

"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: Couples planning to marry must contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before the wedding date for marriage preparations.	Baptisms: All new parents are asked to complete a Baptismal Preparation class before their child is baptized. For information, please call the Parish Office.	Hospital Visits: To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.
In-Home Mass: Any homebound or hospice family interested in having Mass in their home should contact the Parish Office.	Holy Communion Brought to Homebound: 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.	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAYS 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar	

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

February 12, 2017 – 6th 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

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

Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day
Feb. 20 — President's Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Mar. 1 — Ash Wednesday
Mar. 5 — First Sunday of Lent
Mar. 12 — Girl Scout Sunday
Daylight Savings Begins
Mar. 17 — St. Patrick's Day
Mar. 20 — First Day of Spring
Apr. 1 — April Fool's Day
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

Sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit
February 12, 2017



*"Let us pray to God
the almighty
Father, for these,
his adopted sons
and daughters..."*

*Katherine Braun
Morgan Braun
Walker Braun
Ally Dinkel
Wyatt Dreiling
Tyler Engel
Tyler Knoles
Thomas Leiker
Caden Oberle
Layton Riedel
Addie Roth
Emily Schippers
Jacob Schroeder
Kali Weber
Jacob Wellbrock
Ashlyn Windholz
Cooper Windholz
Michael Wohler*



Roses and romantic rhymes, chocolates and charming words, dominate our popular observance of Valentine's Day. Perhaps the Christian dimension of St. Valentine's love deserves equal time.

We know very little about St. Valentine. *Butler's Lives of the Saints*, a classic on Christian saints, remarks, "Despite his popularity, virtually nothing is known of St. Valentine." Only with great caution does the author list him as a priest and a martyr.

It may be disappointing that we know so little about a saint whose feast day is so prominent, especially in the secular world. Yet the widespread popularity of his feast is an occasion to reflect on what is more important than the details of his life - the Christian virtue of love to which he attested. St. Valentine is synonymous with love, love of God.

Love may be the most overworked and washed-out word in our daily vocabulary. Even Christian love needs a clearer focus today. St. Augustine in his Confessions wrote that the fundamental mistake of his youth was that he was "in love with love." It was not love but the feelings related to love that consumed him. It was a nebulous love floating in a sea of intoxicating emotions that enthralled him. Such love had no sense of responsibility or commitment. In retrospect, he wrote of his Christian journey, "Late have I loved thee, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new. You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you."

The love that finally consumed his life was the love he found in the Scriptures, the love of commitment and responsibility. Such love is not about feeling good, but about doing good. It is the love that endures, not the love that enchants. It is the love of golden anniversaries, not the love of giddy adolescents.

In Scripture, love is often related to a commandment, unlike our secular world where a commandment is seen as contradicting love. Christ offered three commandments of love: the double commandment to love God and our neighbor; his unique command to love our enemy; and the noble commandment to imitate his own love, "A new commandment I give you, love one another as I have loved you." (Jn 13:34) In each of these instances, love is rooted in responsibility and commitment. The love of Scripture is an image of God's love for his people in the gift of his Son by whose love we are redeemed.

The New Testament offers many reflections on the nature of love. The first letter of John observes, "Love consists in this, not that we have loved God but that God has loved us." (1Jn 4:10) The most remarkable statement of love is also from St. John: "God is love." (1Jn 4:16) John does not say here that God loves, or that God inspires love, or that God teaches love. He predicates love of God. "God is love." Remarkable.

Very practical advice about love can be found in St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians. "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (1Cor 13: 4-6) St. Paul concludes his inspiring series, "These three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." (1Cor 13:12) The roses and romantic rhymes, the chocolate and charming words, of Valentine's Day will pass. May the love they symbolize endure. Happy Valentine's Day.

..... and mirth

If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they would then find me very attractive.

