

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 (sftch@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) at the Parish Office.	

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

December 2, 2018 – First Sunday of Advent

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

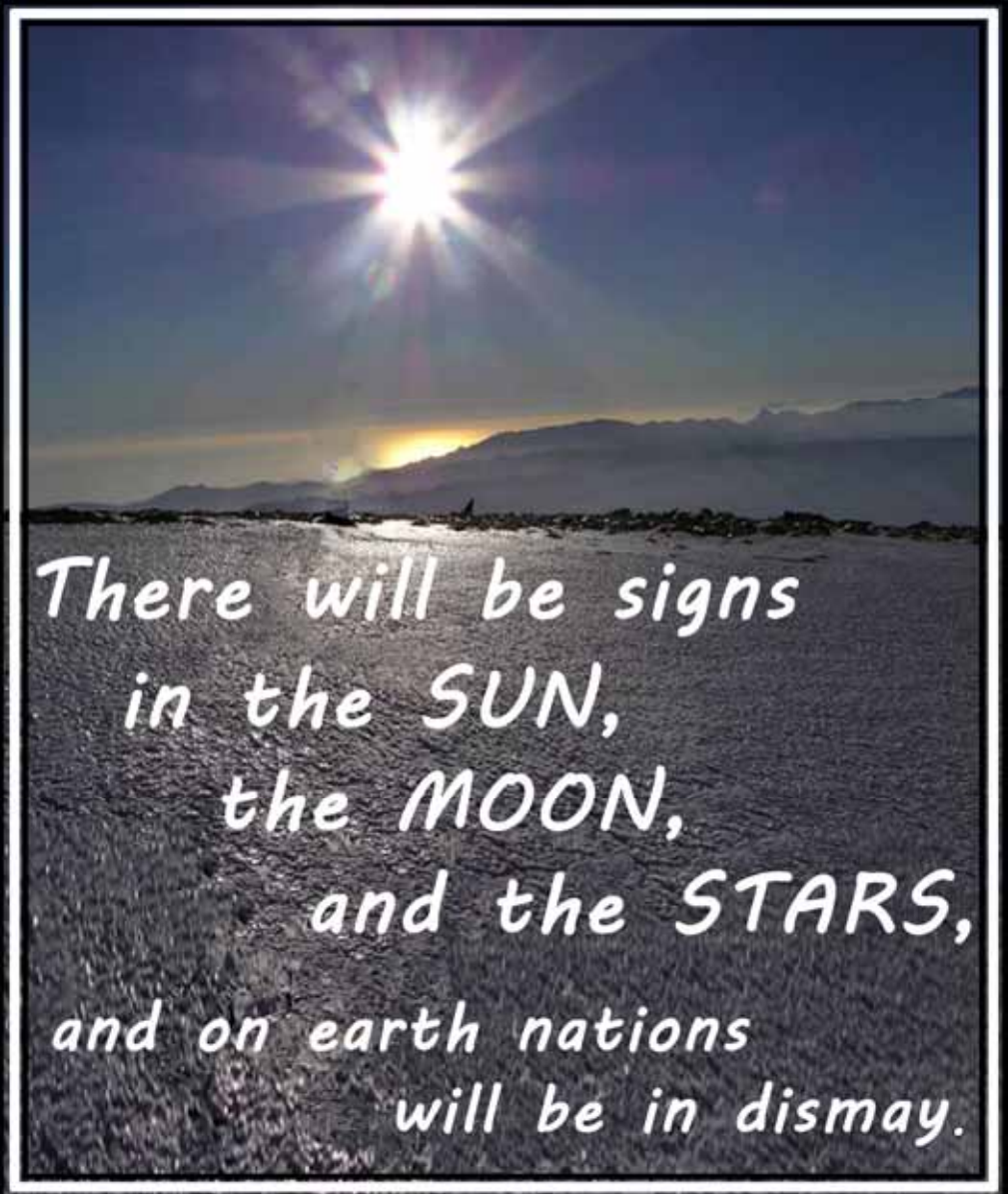
Confessions:
 at St. Fidelis — Mondays — 7:30 pm
 or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

