

*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 <b>Hours:</b> 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) / [www.stbonifacevincent.com](http://www.stbonifacevincent.com)

## September 16, 2018 – 24th 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

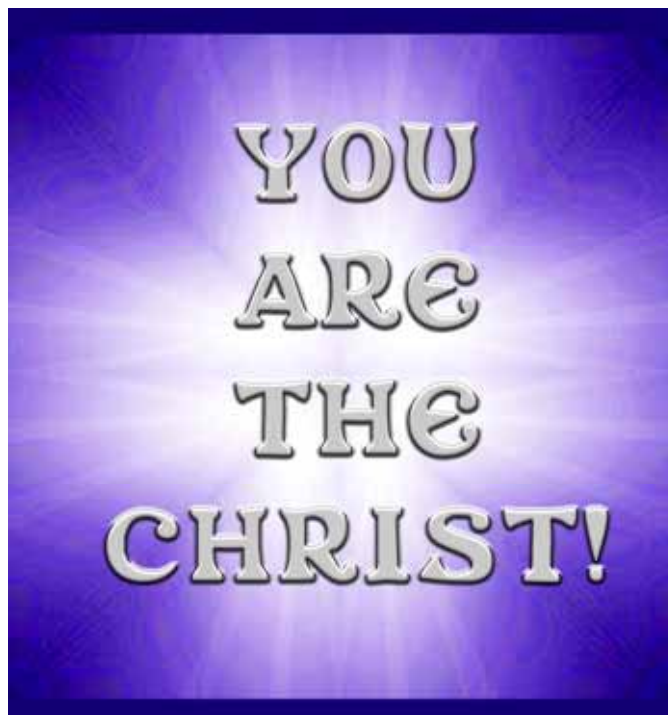
Anyone wishing to request prayers for family or friends may call Helen Windholz (735-2508) or Teresa Shepherd (735-9576) to add their requests to the Prayer Line

#### Dates To Remember

- 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
- Oct. 4** — Feast of St. Francis of Assisi—  
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Oct. 7** — Card Party in Meal Site
- Oct. 8** — Columbus Day—PARISH  
OFFICE CLOSED
- Oct. 28** — Priesthood Sunday
- Oct. 29-31** — No Masses @ St. Fidelis  
— Fr. John not available
- Oct. 31** — Halloween
- Nov. 1** — All Saints Day—PARISH  
OFFICE CLOSED
- Nov. 3-4** — Cemetery Blessings

## Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated today. This year's theme is "Enlisting witnesses for Jesus Christ." This is a wonderful Opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This is an opportunity for all to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith. Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. Today, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.



(from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 8:27-35)



## Identity Theft

Identity theft is a major concern in our age. Our computers, cell phones, and credit cards are all subject to the theft of our password, pin, and social security numbers. Today's gospel is about the identity of Christ. In our age, rationalists, theists, and even some Christians are trying to give Christ an identity different than that of the gospels. This is the danger of a theological identity theft.

In today's gospel Christ asked his disciples a twofold question. The first is but an introductory question, "Who do **people** say that I am?" The disciples replied, "John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the prophets." All good answers, but not quite correct. The crowds had confused the identity of Christ.

John the Baptist preached the same message as Christ, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." Elijah, as John the Baptist, was the same type of prophet as Christ, one announcing the kingdom of God. Yes, Christ was one of the prophets. But he was more. He was *the* prophet.

After the disciples' response to that preliminary question, Christ then turned to the crucial question, the most important question of all history, "Who do **you** say that I am?" Peter answered correctly, "You are the Christ." But Peter's understanding of Christ as the Messiah was incomplete. As many who accept Jesus, Peter projected onto Christ an identity of his own preference.

It is one thing to profess that Christ is the Messiah. It is quite another thing to recognize that he is the suffering servant Messiah who had to die and rise. That is the uncomfortable part of Christ that St. Peter avoided. Yet, even to profess that Christ is the suffering Messiah is not enough. We must allow the mystery of his death and resurrection to govern our own life.

We Christians need to be clear as to what we believe about the identity of Christ. He is not just the Good Shepherd, the Gentle Galilean, or the Prince of Peace. Even unbelievers concede those titles, in a subtle form of identity theft. Christ is all those things and more. He is the promised Messiah, the Divine Son of God. He is Emmanuel, the very presence of God with us and within us. He is the One who died and rose for our salvation. Jesus is the suffering Messiah who cannot be understood apart from the mystery of the cross. Anything less is not the Christ of the Gospels. It is identity theft. "Who do **you** say that I am?"



