

“Beacon of Faith,”  
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

“Cathedral of the Plains,”  
**THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS**

“Pearl of the Prairie,”  
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



<b>Parish Office:</b>	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		<b>Catholic Faith Education Office:</b> 785-735-9244
<b>Gift Shop Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday: 8:30-noon and 1:00-4:30 Friday: 8:30 –noon	<b>Weddings:</b> Couples planning to marry must contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before the wedding date for marriage preparations.	<b>Baptisms:</b> All new parents are asked to complete a Baptismal Preparation class before their child is baptized. For information, please call the Parish Office.	<b>Hospital Visits:</b> To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.
<b>In-Home Mass:</b> Any homebound or hospice family interested in having Mass in their home should contact the Parish Office.	<b>Holy Communion Brought to Homebound:</b> 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.	<b>BULLETIN ITEMS:</b> Deadline is <b>Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.</b> Please contact Connie (sftech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) at the Parish Office.	

[www.stfidelischurch.com](http://www.stfidelischurch.com) / [stbonifacevincent.com](http://stbonifacevincent.com)

## December 30, 2018 – Holy Family

### 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

- 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, Fr. John not available
- Jan. 29** — Kansas Day — 158 years old
- Feb. 2** — Groundhog Day
- Feb. 2** — Presentation of the Lord — Blessing of Throats after Masses
- Feb. 3** — Boy Scout Sunday
- Feb. 3** — Super Bowl Sunday



**And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me?  
Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”**

Luke 2:41-52

The Parish Office will close at noon  
**TOMORROW—Monday, December 31,**  
and all day Tuesday, January 1,  
for the New Year’s holiday.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**





## Your Holy Family

In this holiday season of family gatherings we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as a model for life in our own homes. Some might dismiss this celebration as irrelevant piety. As much as we treasure our own family, *holy* is seldom the word we use to describe our life together. Adjectives like rowdy, rough, and rambunctious more readily come to mind.

Our reluctance to accept the description of *holy* might come from a limited understanding of that word. *Holy* does mean pious and reverent, but it also means whole and happy. Whole in the sense of united in sharing the same heritage, and happy as brimming full of life. Because life is sacred our very imperfect families, which share life, are truly *holy*.



This year the gospel for this feast is the story of Jesus' parents finding their lost child in the temple. The mixed sentiments of finding a lost child on an outing is expressed well by Mary, "Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." When the teenage Christ replied that he must be in his Father's house, the gospel records an experience of the parents of every teenager, "They did not understand what he said to them."

Next year the gospel will tell of the flight into Egypt to avoid King Herod's massacre of the Holy Innocents. Immigrant and refugee families are a painful reality in every age. Parents go to great lengths to protect their children from illness, injury, and all harm. When the holy family returned safely to Nazareth the gospel tells us that "the child grew in wisdom and age and grace before God and man." That is the dream of all parents for their young children.

The following year the gospel tells of Joseph and Mary presenting the infant Jesus in the temple much as parents today bring their infant to church for baptism. Simeon prophesied that the child was destined for the fall and rise of many and that a sword would pierce his mother's heart as children of every age bring both joy and sorrow to their parents. The prophetess Anna, however, offered the dominant parental sentiment as she gave thanks to God for the newborn child.

These gospel stories are relived in families today: in the anxious hope that a missing or wayward child will return; in the separation of families by difficult social conditions; and in the dreams for the success of their children. The feast of the holy family is the celebration of the joys and sorrows of your family.

### ... and mirth

The happiest holiday trip: driving your in-laws to the airport!

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:**

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

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

Jan Brungardt  
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**Catholic Faith Education Office:**

Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/  
Youth Minister  
email: fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net  
Shirley Brungardt, RCIA Director/  
Sacramental Records  
email: sfreled@ruraltel.net

**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  
email: sfttech@ruraltel.net

### 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 December 22-23, 2018

**ST. FIDELIS:**

Adult 2698.00 Loose 1334.19  
Repair Fund 150.00

**ST. ANN:**

Adult 1557.00 Loose 224.00  
Candles 114.00  
Retired Religious 50.00

**ST. BON IFACE:**

Adult 195.00 Loose 220.00  
Candles 43.00

### Contributions CHRISTMAS December 24-25, 2018

**ST. FIDELIS:**

Adult 6375.00 Loose 4876.15  
Repair Fund 20.00

**ST. ANN:**

Adult 780.00 Loose 720.00  
Cemetery 100.00

**ST. BON IFACE:**

Adult 360.00 Loose 682.00  
Candles 33.00

### ~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

**January 3 (Wednesday)** — Mary Brungardt, Det Younger  
**January 7** — Connie Dreiling, Janie Dinges

# CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION CALENDAR

## DECEMBER CALENDER

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, will NOT gather TODAY-Sunday, December 30.

## 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*

## Catholic Christian Concert @ IHM Church

The Newman Singers, a liturgical and concert group from the Newman Catholic Student Center in Iowa City, will be presenting an uplifting concert at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Hays, on **Thursday, January 3**, at 7:00 p.m. The Newman Singers perform contemporary liturgical and inspirational music. The event is free to the public, but a free will offering will be collected at the concert.

## ST. BONIFACE

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.



## Victoria Schools Calendar



**Monday, December 31 until Wednesday, January 2**

Winter Break

**Thursday — January 3**

5:45 am HS boys basketball practice

Lunch Menu: Chicken breast, chicken flavored rice, peas, peaches, hand-tossed bun, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice at VES

4:00 pm JH basketball vs. LaCrosse

**Friday — January 4**

6:30 am JH girls basketball practice

Lunch Menu: Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, fruit cocktail, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at VES

4:00 pm HS basketball vs. Otis-Bison

**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.**

## Holiday Schedules

### Confession Schedule for Advent

#### Monday Evenings at St. Fidelis

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

*No confessions scheduled on  
New Year's Eve, December 31*

### 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY.....NEW YEAR'S EVE ..... DECEMBER 31**

**5:30 pm St. Fidelis** Hubert and Jo Sander  
Kiley Goetz

**TUESDAY.....NEW YEAR'S DAY ..... JANUARY 1**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**  
(a holy day of obligation)

9:00 am St. Fidelis

**NO MASSES WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, JANUARY 2-4**  
**FR. JOHN WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE**

**SATURDAY..... JANUARY 5**

**5:00 pm St. Fidelis** Don Pfeifer  
Ike and Albertine Schmidtberger  
Sharon Urban  
Robert L. Schmidtberger

**6:30 pm St. Ann**

**SUNDAY.....THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ..... JANUARY 6**

**8:45 am St. Boniface** Robert, Amelia, and Gary VonLintel  
**10:00 am St. Fidelis** Harold and Carol Cline family  
Lance Lang

### 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.

### ST. ANN

### 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.

### \* Sunday Rosary Schedule \*

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

### MINISTER SCHEDULE

#### CANTORS

**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 —**

**Sunday, Jan. 6, 10:00 AM —**

#### ALTAR SERVERS

**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.

**Saturday, Jan. 12, 5:00 PM —** Eric B., Jarron & Jillian S.

**Sunday, Jan. 13, 10:00 AM —** Kaitlyn & Ashlyn W., Mackenzie H

### 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.