

“Beacon of Faith,”
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

“Cathedral of the Plains,”
THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

“Pearl of the Prairie,”
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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| Parish Office: | 601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 • 785-735-2777 • Fax: 785-735-2779 | | Catholic Faith Education Office: |
| 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 Food Pantry: For residents of the tri-parishes. Call the Parish Office. Donations accepted. |
| 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. | | BULLETIN ITEMS: Deadline is Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Connie at the Parish Office (sftech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) | |
| PLenary INDULGENCE —The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence—a remission before God of the temporal punishment for a previously forgiven sin—by visiting a minor basilica. 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 <i>The Register</i> , Salina Diocese newspaper | | | |

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

December 29, 2019 – Holy Family

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:

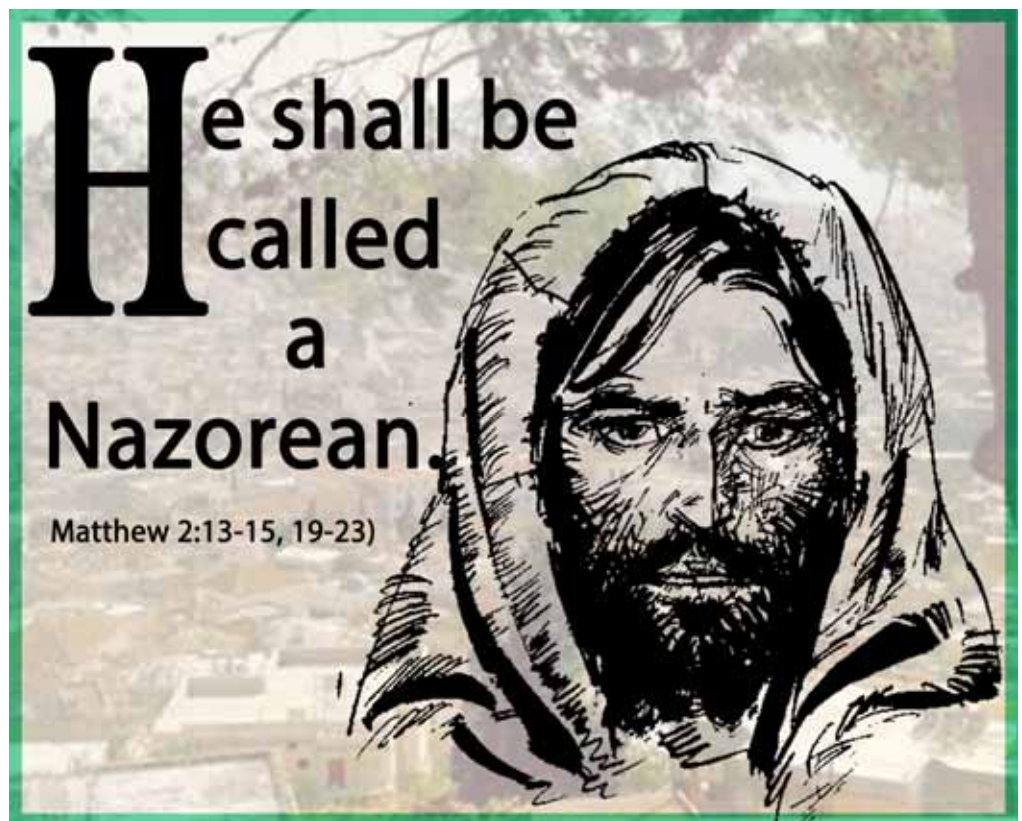
at St. Fidelis — Mondays — 7:30 pm
or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

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

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)
Feb. 14 — Valentine’s Day
Feb. 17 — President’s Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Feb. 26 — Ash Wednesday



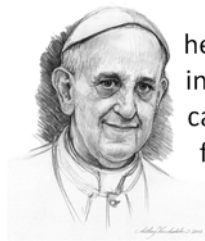
The Parish Office will close
Tuesday, December 31, and
Wednesday, January 1,
for the New Year’s holiday.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!





Pope Francis on the Family



“Jesus Christ is at the heart of the family. Only in the light of his love can the love of the family be fully understood.” That is the message of Pope Francis on this feast

of the Holy Family from his treatise, *The Joy of Love*.

“Jesus is the key to understanding family life because the mystery of the Christian family can be fully known only in the light of the Father’s infinite love revealed in Christ, who gave himself up for our sake and who continues to dwell in our midst.”

“In the person of Jesus Christ, God has entered the human reality and human drama. Human love and divine love have met as never before. God descends to transform human love and enables it to share in divine love. When God took on flesh in Jesus, love itself became incarnate.”

“In the sacrament of marriage Christ sanctifies the loving union of woman and man. Only in contemplating Christ does a person come to know the deepest truth about human relationships. Only in the mystery of the Incarnate Word does the mystery of man and woman take on an eternal light. Christian marriage offers mutual support on the path towards

friendship with the Lord.”

