

*"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>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>Hospital Visits:</b> To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.
		<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:</b> <b>THURSDAYS</b> <b>10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.</b> in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar

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

## April 2, 2017 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

### 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

### 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

- Apr. 6** — Chrim Mass @ Salina 11:30
- Apr. 9** — Passion (Palm) Sunday
- Apr. 13** — Holy Thursday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED at noon
- Apr. 14** — Good Friday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Apr. 15** — Holy Saturday
- Apr. 16** — Easter
- Apr. 17** — Easter Monday — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Apr. 17-21** — Capuchin Assembly — No Daily Masses @ St. Fidelis
- Apr. 22** — Earth Day
- Apr. 23** — Fidelisfest
- Apr. 24** — Feast day of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- Apr. 26** — Administrative Professionals Day
- Apr. 30** — First Communion @ 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Fidelis



**“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and every one who lives and believes in me will never die.”**

(from the Holy Gospel according to John 11:1-45)



Today's gospel account of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead is the climatic wonder in a series of seven wonders in the gospel of John. For these wondrous deeds the gospel of John never uses the word "miracle." The other gospels refer to the marvelous deeds of Christ as miracles (*dynamis*) but John uses the term "sign" (*semeion*).

There are seven such "signs" in the gospel of John. And they are progressive. The first sign is changing water into wine at Cana, and the climactic seventh sign is raising Lazarus from the dead in today's gospel.

The seven signs of John are; Water into wine at Cana, 2:1-11; Healing the official's son, 4:46-54; Curing the paralyzed man, 5:1-15; Feeding the five thousand, 6:1-11; Walking on water, 6:15-31; Giving sight to the man born blind, 9:1-41, Raising Lazarus from the dead, 11:1-45. The progression in these "signs," is both on the level of the natural wonder, and in the depth of the spiritual message. The first actions regard things – water, wine, and bread. Later actions enhance human life – the sick, the lame, and the blind. The final wonder is life itself, raising Lazarus from the dead.

The term "sign" indicates that these wondrous deeds are not in themselves the message, but that they are pointing to, depicting, reflecting a deeper spiritual message. They are material images of a spiritual reality.

Although Lazarus came back from the dead, he had to die again. The sign of his return to life is pointing to a source of life that does not end. Here Jesus offers the most remarkable image of his mission and of his identity: "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me though he shall die will come to life: and whoever is alive and believes in me will never die." (Jn 11:25) That is the most profound promise of the gospels. Martha, speaking for all the faithful, replied, "Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, He who is to come into the world." (Jn 11:27)

The raising of Lazarus is a watershed regarding the identity of Christ as the Messiah, a challenge to both believers and non-believers. The gospel says "the chief priests planned to kill Lazarus too, because many Jews were going over to Jesus on account of Lazarus." (Jn 12:10) In the gospels Christ identified himself with and predicated himself of various images. I am the good Shepherd, I am the way, I am the truth, etc. But all of these pale in comparison to the identity Christ claims for himself in today's gospel. "I am the resurrection and the life."

Cynics, misreading this gospel, might object that if Jesus truly were the compassionate Son of God he would have raised all the dead to life. They are mistaken, but not entirely. The mission of Christ was not to alter our human condition, but to teach us to follow his path through this human life to eternal life with the Father. The lesson of the Lazarus story is the bedrock of Christianity, the promise of life eternal.

Christ restoring Lazarus to earthly life is a "sign" pointing beyond that singular event to this spiritual message: "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me though he shall die will come to life: and whoever is alive and believes in me will never die." (Jn 11:25)

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The wages of sin is death. Repent before payday.