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

- Dec. 6** — Feast of St. Nicholas
- Dec. 6** — No Coffee at PAC and no Eucharistic Adoration
- Dec. 8** — Immaculate Conception (holyday of obligation)
- Dec. 21** — First Day of Winter
- Dec. 24-28** — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas holiday
- Dec. 26-28** — NO MASSES at St. Fidelis
- Dec. 31** — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ Noon for New Years
- Jan. 1** — New Year's Day—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Jan. 2-4** — No Masses @ St. Fidelis, Fr. John not available





The Triple Surprise of Advent

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." That central verse of today's gospel may be a surprise for the first Sunday of Advent. Perhaps you were expecting something about Bethlehem or Mary or an infant. Advent is the most surprising season of the liturgical year.

Advent is about more than preparing for the birth of Christ. The Advent coming of the Lord is three-fold: his coming in glory at the end of time; his coming in human form on the first Christmas; and his coming each day into our own lives. That is the triple Advent of the Lord.



And his coming in each of these will be a surprise. Today's gospel counsels us, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from the anxieties of daily life and catch you by surprise. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man."

The return of the Lord at the end of time will be the great surprise of history. His birth in Bethlehem was missed by the leaders of that age. And his coming into our lives each day is often in disguise. The Lord will come into

our hearts this Advent at a time and in a way that you least expected. Perhaps the kindness of a stranger, the plea of a beggar, or the joy of a child.

We are now busy preparing for Christmas, perhaps too busy. We have our own designs on how to celebrate the holidays: what to buy, how to decorate, where to celebrate. Yet the Lord will come to us in this season not according to our careful plans but according to his mysterious providence. Today's gospel reminds us that each of the three Advents of the Lord will be a surprise.

We should not deceive ourselves into thinking that our own designs will create Christmas. Christmas is God's gift not ours. The grace of God will come to us this Advent in God's own marvelous way. We do need to prepare for Christmas, not with frantic shopping but with a faithful spirit.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from the anxieties of daily life and catch you by surprise. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man."

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Anyone who believes that men are the equal of women has never seen a man trying to wrap a Christmas present.

Parish Staff

Pastor:

Fr. John Schmeidler, OFM, Cap.
email: frjohncap@gmail.com

Bookkeeper/Minister to the Elderly and Homebound/Thrift Shop/Food Pantry:

Jan Brungardt
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Catholic Faith Education Office:

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Youth Minister
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Sacramental Records
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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
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Council Members

St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

Peggy Fitzpatrick 735-8186 (Chair)
Andy Kuhn 639-2156 (Vice-Chair)
Janea Dinkel 735-9529 (RelEd)
Doug Kuhn 650-1058 (Bldgs & Grounds)
John Schulte 735-2444
Deb Braun 735-7106
Gina Oberle 735-8056
Jacque Schmidt 735-5011

St. Fidelis Finance Council

John R. Braun 735-2622
Harland Rupp 735-2206
Randy Leiker 259-1392

St. Boniface Pastoral Council

Carol Freitag 735-9282
Randy Huser 735-4836
Fred Tholen 735-4801

St. Ann Pastoral Council

Terry Riedel 735-9375
Jerry Nowak 637-5273
Bill Robben 806-669-5264

Contributions November 24-25, 2018

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 1498.00 Loose 791.15
Thanksgiving 240.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 1935.00 Loose 228.00
Human Development 50.00
Thanksgiving 150.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 25.00 Loose 25.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

December 3 — Anita Braun,
Marilyn Braun

December 10 — Bob and Phyllis
Stramel

Christmas Basket Drive

The Tri-Parish Family Life Christmas Basket Drive is underway. We have decided that monetary donations work best for us and then we can purchase any of the food items we need. However, if you prefer to donate food items, we will need hams, turkeys, stove top stuffing, gravy mix, pasta sides, or chicken broth. You may drop your monetary donation off in the collection basket at any of the parishes or bring it to the office, but be sure it is marked for Christmas baskets.



If you know of anyone who needs a basket, please call Jan or Jeanette at the Parish Office. Thank you.

