

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.	BULLETIN ITEMS: Deadline is Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Connie (sftech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) at the Parish Office.	

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

September 23, 2018 – 25th 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

Eucharistic Adoration:

THURSDAYS • 10:00 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

Sept. 28 — No Mass @ St. Fidelis — Fr. John not available
Oct. 4 — Feast of St. Francis of Assisi — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Oct. 7 — Card Party in Meal Site
Oct. 8 — Columbus Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Oct. 28 — Priesthood Sunday
Oct. 29-31 — No Masses @ St. Fidelis — Fr. John not available
Oct. 31 — Halloween
Nov. 1 — All Saints Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Nov. 3-4 — Cemetery Blessings
Nov. 4 — Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov. 6 — Election Day
Nov. 11 — Veterans Day

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

(from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 9:30-37)



Christianity loves a paradox. The fundamental belief of our faith is the paradox of the paschal mystery, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Life from death. Similar paradoxes are the staple of the gospels: My burden is easy and my yoke is light; The first shall be last and the last shall be first; Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

These paradoxes are only seeming contradictions. They express truths that can be fully appreciated only by a puzzling contrast. G. K. Chesterton wrote, "A paradox is a truth standing on its head to get our attention." The truth of the gospel is often standing on its head to get our attention.

The paradox in today's gospel is a challenge to practice our Christian faith in daily life: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." That paradox is contrary to the prevailing wisdom of our secular culture. Yet it is a teaching so central to the message of Christ that it is repeated on various occasions throughout the gospels.

The Eight Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount highlight this paradox. The poor will inherit the kingdom, the sorrowing will be comforted, the hungry will be satisfied, and the meek will inherit the land.

When the apostles James and John, whom Jesus nicknamed the Sons of Thunder for their bluster, asked to be seated at his right and left in his kingdom, Jesus reminded them, "You know that the rulers of the gentiles lord it over them, and the great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave."

At the Last Supper when Jesus washed the feet of his Apostles, Peter protested that the Lord should not so serve his subjects, but Jesus corrected him, "You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you."



These gospel lessons are summarized and best exemplified by Christ's description of his mission here on earth, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mk 10:45)

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A rumor goes in one ear and out many mouths.

Parish Staff

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Contributions September 15-16, 2018

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 1749.00 Loose 1536.51
Repair Fund 40.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 95.00 Loose 223.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 270.00 Loose 84.00
Candles 21.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

September 24 — Connie Dreiling,
Janie Dinges

October 1 —

THE PSALMS

How to study and pray the psalms.
Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
October 16, 23, and 30 and November 6
Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life
Fr. Earl Meyer, OFM, Cap.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

K. of C. Selling Tickets for Religious Education Fundraiser

The Victoria of Knights of Columbus Council #1867 is selling raffle tickets to raise funds for the St. Fidelis Religious Education program. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased by calling 785-523-1368 or you may pick one up at the Parish Office.

The local Council has a limited supply of tickets.

The drawing will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at 8:00 p.m. in Wichita. Prize amounts will be: One \$25,000 ticket, one \$6,000 ticket, three \$4,000 tickets, six \$2,000 tickets, and twenty-one \$1,000 tickets.

All tickets need to be sold and returned before October 25. Donations are not tax deductible.

ADULT CHOIR

Choir Practice

The adult choir will resume practice in October. Practices begin at 7:30 p.m. Dates of the remaining practices for this year are:

Wednesdays, October 3, 10, and 17; Tuesday, October 23; and Wednesday, October 31.

Wednesdays, November 7 and 14; Monday, November 19; and Tuesday, November 27.

Tuesday, December 4; and Wednesdays, December 12 and 19.

Anyone who would like to sing with the choir is welcome. Simply join us at practice in the choir loft.

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

Meeting Scheduled

The Christian Mothers/Altar Society will meet in the north sacristy of the Basilica of St. Fidelis on **Monday, September 24**, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Any woman is welcome in this organization. Members benefit spiritually and provide support for needs within the church, community, and other worthwhile organizations. Please join us for Mass and then attend the short business meeting. Refreshments will be served.

YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER CALENDER

Wednesday, September 26

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Religious Ed classes grades 1 – 12

March for Life RSVP & \$100 deposit due to Office of Religious Ed

Altar servers schedule (October – January) issued to servers during Rel Ed

OCTOBER CALENDER

Tuesday, October 2

7:00 P.M. – Religious Ed Committee Meeting at PAC

Wednesday, October 3

2:30 – 3:15 P.M. – Kindergarten gathers at St. Fidelis Church

5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir practice (in choir loft)

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Religious Ed classes

grades 1 – 12

Thursday, October 4

PAC and Religious Ed Office closed for St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, October 7

10:00 A.M. Mass – Jubilee Choir sings

Monday, October 8

PAC and Religious Ed Office closed for Columbus Day

Wednesday, October 10

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Religious Ed classes grades 1 – 12

Wednesday, October 17

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Religious Ed classes grades 1 – 12

Sunday, October 21

[Tentative] Freshman candidates Confirmation Retreat at St. Fidelis
10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Wednesday, October 24

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Religious Ed classes grades 1 – 12

Sunday, October 28

Jr. CYO – Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat

Wednesday, October 31

No Religious Ed classes – Halloween

NOVEMBER CALENDER

Thursday, November 1

PAC and Religious Ed Office closed – All Saints Day

6:45 A.M. – All Saints Day A.M. Mass

7 P.M. – All Saints Day P.M. Mass

Sunday, November 4

10:00 A.M. Mass – Entrance & Covenant Rites (9th and 10th grade Confirmation candidates)

Confirmation retreat for sophomores and sponsors immediately following Mass at St. Fidelis Church



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

A cordial invitation is extended to couples celebrating first anniversaries and those anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 this calendar year to join us for the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass and Reception.

Sunday, October 21, 2018 @ 3pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton

1000 Burr Oak Lane, Salina, KS

or

Sunday, October 28, 2018 @ 3pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary

1805 Vine Street, Hays, KS

Husband

Wife

Last Name

Street Address

City/Zip

Telephone

Email Address

Parish

City

Date of Marriage (month, day, year) _____

What Anniversary are you celebrating in 2018? _____

Which Mass will you attend? (circle one) Salina or Hays

Number of family members attending (not including couple) _____

****DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS ****

October 7, 2018

Please mail registration to: **Marriage Mass/Family Life Office**
Attn: Wendy Backes
103 N. 9th Street
Salina, KS 67401

You may also register online at: <http://salinadiocese.org/family-life>
or call 785-827-8746 #24

Washington D.C. March for Life Trip with Salina Diocese

The 47th Annual March for Life will take place in Washington, D.C. on January 18, 2019. The Salina Diocese will sponsor a pilgrimage to attend this special

event. In addition to the March, we will tour and attend Mass at the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, celebrate Mass with all four dioceses in Kansas, attend the Life is Very Good Youth Rally, visit Arlington National Cemetery, and visit the National Monuments and other sites in Washington, D.C.

Anniversary Masses

The Diocese of Salina wishes to honor all couples who are celebrating 1st anniversaries and ALL other anniversaries ending in 0 or 5. Masses with Bishop Gerald L. Vincke are planned at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Salina, 3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 21, 2018**, and **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Hays, 3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 28, 2018**.

If you would like to participate, please complete the registration form in this week's bulletin or online at salinadiocese.org/family-life, or call the Office of Family Life at 785-827-8746. Each couple wishing to attend an Anniversary Mass must register with the Family Life Office. If you have questions, please contact familylife@salinadiocese.org or 785-827-8746. **DEADLINE for reservations is October 7, 2018.**

The trip will take place January 16-20, 2019, with a base cost of \$350/person for the bus and hotel. This trip is open to all ages across our diocese and we strongly encourage our youth to attend.

