Weigel	
SATURDAY	AUGUST 25
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Kathy Edsall	
SUNDAY	21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 26	
7:30 am St. Ann Frank Riedel	
8:45 am St. Boniface	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Rich and Barbara Weber Cletus Younger	

Available in the Parish Office Gift Shop

- † Die Herzoger \$30
 - † Sharing Our Best Cookbook \$25
 - † Towers of Heavenly Recipes Cookbook \$20
- and much more

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* 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, Aug. 25, 5:00 PM — Becky and Jim Scheck
Sunday, Aug. 26, 10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Aug. 25, 5:00 PM — Taylor A., Eric and Justin B.
Sunday, Aug. 26, 10:00 AM — Emily, Gracyn, and Claire S.
Saturday, Sep. 1, 5:00 PM — Myah Y., Ally and Emma D.
Sunday, Sep. 2, 10:00 AM — Trenton, Quenton, and Tyler E.
Monday, Sep. 3, 10:00 AM — Averi W., Shelby & Sienna S.

Eucharistic Ministers\Lectors

These ministries are on a volunteer basis. Please sign up by the north entrance or come to the sacristy before Mass to see if anyone is needed.

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