The 4 stages of life:

1. You believe in Santa Claus
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus
3. You dress up as Santa Claus
4. You look like Santa Claus



ADULT CHOIR

Choir Practice

The adult choir practices begin at 7:30 p.m. Dates of the remaining practices for this year are:

Tuesday, December 4, and Wednesdays, December 12 and 19.

Anyone who would like to sing with the choir is welcome. Simply join us at practice in the choir loft.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY MEETING

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

30 Days of Cash Giveaway Winners

Winners of the Knights of Columbus 30 Days of Cash Giveaway thus far are (First 1-25 win \$100):

1 Sharon Bleske	17 LeeAnn
2 Warren Wittman	Schmidtberger
3 Ethel Younger	18 Mary Lewis
4 Sandy McAlonan	19 Josh Harbert
5 Donita Wolf	20 Jason Robben
6 Lois Sander	21 Joseph A. Kuhn
7 Marilyn Braun	22 Jane Kisner
8 Heidi Rupp	23 Brett Hertel
9 Kristin Mauch	24 Calvin Bleske
10 Laura Brunner	25 Brandy Huser
11 Kim Peach	26 Lee Leiker (\$250)
12 Allen Lang	27 Greg Kerr (\$250)
13 Valery Schumacher	28 Delila Brungardt
14 Amanda Braun	(\$500)
15 Nathan Legleiter	29
16 Kim Taylor	30

ST. ANN



St. Ann Parish Annual
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK
in the parish hall
immediately following the
6:30 p.m. Mass
Saturday, December 15, 2018
Bishop Gerald Vincke will be the
celebrant at the Mass
and guest of honor
at the potluck.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
Greet our new bishop and join
in the festivities!!

K. of C. Memorial Mass

The Victoria Knights of Columbus Council #1867 will have a Memorial Service on **Sunday, December 16**, during the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Basilica of St. Fidelis recognizing those who have passed away this past year.





The Feast of St. Nicholas is this Thursday, December 6.

St. Nicholas was born to wealthy parents who died in an epidemic. He used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to God and was named Bishop of Myra. Stories about St. Nicholas include one about a poor man who did not have enough money for dowries for his three daughters to be married. (In those days, a father had to offer a prospective husband something of value—a dowry.) The story goes that a bag of gold appeared in their home, allowing the father to offer the dowry. The bags of gold appeared on three different occasions, so all three daughters could marry. The father discovered that it was Nicholas who left the gold. Although Nicholas asked that the father not say anything, the story soon spread and eventually whenever a mysterious gift was found, it was credited to St. Nicholas. It is said the gold landed in stockings or shoes that were left before the fireplace to dry, leading to the custom of children hanging stockings out on the eve of the feast of St. Nicholas. In the morning the stockings would be filled with candy, fruit, and other gifts—from St. Nicholas, of course.

Mass Schedules and other events through the Christmas and New Year holidays can be found on the Basilica of St. Fidelis website at StFidelisChurch.com on the Mass Schedule page.

2018 Holiday Schedules

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

at St. Fidelis, Victoria

Monday, December 3 • 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)

Confession Schedule for Advent

Monday Evenings at St. Fidelis

after 7:00 p.m. Mass (around 7:30 p.m.)

No confessions scheduled on Monday, November 26;

Christmas Eve, December 24; or New Year's Eve, December 31

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

(a Holyday of Obligation)

at St. Fidelis, Victoria

Saturday, December 8 • 8:00 a.m.

(regular Sunday obligation Masses as usual Saturday evening)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

at St. Fidelis, Victoria

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Thursday

(No Adoration on Thursday, December 6, and Thursday, December 27)

24-HOUR EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

at St. Boniface, Vincent

from 8:00 a.m. Saturday, December 15,
until 8:00 a.m. Sunday, December 16

Bishop Jerry Vincke will celebrate the 8:45 Mass at St. Boniface on Sunday, December 16

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

(Christmas is a holy day of obligation)

Monday, December 24 — *Christmas Eve*

5:00 p.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria (*Children's Mass*)

8:30 p.m. • St. Ann, Walker

10:00 p.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

Choir will begin singing at 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25 — *Christmas*

8:45 a.m. • St. Boniface, Vincent

10:00 a.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

**NO MASSES AT ST. FIDELIS ON
Wednesday, December 26, through
Friday, December 28**

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Mary, Mother of God

(a Holyday of obligation)

Monday, December 31 — *New Year's Day*

5:30 p.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

Tuesday, January 1 — *New Year's Day*

9:00 a.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

**NO MASSES AT ST. FIDELIS ON
Wednesday, January 2, through
Friday, January 4**



Jr. CYO you're invited

to an evening packed with festivities to celebrate Christmas with friends and honor some of our beloved parishioners with care packages and caroling!

