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Parish Office:	601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 • 785-735-2777 • Fax: 785-735-2779 Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00		Catholic Faith Education Office: 785-735-9244
Gift Shop Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30–noon and 1:00–4:30 Friday: 8:30–noon	Weddings: Couples planning to marry must contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before the wedding date for marriage preparations.	Baptisms: All new parents are asked to complete a Baptismal Preparation class before their child is baptized. For information, please call the Parish Office.	Hospital Visits: To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.
In-Home Mass: Any homebound or hospice family interested in having Mass in their home should contact the Parish Office.	Holy Communion Brought to Homebound: Holy Communion can be brought to homebound parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is unable to come to a Sunday Mass.	BULLETIN ITEMS: Deadline is Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Connie (sftch@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) at the Parish Office.	

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December 23, 2018 – Fourth 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

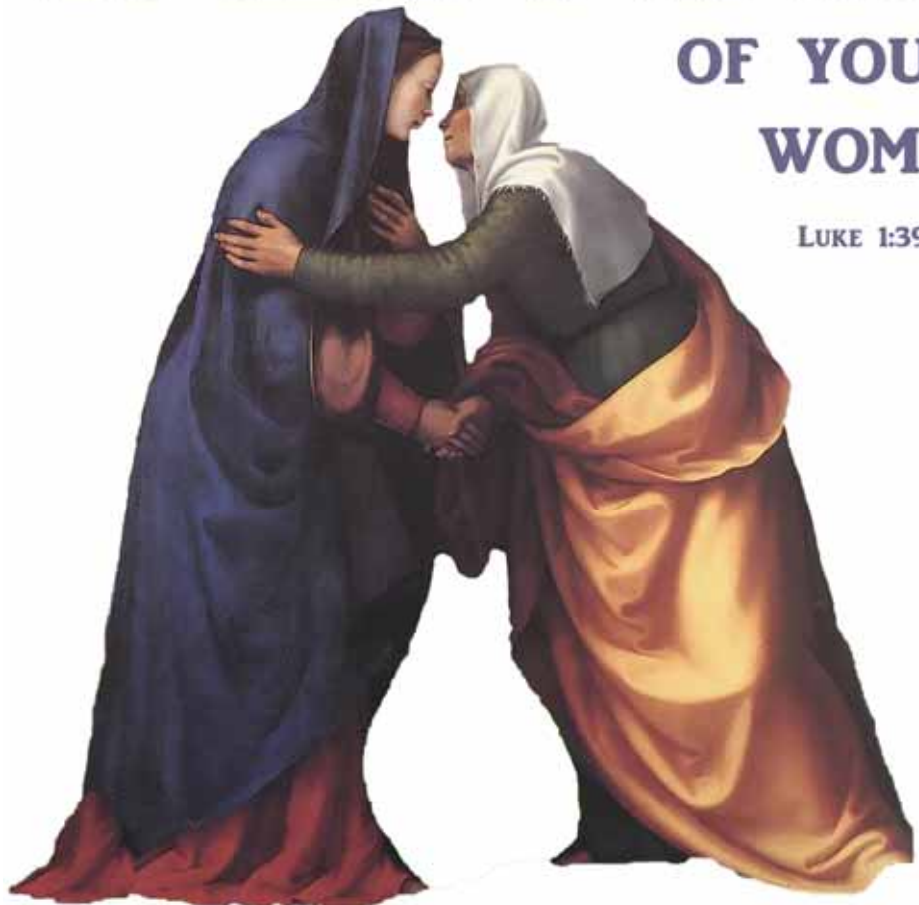
Anyone wishing to request prayers for family or friends may call Helen Windholz (735-2508) or Teresa Shepherd (735-9576) to add their requests to the Prayer Line

Dates To Remember

- Dec. 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
- Jan. 14-18** — No Masses @ St. Fidelis, Fr. John not available (**Weekend Masses will be held**)
- Jan. 16-19** — March for Life in Washington D.C.
- Jan. 21** — Martin Luther King Jr. Day—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Jan. 21-23** — No Masses @ St. Fidelis,

**BLESSED ARE YOU
 AMONG WOMEN,
 AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT
 OF YOUR
 WOMB.**

LUKE 1:39-45





“Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

“No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all of sin. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand; let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness; let the pagan take courage as he is invited to a new life. If you are a saint, rejoice for you are drawing nearer to your crown. If you’re a sinner, rejoice for you are offered mercy. If you are a pagan, rejoice for God calls you to a new life in Christ.

“In the fullness of time, in the unfathomable depths of God’s wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature subject to death.

“And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: Glory to God in the highest, and they proclaim peace to men of good will as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God’s goodness, what joy it should bring to our lowly hearts.



“Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

“Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God’s own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God’s kingdom.

“Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ.”

~ Christmas Sermon of Pope St. Leo the Great, 451 AD

A Blessed Christmas to all our parishioners.

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Contributions December 15-16 2018

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2855.00 Loose 15,822.88
Retired Religious 87.00
Repair Fund 3.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 497.00 Loose 1099.00
Retired Religious 100.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 560.00 Loose 260.00
Candles 87.01

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

December 26 (Wednesday) —

Doris Weigel, Shirley Weigel

January 3 (Wednesday) — Mary

Brungardt, Det Younger

Advent Week 4, Love

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus.

Amen.

No Coffee or Eucharistic Adoration
on Thursday, December 27.

The Parish Office will be closed from
Monday, December 24, through
Friday, December 28, for
the Christmas holiday.



**HAVE A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

The Parish Office will be open until noon
on Monday, December 31, and closed
Tuesday, January 1.

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Rosemary "Rosie" Schulte**, who passed away on Friday, December 14, 2018. Services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Tuesday, December 18, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Charles E. "Chuck" Vsetecka**, who passed away on Friday, December 14, 2018. Services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Wednesday, December 19, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

**St. Fidelis 2019 envelopes are at the north
entrance of the church.**

**If you did not receive a box and would like one,
contact Jan at the Parish Office. Begin using your
new boxes on January 1, because many of the
envelope numbers have changed.**

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY.....CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24

- 5:00 pm St. Fidelis** Bernie Dome
John B. and Margaret Kuhn and Edwin and Laurentine
Schmidtberger and David Mindrup
Bernie Roth
- 8:30 pm St. Ann** Dolores Froelich
Mary Ann Gabel
- 10:00 pm St. Fidelis** Joseph and Velma Lang
Art VonFeldt

TUESDAY.....CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 25

- 8:45 am St. Boniface**
- 10:00 am St. Fidelis** Pat Dreiling

NO MASSES WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26-28

SATURDAY..... DECEMBER 29

- 5:00 pm St. Fidelis** Leona Giebler
Norma Keenan 90th birthday, Terry Keenan, and
Fr. John Schmeidler 54th birthday
- 6:30 pm St. Ann** Donald Braun
Robert and Lydia Sander family

SUNDAY.....HOLY FAMILY DECEMBER 30

- 8:45 am St. Boniface** Eldon Schmidtberger
- 10:00 am St. Fidelis** Donald "Pappy" Leiker

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

- Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24, 10:00 PM** — Adult Choir
- Christmas, Tuesday, Dec. 25, 10:00 AM** — Amrein Family
- Saturday, Dec. 29, 5:00 PM** — Trilogy
- Sunday, Dec. 30, 10:00 AM** — John Braun Family
- New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec. 31, 5:30 PM** —
- New Year's Day, Tuesday, Jan. 1, 9:00 AM** —

ALTAR SERVERS

- Christmas Eve, Mon., Dec. 24, 5:00 PM** — Emily, Gracyn, & Claire S.
- Christmas Eve, Mon., Dec., 10:00 PM** — Addie Roth, Morgan Staab
- Christmas, Tuesday, Dec. 25, 10:00 AM** — Vance H., Taylor A.
- Saturday, Dec. 29, 5:00 PM** — Emma & Ally D., Juliana D.
- Sunday, Dec. 30, 10:00 AM** — Vance H., Brinly L., Sienna S.
- New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec. 31, 5:30 PM** —
- New Year's Day, Tuesday, Jan. 1, 9:00 AM** —
- Saturday, Jan. 5, 5:00 PM** — Abby B., Mackenzie H., Caidyn D.
- Sunday, Jan. 6, 10:00 AM** — Tyler, Trenton, & Quenton E.

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.

Bishop Vincke Celebrates Mass and Breakfast

By Randy Huser

Shortly after 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 16, 2018, Bishop Jerry Vincke arrived at St. Boniface Catholic Church for a morning of celebration.

First, he attended the last hour of the 24-hour Adoration at the church, kneeling before the lit-up nativity display. Then Bishop walked out in front of church to capture the country sunrise while greeting parishioners in the calm crisp air.

Next was Benediction to close the Adoration, with the choir leading in song. St. Boniface Parish has not had Benediction since Fr. Callistus Rectenwald, parish pastor at the time, last performed the service nearly 40 years ago. Kevin Huser and Keith Leiker, who

served Benediction with Fr. Callistus as kids, trained their sons, Kirk Huser and Payden Leiker, the lessons of serving the special service.

Mass was special to the St. Boniface parishioners in various ways. Having the Bishop in the parish is always an honor, adding to that his meaningful words to the congregation. Bishop Vincke commented on the peace he felt while kneeling at the crib during Adoration. He also mentioned that the little white church in the country surrounded by farms made him feel like home, as he was raised on a dairy farm and worked many hours putting up hay.

