

«Beacon of Faith»
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

«Cathedral of the Plains»
THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

«Pearl of the Prairie»
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Office:	601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 • 785-735-2777 • Fax: 785-735-2779 Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00	Catholic Faith Education Office: 785-735-9244
Gift Shop Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30–noon and 1:00–4:30 Friday: 8:30–noon	Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, In-Home Mass, Holy Communion to Homebound: Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events.	Morning Coffee: Thursdays 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Office with the Pastor & friends
St. Fidelis Thrift Shop: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00–2:00; Wednesday 10:00–3:30; Thursday 10:00–4:00 If these hours do not work to drop off donations, contact Jan at the Parish Office.		St. Fidelis Food Pantry: For residents of the tri-parishes. Call the Parish Office. Donations accepted.
BULLETIN ITEMS: Deadline is Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Connie at the Parish Office (sftch@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777)		

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

December 15, 2019 – Third 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 • 9:30 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. 21 — First Day of Winter
Dec. 23-27 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas holiday
Dec. 31 — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for New Years holiday
Jan. 1 — Mary, Mother of God — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Jan. 12 — Card Party 2:00-4:00 @ PAC
Jan. 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Jan. 29 — Kansas Day—159 years old
Feb. 1-2 — Blessing of throats after Mass
Feb. 2 — Boy Scout Sunday
Feb. 2 — Groundhog Day
Feb. 9 — Confirmation @ 9:00 Mass at St. Fidelis (No 10:00 Mass that day; Mass at St. Boniface will be at 7:45)

“ARE YOU THE ONE WHO IS TO COME,
 OR SHOULD WE LOOK FOR ANOTHER?”





The One Who is to Come



“Are you the one who is to come, or do we look for another?” The vague response of Christ to that question must have disappointed his disciples. They were expecting a Messiah who would restore the political fortunes of Israel. They hoped for a new Moses, another Solomon, a king greater than David. But Jesus was a different kind of Messiah, one that few expected. The greatest surprise was that His kingdom is not of this world.

That is a key concept from today’s gospel to reflect on these days before Christmas. His kingdom is not of this world. His kingdom is *in* this world, but it is not *of* this world. *In this world, but not of this world.*

Most of our traditional Christmas customs are good and enriching. They can open our hearts, lift our spirits, renew our hope. But they are of this world. They are not Christmas. They can predispose us to the truth of Christmas. In the words of John the Baptist, they can “prepare the way of the Lord.” In theological terms, grace builds on nature.

His coming this Christmas is more than an anniversary of his historic birth. It is to be the rebirth of Christ in our hearts. Christmas is celebrating a renewed sense of God’s presence in our life.

In gospel times people had grand hopes for the promised Messiah. In our age people have great expectations for Christmas. It is a time of goodwill, peace on earth, memories

of simple joys in simpler times. It is a time of charity to the needy, and special kindness to those we love. Those are good and wonderful human sentiments.

But for Christians, Christmas should be more, much more. We Christians need to be clear as to what we believe about the identity of the One born at Christmas. He is not just the Prince of Peace, a title even the pagans concede. He is not just the Lord of Lords; not an earthly ruler. He is the One who is to come, the promised Messiah, the Divine Son of God. He is the infant who will die and will rise. Anything less is not the gospel. And celebrating Christmas as anything less, is not our Christian faith.

Enjoy your greeting cards, your gifts, and your family gatherings. May they lift your heart and your soul to know that the infant born in Bethlehem is the source of all holiness, all happiness, and all hope. He is Emanuel, the presence of God with us and within us.

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A dyslexic devil worshipper sold his soul to Santa.

Parish Staff

Pastor:

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Darlene Dreiling

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Lou Ann Hammersmith

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Council Members

St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

Peggy Fitzpatrick 735-8186 (Chair)
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Doug Kuhn 650-1058 (Bldgs & Grounds)
John Schulte 735-2444
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Gina Oberle 735-8056
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Contributions December 7-8, 2019

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 3098.00 Loose 1176.30
Retired Religious 301.00
Repair Fund 40.00
Cemetery 25.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 627.00 Loose 100.00
Retired Religious 45.00
Cemetery 10.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 385.00 Loose 224.00
Retired Religious 130.00
Candles 84.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Dec. 16 — Kenny and Bertha Brungardt

Dec. 23 — Anita Braun, Marilyn Braun

Christmas Basket Drive

The Tri-Parish Family Life Christmas Basket Drive is underway.