Parish Staff

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Lou Ann Hammersmith

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Contributions February 4-5, 2017

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 3855.00 Loose 1590.95
Repair Fund 859.00
Cemetery 50.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 1127.00 Loose 234.25

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 320.00 Loose 245.00
Candles 72.75

Feb. 13 — Randy Leiker, Tina Rajewski

Feb. 21 (Tuesday) — Mary Brungardt, Det Younger

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Robert "Bob" Young** of Haviland, who passed away on Wednesday, February 1, 2017. Services were held at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays, on Tuesday, February 7, with inurnment in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

REMINDER:

Daughters of Isabella dues are due. Please mail \$15.00 to Wilma VonLintel, P.O. Box 33, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

Monthly Meeting

The Victoria Daughters of Isabella will meet **Monday, February 13**, at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop starting with a rosary and litany at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30.

Christian Mothers Altar Society

Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your 2017 membership. Please use the envelope in your parish packet designated "Christian Mothers Altar Society" or put your \$5.00 membership dues in any envelope with your name on/in it and place it in the Sunday collection basket.

New members are welcome to join the Christian Mothers Altar Society any time by contacting the parish office, Fr. John, or any of the officers: Det Younger, 785-735-2757; Joan Wellbrock, 785-735-2562; Marge Rome, 785-735-4051; or Cora Schulte, 785-735-4971.

The cost is meager and the benefits are divine!

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 15 —

Religious Ed classes

K-5 6:30 - 7:15

6-12 7:30 - 8:30

Monday, February 20 — PAC

Closed – President's Day

Wednesday, February 22 —

Religious Ed classes

K-5 6:30 – 7:15

6-12 7:30 - 8:30

MARCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 1 —

Ash Wednesday – No

Religious Ed Classes

*Please attend Ash

Wednesday Mass

Wednesday, March 8 —

5:15 - 6:15 P.M. Jubilee Choir practice (first practice of

second semester)

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

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

*Lent penance services for grades 2-12

Sunday, March 12 — 10:00

A.M. Mass – Jubilee

Choir performs

1:00 P.M. – Second grade –

First Communion parent meeting at PAC

Wednesday, March 15 —

Religious Ed Classes

K-5 6:30 - 7:15

6-12 7:30 - 8:30

Wednesday, March 22 —

Spring Break *No

Religious Ed Classes*

Wednesday, March 29 —

Religious Ed Classes

K-5 6:30 - 7:15

ST. ANN

Christian Mothers Dues

St. Ann's Christian Mothers dues of \$5.00 are due and payable to Lou Ann Hammersmith, Box 163, Gorham, Kansas 67640.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet on **Tuesday, February 14**, at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

4th Degree Meeting

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree will meet **Wednesday, February 15**, at 8:00 p.m. at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop, 503 Main, Victoria.

Knights of Columbus

Council #1867

2016 LENTEN FISH FRY

5:00 — 7:00 p.m.

on the Fridays of

March 3, March 17, and March 31

Victoria V.F.W. Hall, E. Main Street, Victoria

MENU: Fish, noodles and beans, baked potato, cole slaw



Favorites

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was and I said, "Fried chicken."

She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed. My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal. I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do, too. Especially chicken, pork, and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite "live" animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am. Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous person I admired most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders." Guess where I am now....



Prayer and Action CYO

Are you in high school or do you have a child in high school (grade year 2016-2017)?

Looking for an opportunity to give back and **participate in mission work** within **your community or surrounding communities?**

Would you like to **unite** with other *Catholic's* your age and **BE INSPIRED** as well as INSPIRE others?

Prayer and Action does LOCAL missionary work! This summer's mission field is **Russell, Kansas!** High schoolers will come together to provide assistance to the community...this could mean renovating homes, cleaning yards and gardens, painting, etc.

It is operated under the leadership of the Diocese of Salina and was founded by Father Gale Hammerschmidt. The leaders of P&A are DYNAMIC, YOUNG, and FUN deacons and fathers

from the diocese. Chaperones include youth ministers as well as parents of youth attending!

Rick Binder, Youth Minister at Immaculate Heart of Mary, has been attending Prayer and Action for years with his high school students, CYO. ***Rick has joyfully accepted an invitation to visit with our youth, grades 9 – 12, on Wednesday, February 15, during religious education.*** All high school classes will be hearing from Rick and possibly a few of his CYO youth.