To register online or get more information, visit the Respect Life page of the diocesan website (www.salinadiocese.org/respect-life) or contact Lindy Meyer at 785-614-0831 or email respectlife@salinadiocese.org.

A non-refundable \$50 deposit is due September 30, 2018, with the final payment due December 1, 2018. option should contact the Respect Life Office.

There is an option for those who cannot ride the bus but would like to fly to D.C. on their own and join us for the March and other activities. Anyone interested in this option should contact the Respect Life Office.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA



The Victoria Daughters of Isabella Circle #364 received two awards at the D. of I. International Convention in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, August 5-8, 2018, which drew 436 attendees. Representing the local D. of I. circle at the convention was Regent JoAnn Berens. She attended with 10 other D. of I. members from Kansas.

The circle was presented with the Queen Isabella Award, which is the highest award the organization can receive. It required accomplishing a list of projects and donations over a two-year period. Local Past Regent Norma Keenan was diligent in tracking the information needed to achieve this award.

The group also received a Recruitment Award for increasing the organization's members by 7 percent.

Pictured above at a monthly meeting on Monday, September 10, are members: Rosie Kreutzer, Wilma VonLintel, Arlene Wittman, Vice Regent Deb Geshwentner, Wanda Kuhn, Regent JoAnn Berens, Benita Meyers, Past Regent Norma Keenan, Mary Catherine Windholz, Alice Schrant, Mary Mermis, Fran Robben, and Theresa Kuhn.

Holy Cross Celebrates

“Mein Haus Ist EinBethHaus” : “My house is a house of prayer.”



A view of Holy Cross Church from the choir loft before the start of the Mass for the centennial celebration of the dedication of the church. The pews and chairs at the side entrances filled up as the Mass time came closer.

With fewer and fewer residents, the little town of Pfeifer, Kansas, may be a bit quiet most days, but on Saturday, September 15, it was alive and bursting with energy as an estimated 750 or so people came from near and far to celebrate the Centennial of the Dedication of Holy Cross Church.

“Lots of kids and grandkids (of former parishioners) came back,” Floris Dome announced with a contented grin.

Floris is one of the founding members of Holy Cross Charities which was established in 1995, shortly after the Holy Cross parish became an administrated parish with no pastor. Father John Schmeidler, OFM Capuchin, pastor of St. Fidelis parish in Victoria, is its current administrator. The church is used now for special occasions only, such as weddings and funerals.

But the parishioners wanted to maintain the building and worked to accomplish that through Holy Cross

Charities. “We wrote letters to members and got donations,” Floris said.

Board members also wanted to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the building of the current church which was dedicated in 1918. The parish was established in 1876. Their first church was built in 1879. It became a school after a second church replaced it in 1890.

Every year a Mass is said at the current church around the September 14th feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Thus Saturday’s celebration came to be.

A framed container with a glass top greeted visitors on the plaza in front of the church. It contained contents from a 1976 Centennial celebration time capsule, including newspaper articles, a \$2 bill, photographs, coins, and more.

The centennial of the dedication activities included a rosary at 3:15 p.m. followed by Mass at 4:00. Paul Dreiling and Florian Dome pulled the ropes in the

Centennial of the Dedication of Holy Cross Church

vestibule to ring the church bells about 10 minutes before the start of Mass. Then Mass celebrant, Bishop Jerry Vincke, and concelebrants, Father Reggie Urban and Father Gilmary Tallman, walked up the aisle of the filled-to-capacity church to the music of Trilogy (Rick Rupp, Jerry Schmidtberger, and Leroy Schmidtberger) accompanied by Amy Staab.

At the homily, Father Reggie began by saying good afternoon to the crowd. They responded a little too quietly for him, so Father Reggie pronounced that they had to do better than that. "On the count of 3, I want everyone to say 'Good afternoon, Father.' One...Two..." This time the response was loud. Then he said, "Now on the count of 3 say 'Good afternoon, Bishop.'" And the bishop got the same enthusiastic response.

