

"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

September 11, 2016 – 24th 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

- Sept. 14** — Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Sept. 18** — Children's Liturgy begins
- Sept. 18** — Catechetical Sunday
- Sept. 23-24** — Homecoming activities;
4:30 Alumni Mass; No 5:00 Mass
- Oct. 10** — Columbus Day
- Oct. 31** — Halloween
- Nov. 1** — All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Nov. 6** — Daylight Savings Ends (turn clocks back 1 hour)
- Nov. 11** — Veterans Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Nov. 13** — Stewardship Sunday
- Nov. 23** — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ noon for Thanksgiving holiday
- Nov. 24** — Thanksgiving Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

A Prayer for Grandparents

Eternal God who lives with us and beyond time, we praise You this day for all those who came before us, giving us the gifts of life and faith. We thank You especially today for our grandparents. Creator God, You are the author of all life and Your scribes are those who pass on that life to others through the ages.

Bless our grandparents whose hard work and faith are our inheritance. Give them good health, heal them, and renew their confidence in Your faithful love for them.

Grant eternal rest to grandparents who have died. We remember them today and ask You to help us pass on to others the gifts we inherited from them.

Compassionate God, grant that any sadness or pain in us that remains from their memory may be healed by the power of your Son, Jesus Christ.

We thank You for their wisdom, their memories, their humor, and their love.

We celebrate their presence now and pray to join with them in praising you forever in eternity. **Amen.**



Grandparents Day



Today is 9-11. What Roosevelt said of Pearl Harbor, is true of 9-11-2001: "A day that will live in infamy." It was on 9-11-2001 that terrorism became not only a credible threat but also an undeniable reality in our own country. When Pope Francis visited the United States in 2015 he gave a hopeful message at the Ground Zero Memorial. Here are selected quotes from his address.

"I feel many different emotions standing here at Ground Zero, where thousands of lives were taken in a senseless act of destruction. Here grief is palpable. The water we see flowing towards that empty pit reminds us of all those lives which fell to those who think that destruction, tearing down, is the only way to settle conflicts. It is the silent cry of those who were victims of a mindset which knows only violence, hatred and revenge.

"The flowing water is also a symbol of our tears. We weep out of a sense of helplessness in the face of injustice, murder, and the failure to settle conflicts through dialogue. Here we mourn the wrongful and senseless loss of innocent lives because of the inability to find solutions which respect the common good.

"Today I met some of the families of the fallen first responders. Meeting them made me see once again how acts of destruction are never impersonal, abstract or merely material. They always have a face, a concrete story, names. In those family members, we see the face of pain, a pain which still touches us and cries out to heaven.

"Those family members showed me the other face of this attack, the other face of their grief: the power of love and remembrance, a remembrance that does not leave us empty and withdrawn. The names of so many loved ones are written around the towers' footprints. We can see them, we can touch them, and we can never forget them.

"Here we also have a palpable sense of the heroic goodness of people. In the depths of pain and suffering, you also witnessed the heights of generosity and service. Hands reached out, lives were given. In a metropolis which might seem impersonal, faceless, lonely, you demonstrated the powerful solidarity born of mutual support, love and self-sacrifice. No one thought about race, nationality, neighborhoods, religion or politics. It was about being brothers and sisters. New York City firemen walked into the crumbling towers, with no concern for their own wellbeing. Many succumbed; their sacrifice enabled great numbers to be saved. This place of death became a place of life too, a place of saved lives, a hymn to the triumph of life, to goodness over evil.

"Today I join with leaders of many religious traditions which enrich the life of this great city. May our presence together be a powerful sign of our shared desire to be a force for peace and justice throughout the world. For all our differences and disagreements, we can live in a world of peace. We can and must build unity on the basis of our diversity of languages, cultures and religions, and lift our voices against everything which would stand in the way of such unity. Together we are called to say "no" to every attempt to impose intolerance and "yes" to a reconciled diversity.

