

*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)

## October 7, 2018 – 27th 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

**Oct. 26** — No Mass @ St. Fidelis — Fr. John not available  
**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  
**Nov. 4** — Daylight Savings Time Ends  
**Nov. 6** — Election Day  
**Nov. 11** — Veterans Day  
**Nov. 21** — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon for Thanksgiving  
**Nov. 22** — Thanksgiving Day—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**Nov. 23** — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for



(from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 10:2-16)

*Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*

**Tomorrow—Monday, October 8,  
is Columbus Day.  
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.**





In today's gospel reading from Mark Jesus prohibits remarriage after divorce. The other gospels have a similar message. Apparently, divorce with remarriage was a difficult issue in gospel times as it is in our age. Here are some of Pope Francis' thoughts on this difficult problem.



circumstances of their life."

"The very different situations of couples are not to be pigeonholed in predetermined classifications. Of special consideration is a second union consolidated over time, with new children, proven fidelity, generous self giving, Christian commitment, a consciousness of its irregularity, and of the great difficulty of going back without falling into new sins."

"Some have made every effort to save their first marriage and were unjustly abandoned, who have entered into a second union for the sake of the children, and are morally certain that their irreparably broken marriage had never been valid. The Church acknowledges serious reasons, such as the care of children, where a couple cannot satisfy the obligation to separate."

"The divorced and remarried should ask themselves how they acted toward their children when the marriage was in crisis; if they made attempts at reconciliation; what has become of the abandoned party; the effect of the new relationship on their family and the community of the faithful; and what example is being set for those who are preparing for marriage."

"Conversation with a compassionate priest can help to form a correct judgment on what hinders a fuller participation in the life of the Church. This discernment requires humility, discretion, a love for the Church and her teaching, a sincere search for God's will and a desire to make a more perfect response to it. This inquiry will help the couple to clarify their situation before God and what steps can be taken to foster their spiritual life and make it grow."

"The Church's way has always been the way of Jesus, not to condemn anyone forever, but to pour out the balm of God's mercy on all those who ask for it with a sincere heart, for true charity is always unmerited and gratuitous."

"Divorced and remarried couples should always be made to feel part of the church. They are not excommunicated and should not be treated as such, since they remain part of the community of faith."

"Couples in irregular marriages should seek in prayer to understand the divine activity of grace in their lives and to discern humbly how God is acting in the difficult and unusual

## 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  
email: fidelis@ruraltel.net

### 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: sftech@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 22-23, 2018

### ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2275.00 Loose 1178.31  
Repair Fund 15.00

### ST. ANN:

Adult 97.00 Loose 258.00  
Repair Fund 15.00

### ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 255.00 Loose 273.00  
Candles 18.00

### ~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

**October 9 (Tuesday)** — Anita Braun, Marilyn Braun  
**October 15** — Bob and Phyllis Stramel

# ANNUAL Family Picnic

for the tri-Parishes

Sponsored by  
 **KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
Council 1867 Victoria, Ks.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED!  
BRING THE FAMILY!**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018 • AFTER 5:00 P.M. MASS  
MOVED TO THE VICTORIA V.F.W. HALL DUE  
TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FORECASTS!**

Knights will be serving: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, and Pop

**ALL FREE!** **COME JOIN THE FUN!**

## With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Robert J. "A." Schmidtberger**, who passed away on Wednesday, September 26, 2018. Services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Saturday, September 29. A private family inurnment will be held at a later date.

## PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

As long as we live, they too will live; for they are now a part of us; as we remember them.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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### MONTHLY MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, October 9**, at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

### VICTORIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #1867 "30 DAYS OF CASH GIVEAWAY" NOVEMBER 1—NOVEMBER 30, 2018

**\$25 DONATION PER TICKET**

**Maximum of 500 raffle tickets  
will be sold**

Winners will be notified daily.

Every ticket will be included in all 30 daily drawings.

**YOU COULD WIN MULTIPLE TIMES!!**

PRIZES:

Nov. 1-25—\$100 (each day); Nov. 26-27—\$250 (each day);  
Nov. 28—\$500; Nov. 29—\$750; Nov. 30—\$2,000

**Visit your local Knights of Columbus members for tickets.**

*Net proceeds will go to the  
Victoria Knights of Columbus Council #1867 for local charities.*

## 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 or you may pick one up at the Parish Office.

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.