Saturday, December 8th, 5:00—8:30 P.M.

5:00 P.M.— Package care packages and decorate trailer @ PAC

5:45 P.M.—Dinner and games—PAC's Meal Site Room

6:30 P.M.—Depart PAC for caroling and delivering care packages

8:30 P.M.—Return to PAC

The main dish to be provided is hamburgers with all the fixin's. Those attending are invited to bring a side dish or dessert. Please dress VERY warm—WEAR LOTS OF LAYERS since you will be out doors! :) Hand warmers and hot chocolate will be provided.

Bring your parental consent form to ride on the trailer, a side dish or dessert, insulated mug with a lid for hot chocolate, and (optional) a blanket for the trailer ride.

RSVP by Wednesday, December 5, to Jeanette Brungardt.

Parental consent form MUST be signed by a parent/guardian and be present prior to any youth riding on trailer. This form is available in Religious Ed Office and posted on Seesaw.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION CALENDAR

DECEMBER CALENDER

Sunday, December 2

Immediately following 10:00 A.M. Mass the second grade class will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in St. Fidelis Church

Wednesday, December 5

2:20 – 3:15 P.M. – Kindergarten class gathers

5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir practice

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Religious Ed Classes
CYO Ski Trip parent + youth + chaperone informational meeting – gather in St. Fidelis Church following dismissal from religion classes. See separate bulletin ad regarding meeting for more info.

Christmas care package items due and names/submissions for parishioners to receive care packages due to Religious Ed Office (**Original deadline*)

was November 28—deadline has been EXTENDED)

Saturday, December 8

Time: 5:00 to 8:30 P.M. - Jr. CYO Christmas Party and Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 9

10:00 A.M. Mass – Jubilee Choir sings

Wednesday, December 12

No Religious Education Classes – District Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 19

March for Life - Remaining payment due to St. Fidelis Church for those attending MFL 2019

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Grades 1 – 12 Religious Ed Classes

10th grade – Confirmation Letter to the Bishop due to Religious Ed catechist

10th grade - Chosen Confirmation name for the Sacrament of Confirmation due to Religious Ed catechist

Sunday, December 23

10:00 A.M. Mass - No Liturgy of the Word for Children

Wednesday, December 26

No Religious Education Classes – Christmas Break

CYO Ski Trip (12/26 – 12/29) – depart at 9 A.M. from PAC – Payment of \$300 due

Sunday, December 30

10:00 A.M. Mass - No Liturgy of the Word for Children

JANUARY CALENDER

Wednesday, January 2

No Religious Education Classes

Wednesday, January 9

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Grades 1 – 12 Religious Ed Classes

Attention St. Fidelis Altar Servers:

Parents, if you know of any dates that your child will be out of town or unavailable to serve between Saturday, January 12, and April 7 — **please let Jeanette Brungardt know by/before Wednesday, December 19.** Please see contact information below.



The schedule for January 12 through April 7 will be available and sent home with students on Wednesday, January 9, when students return from the Christmas and New Year Break. (The current schedule released is through Sunday, January 6.) Servers scheduled to serve on Saturday, January 12, & Sunday, January 13, will be notified by Jeanette before December 26.

Once the altar servers schedule is completed, individuals will need to find substitutes for the days they are scheduled but are unable to serve.



Families of children participating in the Christmas Pageant:

A letter was sent with your child during religion, November 28, with detailed information regarding the pageant practice dates and times. A note was also sent out to the parents via SeeSaw. The following is a basic layout of the practice dates and times. Please reference the letter sent home with you for further details. Practice dates, times, and locations vary.