### ... and mirth

Try Jesus. If you don't like him, the devil will be glad to take you back.

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:**

Fr. John Schmeidler, OFM, Cap.  
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**Bookkeeper/Minister to the Elderly and Homebound/Thrift Shop/Food Pantry:**

Jan Brungardt  
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Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/  
Youth Minister  
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Shirley Brungardt, RCIA Director/  
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  
email: sftch@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 September 8-9, 2018

**ST. FIDELIS:**

Adult 2853.00 Loose 1051.66  
Repair Fund 145.00

**ST. ANN:**

Adult 896.00 Loose 311.00

**ST. BONIFACE:**

Adult 211.00 Loose 395.00  
Candles 36.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

September 17 — Mary

Brungardt, Det Younger

September 24 — Connie Dreiling,

Janie Dinges

## Washington D.C. March for Life Trip with Salina Diocese

The 47th Annual March for Life will take place in Washington, D.C. on January 18, 2019. The Salina Diocese will sponsor a pilgrimage to attend this special event. In addition to the March, we will tour and attend Mass at the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, celebrate Mass with all four dioceses in Kansas, attend the Life is Very Good Youth Rally, visit Arlington National Cemetery, and visit the National Monuments and other sites in Washington, D.C.

The trip will take place January 16-20, 2019, with a base cost of \$350/person for the bus and hotel. This trip is open to all ages across our diocese and we strongly encourage our youth to attend.

To register online or get more information, visit the Respect Life page of the diocesan website ([www.salinadiocese.org/respect-life](http://www.salinadiocese.org/respect-life)) or contact Lindy Meyer at 785-614-0831 or email [respectlife@salinadiocese.org](mailto:respectlife@salinadiocese.org).

A non-refundable \$50 deposit is due September 30, 2018, with the final payment due December 1, 2018.

There is an option for those who cannot ride the bus but would like to fly to D.C. on their own and join us for the March and other activities. Anyone interested in this option should contact the Respect Life Office.

Those who cannot attend but would like to support this trip are invited to make donations to help sponsor those who cannot afford the full registration cost. Checks may be made out to Salina Diocese Respect Life Office and mailed to PO Box 980, Salina, KS 67401, attention: March for Life.

### SEPTEMBER HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

Traffickers prey on children as young as 9 years old and may target their victims through social media websites, telephone chat lines, after school programs, at shopping malls, and through friends and acquaintances who recruit students. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** ([sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org)).

### ENCOUNTERING

## Christ A JOURNEY OF HOPE

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MEETING JESUS AT A DEEPER LEVEL?

Join us for this retreat where you will recognize Christ in your experience, and use the tools you receive through this encounter with Christ to reach out and share your faith with other families.

*Includes: Retreat led by Father Steve Heina  
Personal Reflection and Group Discussion*

*Mass  
Adoration Confession*

**COST:**  
\$10.00

**LUNCH  
PROVIDED**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018  
8:30 - 4:30**

**SACRED HEART PARISH  
PLAINVILLE, KANSAS**

*Please register online at [salinadiocese.org/family-life](http://salinadiocese.org/family-life) or  
by calling 785-827-8746 by September 22.*

Sponsored by the Offices of The New Evangelization and Family Life

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### CHRIS STEFANICK

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**Brown Grand Theater in Concordia, Kansas**

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**DO NOT MISS** the opportunity to hear one of the most sought after voices of our time!

OFFERING PRACTICAL INSIGHT INTO LIVING THE LIFE GOD HAS CREATED FOR YOU!

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For more information and to register:

Call Lindy Meyer at 785-614-0831 or visit [olophoncordia.org](http://olophoncordia.org).