"This can only happen if we uproot from our hearts all feelings of hatred, vengeance and resentment. That is only possible as a gift from heaven. Let us implore from on high the gift of commitment to the cause of peace. Peace in our homes, our families, our schools and our communities. Peace in all those places where war never seems to end. Peace for those faces which have known nothing but pain. Peace throughout this world which God has given us as the home of all and a home for all. Peace." - *Pope Francis*

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Contributions September 3-4, 2016

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2020.00 Loose 965.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 201.00 Loose 160.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 322.00 Loose 220.00

Candles 8.05

Sept. 12 — Anita Braun, Crystal Robben

Sept. 19 — Bob and Phyllis Stramel, Dorothy Goetz

Seed Wheat Blessed

Seed wheat will be blessed at all Masses this weekend, September 10-11. At St. Fidelis, please place your jars on the Communion railing.

Mass At Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer will host a Mass to commemorate the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross on **Sunday, September 11, at 3:00 p.m.** Celebrant will be Fr. John Schmeidler. Music will be provided by Trilogy. Seed wheat will be blessed. There will be a social in the school building following the Mass.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



WE ARE TRYING SOMETHING NEW with the schedule. There is a copy of the schedule at the north entrance of the church. Please sign your name on the days you will be able to minister. That way you will know if you will be in town or not. If you have any questions, contact Jan at the Parish Office. Thank you.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 14 – 5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir

Practice at St. Fidelis Church

Religious Education classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

*Eighth grade parent/student meeting at 7:30 P.M. – Meal Site Room

Sunday, September 18 – 10:00 A.M. Mass — Liturgy of the Word begins

10:00 A.M – Jubilee Choir performs

Catechetical Sunday

Wednesday, September 21 — Religious Education classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

*Freshman Confirmation parent/student meeting at 7:30 P.M. – Meal Site Room

Wednesday, September 28 — Religious Education classes

K – 5 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.

6 – 12 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Jubilee Choir

If you are in second grade or older and you have a love for singing and worship then Jubilee Choir needs you! The Jubilee Choir meets once a month on Wednesday afternoon from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. immediately prior to Religious Ed and perform once a month during the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday morning, typically the second Sunday of the month.



We are very grateful to Becky Scheck and LouAnn Hammersmith as well as the children and families who have whole heartedly committed to this ministry. If it weren't for you all, we would not have the pleasure of hearing those angelic voices on Sunday mornings!

Please contact the Religious Ed Office—either Shirley or Jeanette—to request more information such as practice and performance dates and/or to sign your child up! **The first practice will be on Wednesday, September 14, 2016.**

Office: 785-735-9244; E-mail: FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word (LWC) begins again on **Sunday, September 18, 2016!** We are very thankful for the ladies who volunteer to support this ministry and are blessing our children with their time and talent for yet another year. Tammy Lichter oversees the preschool (ages 3 - 5) Liturgy of the Word along with Andrea Hoffman and Ashley Dome. The Children's Liturgy for grades K - 3 (ages 5 - 8) is overseen by Marge Rome.

The ultimate desire and goal is for children to better understand Jesus' message and appreciate the Mass readings through children's Bible stories, narratives and pictures specifically geared towards them and their age! The women who are at the heart of this ministry have created a warm and inviting atmosphere; we welcome all children grades preschool

through 3rd grade to participate. Children are invited to come forward to attend Liturgy of the Word following the opening prayer. Preschool gathers in the bridal room and grades K - 3 gather in the north sacristy. Children return to their seats and families for the Eucharistic Prayer. Children in grades K - 3 who consistently participate, at least twice per month, will also get to perform in a special Liturgical Service during the Christmas Eve Mass. This is exclusive to children in grades K - 3 who regularly attend the Children's Liturgy.

If your child would like to participate in LWC and/or you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jeanette Brungardt or Shirley Brungardt in the Religious Ed Office # 785-735-9244.

PATRIOT DAY

September 11

In the United States, Patriot Day, observed as the National Day of Service and Remembrance, occurs on September 11 of each year in memory of the 2,977 people killed in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

On October 25, 2001, Rep. Vito Fossella (R-NY) with 22 co-sponsors—11 Democrats and 11 Republicans—introduced in the U.S. House a bill to make September 11 a national day of mourning. Joint Resolution 71 passed the House by a vote of 407–0, with 25 members not voting. It passed the Senate unanimously on November 30. President Bush signed the resolution into law on December 18.

On September 4, 2002, President Bush used the authority of the resolution to proclaim September 11, 2002, as the first Patriot Day.