“The imperfect realities of modern families and marriages are also known to the mercy of God. Seeing things with the eyes of Christ means not only caring for those in good, happy, and healthy family situations but also for those who are not properly married. While clearly stating the Church’s teachings, we should avoid judgments that ignore the complexity of human situations. For the sake of truth, we are obliged to exercise careful discernment in the situations of others.”

“New life finds its proper birthplace in the context of love between a man and a woman. A child deserves to be born of that love, and not by other means, for he or she is not something owed to one, but is a gift which is the fruit of the love through which parents share in the work of God’s creation. Children, therefore, deserve to be loved by those who gave them life.”

“God’s love is poured into us in order to flow out of us. God has intended the married couple to be a fount where love overflows and gives life. God Himself is the source of this love and the giver of the life that flows from it. Jesus Christ, Love incarnate, is at the center of the family, the place where, despite many difficulties, love and life overflow in abundance.”



| Parish Staff | |
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| 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: sfttech@ruraltel.net |

| Council Members | |
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| 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 | Fred Tholen 735-4801 Curt Wellbrock 259-6564 Kathy Huser 735-4193 |
| St. Ann Pastoral Council | Terry Riedel 735-9375 Jerry Nowak 637-5273 Bill Robben 806-669-5264 |

| Contributions December 21-22, 2019 | |
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| ST. FIDELIS: | <u>Adult</u> 2653.00 <u>Loose</u> 1523.25 |
| ST. ANN: | <u>Adult</u> 2242.00 <u>Loose</u> 250.00 |
| ST. BONIFACE: | <u>Adult</u> 120.00 <u>Loose</u> 395.00 <u>Candles</u> 29.00 |

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| ~ MONEY COUNTERS ~ |
| Dec. 30 — Bob and Phyllis Stramel |
| Jan. 6 — Ivan and Verda Werner |

Have a Blessed and a Happy New Year

Due to the NEW YEARS DAY holiday, items for the

January 5 bulletin need to be called or brought into the Parish Office

by 10:00 a.m.
Monday, December 30. Thank you!



ST. ANN

St. Ann Parish
will not have Coffee & Rolls
after Mass on Saturday, December 28.

YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION



**Religious Education classes resume on
Wednesday, January 8**

Grades 1—12 will gather at the PAC for religion class at 6:30 P.M. Shortly after 7:00 all classes will be escorted to the church for a Children's Mass. At 7:30 P.M. all classes will be dismissed from St. Fidelis Church.

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

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

We can do no great things,

only small things with great love. Mother Teresa



Thank you to our youth! You are AMAZING. Thank you for your great love for your neighbor and parishioners. Thank you to our parishioners who so graciously accepted the gifts and “singing” from the Jr. CYO. Thank you for allowing us to invade your peaceful evening with rambunctious cheers and laughter. God Bless ☺

Jr. CYO next meet-up:

Jr. CYO will meet again on Ash Wednesday: February 26th. We'll gather for Mass at 5:30 P.M. at St. Fidelis then move to the second floor of the Spiritual Life Center. More details TBA.



Sacrament of Confirmation

February 9, 2020 at St. Fidelis Church 9:00 A.M.

*There is no 10:00 A.M. Mass and St. Boniface's Mass time is at 7:45 AM

*Sophomore parents: You should have received a letter in the mail with information reminding you of this sacrament, the practice prior to the sacrament, as well as a seating chart. If you did not receive it or have any questions, please contact Jeanette in the Religious Ed Office.

Sacrament of Eucharist

April 26, 2020 at St. Fidelis Church 10:00 A.M.

*Second grade parents: You should have received a letter in the mail informing you of this change in date (was originally scheduled for May 3, 2020.) Also, included in the letter was a reminder about the parent small group studies and informational meetings on February 12 and 19. If you did not receive this letter or have any questions, please contact Jeanette in the Religious Ed Office.





Jr. CYO Christmas Party and care packages 2019



Cards designed by Mrs. Lichter's 3rd grade class.



Cards designed by Mrs. Stoffel's 4th grade class.



A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new.
You bring hope alive in our hearts,
And cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us

A mighty flame,
So that in our time, many will see the
wonders of God,
And live forever to praise Your glorious
name.

~Author Unknown

YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION



A LIFE CHANGING EVENT FOR FAMILIES (AGES 13+)

The innocence of the family is under attack like never before. Come and discover how to protect and heal yours.



JASON EVERT

is a bestselling author of more than ten books, and has brought the message of chastity to more than one million people on six continents. He and his wife Crystalina run chastity.com

EVENING INCLUDES:

Chastity presentation for teens & parents

Sacrament of Reconciliation | Eucharistic Adoration | Free materials for every family!



Jason Evert
will be in Hays
on
Monday,
March 30,
at
Immaculate
Heart of Mary!

Visit <https://chastity.com/purified/>
[#tickets](https://chastity.com/purified/) to purchase
tickets NOW while
they
are available.
Tickets are \$20
per person.

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Rita Marie (Geist) Cassatt** of Hays, who passed away on Sunday, December 15, 2019. Services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Friday, December 20, 2019, with inurnment in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Mary Ann Schmeidler** of Hays, who passed away on Monday, December 16, 2019. She was the mother of our pastor, Fr. John Schmeidler. Services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Friday, December 20, 2019, with burial in St. Joseph Cemetery, Hays.