After Mass Bishop Vincke enjoyed visiting with parishioners at the breakfast in the parish hall, where ham, scrambled eggs, hash browns, and Krispy Kreme doughnuts satisfied everyone's appetite. Thanks goes to the Knights of Columbus for preparing the breakfast.



Bishop Vincke joins the youth of St. Boniface Parish for a group photo after viewing a slide show recognizing their parish involvement throughout the year.

Adoration, Benediction, at St. Boniface



Mass servers Nate Windholz, Emily Schippers, and Christian Wellbrock and incense servers Kirk Huser and Payden Leiker lead the procession as Bishop Vincke waves to the congregation.

After eating, a slideshow of youth activities throughout the year at St. Boniface was presented.

Before leaving, Bishop Vincke said he wants to come back next year, especially after visiting with sophomore Payden Leiker. When Bishop Vincke heard that Payden and his friends had fun playing wheelchair basketball the night before, and that they attended Adoration from 1:00 until 2:00 a.m., he complimented Payden and said, "Well, I want to play wheelchair basketball with you all."

So with that conversation taken place, the youth of St. Boniface are already looking forward to a night of fun and Adoration with Bishop Vincke next Christmas season!



Bishop Vincke visits with Janice Braun as the children make their way through the breakfast line.

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

Confession Schedule for Advent

Monday Evenings at St. Fidelis
after 7:00 p.m. Mass (around 7:30 p.m.)

Saturday, December 22

11:00 a.m. to Noon
and 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

*No confessions scheduled on
Christmas Eve, December 24; or New Year's Eve, December 31*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

at St. Fidelis, Victoria

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Thursday
(No Adoration on Thursday, December 27)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

(Christmas is a holyday 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**
Fr. John will not be available.

YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION CALENDAR

DECEMBER CALENDER

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

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

Walker Parish Hall

The Walker Parish Hall has been rented for **Saturday, December 29**; therefore, the regular St. Ann Coffee & Rolls gathering will not be held following Mass that evening.

COMMUNITY

Sunflower Polka Club New Year's Day Dance

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 • 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Music by Wes Windholz

St. Michael's Parish Hall, 918 Lincoln, LaCrosse, Kansas

Cost: \$8:00

Snack Bar included

Sandwiches available.

Bring your own refreshments.

Everyone is invited.



Victoria High School

Sophomore Soup Supper

Friday, January 11, 2019 • 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.



Green Bean & Dumpling Soup.....	\$3.00
Chicken & Noodle Soup.....	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese Sandwich.....	\$2.50
Assorted Desserts.....	\$1.00
Iced Tea, Water	FREE

Patrons are welcome to come and eat some delicious **HOMEMADE soup.

If you would like to see the Knights and Lady Knights play basketball, there will be a game to watch in the gym.

Attending the game is a separate charge.**

Sponsored by the VHS Class of 2020



Thursday — December 20 — *Winter Break*

Winter Moratorium — No Basketball Practices from December 23 to December 27.

Basketball coaches will send out Winter Break practice schedules to players/parents

2nd semester starts on January 3.

NOW FOR SALE

St. Boniface Parish Cookbooks

COST: \$20.00

The 153-page cookbook has recipes along with many helpful hints and numerous inspirational quotes of faith throughout the book. Cookbooks can be purchased at Mass on Sundays, or by calling Carol at 785-735-9282.



COMMUNITY

Scripture Course on the New Testament

You are invited to participate in a 9-session course about the 27 books of the New Testament. Father Reggie Urban, a semi-retired priest of the Dodge City Diocese now living in Hays, will be teaching on Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon **beginning January 19 until March 16** at 17 different interactive TV (ITV) sites. Father Reggie will be presenting from St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church, 2901 East 13th Street, Hays.

You can take this course for 3 hours of college credit (\$150) or for enrichment (\$75). The cost does not include the textbook, An Introduction To The New Testament, by Father Raymond Brown (\$25 for the abridged version or \$50 for the complete book).

Brochures with an included sign-up form are available in the St. Nicholas Church entrance/narthex/parish office. **Sign-up deadline is Monday, January 7, 2019.** Call Father Reggie (620-617-1403) in Hays or Colleen Stein (620-227-1538) at the Chancery in Dodge City if you have any questions or concerns.

This course is only taught every four years

**Because Victoria City Hall
will be closed
Monday and Tuesday,
December 24-25,
trash will be collected on
Wednesday, December 26.**





Little Town of Bethlehem
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Saturday, December 22
Sunday, December 23
 and
all day Tuesday, Christmas Day

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