In his homily, Father Reggie called himself a "somewhat" native son of Pfeifer. "Before the Dreiling boys tell you about me, let me tell you about myself," he began. He said his ancestors contested the building of this beautiful church, so they started a parish in Loretto a few miles down the road, which is where he attended Mass.

"This is one of the most beautiful churches," Father Reggie said, even compared to churches in Europe. "Thirty-six bushels of wheat and \$6.00 helped build this



Allen Roth (left) and Floris Dome are two of the Holy Cross Charities board members.

church many years ago."

Blessing of seed wheat was included in the celebration, which Bishop Vincke performed following his talk at the end of Mass.

Trilogy's closing song was an adaption of John Denver's song "Take Me Home, Country Roads" with lyrics revised by Debbie Hoffman and Janice Seib to say "Country roads, take me home, to the place I belong, Pfeifer, Kansas, Smoky Hill River, take me home, country roads."

Allen Roth, secretary-treasurer of the Holy Cross Charities board, invited everyone to take part in a freewill-offering meal after Mass.

A huge tent with tables and chairs was set up on the east side of the church where a meal of roasted pig, scalloped potatoes, and baked beans was served by members of the Great Bend Knights of Columbus. Dessert was cake baked by Rosie Leiker of Munjor. Asked why the Knights of Columbus from Great Bend were helping with the meal, one member answered,



Bishop Jerry Vincke (center) celebrated the Centennial Mass along with Father Reggie Urban (left) and Father Gilmary Tallman, OFM Capuchin.

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Holy Cross Celebrates

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“The Dreiling boys.” He said some of the Dreiling boys live in Great Bend and are active members of the K. of C.

Those “Dreiling boys” are the sons of former Holy Cross parishioners Norbert and Laurine Dreiling, and were among the 16 children the couple had.

A smaller tent was set up to provide refreshments of pop, water, soda, and, of course, beer. As Father Reggie said in his sermon, “Wherever German people go, there will be sauerkraut, schnitzel, and beer, or at least I’ve found it so.”

Another stand was selling memorabilia—engraved cutting boards, insulated tumblers, and history books. The engraving was provided by former parishioner, Marion Dome, through his company Dome Engraving LLC.

Just in case the food ran short, organizers had hamburgers on hand. They came in handy as they were barbecued to feed those who celebrated late into the evening.

The crowd was entertained by Dale Stramel, a former parishioner, and his band the Hot Shots band.

Holy Cross Charities also raffled off a 2017 Polaris RZR XP1000 and a second prize of \$500 cash as a means to raise funds for the church. Although plenty of tickets were sold early, Carol Billinger said quite a few tickets were sold the day of the event. Carol is one of the founding members of Holy Cross Charities, along with her husband, Gilbert Billinger.

Raffle winners were drawn that evening with Fran Robben winning the Polaris and Myrna Hoffman winning the second prize.

Moneys received from the sale of the memorabilia items as well as the offertory collection, freewill meal donations, the Polaris raffle, and the sale of a reprinted Holy Cross Church history book all go towards the



Kids enjoy the merry-go-round on the north side of the church after Mass.

upkeep of the church. Much of the food, memorabilia, entertainment, and other items were donated by parishioners which helped Holy Cross Charities raise funds without extra expense.

Board member Glenn Stramel said “people were so generous with donations. We received lots of compliments” about the event which he said turned out better than they had expected.

Carol Billinger said the board was extremely pleased with the turn out and with the help. “We were just blown away. The goal was to fill the church and we achieved that.” Figuring 8 to 10 people per pew and with temporary seating along the sides, it was estimated the church could hold about 450 to 500. Those in attendance weren’t just former parishioners, but included many people from surrounding towns who just “came to have fun and enjoy the festivities.”

Members of the Holy Cross Charities board are Floris Dome, Carol Billinger, Gilbert Billinger, Gary Stramel, Allen Roth, Myra Meder, Janice Seib, Glenn Stramel, Florian Dome, Jerry Dreiling, and Floyd Klein.