Wednesday, December 5, 6:30-7:30 gather in the north sacristy of St. Fidelis Church. Please arrive no earlier than 6:20 P.M. Third graders do NOT go directly to practice — instead third graders should go to their religion class at 6:30 P.M. to attend the penance service. Immediately following confession third graders will go to pageant practice.

Wednesday, December 19, 5:15: - 6:15 P.M. Students will need to be dropped off at church. We will escort them to PAC after practice for religion classes at 6:30.

Sunday, December 23, following 10 a.m. mass approximately 11:00-11:45 We will practice immediately following the 10 o'clock mass.

Questions? Contact Jeanette in the Religious Ed Office or Tammy Lichter

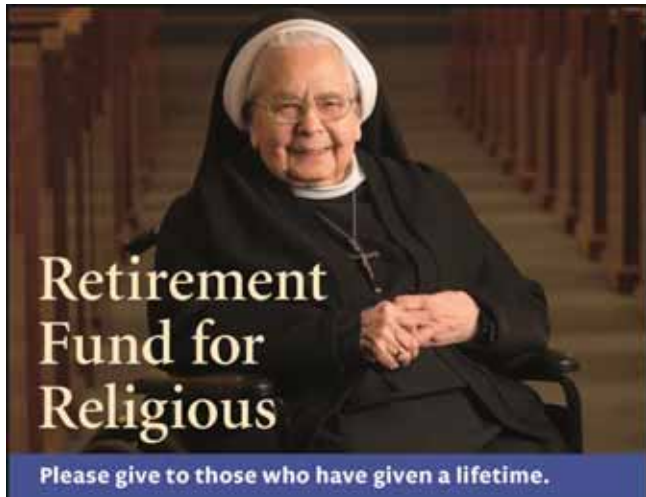
Liturgy of the Word for Children, pre-K through 3rd grade, will NOT gather on Sunday, December 23, & Sunday, December 30.

Kindergarten Religion

Kindergarten will gather this Wednesday, December 5, from 2:20 – 3:15 P.M. Jeanette will escort kindergarten students from VES to the Parish Activity Center. Please pick up your child from the PAC. If your child has been enrolled for kindergarten and is unable to attend this gathering OR if they need to be escorted back to VES for CARE, please notify Jeanette Brungardt at the parish office: 785-735-9244.

Senior Care Package Items

Please don't forget to drop-off your donations in the Religious Ed Office, for the care packages, BY Wednesday, December 5. Items will be packaged and delivered on Saturday, December 8.



Support the Retirement Fund for Religious

A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's collection.

YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Care packages for our Seniors

This Christmas the Religious Education Office would like to once again give to our elderly a sentimental care package to let them know they are prayed and cared for! In order to do so we are asking our students in grades K - 12 to consider contributing items for these care packages! Please see the list of suggested items at the very bottom of this note.



In December, our Jr. CYO will have a Christmas Party and hand deliver the care packages to our beloved parishioners! **I have set a goal of packaging 100 shoeboxes this year!** I absolutely believe we can meet, if not exceed, this goal! We packed over 75 last year!

The Parish Office is providing a list of our senior/elderly parishioners within the Tri-Parishes. **If you know of an individual you would like to bless with a care package please submit their name and address to**

Jeanette Brungardt in the Religious Ed Office by Wednesday, December 5 <— DEADLINE EXTENDED.

So that we receive a balance of donated items, suggested items for students in specific grades follows:

If you think of other festive or fun ideas you are welcome to donate them; this list is suggestive.