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.

Help Requested for Engaged Encounters

Engaged Encounter is held five times per year at the Spiritual Life Center here in Victoria. The coordinators are in need of three or four Welcome Couples to greet the engaged couples on Friday evenings of the weekend, check them in and show them to their rooms. You would need to be there on Friday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. only, perhaps only twice a year depending on volunteers. This helps the Presenting Couples, who in general are traveling over a 100 miles, to prepare to lead the weekend without rushing to get the engaged couples settled.

If you can help with this, please call Donna Juenemann at 785-735-9700. The next Engaged Encounter weekend is **September 16-18**.

FAMILY LIFE

Meeting Set

The Family Life Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, September 12**, at the Parish Office.

ST. BONIFACE

Christian Mothers to Induct New Members

St. Boniface Christian Mothers will have a Mass on **Sunday, September 11**, with induction of new members. Following Mass, a short meeting will be held and dues can be paid at this time. There will be a breakfast sponsored by the Christian Mothers following Mass. Everyone is invited.

110th Anniversary of St. Boniface Church

The 110th Anniversary Celebration of St. Boniface parish will be **Sunday, June 11, 2017**. Bishop Weisenburger will celebrate Mass at 3:00 p.m. and bless the buildings at St. Boniface—the church, new parish hall, and the remodeled priest house and former sisters house.



Plans are being made for a meal and tours of the new/remodeled buildings at throughout the day, as well as a slide show of history and current parish activities. The parish is also putting together a cookbook for sale at the celebration. More details will follow in the coming months.

DIOCESE

Second Collection for Louisiana Flood Victims

Many of us have been following the historic flooding in Louisiana. As many as 60,000 homes have been damaged with 20,000 people rescued from flood waters. Lives have been cruelly altered. In light of the devastation, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has directed that every Diocese in the U.S. is to take up a second collection for the victims the **weekend of September 17-18**. This emergency collection will be used both to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses in the area.

Donation checks should be made out to the Parish. The Bishop is asking each pastor to compile all collected funds and forward one check from the parish to the Diocese. In this way we can get the funds quickly where they are needed.

Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers, and know that Bishop Wiesenburger offers tremendous gratitude for your help in this moment of great suffering.

SEPTEMBER—ALERT

Few crimes are more abhorrent than child trafficking and few crimes are more challenging for communities to recognize and address. U.S. citizens and foreign national children are trafficked for sex and labor in the United States. In fact, many child victims of human trafficking are students in the American school system. No community—urban, rural, or suburban—and no school, socioeconomic group or student demographic is immune. All of us can educate ourselves to the evils of human trafficking. See sistersagainstrafficking.org, a website of U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

Want to Work in Catholic Radio?

Divine Mercy Radio is looking for a Special Operations Technician. Knowledge of computer hardware and server security a plus. Must be willing to embrace the Divine Mercy Radio mission and perform a variety of duties. Full job description at dvmercy.com. Send cover letter and resume to: Divine Mercy Radio, 108 E. 12th St., Hays, KS 67601.

The Ellis County Health Department is coming to Victoria to administer flu shots to the citizens of Victoria and the surrounding area.

**VFW Hall on Tuesday, October 4,
8:00 to 9:00 A.M.**

Victoria Schools Calendar



Monday — September 12

Yearbook workshop in Ellis.
Lunch Menu: Hmaburger, oven fries, pasta salad watermelon salad, milk
AIM period—Students have directed study
3:00 Varsity Tennis in Victoria with Hays and Osborne
6:00 JV Football vs Macksville
7:00 BOE Meeting

Tuesday — September 13

9:00 Tennis at Colby
Lunch Menu: Breaded pork patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, French bread, banana, salad, milk
AIM period—Students have directed study
4:00 pm Volleyball at Rexford

Wednesday — September 14

FCCLA District meeting at Osborne
9-12 Dane Hansen Test at Hays High
Lunch Menu: Chicken Penne, steamed broccoli, bread stick peaches, salad, milk
AIM period—Students will have directed study

Thursday — September 15

Lunch Menu: BBQ meat ball, baked potatoes, steamed carrots, fruit cobbler, mandarin oranges, salad, milk
3:00 pm Tennis @ Ellsworth
4:30 pm JH volleyball at Kinsley
4:30 pm Cross Country at Victoria

Friday — September 16

Yearbook Ad sales in Hays
Lunch Menu: Ham and cheese sandwich, Dorito chips, coleslaw, fresh broccoli, tropical fruit, salad, milk
AIM period—Students have directed study
7:00 pm HS football vs. Ellinwood

STARS & STRIPES BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. * Hays V.F.W. Hall

A portion of the proceeds go to help the Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia.



