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"cathedral of the Plains" THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

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Parish Office:

601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00

Fax: 785-735-2779

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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

August 28, 2016 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses:

St. Fidel is, 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. 5 — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Sept. 10-11 — Blessing of seed wheat at all Masses

Sept. 11 — Patriot Day

Sept. 11 — Grandparents Day

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. 6 — Feast of St. Nicholas

"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



A veteran teacher watches carefully which seat a student takes in the classroom. It can indicate how the teacher must relate to that student. A pastor cannot help but notice which pew people habitually chose, perhaps from mere habit or hearing need or preferred view. In today's gospel Christ noticed the seat that guests chose for status at a social meal. He then observed that their effort to be recognized was counterproductive. "When you are invited take the lowest place so that the host may say, 'My friend move up to a higher position.""

Old timers will remember pew rent and the annual auction of the church pews. In the vestibule of many area churches there was a board, "die Stifttafel," with a peg for each pew. One such board is still preserved in the vestibule of St. Francis Church in Munjor. Traditionally the back pew went to the highest bidder, the front pew to the lowest. Although one might rashly suspect other motives, this value system was cleverly justified by reference to this Sunday's gospel. "Take the last place, not the front seats. The last shall be first; he who humbles himself shall be exalted."

Humility is the most elusive of all the virtues. The parable in today's gospel about the places of honor at table illustrates the paradox of humility. Those who assumed higher places were embarrassed; those who took lower places were invited to a higher honor. Yet to take the lowest place, as a scheme to be invited higher, would not be humility, but a subtle form of pride.

Choosing a place at the table thus becomes a dilemma. If I choose a higher honor, I am proud. If I choose lower it may be seen as a ruse to be promoted, a false humility, and again I am proud. Choosing becomes an endless game of reverse psychology, like the infinite images in parallel mirrors.

How to resolve the paradox? Humility is never achieved directly. One does not become humble by trying to be humble, and those who think they are humble, almost surely are not. But when one seeks fundamental virtues — truth, honesty, and charity - humility follows as a result. Joy is found in much the same way, as a byproduct of other fundamental virtues. C. S. Lewis indicated this with the title of his book about his conversion, "Surprised by Joy."

We may not be able to define humility, but we know it when we see it, and we all know people who are truly humble. After the last conclave a journalist wrote, "Pope Francis is a miracle of humility in an era of vanity," and everyone knew what he meant and that it was true.

The opposite of humility is sensitivity. Most of us are just plain too darn sensitive. We take offense at every casual remark and any trivial gesture. Political correctness has a parallel in religious correctness. To be sensitive to an endless list of socially correct words or deeds is simply insisting on being first. It is pride.

When the old timers said factiously that the back pews were reserved for the humble they presented yet another paradox of this virtue: they were willing to pay the highest price for the lowliest pew because they were proud of their humility.

. and mirth

When the preacher finished his sermon there was a great awakening.

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Contributions August 20-21, 2016

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2850.00 Loose 2077.00
Catholic Charities 15.00
Loose from August 13-14 1188.10

ST. ANN:

<u>Adult</u> 146.00 <u>Loose</u> 423.00 <u>Tourist</u> 15.00 <u>Candles</u> 95.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 220.00 Loose 417.00 Catholic Charities 10.00 Candles 13.75

Aug. 29 — Dianne Crawford, Marilyn Braun

Sept. 6 (Tuesday) — Jim and JoAnn Pfanenstiel

Baptism

We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Benjamin Otto Schulte**, son of Seth and Abigail (Kuhn) Schulte. Benjamin Otto, born July 20, 2016, was baptized at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, by Father John Schmeidler on Sunday, August 21, 2016. His godparents are Kyle Schulte and Brittany Andrade.

Baptism

We welcome into the Christian community of faith Hadley Grace Leiker, daughter of Michael and Sarah (Weigel) Leiker. Hadley Grace, born May 3, 2016, was baptized at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, by Father John Schmeidler on Saturday, August 20, 2016. Her godparents are Lori Leiker and Chris Weigel.