[www.RealLifeCatholic.com/Reboot](http://www.RealLifeCatholic.com/Reboot)

**HURRY! TICKETS ARE ALMOST GONE!**



## Catechetical Sunday September 16, 2018

“O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists (names mentioned below) to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs. May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles. We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ’s prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Jacque Schmidt

Becky Scheck

Ashley Dome

Primrose Hockersmith

Melissa Robben

Karen Nowak

Tammy Lichter

Harland Rupp

Randy Huser

Amanda Truan

John Braun

Yvonne Braun

Tom Tholen

Today, Sunday September 16th, we recognize our catechist’s and the volunteers who give so freely of themselves so that our youth may have opportunities of spiritual growth and enrichment in their faith. We pray for you each that you may continue passing on the Catholic faith, Christ’s message of love and mercy, to our youth and the communities and parishes where you serve. The below mentioned serve as catechist aides, substitute catechist’s, cross walk guards and volunteers/teachers at our summer Vacation Bible School. They also lead our Jubilee Choir, teach the Liturgy of the Word for Children, and volunteer in other areas of our children’s and youth ministries.

Jennifer Anderson

Debbie Braun

James Brungardt

Michael Brungardt

Robert & Shirley Brungardt

Jay & Janea Dinkel

Naomi Dinkel

Cheri Dorzweiler

Judy Dreiling

LouAnn Hammersmith

Andrea Hoffman

Sarah Kuhn

Kristin Mauch

Crystal Robben

Christie Sander

Mary Kay Schippers

Carla Schmeidler

Abigail Schulte

Kami Weber

Jeanna Wellbrock

Peggy Wohler

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### K. of C. Selling Tickets for Religious Education Fundraiser

The Victoria of Knights of Columbus Council #1867 is selling raffle tickets to raise funds for the St. Fidelis Religious Education program. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased by calling 785-523-1368.

The local Council has a limited supply of tickets.

The drawing will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at 8:00 p.m. in Wichita. Prize amounts will be: One \$25,000 ticket, one \$6,000 ticket, three \$4,000 tickets, six \$2,000 tickets, and twenty-one \$1,000 tickets.

All tickets need to be sold and returned before October 25. Donations are not tax deductible.

#### DIVINE MERCY RADIO

Donate a coat and receive a free root beer float during Divine Mercy Radio's *Coats 4 Floats* drive. Coats may be dropped off between now and October 9th at the following locations: A & W, Holy Family Elementary, TMP-Marian, Master Cleaners and the Divine Mercy Radio offices. Coats will be distributed to those in need on Saturday, Oct. 13th at Master Cleaners and Top Notch Cleaners, both on 8th street. Divine Mercy Radio thanks all the participating businesses in this endeavor to keep everyone in the community warm this winter.

### KATHARINENSTADT'S ESSENFEST German Style Cook-Off

"Do you make the best German bean dumpling soup, Brats, Raw Burger, Bierocks, Potatoes & Dumplings, Hearts, Kuchen, Spitzbuben or any other German Delicacy? If you think you do, now is your chance to prove it at the 2nd Annual Katharinenstadt's Essenfest, a German Food Cook off, October 21st, 2018 from 11:00am-1:30pm at Kennedy Middle School Cafeteria. There will be raffle prizes, a mini bake sale, beer, and Live Polka Music provided by Karl Meis. You the Public are the taste testers and the Judges! Tickets to enter and taste all entries are \$5. Tickets can be purchased by any St. Catherine Christian Mother from September 24th - the day of event at the door. To enter as a Contestant please contact Sarah Shubert at 785-656-2399 call or text message or email [sarah.shubert@outlook.com](mailto:sarah.shubert@outlook.com)."

### THE PSALMS

How to study and pray the psalms.  
Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:00 pm  
October 16, 23, 30 and November 6  
Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life  
Fr. Earl Meyer, OFM, Cap.

## YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

### CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION CALENDAR

#### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

##### Sunday, September 16

Catechetical Sunday

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. – 9<sup>th</sup> grade student-parent meeting – St. Fidelis chapel

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

##### Wednesday, September 26

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

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

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

#### OCTOBER CALENDAR

##### Tuesday, October 2

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

##### Wednesday, October 3

2:30 – 3:15 P.M. – Kindergarten gathers at St. Fidelis Church

5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir practice (in choir loft)