The board meets monthly, except for June, July, and August, to mostly discuss investments and maintenance, according to member Allen Roth.

One \$40,000 project that began Monday, September 17, was restoration of the windows which need to be resealed and have some painting done around the window sills. In a couple of years, the roof will need to be fixed. Allen Roth and Floris Dome estimated that project will also cost \$40,000.

Those wanting to purchase cutting boards, tumblers, and history books can contact any of the board members. Donations towards the upkeep of the church can be sent to Holy Cross Charities, 1313 Steven Drive, Hays, Kansas 67601.



Visitors go through the line to get their roasted pig, baked beans, and scalloped potatoes for supper.

ST. BONIFACE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Bishop Vincke to Celebrate at St. Boniface

The 24-Hour Adoration at St. Boniface parish will begin Saturday, December 15, at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude Sunday, December 16, at 8:00 a.m. with Benediction with Bishop Vincke and the St. Boniface Choir.

The bishop will then celebrate Mass at 8:45 and join the parish for breakfast in the parish hall after Mass.

COMMUNITY

Victoria Recreation Adult Open Gym

The Victoria Recreation Commission will have open gym at the Victoria Elementary School Gym on Wednesday nights when religion is in session. If religion classes are cancelled for any reason so is Open Gym.

TIME 6:30-7:30 PM

Victoria Recreation Commission nor USD 432 will be responsible for any accidents, injuries, or lost or stolen articles. They ask that you bring your own equipment (basketballs, volleyball, etc.), please be respectful of the school property, and clean up after yourself. No alcohol or tobacco products allowed. You will be asked to sign in when you come.

Tell your friends and get together for a night of drop-in basketball or volleyball or whatever you choose.

For any questions, you may contact Sharon Bleske @ 785-735-2454.

October - March Schedule (Must be over 18)

OCTOBER

3 Men
10 Women
17 Men
24 Women

NOVEMBER

7 Men
14 Women
21 Thanksgiving Break
28 Men

DECEMBER

5 Men
12 District Christmas Concert
19 Women

JANUARY

2 Christmas Break
9 Men
16 Women
23 Men
30 Women

FEBRUARY

6 Men
13 Women
20 Men
27 Women

MARCH

3 Ash Wednesday
13 Spring Break
20 Men
27 Woman

COMMUNITY

Cancer Council's Day of Caring

"Reflections" is the theme for the 23rd Annual Day of Caring Brunch and Fashion Show at FHSU Memorial Union on **Saturday, October 6**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Come celebrate a day of Breast Cancer Awareness and Survivorship. Models are breast cancer survivors. **Tickets are available for \$20 a person until Monday, October 1.** For more information call the Cancer Council of Ellis County at 785-625-6653.

"Healing" Meetings

The Center for Life Experience, 2900 Hall Street, Hays

For information on these groups, contact

Ann Leiker at 785-259-6859 or email ccfpc@ruraltel.net.

HEALING AFTER LOSS OF SUICIDE is an organization offering family members and friends of those who have lost a loved one to suicide a place to connect with others who are dealing with this highly specialized grief recovery process. The group will eat supper at 5:00 p.m. **Wednesday, September 26**, at Thirsty's Bar & Grill, 2704 Vine St., Hays. They will then gather at 7:00 in The Center for Life Experience.

TGI—FAMILY NIGHT OUT

Share with other parents what works and does not work in raising healthy children and building strong families. Interactive learning from a variety of professionals in their area of specialization related to child and family relationships. For all families in our community with children 0-10 years of age. **Tuesday, September 25, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** "Your Child's Rapidly Developing Brain—and You" will be presented by Ken Windholz, MS, LCP, LMLP, psychologist. There will be a meal and childcare provided. **RSVP by September 24, 2018**, to Ann at 785-259-6859, Karla at 785-623-2430, or Kaysie at 785-623-2440.