## 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, 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

Randy Leiker 259-1392 (Chair)  
Andy Kuhn 639-2156 (Vice-Chair, B & G)  
LeeAnn Schmidtberger 735-9486 (Sec)  
Janea Dinkel 735-9529 (FamLife)  
Peggy Fitzpatrick 735-8186 (RelEd)  
Doug Kuhn 650-1058 (Bldgs & Grounds)  
Donna Juenemann 735-9700 (Liturgy)  
John Schulte 735-9535

### St. Fidelis Finance Council

John R. Braun 735-2622  
Harland Rupp 735-2206  
Dave Juenemann 656-0647

### St. Boniface Pastoral Council

Carol Freitag 735-9282  
Randy Huser 735-4836  
Fred Tholen 735-4801

### St. Ann Pastoral Council

Helen Windholz 735-2293  
Terry Riedel 735-9375  
Jerry Nowak 637-5273

## Contributions March 25-26, 2017

### **ST. FIDELIS:**

Adult 2934.00 Loose 1269.00  
Catholic Relief 25.00

### **ST. ANN:**

Adult 940.00 Loose 139.30  
Candles 68.00

### **ST. BONIFACE:**

Adult 439.00 Loose 242.00  
Candles 93.00

**April 3** — Bob and Phyllis Stramel, Dorothy Goetz

**April 10** — Ivan and Verda Werner



## With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Edwin J. "Eddie" Braun** of Russell, who passed away on Wednesday, March 22, 2017. Services were held at St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Russell, on Saturday, March 25, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **John Leo Brungardt**, who passed away on Wednesday, March 22, 2017. Services were held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Monday, March 27, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

The annual **Chrism Mass** will be held this **Thursday, April 6, at 11:30 a.m.** in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. Everyone is welcome to attend.

*No Eucharistic Adoration in The Basilica of St. Fidelis and no coffee gathering in the Parish Office on that day.*

	<p><b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b> 5:30 p.m. Fridays of Lent The Basilica of St. Fidelis <i>No Stations on Good Friday.</i></p>	
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## Lenten Confession Schedule

During Lent there will be additional opportunities for Confession as follows:  
**Mondays — 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturdays — 11:00 a.m. to noon**

Due to the Parish Office being closed at noon on Holy Thursday, April 13, items for the **April 16 BULLETIN** need to be in **by 11:00 A.M. on Monday, April 10.**

Please call the Office at 785-735-2777 or email Connie at [sftech@ruraltel.net](mailto:sftech@ruraltel.net) with your bulletin articles.



## Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest, and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Last year's Pontifical Good Friday collection:

- Supported 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, three academic institutions
- Helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students
- Supported 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers
- Helped rehabilitate 80 homes for Christian families
- Provided senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth
- Created 1,500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians
- Preserved 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets

### PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

*For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).*

## ADULT CHOIR

**PRACTICE:** Wednesdays, April 5 and 12, in church at 7:00 p.m.

**SING:** Palm Sunday, April 9; Holy Thursday, April 13; Good Friday, April 14; and Holy Saturday, April 15.

*Practices begin at 7:00 p.m. and last about 1 1/2 hours.  
If you like to sing, please come and join us.*

Next weekend, on Palm Sunday, a procession will start out front of The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, and children will line the center aisle. St. Ann, Walker, and St. Boniface, Vincent, will following the same procedures as they had last year.

## HOLY WEEK and EASTER SCHEDULE

<b>Monday, April 10</b> .....	7:00 p.m. Mass.....	St. Fidelis
	7:30 p.m. Confessions.....	St. Fidelis
<b>Tuesday, April 11</b> .....	6:45 a.m. Mass.....	St. Fidelis
<b>Wednesday, April 12</b> .....	6:45 a.m. Mass.....	St. Fidelis
<b>Holy Thursday, April 13</b> .....	<b>NO THURSDAY MORNING MASS or MORNING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION</b> .....	St. Fidelis
	7:00 p.m. Mass (Collection for the Poor) .....	St. Fidelis
	8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration .....	St. Fidelis
	<i>All tri-parish members and guests may reverence the Eucharist at anytime until 10:00 p.m.</i>	
<b>Good Friday, April 14</b> .....	1:00 p.m. Services (Holy Land Collection) .....	St. Fidelis
	NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY	
<b>Holy Saturday, April 15</b> .....	8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass .....	St. Fidelis
<b>Easter Sunday, April 16</b> .....	7:30 a.m. Mass .....	St. Ann
	8:45 a.m. Mass .....	St. Boniface
	10:00 a.m. Mass.....	St. Fidelis

**BLESSING OF FOOD:** Food will be blessed at all Masses Easter Sunday morning.

**HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION:** The collection will go to our special fund for the assistance of those who are less fortunate than we are.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:** We will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places.