Parents, please consider attending this meeting as well at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 15! We need YOU, too.

Location is still being determined but we will most likely meet in the basement of the PAC. Pamphlets with additional information will be available in the back of your church at Victoria, Boniface, and Walker on Sunday, February 5, and Sunday, February 12.

If you have any questions – please contact Jeanette Brungardt in the Religious Ed Office at:

Office: 735-9244 Cell: 785-639-5067

E-mail: Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net

COMMUNITY

SUNFLOWER CHAPTER OF AHSGR INVITES YOU TO A



FASENACHT POLKA DANCE
Sunday, February 26 - Noon-4:00 pm
 Old Kennedy School Building — Cafeteria
 St. Joseph Campus, Hays
 Admission Cost — POT LUCK DISH

WHEN - Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017
 WHERE - Kennedy Cafeteria, Hays
 TIME - Noon - 4:00pm
 WHO - Wes Windholz Band
 COST - Pot Luck Dish



INTERNATIONAL
 For More Information Contact:
 Kevin Hupp
 khupp@ruraltel.net
 785-636-0329

The Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia is sponsoring a Fasnacht Polka Dance on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017** at the Old Kennedy School Building Cafeteria on the St. Joseph Catholic Church Campus. The back doors will open at noon and your admission price is a dish of "Pot Luck" to share with your neighbors and friends. Dancing will be from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. and the sharing of the Pot Luck will be from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

"Featuring the WES WINDHOLZ BAND"

Come join us as we have fun dancing before Lent begins and also learn about our organization at the same time. A table will be available with information on the local chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia.

The entrance to the cafeteria is off off Ash street turning west on 14th street that leads right into the parking lot and just look for all the people coming in!

You don't need to be a member to join us...but after this you may want to join us!!!



MARDI GRAS PARTY

ADULTS ONLY - \$10 PER TICKET



Saturday, February 25, 2017
6 PM to 12 AM - Gorham Senior Center

Don't forget your Mardi Gras mask!

MUSIC AND KARAOKE
 provided by Parsons Productions

To get your advanced tickets call
TAFRA RANDA 785-735-4264 or MICHELLE BROWN 785-735-4676

Finger Food and Cash Bar Social Hour 6 PM to 8 PM
 Music & Karaoke 8 PM TO 12 AM

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
 DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA OF GORHAM**

VICTORIA VFW POST 1751

Club Room will be open to the public on Friday evenings from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be available.

(This is on a trial basis.)

If you are looking for a place to gather for Receptions, Weddings, Anniversaries, Family Reunions, Class Reunions, Dances, First Communions, 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 Dennis at 785-639-4621.

**KEEP PRAYING!
BRING YOUR ROSARY**

Pray for the Guidance, Wisdom, and Protection for the New Administration

Prayer hour **every 3rd Tuesday** of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Fidelis Church. All are welcome!



City Council Meeting

Victoria City Council meetings are always held on the third Monday of the month. This month's meeting will be **Monday, February 20**, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Community residents are encouraged to attend.

Hays Diabetes Support Group

The Hays Diabetes Support Group will hold their meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the **second Monday of every month** at DSNWK, 2703 Hall St., east side of the building, door #10.

This group is for all individuals who are pre-diabetic, Type 1 and Type 2. Family members, spouses, and parents of children who are diabetic are welcome.

Please contact Jackie Williams at 785-639-3046 or you can email at haysdiabetessupportgroup2015@yahoo.com. Check them out on Facebook at Hays Diabetes Support Group.

Victoria Elementary News!!

Our Sunny D books for all classrooms have arrived! The Box Tops will be sent in at the end of February so please keep clipping and saving them. We would love to raise lots of money with the Pop Tabs we're collecting for the Ronald McDonald House in Topeka. **Send all your Box Tops and Pop Tabs to Victoria Elementary ASAP!** Thank you!