Tri-Parish

# Cards & Games Party

~ TODAY ~ • Sunday, April 8 • 2:00 — 4:00 p.m.

Parish Activity Center (north entrance)

*Everyone is invited.*

*Pick up a friend and come join the fun!*

***There will  
be snacks.***

*You are welcomed  
to bring a snack of  
any kind for  
everyone to enjoy.*



**LET'S PLAY!**

- Pinochle
- Farkle
- Dominos
- Rummikub
- Phase 10

## Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat

**When? Sunday  
October 28th  
2:00—4:00 P.M.**

Once again, local Victoria youth groups will be collecting canned goods/nonperishable items for the Ellis County Community Assistance Center in Hays which provides food, clothing, and household items to those in need in Ellis County. Items can be stacked on your porch, by 2 P.M., for pickup. The community's support is appreciated.

## OCTOBER 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)).

For the safety and healing of children,  
the Diocese of Salina provides an

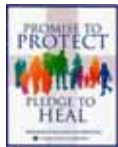
**Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline****785-825-0865**

along with an email

**[reportabuse@salinadiocese.org](mailto:reportabuse@salinadiocese.org)**

Calls/emails will be answered by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator. All calls/emails are confidential with the following exception:

Any allegation of child abuse concerning those who currently are minors must be reported to the **Kansas Protection Report Center (1-800-922-5330)** as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy.



This bulletin announcement provided by the Diocesan Office of Safety and Security—Diocese of Salina, PO Box 980, Salina, KS 67402-0980.

# OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

## October 7 is Respect Life Sunday

**Time for Healing**

(from the October 2018 issue of *The Shepherd*,  
the Diocese of Salina Safe Environment Newsletter)

With the recent release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report, many Dioceses have been mobilized into action. The Diocese of Salina is no exception. The sins and criminal acts of many have caused a great deal of pain and suffering for the individual victims and the community.

Bishop Vincke refers to the clergy sexual abuse scandal as a “Time for Healing”. Bishop Vincke says it is completely understandable to have feelings of frustration, anger and confusion. The church scandal is weighing on all of us, and when one suffers, we all suffer. As our new Shepherd, “I will do all I can to make sure we do things the right way. I will have to gain your trust. I will give my life to you. The Lord has chosen me to be your Shepherd during this difficult time in the church. Pray for me. This might be a long process, however we put our trust in the Lord who will bring a greater good out of this than we can ever imagine”.

As a community of faith let us pray for God’s wisdom and strength for renewal.

**Diocese March for Life Trip — Deadline Extended**

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 October 10, 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.

***Anniversary Masses***

The Diocese of Salina wishes to honor all couples who are celebrating 1st anniversaries and ALL other anniversaries ending in 0 or 5. Masses with Bishop Gerald L. Vincke are planned at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Salina, 3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 21, 2018**, and **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Hays, 3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 28, 2018**.

If you would like to participate, please complete the registration form in the September 23 bulletin or online at [salinadiocese.org/family-life](http://salinadiocese.org/family-life), or call the Office of Family Life at 785-827-8746. Each couple wishing to attend an Anniversary Mass must register with the Family Life Office. If you have questions, please contact [familylife@salinadiocese.org](mailto:familylife@salinadiocese.org) or 785-827-8746.

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS OCTOBER 7, 2018.**

## CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION CALENDAR

### OCTOBER CALENDER

**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 CALENDER

**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

## St. Boniface—Freshman Entrance Rites

Freshman confirmandi of St. Boniface will be presented to their parish, during the Entrance Rites, on Sunday, November 4, during the 8:45 A.M. Mass at St. Boniface.



If you live in Victoria you can also contribute to this by leaving nonperishable items on your front door step on Sunday, October 28, by 2 PM

**Where?** Victoria's Tin Gym/Auditorium

**When?** Sunday, October 28 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

**Who?** 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders plus parents, families, &

siblings are welcome and needed to go door to door and pick-up items from the community! 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders: to help count, package and load items as they arrive to the tin gym.

**Adults (25 years +)** needed to drive/transport. Adults must complete diocesan required background check and online training. This is free and only takes 90 minutes of your time! Once completed, it is good for five years.