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

##### Thursday, October 4

PAC and Religious Ed Office closed for St. Francis of Assisi

##### Sunday, October 7

10:00 A.M. Mass – Jubilee Choir sings

##### Monday, October 8

PAC and Religious Ed Office closed for Columbus Day

##### Wednesday, October 10

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

##### Wednesday, October 17

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

##### Sunday, October 21

[Tentative] Freshman candidates Confirmation Retreat at St. Fidelis

10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

##### Wednesday, October 24

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

##### Sunday, October 28

Jr. CYO – Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat

##### Wednesday, October 31

No Religious Ed classes – Halloween

#### NOVEMBER CALENDAR

##### Thursday, November 1

PAC and Religious Ed Office closed – All Saints Day

6:45 A.M. – All Saints Day A.M. Mass

7 P.M. – All Saints Day P.M. Mass

##### Sunday, November 4

10:00 A.M. Mass – Entrance & Covenant Rites (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation candidates)

Confirmation retreat for sophomores and sponsors immediately following Mass at St. Fidelis Church

## “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 ccjpc@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, September 18**, at Thirsty’s Bar & Grill, 2704 Vine St., Hays. They will then gather at 7:00 in The Center for Life Experience.

**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 5:00 p.m. **Wednesday, September 26**, at Thirsty’s Bar & Grill, 2704 Vine St., Hays. They will then gather at 7:00 in The Center for Life Experience.

## TGI—FAMILY NIGHT OUT

Share with other parents what works and does not work in raising healthy children and building strong families. Interactive learning from a variety of professionals in their area of specialization related to child and family relationships. For all families in our community with children 0-10 years of age. **Tuesday, September 25, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** *“Your Child’s Rapidly Developing Brain—and You”* will be presented by Ken Windholz, MS, LCP, LMLP, psychologist. There will be a meal and childcare provided. *RSVP by September 24, 2018*, to Ann at 785-259-6859, Karla at 785-623-2430, or Kaysie at 785-623-2440.

## Single and Beyond

Single and Beyond is an ecumenical Christian social group for divorced, widowed, and single people located in or near Hays. Their mission is to provide friendship, support, and understanding to one another. Contact Nancy at 785-432-0533 or [singleandbeyond@gmail.com](mailto:singleandbeyond@gmail.com). There will be a food and fellowship gathering on **Wednesday, September 19**, at Thirsty’s Grill & Pub, 2704 Vine St., Hays, at 6:00 p.m. All singles welcome; bring a friend.

## CANCER COUNCIL OF ELLIS COUNTY

“Reflections” is the theme for the 23rd Annual “Day of Caring” brunch and fashion show at FHSU Memorial Union on October 6, 2018 beginning at 9 AM. Come celebrate a day of Breast Cancer Awareness and Survivorship. Models are breast cancer survivors. Tickets available for \$20 a person until October 1st. For more information call the Cancer Council of Ellis County, 625-6653.

## ST. FIDELIS GIFT SHOP

Come in to the Parish Activity Center and check out the merchandise in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop. Besides our cookbooks, history books, The Herzoger, Church magnets and postcards we have many gift items available. For example, we have many styles of rosaries, statues, holy water bottles, jewelry, key chains, children’s books, stuffed animals, crucifixes, wheat weaved crosses, beaded angels, nativity sets, Christmas ornaments and many other items for yourself or for gifts. We can also order specific items if there is something special you may want. We are open Monday-Thursday from 8:30-4:30 and Friday from 8:30-noon.

## Do you know

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society has been active in our parish since 1887.  
 All women of the parish are welcome and encouraged to join.

Our primary purpose is to encourage our youth in their faith and to support our parish.

Our prayers are joined with prayers of other women throughout the world.

We not only support the religious education of our youth, but also have supported some school programs.

We promote the faith through donations to numerous different organizations in the area & out of state.

We have almost 100 members and want to see that number increase.

We invite any woman of the parish to join us at Mass on Monday evening, Sept. 24, at 7:00 p.m. and then join us for our short business meeting immediately following. The meeting is held in the north sacristy and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Jane Wagner at 735-2587.

## Transitus of St. Francis Celebration

The Secular Franciscans of St. Joseph Fraternity invite everyone to join them in celebrating **the Transitus of St. Francis on Wednesday, October 3, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.** in the small San Damiano chapel at the Basilica of St. Fidelis in Victoria. A social will follow the prayer service. For more information, call 785-628-3107.

### 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 Communion, 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.

### City Council Meeting

Victoria City Council meetings are held on the third Monday of the month. This month's meeting will be **Monday, September 17**, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Community residents are encouraged to attend.