ADVANCED TICKETS:

Adults—\$7.50 (\$8.00 at door)
Children 5-12 years—\$3.50 (\$4.00 at door),
under 5 years—free
Tickets available at the St. Joseph Parish Service Center, Hays

For more information about the Sunflower Chapter of AHSGR, contact Kevin Rupp at krudd@ruraltel.net.

The Absolute Necessity for Catholic Radio

with the host of

Kresta in the Afternoon

Al Kresta

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17

Little Theatre of Holy Family Elementary

Tickets: \$50

(includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, wine, & beer)

Tickets available at:

Divine Mercy Radio

108 E. 12th St. Ste. #1 – Hays

or on line at dvmercy.com

VICTORIA VFW POST 1751—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.

Attention: St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/ Altar Society Members

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mass -7:00 p.m.

Reception of New Members

Women of the parish, consider becoming an official member of St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society organization.

New members will be inducted during Mass. If interested please contact Det Younger by phone 785-735-2757 or email at detyounger@gmail.com

We welcome all current members. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, come see what we have been up to.

LITURGY

MEETING SET

The Liturgy Commission will meet on **Tuesday, September 13, 2016**, at 6:00 p.m. at the PAC.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Monthly Meeting

The Daughters of Isabella will meet at the former 1867 Memorial Home on **Monday, September 12**, at **6:45 p.m.** for a group award picture, followed by bingo at 7:00 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

K. of C. Charities Aid Foundation, Kansas State Council 2016 Religious Education Fund Raffle

\$100 per ticket

Only 1,700 applications will be accepted.

Contact Harland Rupp for tickets (785-623-1368)

Make checks payable to:

Kansas State K of C Religious Education Fund

The drawing will be held December 3, 2016.

28 prizes will be given away: one \$25,000, one \$6,000, two \$4,000 each, five \$2,000 each, and nineteen \$1,000 each.

Need not be present to win. These donations are not tax deductible.

Last year a total of \$1,125 came back to the tri-parish (St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface) Religious Education program.

Monthly Meeting

The Knights of Columbus monthly meeting will be **Tuesday, September 13**, at 7:30 p.m. at the former 1867 Memorial Home.

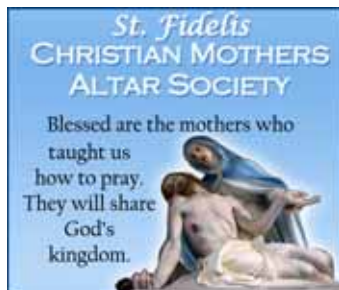
The Knights meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 in the evening.



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

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 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.

CHOIR & CANTORS

PRACTICE: Wednesdays, September 14 and 21 at 7:00 p.m.

SING: Saturday, September 24 @ 4:30 p.m. for the Alumni Homecoming Mass.

CANTORS

September 17, 5:00 pm — Hannah Dreiling

September 18, 10:00 am — Children's Choir

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 12
7:00 pm Verlin, Patty, and Stephan Lee Dreiling Irene, Alvin, and Robert Dortland	
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 13
6:45 am Larry Berens	
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 14
6:45 am Seraphin and Felicitas Windholz Hubert Sander	
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 15
6:45 am John and Severina Lang Alfred and Anna Rohr and Norman Schrant	
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 16
6:45 am Isidore and Rose Leiker family	
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 17
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Mary Riedel Pfeifer James "Fritz" Wohler	
SUNDAY	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 18
7:30 am St. Ann Bill, Larry, and Germaine Dechant and Norma Schmeidler	
8:45 am St. Boniface For the parishes	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Adam and Leona Sander Cletus Younger	



St. Fidelis Food Pantry

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