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Robert Lavern Schumacher**, who passed away on Thursday, August 18, 2016. Services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Monday, August 22, with burial in St. Francis Cemetery, Munjor.

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Daniel A. "Dan" Braun**, who passed away on Friday, August 19, 2016. Services were held at Westview Church, Hays, on Monday, August 22, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 7 – First day of religious Ed classes K - 5 6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

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

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 - 56:30 - 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

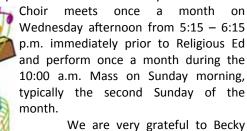
Wednesday, September 28 — Religious Education classes

K - 56:30 - 7:15 P.M.

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

Jubilee Choir

If you are in <u>second grade or older</u> and you have a love for singing and worship then Jubilee Choir needs you! The Jubilee



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.

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.

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 for you to drop off your donations, 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**.

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.

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.

Sportsmanship

The coach called one of his nine-year-old baseball players aside and asked, "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?"

"Yes, coach," replied the boy.

"Do you understand that what matters is we win or lose as a team?"

The boy nodded yes.

The coach continued, "I'm sure you know, when an out is called, you shouldn't argue, curse, attack the umpire, or call him a stupid jerk or dumb idiot. Do you understand all that?"

Again, the boy nodded yes.

"And when I take you out of the game so that another boy gets a chance to play, it's not good sportsmanship to call your coach a space cadet or ask him where he has his head stuck, is it?"

"No, coach."

"Good," said the coach, "Now, go over there and explain all that to your Grandmother!"

Ellis St. Mary CYO Community Fried Chicken Dinner Sunday, August 28

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 Now offering Chicken Fried Steak for those that don't like Chicken. Also, buckets to go!!

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

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.

Victoria Schools

Monday — August 29

FCCLA Take Aim @ Manhattan. Mrs. Connie Braun and select students will attend

Lunch Menu: Corn dog, cheese hash browns, steamed carrots, strawberries & bananas, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

Tuesday — August 30

Lunch Menu: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, French bread, mandarin oranges, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

3:00 pm Tennis @ Phillipsburg. Depart 1:10

Wednesday — August 31

Lunch Menu: Pizza, green beans, grapes, cake, salad, milk AIM period—STUCO meeting in Mr. Dronberger's room 2:30 pm FCCLA back to school festivities in gym

Thursday — September 1

Lunch Menu: Spaghetti, green beans, bread stick, fruit cocktail, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study. FCCLA fundraising meeting in auditorium

3:00 pm Tennis @ Hays. Dismissed 2:00

3:00 pm JV tennis @ Phillipsburg. Depart 1:10

4:30 pm JH volleyball vs. Ellinwood

6:30 pm JH football vs. Ellinwood

Friday — September 2

Spirit Spreader @ Hoisington. HS, JH cheerleaders will attend Lunch Menu: BBQ rib, hand tossed bun, chips, baked beans, applesauce, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study 7:00 pm HS football vs. Central Plains

Saturday — September 3

9:00 am HS tennis @ Colby

10:00 am HS cross country at Hays/TMP

Monday — September 5 — No School, Labor Day!

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 krupp@ruraltel.net.

AHSGR Annual Kansas Round-Up

The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) Hays, Sunflower Chapter, is hosting the annual Kansas Round-Up of Chapter on Saturday, October 1, 2016, at Whiskey Creek Restaurant's back meeting room. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with a business meeting and speaker throughout the day. Meal tickets (includes lunch and banquet) are \$25.00 a person. Registration is \$10.00 for AHSGR members and \$15.00 for non-members.

Banquet speaker this year is Dr. Tanja Schell who was raised in Russia. Her family was originally from the Volga German village of Seewald before the family was deported in 1941 to Omsk, West Siberia, and finally ended up back in Germany. She will be giving a number of presentations during the day. Other speakers include, Dr. Yuri Yerastov, Hannah Witt from AHSGR, Guy Windholz and the Sunflower Chapter presenting the program "Weihnachseit im Oktober". Deadline for registration is Monday, September 19, for the meals.

For more information contact Kevin Rupp at 785-656-0329 or visit www.sunflowerchapterofahsgr.net/Roundup.htm for more information.