## CAPUCHIN ASSEMBLY

The Capuchins will meet at the Friary the week after Easter. Therefore, there will be

**No Masses Monday-Friday, April 17-21.**

**No Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, April 20.**



**Lenten Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment**



***The Seven Last Words of Christ***

**Tuesdays - March 7, 14, 21, 28,  
and April 4  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
at the Basilica of Saint Fidelis**

Father Earl Meyer will present reflections on the *Seven Last Words of Christ* on the Tuesdays of Lent. The Seven Last Words are the words spoken by Christ at seven different times while he was on the cross as recorded in the four gospels. These words have been a traditional Lenten meditation since the earliest days of the church.

These Tuesday Lenten services will also include the scriptural rosary and prayers of intercession.

Everyone is kindly invited to attend this “centuries old” devotion on all the Tuesdays of Lent from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Basilica of Saint Fidelis.

**THE TOPIC FOR THIS TUESDAY WILL BE:**

**“Into your hands I commend my spirit.”**

***Luke 23:46***

**and**

**“It is finished.” *John 19:30***

**APRIL CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, April 5 —**

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

K-5 6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

6-12 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

**Friday, April 7 — 5:30 P.M.**

Stations of the Cross at St. Fidelis

**Saturday, April 8 — Sun, 4/9**

— CYO Diocesan

Convention, Salina, KS

**Sunday, April 9 — Palm**

Sunday

10:00 A.M. Mass - Jubilee

Choir performs

**Wednesday, April 12 —**

**\*First Communion banners due\***

Religious Ed Classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

**Friday, April 14 — Good**

Friday — PAC Closed

**Sunday, April 16 — Easter**

Sunday — No Liturgy of

the Word for Children

10:00 A.M. Mass - Jubilee

Choir Performs

**Monday, April 17 —** PAC Closed

**Wednesday, April 19 —**

Religious Ed Classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

\*Mail Unit 6 to

homeschooled students

**Sunday, April 23 —**Fidelisfest

**Wednesday, April 26 —** End

of Year Religious

Education Mass Grades K

– 12: 7:00 P.M. Mass at

St. Fidelis

\*Second grade – First

Communion practice,

time: TBA

**Sunday, April 30 —** 10:00

A.M. Mass – Celebration of First Communion

No Liturgy of the Word for Children

Jubilee Choir performs

**Tuesday, May 2 —** Religious

Education Commission

Meeting

**YOUTH MINISTRY**



On Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, pre-registration forms for “Jesse Tree Journey” Vacation Bible School will be sent home with all students in grades K through 5. If you are a

parent of a kindergarten through fifth grade student and did not receive a form, please contact

**The Jesse Tree Journey VBS  
June 5 – June 9  
8:30 – 11:30 A.M. daily  
Victoria Grade School**

Jeanette Brungardt in the Religious Ed Office at 785-735-9244 or by email at [FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net](mailto:FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net). Information/the pre-registration form can also be found on the Basilica’s Religious Ed Facebook page!

[www.facebook.com/StFidelisReligiousEd](http://www.facebook.com/StFidelisReligiousEd)

**Pre-registration forms are due to the Religious Ed Office by May 12, 2017.**

**Attention: CYO & Jr. CYO**

**Lenten Opportunity for Service and Prayer**

**Stations of the Cross**

***“Lord Jesus help us walk in your steps.”***

Each Friday during Lent, Father will lead the Church in the Stations of the Cross—the devotional reminding us of Jesus, our Savior’s, condemnation, pain and suffering, sacrifice, and death. Please consider walking these 14 stations with Father and joining us in the remembrance of Jesus’ Passion, Death, and ultimately His Resurrection. The Stations of the Cross occur every Friday throughout Lent beginning at 5:30 P.M. Also, if you would be willing—Father could use your assistance in leading the stations by walking alongside him and carrying the crucifix from one station to the next.