Divine Mercy Radio's Coats 4 Floats

Donate a coat and receive a free root beer float during Divine Mercy Radio's *Coats 4 Floats* drive. Coats may be dropped off between now and Tuesday, October 9, at the following locations: A & W, Holy Family Elementary, TMP-Marian, Master Cleaners, and the Divine Mercy Radio offices.

Coats will be distributed to those in need on Saturday, October 13, at Master Cleaners and Top Notch Cleaners, both on 8th Street in Hays. Divine Mercy Radio thanks all the participating businesses in this endeavor to keep everyone in the community warm this winter.

Polka Dance

The Sunflower Polka Club is hosting a dance featuring the most famous Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen on **Sunday, October 14**, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Holyrood. Cost is \$10. All are welcome.

KATHARINENSTADT'S ESSENFEST

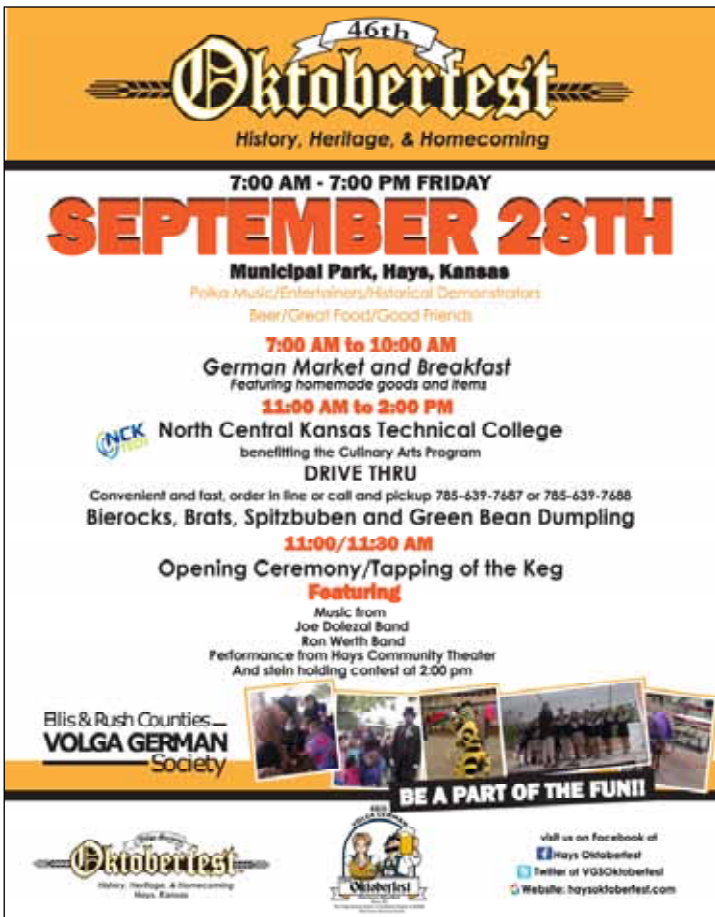
German Style Cook-Off

Do you make the best German bean dumpling soup, Brats, Raw Burger, Bierocks, Potatoes & Dumplings, Hearts, Kuchen, Spitzbuben, or any other German Delicacy? If you think you do, now is your chance to prove it at the 2nd Annual Katharinenstadt's Essenfest, a German Food Cook off, on **Sunday, October 21, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.** at Kennedy Middle School Cafeteria.

There will be raffle prizes, a mini bake sale, beer, and live polka music provided by Karl Meis. You—the public—are the taste testers and the judges!

Tickets to enter and taste all entries are \$5 and can be purchased from any St. Catherine Christian Mother from September 24 until the day of event at the door.

To enter as a contestant, please contact Sarah Shubert at 785-656-2399 (call or text message) or email sarah.shubert@outlook.com.



46th Oktoberfest
History, Heritage, & Homecoming

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 28TH
Municipal Park, Hays, Kansas

Polka Music/Entertainers/Historical Demonstrators
Beer/Great Food/Good Friends!