Victoria Elementary Still Collecting Box Tops

Victoria Elementary School is still collecting Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Box Tops. If you have any of these items be sure to give them to any elementary school student or staff member, or you can drop them off at the school.

> Thank you for praying but. "Where are all the others," Jesus asks.

Pray for the Conversion Our Nation

We need a lot of prayer, since we are in an important election season. Prayer hour every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Fidelis Church. All are welcome!



CHOIR

ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir will resume practice on Wednesday, September 7.

PRACTICE: Wednesdays, September 7, 14, and 21 at 7:00 p.m. **SING**: Saturday, September 24 @ 4:30 p.m. for the Alumni Homecoming Mass.

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.

DIOCESE

March for Life in January

The Diocese of Salina Respect Life Office will sponsor a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., **January 25-29, 2017**. The trip includes bus fare, hotel for two nights, Mass, the March for Life, National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, sightseeing, and the Life is VERY Good Rally. Information can be found at www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx (optional, additional cost).

Cost of the trip is \$325 per person. Online registration will be available at http://salinadiocese.org/respect-life. There is a \$50 non-refundable reservation fee. *Reservations are due no later than September 30.* For more information contact Bradley Stramel at 785-259-5437 or brstramel@gmail.com.

AUGUST-ALERT

This month might be vacation time for some but traffickers are busier than ever, buying and selling men, women, and children for financial gain. About 700,000 primarily women and children are trafficked annually within or across international borders. Call 888-3737-888 if you suspect a person being trafficked. Don't forget to view **sistersagainsttrafficking.org**, the website of U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

Married Couples to Be Honored

The Diocese of Salina wishes to honor all couples who are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ or more years of marriage. Celebrations with Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, celebrant, are planned at St. Joseph Parish, Hays, **Sunday, October 23**, at 3:00 p.m. and at St. Mary, Queen of the Universe Parish, Salina, on **Sunday, October 30**, at 3:00 p.m.

If you would like to participate in one of these celebrations, please notify the parish office **by Thursday, September 8**, requesting a personal invitation.



Please provide Last Name, First Name of Husband and Wife, Street Address, City, State, ZIP, Phone Number, Home Parish, Anniversary Date and Year Married, Anniversary number being celebrated in 2016, and the location of the parish where you will be attending.

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.



MINISTER SCHEDULES for Masses at the Basilica of St. Fidelis can be found on the church's website on the "Mass Schedule" page.

www.StFidelisChurch.com

MASS INTENTIONS
MONDAYAUGUST 29
7:00 pm Ed and Stella Sander family
TUESDAY AUGUST 30
6:45 am Louis (anniv) and Harry Birzer
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31
6:45 am David Winter
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1
6:45 am Frances Joseph Kuhn
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2
6:45 am
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Joseph and Christine Riedel
SUNDAY 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 4
7:30 am St. Ann Alexia Munk
8:45 am St. Boniface
10:00 am St. Fidelis Tom Younger

* Sunday Rosary Schedul e * 1^{st} - Christian Mothers 2^{nd} - Knights of Columbus 3^{rd} - Daughters of Isabella 4^{th} - Family Life

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 3, 5:00 pm				
<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	
Hannah	Wilma VonLintel	Ally Dinkel	Ron / Jane	
Dreiling	Keith Billinger	Brady Dinkel	Wagner	
<u>Lector</u>	Norma Keenan	Taylor	Kathy Kuhn	
Sandy	Ivan Werner	Anderson		
Scheck	Verda Werner			
Comm.	Tammy Dome			
Angie	Bertha A. Brungardt			
Roth				
Sunday, September 4, 10:00 am				
<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	
Marilyn	Cora Schulte	Eli Schmeidler	Joan Wellbrock	
Braun	Melissa Schmidt	Shelby	Ken / Bertha	
<u>Lector</u>	Diane Gross	Schmeidler	Brungardt	
Yvonne	Fran Robben	Wyatt Dreiling		
Braun	Janine Kisner			
Comm.	Ken Brungardt			
Teresa	Bertha R. Brungardt			
Schepherd				