Please drop your items off with your religious education teacher or during the PAC's office hours by Wednesday, December 5! (Mon - Thurs: 8:30-12 & 1-4:30 Fri: 8:30 - 12)

Grades K-2 - adult coloring books, coloring pencils, deck of playing cards, festive/Christmas warm socks, gloves, warm slippers

Grades 3-6 - Decorative Christmas rags or hand towels for home, hand lotion, soap, small bag of seeds for growing indoor/potted flowers, decorative pen and notepad, small prayer book or book of jokes, Rubik's cube, puzzle

Grades 7-8 Christmas ornament, crossword or activity book, compact mirror, small cosmetic bag, chap stick, nail clippers, or nail polish (for the ladies)

Grades 9-12 - treats: popcorn, pretzels, individual packets of tea or hot cocoa (low sugar or sugar free), small cosmetic/travel bag, nail clippers, chap stick or compact mirror (for the men), scented/festive candle, small framed picture of saint or a prayer, Rosary or other sacramental

****We welcome Christmas gift bag(s) as well to package the items in.****

VICTORIA VFW POST 1751

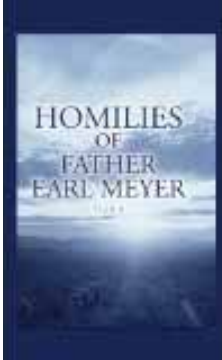
Please call in advance if you would like the Club Room to be open on Friday evenings.

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.

Commodities to Be Distributed

Government surplus commodities will be distributed on **Tuesday, December 4**, at 1:30 p.m. at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street. Please use the north entrance.





A V A I L A B L E
in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop
Soft cover \$10

“Homilies of Father Earl Meyer - Year A”
“Homilies of Father Earl Meyer - Year B”
“Homilies of Father Earl Meyer - Year C”

FORT HAYS SINGERS — 2nd ANNUAL HOLIDAY DESSERT SHOW

Friday, December 14 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 16 • 1:30-3:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, Hays

Suggested Donation: \$10.00

[larger \$GIFT\$ GLADLY accepted ©]

The Holiday Dessert Show will feature the Fort Hays Singers, conducted by Terry Crull, singing

SONGS of the SEASONS

with delicious desserts served between sets of music.

The Singers will be in festive costumes, and serve as waiters, delivering delectable delights that match the songs of the four seasons:

SPRING - SUMMER - FALL - WINTER

All proceeds will go directly to the student members of the Fort Hays Singers, and will help fund future travels such as their concert tour to Austria last June.

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR GIVING!!

The Community Assistance Center is asking for your support of \$50.00

to sponsor one family for a Christmas Food Basket.

Please bring or mail your donation to the Community Assistance Center

12th and Oak St.

Hays, Kansas 67601

so everyone may have a Merry Christmas!!

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER GARAGE SALES

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

12th and Oak Street, Hays

“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.

NAMI-HAYS (National Alliance on Mental Illness Hays affiliate) is the point of contact for the public for information, referrals, and support for people with mental illness and their family and friends. The Recovery Group and Family Support Group will gather on **Monday, December 3**, from 6:00-7:00 p.m., all at the Center for Life Experience. NO Education Workshop.

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 gathering will be on **Tuesday, December 4**, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at The Center for Life Experience, followed by lunch (12:00 noon) at I-Hop, 4000 General Hays Road, Hays.



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

33rd Annual FHSU CATHEDRAL CONCERT



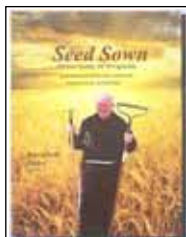
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2
3:30 PM**

At the glorious “Cathedral of the Plains”
The Basilica of St. Fidelis

The choirs of FHSU (Fort Hays Singers & Concert Choir) will be joined by the Smoky Hill Chorale and the Hays High School Chamber Singers. Although making yearly appearances at this event, this will be the first CCC for director Alex Underwood of the Hays High School choral program.

Others also will be a part of the festive concert, including: FHSU Music Faculty Ivalah Allen, Joseph Perniciaro, Kay Werth, and Brad and Renetta Dawson; FHSU Brass Choir, Brass Quartet, String Quartet, organist Tom Meagher; and others. As always, beautiful Christmas carols will be sung by all.

FREE TO THE PUBLIC



SEED SOWN

Year of Luke, Cycle C

by Fr. Michael Scully, OFM Capuchin
Now available. It presents a prayer opportunity for the individual's personal spiritual growth for each week based on the Sunday gospel.