It works much better for us if we have monetary donations to purchase the necessary items. However, if you wish to donate food items we need the following items: ham, turkeys, stove top stuffing, gravy mix, pasta sides, chicken, chicken broth.

You may drop your items off anytime during office hours at the PAC. We will need these items **before Tuesday, December 17.**



You may drop your monetary donations in the collection baskets and mark them for Christmas boxes or bring it to the parish office.

If you or anyone you know is in need of a food basket for Christmas, please let Jan at the Parish Office know. Thank You!!!

Every time I decide to go on a diet, the lettuce is contaminated!



ADULT CHOIR

CHOIR PRACTICE

The Adult Choir will practice on **Wednesday evenings at 7:30** in the choir loft at 7:00 p.m.

Practice will continue through December.

New members are always welcome. Please join them in the choir loft on Wednesday evenings.

ST. ANN


Calling all Christian Mothers of Walker

St. Ann Church will be cleaned the morning of **Saturday, December 14,** starting at 10:00.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO HELP!




Sometimes you have to let go of the picture of what you thought life would be like and learn to find joy in the story you are actually living.



Advent Scripture Study

"The Christmas Story in the Gospel of Matthew"
Liturgical Year A
Fr. Earl Meyer
Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.
December 10 and 17
Center for Spiritual Life
Bring a Bible



St. Ann Parish Annual CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

in the parish hall
immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Mass
Saturday, December 14, 2019
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
Drinks will be provided.

Father of mercy,

we come before you with gratitude for the fifty years of priesthood of Pope Francis, whom you have made Peter’s successor.

Support him with the Spirit’s gifts, so that he can continue to preach the Gospel with priestly zeal and lead the Church with wisdom and strength and courage.

May his example of long and faithful service be an inspiration to your priests and to all your faithful.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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.

2019 Holiday Schedule

CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT

Monday Evenings at St. Fidelis

after 7:00 p.m. Mass (around 7:30 p.m.)
No confessions scheduled on the Mondays of December 2, December 23, or December 30

SPECIAL CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 21, 11:00 a.m. until noon

**ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY
at the Spiritual Life Center**

presented by Fr. Earl Meyer

Tuesdays, December 10 and 17 • 7:00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

at St. Fidelis, Victoria

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Thursdays

(No Adoration on Thursdays, November 28 and December 26)

24-HOUR EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

at St. Boniface, Vincent

from 8:00 a.m. Saturday, December 14,
until 8:00 a.m. Sunday, December 15

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

(Christmas is a Holy Day of obligation)

Tuesday, 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.

Wednesday, December 25 — Christmas

8:45 a.m. • St. Boniface, Vincent

10:00 a.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

**NO MASSES AT ST. FIDELIS ON
Monday, December 23, and
Thursday - Friday, December 26-27**

NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE

Mary, Mother of God

(a Holy Day of obligation)

Tuesday, December 31 — New Year’s Eve

5:30 p.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

Wednesday, January 1 — New Year’s Day

9:00 a.m. • St. Fidelis, Victoria

**NO MASSES AT ST. FIDELIS ON
Monday, December 30, and
Thursday - Friday, January 2-3**



First Communion

The date for First Communion, for the second grade class, has been changed from Sunday, May 3, to Sunday, April 26.

Liturgy Committee Meeting

The Liturgy Committee meeting time has been changed from 5:30 P.M. to 5:15 P.M. The meeting will still be held on Monday, January 13, in the Parish Office.

Religious Education

There are no Religious Education classes on the following Wednesdays:
December 18, December 25, & January 1

Religious Education and Youth Ministry Calendar of Events

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 18

No Religious Education classes

Thursday, December 19

Homeschooled students – Session 5 & 6 Due

Monday, December 23

3 P.M. – Jubilee Choir & LWC Christmas Pageant practice in St. Fidelis Church

December 23 – January 1

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 P.M. – Christmas Eve Mass and Christmas Pageant, Jubilee Choir sings