\*Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat is being overseen by the Office of Youth Ministry. All adults who would like to volunteer need to contact Jeanette Brungardt at St. Fidelis' Parish Office.

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles — your child, our youth, need YOU! In order to support a thriving youth ministry and children's ministry program, WE need YOU! The diocesan guidelines state that all adults volunteering within youth ministry or Religious Ed activities MUST complete a background check and online training.



This involvement includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Providing support to catechists during Religious Ed classes
2. Substitute teaching
3. Supervising youth during Jr. CYO and CYO day activities and/or overnight trips — Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat, Christmas caroling and delivering care packages, Lenten Mass / retreat, dinner or dance with the youth
4. Transporting youth during Jr. CYO and CYO day activities and/or overnight trips — CYO ski trip, March for Life, National Catholic Youth Conference, local retreats/speaking events, CYO Convention, etc.
5. Assisting with Vacation Bible School: supervising, teaching, etc.
6. Providing support or teaching during Liturgy of the Word for Children on Sunday's

If you have an interest and wish to be considered for volunteering within Religious Education and Youth Ministry activities, then please take some time to complete these diocesan requirements now. Or if you believe there will ever come a time where you could provide assistance at any activity within the parishes of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface — PLEASE complete this training now! :) You don't know how much that support means to our youth. By completing the following diocesan background check and training you are not committing yourself to any specific activity but it does help us to be able to quickly call upon parents and adult chaperones when the need arises.

Our youth display a growing excitement and yearning for participation in the church and community within the children's and youth ministries such as Jubilee Choir, Liturgy of the Word for Children, Jr. CYO, CYO, etc. It is SO wonderful to see. This year for example, we have 20+ youth interested in attending the CYO Ski Trip in December. We have youth interested in even more local events such as dinners, game nights, etc. These won't be possible without adequate adult leadership and chaperones. In short — we need you! **If we do not have enough adult leadership that have completed the background check and online training than we have to limit the amount of youth we can take or not offer activities.** This applies to all activities within our children and youth ministry program.

If you could take the time, allow about 1 1/2 to 2 hours altogether to complete this training and background check, you can make a difference and help support your child and the youth ministry as well as the religious education programs! This training is also good for five years. Please contact Jeanette in the Rel Ed Office for further details

Thank you sincerely,  
Jeanette Brungardt &

The children and youth active in our Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs at St. Fidelis, St. Ann, & St. Boniface

Questions? Please contact Jeanette at 785-735-9244 Email: Fidelisyouth@ruraitel.net Cell: 785-639-5067



Attention Religious Ed families:

Between September 26 to October 24, all classes will practice utilizing alternative fire escape routes. For those classes on the second floor, the alternative routes include the exterior fire escapes. For those classrooms in the basement, the alternative routes include the egress windows & step ladders.

Notifications will be published on Seesaw as to when your child's class will be participating in this evacuation and preparedness course. If your child has an injury which limits them from using alternative fire escapes, please notify Jeanette Brungardt, as we do not wish to cause injury or aggravate current injuries. Please still send your child to religion as this drill will only take a small portion of the evening and catechists do have lesson plans in place. Thank you!

**The March for Life attendees, youth,  
WILL HOST A  
Spaghetti supper and game night for  
St. Ann's parishioners and our tri-parish  
families of St. Fidelis and St. Boniface**

**Saturday, November 3,  
at St. Ann's parish hall following the 6:30 P.M. Mass at  
St. Ann's Church in Walker.**

**This is a very family and children friendly event;  
we sincerely hope you can join us!**

Festivities will be held in St. Ann's parish hall and begin immediately following Mass. The evening will include a spaghetti and meat ball supper prepared and served by our March for Life youth, complimented with a dinner salad, garlic bread, and refreshments. If St. Ann parishioners would like to bring a side dish or dessert, they are most welcome to. The youth will host the children's games during the evening while the adults socialize and partake in card games and board games following dinner.



**Freshman Confirmation Retreat**



The 9th grade Confirmation retreat will be held on **Sunday, October 21**. The retreat will begin with the 10:00 A.M. Mass at St. Fidelis. Seating at the front of church will be reserved for the freshman class, catechists, & chaperones attending. This retreat is for the confirmandi only, no sponsors. Parents, if you wish to chaperone this retreat, you are welcome to. (Only a few chaperones will be needed.) If not already completed, chaperones will be asked to complete the online background check and training through [CMGconnect.org](http://CMGconnect.org) at least one week prior to the retreat date. Please speak with Jeanette for further details/instructions.