7:00 AM to 10:00 AM
German Market and Breakfast
Featuring homemade goods and items

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
North Central Kansas Technical College
benefitting the Culinary Arts Program
DRIVE THRU
Convenient and fast, order in line or call and pickup 785-639-7687 or 785-639-7688
Bierocks, Brats, Spitzbuben and Green Bean Dumpling

11:00/11:30 AM
Opening Ceremony/Tapping of the Keg
Featuring
Music from
Joe Dolezal Band
Ron Werth Band
Performance from Hays Community Theater
And steth holding contest at 2:00 pm

Ellis & Rush Counties...
VOLGA GERMAN
Society

BE A PART OF THE FUN!

visit us on Facebook at
#HaysOktoberfest
Twitter at Y03Oktoberfest
Website: haysoktoberfest.com



Volga German Oktoberfest
History, Heritage, & Homecoming
Hays, Kansas

JOIN US FOR THE
German Market

September 28, 2018
7:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Baked Goods, Homemade Bread, Noodles,
Jams, Crafts, and More!!!

For more information please contact us
on our website at haysoktoberfest.com,
email ldobratz24@gmail.com or call
785-623-1240.

Transitus of St. Francis Celebration

The Secular Franciscans of St. Joseph Fraternity invite everyone to join them in celebrating **the Transitus of St. Francis on Wednesday, October 3, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.** in the small San Damiano chapel at the Basilica of St. Fidelis in Victoria. A social will follow the prayer service. For more information, call 785-628-3107.

Even when you're mad, think before you talk. The words you say can only be forgiven, not forgotten.

~ Angel in Heart on Facebook

Victoria Schools Calendar



Monday — September 24

K-State Campus visit. Mrs. K. Braun, Mrs. James, and select students will attend

Lunch Menu: Beef fajita, new potatoes, corn, mandarin oranges, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

6:00 pm JV football vs. Lincoln

Tuesday — September 25

8:30 am VES to FHSU. Return time will be 3:00 p.m.

Lunch Menu: Taco salad, refried beans, steamed peas, grapes, chocolate chip cookie, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

4:00 pm HS volleyball vs. St. John with Otis-Bison

Wednesday — September 26

8:30 am FCCLA district planning meeting in Stockton. Mrs. C. Braun and select students will attend

Lunch Menu: Calzone, French fries, California blend, pineapple, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

7:30 pm USD 432 Board of Education work night

Thursday — September 27

Lunch Menu: General chicken, fried rice, green beans, pears, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

3:00 pm Tennis @ Ellsworth. Depart 1:00

4:00 pm Cross country @ Ness City. Depart 1:55

4:00 pm JH volleyball vs. Kinsley

6:30 pm JH football vs. Kinsley

Friday — September 28

Lunch Menu: Bratwurst, noodles, navy beans, apple wedges, salad, milk

AIM period—HS students will have SEL time. JH students will have directed study

7:00 pm HS football @ Clifton Clyde. Depart 2:40

Saturday — September 29

8:30 am HS volleyball @ Ellis tournament. Depart 7:30 a.m.

9:00 am HS V tennis @ Phillipsburg. Depart 7:00 a.m.

Collecting Box Tops and Pop Tabs

The Victoria Elementary School is once again collecting Box Tops and pop tabs. The school receives money for their activity fund with the Box Tops. They have earned \$13,649.79 for VES just by clipping that little Box Top!

The school is also a part of the Dillons Community Awards Program. Be sure to sign up online to enroll in program. Each time you swipe your Dillons Plus Shopper's Card, USD 432 automatically starts earning a rebate.

The pop tabs are delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Topeka, where they are recycled. Money raised helps with the cost of operating the house. Last year the school collected 163 pounds of pop tabs, which totaled \$75.

The school will turn in Box Tops at the end of February and the pop tabs will be delivered over spring break. Ask grandparents, neighbors, and anyone else you know to help collect these items and swipe those Dillons cards this school year.