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Alvin P. "Dutch" Rohr** of El Dorado, who passed away on Friday, December 13, 2019. Services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Saturday, December 21, 2019, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

Grief, I've learned, is really just love. It's all the love you want to give, but cannot. All of that unspent love gathers in the corners of your eyes, the lump in your throat, and in the hollow part of your chest. Grief is just love with no place to go.

~Jamie Anderson, Facebook

FOR SALE
St. Boniface Parish
Cookbook
COST: \$20.00

The 153-page cookbook has recipes along with many helpful hints and numerous inspirational quotes of faith throughout the book. Cookbooks can be purchased at Mass on Sundays at St. Boniface Church.

ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE ST. FIDELIS GIFT SHOP



New Year's Day DANCE

Wednesday, January 1
1:30-5:00 p.m.



Music by Wes Windholz

St. Michael's Parish Hall, 918 Lincoln, LaCrosse

Cost \$8.00—Snack bar included

Everyone is welcome

Bring your own refreshments.

Sponsored by The Sunflower Polka Club

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



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.

Box Top, Pop Tabs, and Dillons Rewards Can Help Victoria Elementary School

Victoria Elementary School is again collecting **Box Tops** and **Pop Tabs**. They are also a part of the **Dillons Community Rewards Program**. The school receives money for their activity fund with the Box Tops. Now you can get a Box Tops mobile app, scan your receipt, and earn cash for the school.

Sign up online to enroll in the Dillons Community Rewards. Each time you swipe your Dillons Plus Shopper's Card, USD 432 starts earning a rebate. The Pop Tabs are delivered to Topeka to the Ronald McDonald House 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 to Topeka over Spring Break. Ask grandparents, neighbors, and anyone else you know to help VES collect these items and swipe those Dillons cards this school year!!

Notes from Jan Brungardt

The 2020 tithing 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.

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

**No scheduled confessions on
Monday, December 30**

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 and Friday, January 2-3**

MASS INTENTIONS

NO MASS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

TUESDAY.....NEW YEAR'S EVEDECEMBER 31
5:30 pm St. Fidelis Hubert and Jo Sander and Kiley (anniv) Goetz

WEDNESDAY.....NEW YEAR'S DAY JANUARY 1
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
(a Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00 am St. Fidelis

NO MASSES THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 2-3

SATURDAY JANUARY 4
5:00 pm St. Fidelis
6:30 pm St. Ann

SUNDAY.....EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 5
8:45 am St. Boniface Robert, Amelia, and Gary VonLintel
10:00 am St. Fidelis Jim Brungardt

St. Fidelis Minister Schedules
for January 2020 can be found at the north
church entrance.

You can contact Diane Gross (dgross@gorhamtel.com
or 785-735-4804) with scheduling requests.

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Tues, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve, 5:30 PM — Adult Choir
Wed, Jan. 1, New Year's Day, 9:00 AM — Hannah Schmidt

Saturday, Jan. 4, 5:00 PM — Meagan Wellbrock
Sunday, Jan. 5, 10:00 AM — Leroy Schmidtberger

ALTAR SERVERS

Tues, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve, 5:30 PM — VOLUNTEERS
Wed, Jan. 1, New Year's Day, 9:00 AM — VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, Jan. 4, 5:00 PM — Ava S., Juliana D., Taylor A.
Sunday, Jan. 5, 10:00 AM — Gracyn & Claire S., Lauren K.

Saturday, Jan. 11, 5:00 PM — Abby B., Myah & Grace Y.
Sunday, Jan. 12, 10:00 AM — Drayden K., Wyatt G., Ethan S.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve, 5:30 PM — Tina Braun, Ivan Werner, Karie Younger, Keith Billinger, Teresa Shepherd, Mary Brungardt, Kathy Kuhn

Wed, Jan. 1, New Year's Day, 9:00 AM — VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, Jan. 4, 5:00 PM — Ivan Werner, Gib & Carol Billinger, Kathy Kuhn, Tammy Dome, Wilma VonLintel, Anne Dinkel

Sunday, Jan. 5, 10:00 AM — Joan Wellbrock, Bertha A. Brungardt, Michelle Geist, Brenda Robben, Connie Braun, Karen Nowak, Colleen Kuhn

LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS

Tues, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve, 5:30 PM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger, Diane Gross

Wed, Jan. 1, New Year's Day, 9:00 AM — VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, Jan. 4, 5:00 PM — Allan Amrein, Verda Werner

Sunday, Jan. 5, 10:00 AM — LeeAnn Schmidtberger, Connie Dreiling

GREETERS

Tues, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve, 5:30 PM — Pete & Tina Braun
Wed, Jan. 1, New Year's Day, 9:00 AM — VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, Jan. 4, 5:00 PM — Louise Robben, Katie Bellendir
Sunday, Jan. 5, 10:00 AM — Curt Dinkel family