COMMUNITY

**Mary Kay Schippers' Books Available in Gift Shop**



"A Year on the Family Farm" (\$13) and its sequel, "Another Year on the Family Farm" (\$15), by Mary Kay Schippers are available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop. Profits go to the Tri-Parishes.

**V.F.W. and Auxiliary Meetings**



The V.F.W. and the V.F.W. Auxiliary will meet on **Thursday, October 11**, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall.



The Auxiliary will have an inspection with the District President attending. They will have a luncheon at 6:30 p.m., followed by a meeting at 7:30.

Members are encouraged to attend.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

**Monthly Meeting**

The Victoria Daughters of Isabella will meet on **Monday, October 8**, starting with a Respect for Life Rosary at 7:00 p.m. and the regular meeting following at 7:30, all taking place at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

**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.

ADULT CHOIR

**Choir Practice**

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

Wednesdays, October 10, and 17; and Tuesday, October 23.

Wednesdays, November 7 and 14; Monday, November 19; and Tuesday, November 27.

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.



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.

## Divine Mercy Radio's Coats 4 Floats

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 Tuesday, October 9, 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, October 13, at Master Cleaners and Top Notch Cleaners, both on 8th Street in Hays. Divine Mercy Radio thanks all the participating businesses in this endeavor to keep everyone in the community warm this winter.

## Polka Dance

The Sunflower Polka Club is hosting a dance featuring the most famous Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen on **Sunday, October 14**, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Holyrood. Cost is \$10. All are welcome.

## 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.

**TIME 6:30-7:30 PM**

Victoria Recreation Commission nor USD 432 will be responsible for any accidents, injuries, or lost or stolen articles. They ask that you bring your own equipment (basketballs, volleyball, etc.), please be respectful of the school property, and clean up after yourself. No alcohol or tobacco products allowed. You will be asked to sign in when you come.

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.

### October - March Schedule (Must be over 18)

OCTOBER	DECEMBER	FEBRUARY
3 Men	5 Men	6 Men
10 Women	12 District	13 Women
17 Men	Christmas	20 Men
24 Women	Concert	27 Women
	19 Women	
NOVEMBER	JANUARY	MARCH
7 Men	2 Christmas Break	3 Ash Wednesday
14 Women	9 Men	13 Spring Break
21 Thanksgiving Break	16 Women	20 Men
28 Men	23 Men	27 Woman
	30 Women	

## Rosary Rally

Please join the Local Rosary Rally in praying for our nation.

**DATE: Saturday, October 13, 2018**

**TIME: 12:00 noon**

**LOCATION: Blessed Mother Statue at the southeast corner of the Parish Office, 601 10th St.**



*Please bring your own chair (some will be provided)*

## 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, on **Sunday, October 21, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.** 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 and can be purchased from any St. Catherine Christian Mother from September 24 until 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.

## Wheelchair Wanted

If anyone has a wheelchair they are looking to get rid of, the Victoria Elementary School would take it.



## First Care Clinic

Hours are:

**Monday - Thursday  
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Friday 8:30 AM - Noon**

**Phone: 785-735-3710**

## Collecting Box Tops and Pop Tabs

The Victoria Elementary School is collecting Box Tops and pop tabs. The school receives money for their activity fund with the Box Tops. The school is also a part of the Dillons Community Awards Program. Be sure to sign up online to enroll in the program. Each time you swipe your Dillons Plus Shopper's Card, USD 432 automatically starts earning a rebate.

The pop tabs are delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Topeka, where they are recycled. Money raised helps with the cost of operating the house.

The school will turn in Box Tops at the end of February and the pop tabs will be delivered over spring break. Ask grandparents, neighbors, and anyone else you know to help collect these items and swipe those Dillons cards this school year.

## "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](mailto:ccfpc@ruraltel.net).

**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 5:30 p.m. **Wednesday, October 10**, at Chinese Food Express, 1312 Main St., Hays. They will then gather at 7:00 in The Center for Life Experience.

