

"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		Catholic Faith Education Office:
	Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00		785-735-9244
Gift Shop Hours:	Weddings:	Baptisms:	Hospital Visits:
Monday-Thursday: 8:30–noon and 1:00–4:30 Friday: 8:30–noon	Couples planning to marry must contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before the wedding date for marriage preparations.	All new parents are asked to complete a Baptismal Preparation class before their child is baptized. For information, please call the Parish Office.	To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.
In-Home Mass:	Holy Communion Brought to Homebound:	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:	
Any homebound or hospice family interested in having Mass in their home should contact the Parish Office.	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.	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

July 23, 2017 – 16th 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

July 26 — Feast of Sts. Ann and Joachim
Aug. 4-5 — Herzogfest
Aug. 15 — Assumption — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Sept. 4 — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Sept. 11 — Patriot Day
Sept. 14 — Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sept. 22 — First Day of Fall
Oct. 4 — Feast of St. Francis of Assisi — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Oct. 9 — Columbus Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Oct. 31 — Halloween
Nov. 1 — All Saints Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Nov. 2 — All Souls Day
 (Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed)

Jesus
 proposed
 another
 parable to
 the crowds.

“The
 kingdom of heaven may be
 likened to a man who sowed
 good seed in his field.”



(from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:24-43)



When the pioneer settlers came to western Kansas they encountered a troublesome pest in their wheat fields, the bindweed. It robbed the soil of moisture and it seemed indestructible. Bindweed is the ultimate weed and today's gospel is about weeds.

In this parable God allows the weeds to grow along with the wheat. The weeds represent evil. "The weeds," Christ said, "are the children of the evil one." Yet these weeds are allowed to grow along with the wheat until the harvest. The master does not uproot them for fear of uprooting also the good wheat. In his infinite wisdom, God allows evil to coexist with goodness. Goodness can develop even in the midst of evil. Hardship builds character. God did not will that we live in a paradise free of sin.

This is about much more than enduring the failures of others. It is about God's patience with our faults and our failings. He does not weed in the garden of our soul. God allows us the time and space to outgrow our faults. And he calls us to be patient, as he is patient. We are to be patient with our own faults; patient with the faults of others.

Many enjoy the sport of weeding in the lives of others. In so doing, rather than improve the character of another, we lessen our own. We uproot goodness within ourselves when we tug at the

faults of others. In a special way, we like to weed within our own families. Spouses want a flawless partner. Parents want the ideal child. In-laws want perfection. One has to wonder how many marriages have been prematurely uprooted and families ruined because the wheat was not allowed to outgrow the weeds.



This is not to suggest that we turn a blind eye to serious failings. There is a time and a way to admonish and to correct. Before you weed in the garden of another's life, pause to consider if your meddling with minor faults will not uproot lasting goodness. Give virtue time to develop. Care and tend, but don't yank at the roots.

One of Aesop's fables is about a gardener who was impatient to see a rose bloom. He knew that there was a beautiful rose in the tiny rose bud. So he peeled the bud open. He did not find that glorious rose. Rather, he destroyed the budding flower.

The wisdom of God chose an imperfect world with weeds among the wheat. Today's parable is about the latent goodness in imperfection and the wisdom of patience. "Do not pull up the weeds, you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

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"Our minister charges nothing for his preaching, and he is worth it."

~ Mark Twain

Parish Staff

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Contributions July 15-16, 2017

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 3232.00 Loose 1220.00
Missions 140.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 256.00 Loose 183.82
Missions 50.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 148.00 Loose 177.00
Missions 15.00

July 24 — Bertha R. Brungardt,
Kathy Kuhn

July 31 — Dianne Crawford,
Marilyn Braun

Summer Food Program

St. Fidelis Church is sponsoring a summer food program at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street, **from May 30-August 22**. A free nutritious lunch will be served to any children from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Please use the front entrance of the Parish Activity Center. There are no enrollments or reservations required but if you are bringing a large group such as a day care group, please let us know that morning by calling 785-735-2777. For more information, contact Jan at the Parish Office.



Get Vitals Checked on Tuesdays

St. Fidelis Parish will have a retired Registered Nurse do vitals checks—blood pressure, respirations, pulse, and weight—at the Parish Activity Center in the Meal Site Room on **Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.** The service is free and open to anyone. This service is being offered through the Family Life Office.



COMMUNITY

Ellis St. Mary CYO

Community Fried Chicken Dinner

*** TODAY * → Sunday, July 23, 2017**

Knights of Columbus Hall, 1013 Washington St, Ellis, KS

10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or until sold out

Pan-fried Chicken dinner includes Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, and Dessert

Ages 5-9: \$5.00; Ages 10 & over: \$10.00

Commodities to Be Distributed

Government surplus commodities will be distributed on **Tuesday, July 25**, at 1:30 p.m. at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street, Victoria.



Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund Meeting

The Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund, Inc. will have its annual meeting at **7:30 p.m. on July 30, 2017**, at the Parish Activity Center in Victoria. Board of Directors will be elected, the annual treasurer's report will be presented, and regular board business will be conducted. All members are invited to attend.

COMMUNITY

Free Skin Cancer Screening

from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 5

on the Herzogfest grounds

sponsored by the

Ronald J. Wasinger Melanoma Research Fund,
Midwest Cancer Alliance
and the University of Kansas Cancer Center

35th Annual Herzogfest

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2017

5:00 pm—Grounds & Vendors Open

5:00 pm—Fun Cycles & Banana Rides

5:00-7:00 pm—Free Swimming

6:00 pm—Welcome Ceremony

7:00 pm—Blake Ruder

9:00 pm—Home Brew



SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017

8:00 AM—5k Run/Walk (Sponsored by Nex-Tech)

8:00-10:00 am—Breakfast (VHS Volleyball Team)

8:00 am-1:00 pm—Market Vendors 6th & Main to 7th & Main

8:00 am-2:30 pm—Herzogfest 8th Annual Rod, Custom and Cycle Show (Sponsored by Weber Body Shop)

9:00 am—3 on 3 Basketball, Soccer, & Tennis (Registration 8:30; Location: West of Victoria Elementary School; Sponsored by D & L Body Shop)

10:00 am—Food Vendors Open

10:00 am-1:00 pm—Free Cancer Screening (Sponsored by Ronald J. Wasinger Melanoma Research Fund, Midwest Cancer Alliance & University of KS Cancer Center; Location: Tent on west side of Market Vendors)

10:00 am-4:00 pm—Knockerball

11:00 am—Horseshoes

11:00 am—Inflatables (Sponsored by Grand Rental Station)

11:00 am-4:00 pm—Free Swimming (Sponsored by Hays Medical Center)

12:30 pm—Free Bingo (Sponsored by Predator Pipe Testing; Location: Victoria VFW Hall; Transportation will be provided; Total of \$500 will be given out)

1:00 pm—Eagle Med Helicopter

1:00 pm—Roller Rockers 3rd Annual Valve Cover Races (Sponsored by Victoria City Motor Company)

2:30 pm—Awards for Rod, Custom, & Cycle Show

4:00 pm—Polka Mass

5:00 pm—Wes Windholz Band

5:00 pm—Fun Cycles & Banana Bikes

7:00 pm—Pinochle (Thrift Shop—former K. of C. Hall)

7:00 pm—Kill Creek Rising

9:30 pm—Lucas Maddy & the Kansas Cartel

Eagle's Golden Egg Hunt sponsored by Eagle Communications, Inc. will release clues daily at 9:00 am & 2:00 pm starting Wednesday, August 2—www.eagle.net



ST. ANN

**St. Ann Parish
ANNUAL BRUNCH
Sunday, July 23, 2017
in the parish hall
after 7:30 a.m. Mass**

Parishioners are asked to bring one side dish.

All are welcome!

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

**Religious Ed
Enrollment Dates**

For the 2017—2018
school year:

Wednesday, August 2nd

Thursday, August 3rd

Hours of registration on both days are:

9 A.M.—12 P.M. & 1 P.M.—5 P.M.

Registration is open to all families with children in grades K - 12

Location: St. Fidelis Religious Education Office

Parish Activity Center - 601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Jeanette Brungardt at 785-735-9244

or by e-mail: FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net

Youth Service Opportunities

**Summer Lunch Program
Parish Activity Center**



The Summer Lunch Program began **Tuesday, May 30**, and will last through **August 22**, Monday—Friday. Volunteers do not need to RSVP or coordinate a date or time—please arrive at the PAC around 10:30 A.M. to help Father and Jan prepare for the kids to arrive at 11:00. If you do have questions, please contact Jan Brungardt in the PAC: 785-735-2777.

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

MONDAY	JULY 24
7:00 pm Bernard J. and Viola Billinger	
TUESDAY	JULY 25
6:45 am Paul Goetz	
WEDNESDAY	FEAST OF STS. ANN AND JOACHIM
6:45 am Ernest and Dolores Hoffman	JULY 26
Art VonFeldt	
THURSDAY	JULY 27
6:45 am Bill Weigel	
FRIDAY	JULY 28
6:45 am Robert J. Sander	
SATURDAY	JULY 29
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Oliver Kuhn, Albert Braun, and Clara Baier	
SUNDAY	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 am St. Ann Elmer and Edna Schulte	JULY 30
8:45 am St. Boniface	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Leo, Margaret, Bonivent, Galen, Hubert, David, Donnie, and Marlene Dinkel	

*** Sunday Rosary Schedule ***

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, July 29, 5:00 PM — Christy and Lydia Sander
Sunday, July 30, 10:00 AM — Pam Scheck

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.