\$20 per copy / Order from: Haskell Catholic Center
2301 Barker St., Lawrence, KS 66046

HERZOGFEST COMMITTEE Annual

STARS & STRIPES BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 9, 2018

7:30 a.m. until noon • V.F.W. Hall, Hays

*Tickets are sold at a discount for
\$8.50 (adult) and \$3.50 (child).*

Contact any Herzogfest representative.

A current list of committee members is located on their website at www.theherzogfest.com or call Ashley Kanzenbach at 785-639-0788.

Now available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop for \$15⁰⁰

Mary Kay Schippers' latest book

THE RETURN TO THE FAMILY FARM STILL LEARNING LIFE LESSONS



Also available: “A Year on the Family Farm” (\$13) and its sequel, “Another Year on the Family Farm” (\$15), by Mary Kay Schippers. Profits go to the Tri-Parishes.



BLOOD DRIVE
Victoria VFW, 204 E. Main
Tuesday, December 11 * 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: VictoriaKS to schedule an appointment.

Give more life. Donate blood.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

Census Bureau Announces

Job Openings for 2020 Census

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring workers for temporary jobs available in **Victoria, Kansas and Surrounding Areas!** Starting in January 2019, in advance of the 2020 Census.

The 2020 Census Jobs website is now accepting applications for various positions. We need a large and diverse workforce to assist with recruitment, office management, information technology, and census enumeration. Due to our great need for workers and our variety of positions, we are encouraging job seekers, students, retirees, and persons with other full or part-time jobs to apply.

Applicants will be placed in a pool of 2020 Census positions for which they qualify, as jobs become available in their area.

For more information, please visit the <https://www.2020census.gov/jobs> page or call 1-855-JOB-2020 (562-2020). Applicants may also contact the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY/ASCII.

The United States Census is an equal opportunity employer.

For job related information/interviews you may contact:

Marq Youngblood

Old Soldiers Home Supplies

The Victoria V.F.W. is collecting for Old Soldiers Home, Fort Dodge, Kansas. They request the following items:

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| T-shirts (LG thru 4X) | Disposable Razors | Canned Soup/Stew |
| Flannel Shirts (LG thru 4X) | Deodorant | Honey Bunches of Oats |
| Sweat Pants (LG thru 4X) | Instant Oatmeal Packages | Chef Boyardee Beef Ravioli |
| Diabetic Socks | Canned Fruit | |

Please call Kathy Kuhn at 785-735-5040 by **Sunday, December 16**, if you have something to donate.

V.F.W. Auxiliary Christmas Party SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

after 10:00 a.m. Mass

Social at 11:00 • Dinner at 12:00

Gift exchange (optional)

Collecting money for parish food baskets (optional)

Please call Kathy Kuhn 785-735-5040 by Monday, December 10, if you plan to attend.

Ladies: If you have items for Ft. Dodge, please bring them to the Christmas Party.



Victoria Schools Calendar



Monday — December 3

- Lunch Menu: Calzone, seasoned potatoes, steamed carrots, fruit cocktail, chocolate chip cookie, salad, milk
- AIM period—Students will have directed study
- 3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VES. Boys in Tin Gym
- 3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
- 5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

Tuesday — December 4

- Lunch Menu: Chicken & noodle soup, steamed peas, pineapple, corn bread, salad, milk
- AIM period—Students will have directed study
- 3:00 pm Purple and Gold basketball tournament @ Trego; Boys and girls play Northern Valley. Depart 1:25
- 3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VES. Boys in HS gym
- 4:30 pm HS boys basketball vs. Northern Valley

Wednesday — December 5 — Early Dismissal—PLC

- CPL meeting @ Hoisington
- Lunch Menu: Beef fajita, new potatoes, green beans, mandarin oranges, salad, milk
- AIM period—Students will have directed study
- 2:20 pm PLC—early dismissal
- 2:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VHS
- 4:00 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at VES
- 4:00 pm HS girls basketball practice
- 5:15 pm HS boys basketball practice

Thursday — December 6

- Lunch Menu: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, peaches, dinner roll, salad, milk
- AIM period—Students will have directed study
- 3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at Tin Gym. Boys at VES
- 3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
- 5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