VICTORIA VFW POST 1751

Please call in advance if you would like the Club Room to be open on Friday evenings.

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 Harland or Edna at 785-623-1368 or 785-735-2206.



Victoria VFW Post 1751

RAFFLE DRAWING



to help fund a Handicapped Bathroom

PRIZES: Two \$500; One \$300; Twelve \$100

Drawing to be held Sunday, October 28, at 1:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Victoria.

Winners need not be present to win.

Tickets are \$25.00.

For tickets, contact any Post 1751 Member or call 785-623-1368.

There will not be a Mass at the Basilica of St. Fidelis on Friday, September 28. Fr John will not be available.

Novena for Legal Protection of Human Life

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, **August 3 to September 28**. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray.

(Friday Novena prayers AND lessons taken from the www.usccb.org website)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

PRAY: May a change in the U.S. Supreme Court move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be..

LEARN:

A chief strategist for legalizing abortion lied about deaths from illegal abortion.

Claims that thousands of women were dying from illegal abortions at the time of Roe were fabricated for political purposes. The late Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a chief strategist for legalizing abortion, said he and his associates invented the "nice, round shocking figure" of "5,000 to 10,000 deaths a year" from illegal abortions:



*I confess that I knew the figures were totally false, and I suppose the others did too if they stopped to think of it. But in the "morality" of our revolution, it was a useful figure, widely accepted, so why go out of our way to correct it with honest statistics?*¹

Research confirms that the actual number of maternal deaths resulting from abortion in the 25 years prior to 1973 averaged 250 a year, with a high of 388 in 1948.² In 1966, before the first state legalized abortion, 120 mothers died from abortion.³ While any death is a tragedy, by 1972, when abortion was still illegal in 80 percent of the country, the number dropped to 39 maternal deaths from abortion.⁴

Furthermore, a groundbreaking 2012 study of abortion in Chile published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal found that Chile's abortion prohibition in 1989 did not cause an increase in the maternal mortality rate (MMR). On the contrary, after abortion was prohibited, the MMR decreased by 69.2% in the following fourteen years.⁵

¹ Bernard Nathanson, *Aborting America* (New York: Doubleday, 1979), 193.

² *Ibid.*, 42.

³ U.S. Bureau of Vital Statistics.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ Koch, E. (2012). Women's education level, maternal health facilities, abortion legislation and maternal deaths: a natural experiment in Chile from 1957 to 2007. *PLOS One, Volume 7* (Issue 5). <http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0036613>

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.



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

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24

7:00 pm Joseph, Albina, and Mary Rome and Don and Bob Gross

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25

6:45 am

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 26

6:45 am Peter J. and Alice Braun family

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27

6:45 am

**NO MASS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
FR. JOHN WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29

5:00 pm St. Fidelis Leroy Simoneau

SUNDAY 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 30

7:30 am St. Ann Edwin and Ruth Engel

Mildred Windholz and Bernita Kinderknecht

8:45 am St. Boniface

10:00 am St. Fidelis Willie and Bertha Pfeifer

*** Sunday Rosary Schedule ***

1st - Christian Mothers

2nd - Knights of Columbus

3rd - Daughters of Isabella

4th - Family Life

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, Sep. 29, 5:00 PM — Hannah Schmidt

Sunday, Sep. 30, 10:00 AM — John Braun

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Sep. 29, 5:00 PM — Jarron & Jillian S., Juliana D.

Sunday, Sep. 30, 10:00 AM — Caidyn D., Shelby & Sienna S.

Saturday, Oct. 6, 5:00 PM — Morgan S., Jessica S., Leah D.

Sunday, Oct. 7, 10:00 AM — Wesley & Lydia S., Mary Jane W.

Eucharistic Ministers\Lectors

These ministries are on a volunteer basis. Please sign up by the north entrance or come to the sacristy before Mass to see if anyone is needed.