Questions? Please contact Jeanette at 735-9244 or [FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net](mailto:FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net)

**Congratulations**  
to the  
**St. Fidelis Daughters of Isabella**  
who were honored by the  
**International Headquarters of the**  
**Daughters of Isabella**  
when they were awarded the March 2017  
**“Circle of the Quarter”**.

For details, go to [www.daughtersofisabella.org](http://www.daughtersofisabella.org)

## Scholarship Offered

The St. Fidelis Daughters of Isabella is offering a scholarship in the amount of \$250 to a qualified, Catholic female high school graduate. For application, contact Victoria High School or call Norma Keenan at 785-735-2877. **Deadline for application is Wednesday, April 12, 2017.**



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



## 40 Cans for Lent

Your donation of  
1 can per family per day during Lent  
will make a huge difference to a family  
that is below the poverty level.

**Please help make  
a difference  
in some family's life.**

Donations boxes will be located  
at all the tri-parish churches.

While the Knights' goal is  
**40 cans per family**, the weight goal  
of donated goods is **1,000 pounds**.

As of now,  
**200 pounds** have been collected.

**Let's help the Knights reach their goal!**

## Monthly Meeting

The Daughters of Isabella will meet in the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop on Monday, April 10, beginning with the Divine Mercy Rosary and Litany at 7:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30.

Please bring your 2017 program calendar to the meeting.

## FIDELISFEST

### Items Donated for Fidelisfest

1. Treager grill
2. Maroon blanket
3. Black and Decker Griddle
4. Kitty Cloud Pet
5. \$600 eyeglass gift certificate
6. Folding ladder, Corningware dishes
7. Blue fuel work light
8. 2 wooden shelves
9. Wood magazine rack
10. 4-piece condiment set
11. Lumbar support seat cushion
12. Mug rugs
13. Soup bowl holders
14. 2-\$50 gift cards
15. 2-\$25 gift cards
16. 4-\$25 gift cards
17. Wooden toys
18. Farberware
19. Dehydrator
20. Uncirculated fifty states quarters, Denver mint in collector book
21. Uncirculated fifty states quarters, Philadelphia mint in collector book
22. Kennedy half dollars in Dansco Album, 1964-2017; 1964-1970 40% silver; 2001-2017 uncirculated

# THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

**22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL FIDELISFEST**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017**

THIS YEAR THE FIDELISFEST WILL BE HELD ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER WEATHER PERMITTING.

IF THE WEATHER DOES NOT COOPERATE, WE WILL MOVE INSIDE THE GRADE SCHOOL.

**BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND BE READY FOR A FUN TIME!!!**

## AUCTION

SILENT 11:00-11:30

LIVE 11:30-FINISHED

ITEMS DONATED BY PARISHIONERS

AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

JASON SCHNEIDER, AUCTIONEER

FREE GAMES AND  
BOUNCE HOUSE  
FOR KIDS  
11:00-2:00

### RAFFLE

PRIZES: 1<sup>ST</sup>-\$2000 2<sup>ND</sup> \$1000

3<sup>RD</sup> THRU 6<sup>TH</sup> \$500

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AFTER AUCTION

TICKETS \$10 EACH; 7 FOR \$50; 16 FOR \$100

**MASS 10:00 AM**

**OPEN ALL DAY**



COUNTRY STORE  
11:00 UNTIL SOLDOUT  
NOODLES, BAKED GOODS,  
CRAFT ITEMS

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**PARISHIONERS!!!**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR NEW DONATED AUCTION ITEMS AND COUNTRY STORE ITEMS TO THE PARISH OFFICE ANY TIME DURING OFFICE HOURS OR YOU CAN BRING THEM TO THE AUCTION SITE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 23, BETWEEN 8 & 11 AM.**

**THANK YOU!!!!!!**

## Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service

The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at **3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 23**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hays. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers, and meditation.

Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church.

**Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are in the brochure rack of our churches.**

**CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on April 23.**

This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio 88.1.

## Ellis Knights of Columbus

### FISH FRY

Friday, April 7

K. of C. Hall in Ellis

Serving 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults \$10.00; ages 6-12 \$5.00, 5 and under are free.