Friday — December 7

- Lunch Menu: Sloppy Joe, baked potato, steamed broccoli, watermelon, salad, milk
- AIM period—HS students will have SEL Time. JH students will have directed study
- 3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at HS gym. Boys at VES
- TBA—Purple and Gold basketball tournament @ Wakeeney. Girls will play at 3:00 if a loss Tuesday, 6:30 if they win. Boys will play at 4:30 if a loss Tuesday, 7:30 if they win

Saturday — December 8

- ACT test date
- TBA—Purple and Gold basketball tournament @ Wakeeney

National Night of Prayer for Life

On **Saturday, December 8**, from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., St. Nicholas of Myra Church, Hays, will participate in the National Night of Prayer for Life. The purpose is to unite our prayers with Catholics throughout the country in an effort to help bring back the world to Christ and to bring about an end to abortion. The hours are chosen to coincide with Our Lady of Guadalupe's appearance to Juan Diego.



This is a Heartland Parishes of Ellis County event. For any additional information, please contact Ramona Weigel at the St. Nicholas Parish Office at 785-628-1446.

Victoria Recreation Adult Open Gym

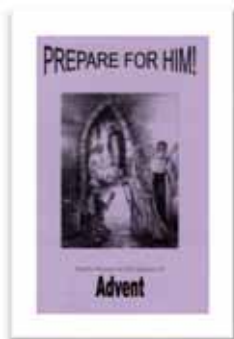
The Victoria Recreation Commission will have open gym at the Victoria Elementary School Gym on Wednesday nights when religion is in session. If religion classes are cancelled for any reason so is Open Gym.

Tell your friends and get together for a night of drop-in basketball or volleyball or whatever you choose. For questions, contact Sharon Bleske @ 785-735-2454.

TIME 6:30-7:30 PM * SCHEDULE: (Must be over 18)

DECEMBER	FEBRUARY
5 Men	6 Men
12 District Christmas Concert	13 Women
19 Women	20 Men
JANUARY	27 Women
2 Christmas Break	MARCH
9 Men	3 Ash Wednesday
16 Women	13 Spring Break
23 Men	20 Men
30 Women	27 Woman

**There will be a
Parish Communal Penance Service
after the 7:00 p.m. Mass tomorrow,
Monday, December 3.**



You are welcome to take a copy of the **Prepare for Him!** Advent Booklet which can be found at the entrances to the Basilica of St. Fidelis.

**No Coffee or Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, December 6.**

Bishop Jerry Vincke will celebrate Masses in our parishes the weekend of December 15-16
Victoria 5:00—Walker 6:30—Vincent 8:45

Saturday, December 8
**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**
(a holyday of obligation)

Mass to satisfy this obligation will be Saturday, December 8, at 8:00 a.m.

Masses to satisfy our Sunday obligation next weekend will be at the regular times on Saturday and Sunday.



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	DECEMBER 3
7:00 pm Joe J., Magdalen, and Bill Roth and Tom Younger families	
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 4
6:45 am Josephine Sander and Leroy Sander	
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 5
6:45 am	
THURSDAY	FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS
6:45 am Robert Lowen	DECEMBER 6
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 7
6:45 am	
SATURDAY	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
	(A Holyday of Obligation)
8:00 am St. Fidelis Alvin, Irene, and Bob Dortland Ott and Leona Hoffman	DECEMBER 8
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Oliver Kuhn Albert Braun Andrew J. and Miriam Wasinger	
6:30 pm St. Ann Gerard, Mary, Ron, and Leon Hammerschmidt	
SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:45 am St. Boniface Lavern Braun	DECEMBER 9
10:00 am St. Fidelis Cyrilla Dinkel Norman and Ramona Kippes	

*** 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, Dec. 8, 5:00 PM — Becky & Jim Scheck
Sunday, Dec. 9, 10:00 AM — Marilyn Braun

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Dec. 8, 5:00 PM — Eric & Justin B., Abby B.
Sunday, Dec. 9, 10:00 AM — Shelby & Sienna S., Averi W.
Saturday, Dec. 15, 5:00 PM — Jarron & Jillian S. Myah Y.
Sunday, Dec. 16, 10:00 AM — Mackenzie H., Drayden K., Brinly L.

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.