**HEALING HEARTS** is a program providing support for immediate family members who are healing from the death of a child in their lives. It is where parents, grandparents, and siblings can connect with others who understand the journey toward healing after the loss of a child. The group will meet on **Thursday, October 11**, at 7:00 p.m. in The Center for Life Experience.

## Victoria Schools Calendar

### Monday — October 8 — No School — Teacher In-service

4:00 pm HS volleyball vs Plainville  
 7:30 pm BOE meeting

### Tuesday — October 9

Victoria Fire Department Fire Prevention/Demonstration @ VES & VJSHS

Lunch Menu: Sub sandwich, Dorito chips, fresh broccoli, steam carrots, pineapple, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

4:00 pm HS volleyball vs Macksville with LaCrosse

### Wednesday — October 10

FFA dairy cattle judging in Bird City, KS. Ms. Littrell and select students will attend

LifeTouch fall 2nd chance pictures

Lunch Menu: Bierock, steamed peas, orange slices, oatmeal sugar cookie, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

### Thursday — October 11

9:00 am 3rd and 4th Grades to FHSU

12:15 pm Kindergarten and 1st Grade to FHSU

Lunch Menu: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, corn, grapes, cinnamon bread, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

4:00 pm CPL cross country @ Ness City. Depart 2:10

4:30 pm JH volleyball @ Ellinwood. Depart 2:30

6:30 pm JH football @ Ellinwood

### Friday — October 12

KSHSAA state tennis in Pratt

8:00 am Pre-school to Pumpkin Patch

Lunch Menu: Goulash, green beans, peaches, bead sticks, salad, milk

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

7:00 pm HS football @ Hill City. Depart 3:50

### Saturday — October 13

KSHSAA state tennis in Pratt

HS volleyball-CPL tournament @ Kinsley

## 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!



**American Red Cross**

*Give blood. Help save lives.*



**Blood Drive**  
**Victoria Community**  
**VFW**

204 E Main  
**Tuesday, October 16**  
**9:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.  
 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

Anyone who donates blood during October 2018 will be automatically entered to win one of five \$500 gift cards redeemable at hundreds of merchants, including Dick's Sporting Goods, Fanatics.com, The Home Depot, and Buffalo Wild Wings.\*

\*Terms and conditions apply.

HOW TO STUDY  
AND PRAY  
THE PSALMS

# PSALMS

TUESDAYS

7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 16, 23, AND 30  
AND NOVEMBER 6

CAPUCHIN CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE

PRESENTED BY  
FR. EARL MEYER, OFM CAP.

## REFLECTIONS

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the coffee? You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea.

The point is whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which will happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled.

So, we have to ask ourselves, "What's in my cup?"

When life gets tough, what spills out? Joy, gratefulness, peace, and humility? Or do anger, bitterness, harsh words, and reactions come out? You choose!

Today let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, kindness, gentleness, and love for others.

~Reflections on Facebook

### 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>COLUMBUS DAY</b> .....	<b>OCTOBER 8</b>
7:00 pm Al and Betty Basgall		
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....		<b>OCTOBER 9</b>
6:45 am Bernadine Meyer		
Mary Lou Wherry		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....		<b>OCTOBER 10</b>
6:45 am Derek Dreiling		
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....		<b>OCTOBER 11</b>
6:45 am Albert and Almeda Hoffman		
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....		<b>OCTOBER 12</b>
6:45 am Louise Schmidtberger and Jonah Schmidtberger		
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....		<b>OCTOBER 13</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Herman, Regina, and Joyce Brungardt		
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> .....	<b>OCTOBER 14</b>
7:30 am St. Ann John and Veronica Rupp family		
John and Mary Geist family		
8:45 am St. Boniface Clarita Braun		
Julian Huser		
10:00 am St. Fidelis Albert and Louise Pfeifer		

### \* 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, Oct. 13, 5:00 PM** — Marilyn Braun  
**Sunday, Oct. 14, 10:00 AM** — Children's Choir

### ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, Oct. 13, 5:00 PM** — Mackenzie H., Jillian S., Abby B.  
**Sunday, Oct. 14, 10:00 AM** — Brinly L., Brody & Brooklyn N.  
**Saturday, Oct. 20, 5:00 PM** — Leah D., Lauren K., Jaxon D.  
**Sunday, Oct. 21, 10:00 AM** — Sienna S., Vance H., Wyatt G.

## 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.