Wednesday, December 25

No Religious Ed classes

Saturday, December 28 – Tuesday,

December 31

CYO Ski Trip

Sunday, December 29

No Liturgy of the Word for Children

JANUARY CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 1

No Religious Ed classes

Wednesday, January 8

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

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

7:10 P.M. – Children’s Mass during religion – parents welcome to join during Mass & classes will be dismissed from St. Fidelis Church

Sunday, January 12

10:00 A.M. Mass – Jubilee Choir sings

Wednesday, January 15

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

Wednesday, January 22

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

Wednesday, January 29

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

Thursday, January 30

Homeschooled Sessions 7 & 8 Due*

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 5

2:20 – 3:15 P.M. – Kindergarten gathering

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

Sunday, February 9

9:00 A.M. – Bishop Vincke presides over Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Fidelis

There is no 10:00 A.M. Mass

Wednesday, February 12

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

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – 1st Communion parent meeting Part 1/2

Wednesday, February 19

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

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – 1st Communion parent meeting Part 2/2

Notes from Jan Brungardt

The 2020 title envelopes are available in church. Please begin using these on January 1, 2020. Some of you have a different envelope number. Please try to use your envelopes all year long. It makes tracking your donations much easier.

Thank you to the Victoria Elementary School, the Victoria Middle School, and the Victoria High School for their generous donations to the St. Fidelis Food Pantry. Your donations more than filled the shelves. Most of the donations will go towards the Christmas boxes.

Another thank you to all those who support the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop. We have sales of over \$1,000.00 per month almost every month. The volunteers work hard every day to keep the store neat and orderly. A huge thank you to all of those who volunteer.

The St. Fidelis Gift Shop inside the PAC has Christmas, rosaries, cookbooks, and many other items available for purchase. Please stop buy and show your support for the gift shop.

Thanks,
Jan Brungardt



Q.: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

A.: Frosted Flakes.

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DECEMBER HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

In this season of gift-giving, help improve a life by giving a donation to help a survivor of Human Trafficking.

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking
(sistersagainstrafficking.org).

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEGDED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGDED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	13,200.00	14,550.00	12,378.33	71
Vincent	1,000.00	365.00	365.00	5
Walker	5,600.00	8,670.00	8,044.97	11

As of December 10, 2019,
\$1,759,705.08 has been pledged and \$1,650,191.97 has been received toward the \$1.4 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

COMMUNITY

We know our loved ones,
Annie & Rick Schenk,
have joined the choirs of heaven
and it is the kind thoughts, words,
and deeds of every one of our friends
and church community members
which has made their passing
more bearable.

Thank You

from the very depths
of our hearts.

Larry & Charlotte Linsner



Announcer Needed

USD #432, Victoria, is looking for someone to announce varsity basketball games this season. If interested, contact Dylan Dronberger at Victoria Jr. Sr. High School at 785-735-9211.

Victoria Schools Calendar



Monday — December 16

11:30 am LifeTouch winter sports team pictures
 Lunch Menu: Brautwurst with bun, baked beans, mixed vegetables, grapes, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Grade Check/Activity
 3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
 4:00 pm JH basketball @ Ellis. Depart 2:30
 5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

Tuesday — December 17

6:30 am JH girls basketball practice at VHS
 Lunch Menu: Spaghetti, green beans, cantaloupe, French bread, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Finish Activity
 3:30 pm JH boys basketball practice at VES
 4:00 pm HS basketball vs. Osborne

Wednesday — December 18

6:15 am JH boys basketball practice
 Lunch Menu: BBQ rib sandwich, new potatoes, steamed sweet peas, fruit cocktail, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study
 3:30 pm JH girls basketball practice at VES
 3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
 5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice
 7:00 pm USD 432 District Music Concert

Thursday — December 19

Lunch Menu: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, pears, pumpkin cake, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study
 3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
 4:00 pm JH basketball @ Ness City. Depart 1:30 pm
 5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

Friday — December 20 — End of 1st Semester

6:00 am HS girls basketball practice
 Lunch Menu: hamburger, tater tots, fresh broccoli, banana, oatmeal sugar cookie, salad, milk
 3:30 pm JH boys basketball practice at VES
 3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
 6:30 pm FCCLA Christmas banquet in JH/HS cafeteria

Winter Moratorium — No basketball practices from December 22 to December 26. Basketball coaches will send out Winter Break practice schedules to players/parents.

2nd semester starts on January 6.