## Stop \* stop HUMAN SLAVERY

### Did you know

**100,000 U.S. children are commercially sexually exploited every year in the U.S.**

**82%** of U.S. incidents involved sex trafficking

**98%** involved are **women & girls**

**95%** of victims experienced physical or sexual violence during trafficking

The majority of trafficking victims are between **18 and 24 years** of age

**Learn more about this horrific crime.** (No charge)

Speaker: Sr. Margaret Nacke, CSJ, U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking

**Where – Ruppenthal Middle School Auditorium  
Russell, KS**

**When – Monday, April 24, 2017**

**Time – 7:00 p.m.**

**Sponsor: Beta Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma  
Supported in part by a "Seize the Moment" grant  
from**

**Russell County Area Community Foundation**

## Victoria Elementary School

### Breakfast

**Sunday, April 9, 2017**

**8:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**Serving:**

**Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage,  
Biscuits & Gravy, Hash Browns  
& Coffee or Orange Drink**



## MUNJOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### FISH FRY

Friday, April 7

St. Francis Parish Hall, Munjor

Menu: Fish, Fried Noodles, Beans, and Greble

**Serving 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

FREE WILL DONATION will be accepted and used to help support the Diocesan seminarian program.

**Everyone is invited to attend**

## ALL AMERICAN BREAKFAST

**Sunday, April 2, 2017 \* 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Sponsored by: American Legion & Sons of American Legion  
13<sup>th</sup> & Canterbury

Proceeds go to: **BLAINE BILLINGER EXCELLENCE IN  
SCOUTING**

For tickets call **Kathy Kuhn @ 785-735-5040**

*Cancer Council of Ellis County is sponsoring a*

### Stag and Stagette Dinner

**American Legion, 13th and Canterbury, Hays**

**Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Menu includes:**

Ham, Chicken Breast with Sun Dried Tomato & Penne Pasta,  
Potatoes Au Gratin, Green Beans, Red Velvet Cake,  
Coffee and Tea

Also included are German Raw Burger and Bull Fries

**Tickets: \$13 for adults; \$6 for 5-11 year olds, under 5 free**

**Tickets need to be purchased by Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

No tickets sold at the door.

Purchase tickets from Cancer Council of Ellis County  
701 Riley St., Hays, or call 785-625-6653.

*"We are your local cancer support agency."*



## Commodities to Be Distributed

Government surplus commodities will be distributed on **Tuesday, April 4**, at 1:30 p.m. at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street, Victoria. Please use the north entrance.



Community Assistance Center — 12th and Oak, Hays

## GARAGE SALE

Tuesday, April 4 • 8:00-11:00 am



## Charitable Fund Gets New Board Members

The Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund met for their semi-annual meeting on Thursday, January 19, at the PAC. New board members Jeff Hertel and Wanda Karlin were warmly welcomed. They join John Braun, Kathy Kuhn, Jim Pfanestiel, Regis VonLintel, and Teresa Shepherd on the Board of Directors. Sincere thanks was expressed to outgoing board member Allen Dreiling for all of his contributions as a founding member and as treasurer. The 27 years of service Allen has provided is greatly appreciated.

The Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, is dedicated to building a fund that will provide help in maintaining the Basilica of Saint Fidelis building. Donations, bequests in wills, memorials, personal property or other assets that can appreciate in value, life insurance policies, oil or gas interests, stocks and bonds, and other securities are some of the ways contributions can be made. For more information or to make a donation, contact Wanda Karlin at 785 735-9351, [karlin4@ruraltel.net](mailto:karlin4@ruraltel.net), or PO Box 281, Victoria, KS 67671.

## Want to Host an Exchange Student?

Interested in your family learning about a new culture? Have you ever dreamed of visiting a different country? Hosting an exchange student can open doors for you and your family beyond your imagination. Students from Germany, Italy, Spain, Brazil, the Czech Republic, and many other countries are needing a host family for this next school year.

Host families are only responsible for providing a bed, and access to three meals a day. The students provide everything else for their stay. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please contact Kori Braun at 785-735-4161.