Victoria Schools Calendar 

Monday — February 13

Lunch Menu: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, strawberries and bananas, roll, salad, milk
AIM period—Students have directed study
7:30 pm Board of Education meeting

Tuesday — February 14

Lunch Menu: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, strawberries and bananas, roll, salad, milk
AIM period—Students have directed study
4:30 pm HS basketball @ Kinsley. Depart 2:40

Wednesday — February 15

7:00 am FCCLA State Star events @ Stockton
8:00 am JH Role Model Day in cafeteria
9:00 am Class leadership @ LaCrosse. Mr. Dronberger and select students will attend
Lunch Menu: Beef and vegetable soup, biscuit, steamed peas, orange slices, salad, milk
AIM period—Students have directed study
3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

Thursday — February 16

8:15 am Vision and hearing testing for 7th, 9th, and 11th graders in BOE office
Lunch Menu: Italian dunkers, oven fries, steamed broccoli, breadsticks, mixed fruit, salad, milk
AIM period—Students have directed study. 8th Grade boys will meet in Mrs. Kori Braun's office
3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

Friday — February 17

Lunch Menu: Quesadilla, Mexican rice, black bean salad, steamed carrots, pears, salad, milk
AIM period—Students have directed study
4:30 pm HS basketball vs. Ness City. Depart 2:40

FREE PIZZA PARTY

Wednesday
February 15, 2017
5:30pm - 6:30pm
In the lobby of the Elms

Sponsored By
**Angels Care Home Health
Hays, Ks.**

See Marla for the sign up list.
785-735-2620
785-735-8073

TOUR GUIDES NEEDED—We are looking for individuals or couples to conduct tours of the church for visiting groups and tourists. For more information, contact Jan at the Parish office.

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

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Catholic Community Annual Appeal

The Catholic Community Annual Appeal supports the many ministries of the Diocese including Youth and Adult Formation, Catholic Schools, Seminary Education, and Family Life. If you have not yet made a gift to the Appeal, please take some time this week to pray about it and consider a gift.

Plan Ahead for Cursillo Weekends

Cursillo in Christianity is an encounter with self, Christ, and others. It is a method to develop, live, and share spirituality in any area of human life where Christians want to dedicate their lives to God. If you are interested in a means of personal growth in living what is fundamental for being a Christian, and encouraging one another in proclaiming the best news of the best reality that God in Christ loves us, please prayerfully consider attending.

The next weekend events: **Men's weekend March 16-19, 2017; Women's weekend July 27-30, 2017.** Location: Victoria, Kansas, Spiritual Life Center.

For more information contact Patricia Dusin at 785-302-1220, or patriciad@ruraltel.net.

Human Trafficking

February 8 was the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita who was sold into slavery as a child. PRAY for all children who live in slavery and are exploited. **US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking sistersagainstrafficking.org.**

Still in our memories
after 10 years



**Norma
Schmeidler**

February 3, 1931
February 15, 2007
Harold Schmeidler family

Let us pray
for all those in need,
for those struggling
to strive,
for those who feel lost
and alone.
AMEN.

**Cline's-
Keithley
Mortuary**

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785-735-9224
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St. Fidelis
**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS
ALTAR SOCIETY**

Blessed are the mothers who
taught us
how to pray.
They will share
God's
kingdom.



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	
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 13
7:00 pm Ben and Clara Schulte family Wendy Stang Velma VonFeldt	
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 14
6:45 am Alvin and Ventura Sander	
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 15
6:45 am Francis Joseph Kuhn	
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 16
6:45 am Emery Rome	
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 17
6:45 am Fred "Fritz" Dreiling Olinto and Viola Lodovici	
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 18
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Wilmer, Irene, and Beverly Dinkel James "Fritz" Wohler	
6:30 pm St. Ann John A. and Veronica Rupp Family John and Mary Geist family	
SUNDAY	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 19
8:45 am St. Boniface Lavern Braun	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Eddie and Clara Miller family Bonivent, Margaret, Leo, Donnie, Hubert, David, and Marlene Dinkel and Galen Dinkel	

* 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, February 18, 5:00 PM — Aspen Schoenrock
Sunday, February 19, 10:00 AM — Kevin Juenemann

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.