## Victoria Schools Calendar



#### Monday — September 17

Lunch Menu: Chicken breast, hand tossed bun, chicken flavored rice, green beans, pears, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

4:00 pm HS VB vs Russell

6:30 pm HS JV football @ Spearville

#### Tuesday — September 18

Lunch Menu: Cheeseburger pocket, steamed peas, fresh cauliflower fruit cocktail, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

4:00 HS VB @ Ness City

#### Wednesday — September 19

Yearbook ad sales in Russell

Lunch Menu: Roast beef w/gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, orange slices, dinner roll, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

#### Thursday — September 20

Lunch Menu: Mexican chicken, black bean salsa w/chips, apple sauce, cinnamon bread, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

Ks. Supreme Court of Appeals presentation in the auditorium

4:30 JH VB vs Ness City

5:00 Cross Country @ Hill City

6:30 JH FB vs Ness City

#### Friday — September 21

Lunch Menu: Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, cantaloupe, salad, milk

AIM period—HS students will have SEL time. JH students will have directed study

7:00 pm HS Football @ Lincoln

#### Saturday — September 22

9:00 am Varsity Tennis Tournament @ Trego



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.

### 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 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We are once again collecting **Box Tops and Pop Tabs**. We are also a part of the **Dillons Community Awards Program**. Our school receives money for our activity fund with the Box Tops. We have earned \$13,649.79 for VES just by clipping that little Box Top! Be sure to sign up online to enroll in Dillons Community Rewards, and each time you swipe your Dillons Plus Shopper's Card, USD 432 automatically starts earning a rebate. The Pop Tabs are delivered to Topeka to the Ronald McDonald House where they are recycled, and the money raised goes to help with the cost of operating the house. Last year we collected 163 pounds of pop tabs, which totaled \$75.00 that we delivered to the RMH. We will be turning in Box Tops at the end of February and the Pop Tabs will be delivered to Topeka over Spring Break. Ask grandparents, neighbors and anyone else you know to help us collect these items and swipe those Dillons cards this school year.

There will not be any Masses at the Basilica of St. Fidelis on Thursday and Friday, September 20-21, and Friday, September 28. Fr John will not be available.

## 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](http://www.usccb.org/pray). (Friday Novena prayers AND lessons taken from the [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) website)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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: Abortion stops a beating heart.

Abortion advocates usually refer to the human being growing in her/his mother's womb in dehumanizing terms like "product of conception" and suggest that most abortions are done before fetal organs are functioning.



Actually, the vast majority are done after the fetal heart has begun beating. A baby's heart begins to beat at about 21 or 22 days after fertilization.<sup>1</sup> That's at about 3 weeks of development. The vast majority of abortions in the United States are done well after this point.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Keith L. Moore and T.V.N. Persaud, *The Developing Human: Clinically Oriented Embryology*, 7th edition: Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders Co., 2003, at 330.

<sup>2</sup> 60% are done after the 6th week of "gestational age" counting from the last menstrual period, or the 4th week of development. Jatlaoui TC, Shah J, Mandel MG, et al. Abortion Surveillance—United States, 2014. *MMWR Surveill Summ* 2017; 66(No. SS-24):1-48.

### 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

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>SEPTEMBER 17</b>
7:00 pm Eldon Schmidtberger	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>SEPTEMBER 18</b>
6:45 am For the parishes	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Fran Glimes .....	<b>SEPTEMBER 19</b>
6:45 am	
<b>NO MASSES THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20-21</b>	
<b>FR. JOHN WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>SEPTEMBER 22</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Adolph Billinger	
Bob and Marie (anniv) Schmidtberger	
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME .... SEPTEMBER 23</b>
7:30 am St. Ann Marie Schmidtberger	
8:45 am St. Boniface Anton and Anna (anniv) Schmeidler family	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Paul and Mary Miller family living and deceased	

### \* 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

**Saturday, Sep. 22, 5:00 PM** — Becky and Jim Scheck

**Sunday, Sep. 23, 10:00 AM** — Christy and Lydia Sander

### ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, Sep. 22, 5:00 PM** — Emma Rae & Ethan R., Myah Y.

**Sunday, Sep. 23, 10:00 AM** — Drayden K., Lauren K., Averi W.

**Saturday, Sep. 29, 5:00 PM** — Jarron & Jillian S., Juliana D.

**Sunday, Sep. 30, 10:00 AM** — Caidyn D., 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.