Christmas Is A Time For Giving

The Community Assistance Center is asking for your support of \$50 to sponsor one family for a Christmas Food Basket.

Please bring or mail your Christmas donation to:

**Community Assistance Center,
 12th & Oak St., Hays, Kansas 67601.**

So Everyone may have a Merry Christmas!

Thank You for Giving!

Candlelight Service

“The Longest Night:

Awaiting the Hope of a New Day”

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019, at 7:00 P.M.

The First Presbyterian Church, 2900 Hall St., Hays

The Center for life Experience invites the community and members of Healing After Loss of Suicide, Healing after Loss, Healing Hearts, National Alliance for Mental Illness, and their friends and family to this Candlelight Service.

Refreshments following

For more information: 785-259-6859 www.cflehope.org
 — cfle1@eaglecom.net

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. There will be a food and fellowship gathering on **Wednesday, December 18**, at Old Chicago, 383 W. Mopar, Hays, at 6:00 p.m. All singles welcome; bring a friend.

City Council Meeting

Victoria City Council meetings are held on the third Monday of the month. This month’s meeting will be **Monday, December 16**, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Community residents are encouraged to attend.

Community Assistance Center Garage Sales

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month
 8:00—11:00 a.m.

12th and Oak St., Hays

Due to the CHRISTMAS holiday, items for the
December 29 bulletin
 need to be called or brought into the
 Parish Office **by 10:00 a.m.**
Thursday, December 19
AND due to the NEW YEARS DAY holiday
 items for the **January 5 bulletin** need to be in **by**
10:00 a.m. Monday, December 30.
 Thank you!



ST. BONIFACE

! CORRECTION !

Due to a full schedule, Bishop Jerry Vincke will
 NOT be celebrating Mass at
 St. Boniface today.
 And there will not be a breakfast following Mass.

**24-Hour
 Eucharistic Adoration
 at St. Boniface Church**



from
**8:00 a.m. on Saturday,
 December 14,
 until
 8:00 a.m. on Sunday,
 December 15**

Please see sign-up sheet at the back of church.



The "Little Town of Bethlehem" nativity at St.
 Boniface Church will be open for visitors on
 Sundays, December 15 and 22, and Christmas
 Day. Viewing times are 1:00-5:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	DECEMBER 16
7:00 pm Eleanor Schippers	
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 17
6:45 am	
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 18
6:45 am	
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 19
6:45 am Marvin Hammersmith	
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 20
6:45 am	
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 21
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Joe, Albina, and Mary Rome Don and Bob Gross Joe, Magdalen, and Bill Roth and Tom Younger families Connie Jean Kuhn	
6:30 pm St. Ann Rich and Verna Robben and Joe Stoemel	
SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:45 am St. Boniface James and Marian Rajewski	DECEMBER 22
10:00 am St. Fidelis	

**Treat people the way you want to be treated.
 Talk to people the way you want to be talked
 to. Respect is earned, not given.**

*** Sunday Rosary Schedule ***

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, Dec. 21, 5:00 PM — Marilyn Braun
 Sunday, Dec. 22, 10:00 AM — Christie & Lydia Sander

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Dec. 21, 5:00 PM — Abby B., Taylor A., Caidyn D.
 Sunday, Dec. 22, 10:00 AM — Wesley, Lydia, Nicholas S.
 Saturday, Dec. 28, 5:00 PM — Mackenzie H., Jarron & Jillian S.
 Sunday, Dec. 29, 10:00 AM — Averly W., Taylor A. Ethan S.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, Dec. 21, 5:00 PM — Phyllis Stramel, Bob Stramel,
 Marge Rome, Jane Wagner, Karie Younger, Tina Braun, Keith
 Billinger
 Sunday, Dec. 22, 10:00 AM — Yvonne Braun, Joan Wellbrock,
 Carol Pfeifer, Brenda Robben, Bertha A. Brungardt, Melissa
 Schmidt, Leroy Schmidtberger

LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS

Saturday, Dec. 21, 5:00 PM — Cora Schulte, Anne Dinkel
 Sunday, Dec. 22, 10:00 AM — Karen Nowak, Shanna Dinkel

GREETERS

Saturday, Dec. 21, 5:00 PM — Louise Robben, Katie Bellendir
 Sunday, Dec. 22, 10:00 AM — Norman Scheck family