## Victoria Schools Calendar



### Monday — April 3

FCCLA State @ Wichita

Lunch Menu: Mexican chicken, black bean salad, nacho chips, green beans, fruit cocktail, salad, milk

3:30 pm JH/HS track practice

4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

### Tuesday — April 4

LifeTouch 8th Grade pictures during 1st hour

FCCLA State @ Wichita

Lunch Menu: Pizza pocket, steamed peas, oven fries, peaches, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

3:00 pm HS track meet @ Ellis. Depart 1:30

3:30 pm JH track practice

4:00 pm HS V baseball with Russell @ Ellsworth. Depart 1:50

### Wednesday — April 5—PLC 2:20 dismissal

Lunch Menu: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, orange slices, biscuit, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

2:20 pm PLC dismissal

3:30 pm JH/HS track practice

4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

### Thursday — April 6—VJSHS dismissed at 2:30

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

AIM period—Students have directed study

2:30 VJSHS school dismissed

3:00 pm JH track meet @ Victoria

4:30 pm HS JV baseball @ Sacred Heart, Salina. Depart 1:40

### Friday — April 7

2nd Grade field trip @ Great Bend. Depart 9:15

Lunch Menu: Cheese ravioli, garlic bread, steamed broccoli, honey dew, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

3:30 pm JH/HS track practice

## Victoria Community EASTER EGG HUNT



**WHEN:** Saturday, April 15, 2017

**TIME:** 1:00 p.m.

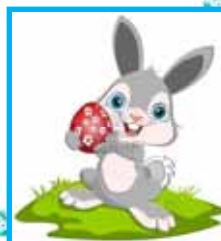
**WHERE:** Meet in the parking lot between The Basilica of St. Fidelis and the Victoria Grade School

**AGE**

**GROUPS:** 0-1 years, 2-3 years, 4-5 years, 6-7 years, and 8-9 years

**CAMERAS WELCOME.**

There may be an appearance by the Easter Bunny.



## Catholic Relief Collection— *Thank You*



Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on the "How to Give" line on the left.



### Catholic Charities Community Outreach

Catholic Charities will have a community free store event on **Monday, April 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at their Hays office, 122 E. 12th Street.

Items available are infant's and children's clothing, miscellaneous baby items, maternity clothing, men's and women's clothing, blankets, miscellaneous household items, and information and applications for all other services. Item availability is on a first come, first serve basis.

Motivated by our Christian faith, Catholic Charities ministers to families and seeks to reduce poverty for the vulnerable, regardless of their religion.

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

You are called by name. If you are struggling with your abortion decision come and see what Jesus has prepared for you. Give yourself His "gift" of a retreat weekend.

#### Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

*Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time*

**Next retreat: June 23-25**

**1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383)**

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

Confidential

**Bob Schwarz Financial**  
407 Main, Victoria

**RIBBON CUTTING**  
4:00 P.M.  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017**

drinks and hors d'oeuvre  
immediately following

**PUBLIC WELCOME**

Visit the

**St. Fidelis**  
**Gift Shop**

**601 10th Street—Victoria**

### 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.



**BULLETIN ITEMS**—The deadline for bulletin articles is **Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.** Please contact Connie (sftech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) at the Parish Office if you have an item for the bulletin.



### 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, Thursday from 10-4, Wednesday from 10-3:30. If these hours do not work to drop off your donations, contact Jan at the parish office.

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>APRIL 3</b>
7:00 pm Ed and Irene Schmidt	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>APRIL 4</b>
6:45 am	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>APRIL 5</b>
6:45 am Donald Sander	
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>APRIL 6</b>
6:45 am	
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>APRIL 7</b>
6:45 am Francis "Red" Walters family	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>APRIL 8</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Robert and Velma Leiker Marvin Hammersmith	
6:30 pm St. Ann Isabelle and Severin Scheck	
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY</b> .....
8:45 am St. Boniface James Rajewski	<b>APRIL 9</b>
10:00 am St. Fidelis Robert J. Sander	

### \* 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, April 8, 5:00 PM** — Pam Scheck  
**Sunday, April 9, 10:00 AM** — Children's Choir and Adult Choir

### MINISTERS

The ministry schedule continues to be on a volunteer basis. Please sign the schedule by the north entrance or come to the sacristy before Mass to see if anyone is needed.