

*"Beacon of Faith,"*  
**ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*"Cathedral of the Plains,"*  
**THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS**

*"Pearl of the Prairie,"*  
**ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



<b>Parish Office:</b> 601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 • 785-735-2777 • Fax: 785-735-2779		<b>Catholic Faith Education Office:</b> 785-735-9244	
<b>Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00			
<b>Gift Shop Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday: 8:30-noon and 1:00-4:30 Friday: 8:30-noon	<b>Weddings:</b> Couples planning to marry must contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before the wedding date for marriage preparations.	<b>Baptisms:</b> All new parents are asked to complete a Baptismal Preparation class before their child is baptized. For information, please call the Parish Office.	<b>Hospital Visits:</b> To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.
<b>In-Home Mass:</b> Any homebound or hospice family interested in having Mass in their home should contact Bertha Brungardt at the Parish Office.	<b>Holy Communion Brought to Homebound:</b> 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.	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:</b> <b>THURSDAYS</b> <b>10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.</b> in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar	

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**July 3, 2016 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*July 4th*  
*Independence Day*

**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 St. Ann
  - Aug. 5-6** — Herzogfest — 4:00 Mass in city park; 5:00 Mass in church
  - Aug. 15** — Assumption (NOT a Holy Day of Obligation)—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
  - Sept. 5** — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
  - Sept. 11** — Patriot Day
  - Sept. 14** — Exaltation of the Holy Cross
  - 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)



**The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, July 4, in celebration of Independence Day.**  
**Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. There will not be a 7:00 p.m. Mass.**



Our immigrant ancestors were welcomed by the Statue of Liberty to America, the land of freedom. With trust in divine providence they left many things behind. Their hope for the future had only one assurance: they would be free. On this Fourth of July weekend we rightly and proudly celebrate our freedom. We should also reflect on the responsibilities of that freedom.

Kansas editor, William Allen White wrote, "Liberty is the only thing you can't have unless you give it to others." George Bernard Shaw wrote, "Liberty means responsibility." Scriptures says, "Live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil." (1Pt 2:16)

Freedom is something of a paradox. St. Peter and St. Paul boasted that they were slaves of Christ. (2Pt 1:1; Rom 1:10) Yet both tell us that they were free in the truth of Christ. (1Pt 2:16; Rom 8:21) Perhaps the most insightful thought of Scripture regarding freedom are the words of Christ to his disciples: "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and *the truth will set you free.*" (Jn 8:32) Truth offers freedom, yet truth can be very demanding. Freedom can be paradoxical.

Pope John Paul II wrote, "The Ten Commandments are the Magna Carta of human freedom." The Magna Carta was the charter of political and civil liberties granted to all English citizens by King John in 1215. It is widely regarded as the basic document of democracy as well as the foundation for the Rule of Law. The Magna Carta speaks at one and the same time of freedom and law. Again that paradox.

The Ten Commandments are the Magna Carta of human freedom, yet they frequently admonish, "Thou Shalt Not." How does *Thou Shalt Not* make us free? Are Christians who live their baptismal promises free? Are those who wear wedding rings free? Are religious under vows free? What is the key to this paradox?

The perfection of freedom is to do the right thing, freely. Any pretense of freedom as unbridled license or absence of all restraint is a false freedom, a slavery in disguise. To choose to do the wrong thing is not the way of freedom but a slippery path to the slavery of evil. It is an invitation to addiction, which destroys liberty. Alcoholics and drug addicts know this paradox of freedom only too well. To a lesser degree, so do those hooked on caffeine, nicotine, and the cocoa bean. If "I have to have it," I am no longer free. Our freedom can be measured by the number of things we can walk away from.

We can be freed from slavery to our sinful weaknesses by cooperating with the grace of God. God's grace is offered freely, but the ball is our court since we must cooperate with God's grace to make it effective.

The salvation offered by Christ is essentially a spiritual freedom from sin and death. Such freedom is not only heavenly joy, but also earthly liberty. The truth of Christ sets us free by showing us the right use of freedom. The Saints were not only holy, they were also happy. And they were happy because they were truly free. The grace of Christ can free us from slavery to our weaknesses. We are truly free when we freely choose to do what is right. Such is the freedom of the children of God.

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"The harder I work, the luckier I get." - Thomas Edison

## Parish Staff

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## Council Members

### St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

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### St. Ann Pastoral Council

Helen Windholz 735-2293  
Allen Hammerschmidt 735-2447  
Jerry Nowak 637-5273

## Contributions June 25-26, 2016

### **ST. FIDELIS:**

Adult 2352.00 Loose 1201.50  
Peter's Pence 554.00

### **ST. ANN:**

Adult 701.00 Loose 587.00

### **ST. BONIFACE:**

Adult 214.00 Loose 264.56  
Candles 23.00  
Peter's Pence 243.00

**July 5 (Tuesday)** — Jim and JoAnn Pfanenstiel

**July 11** — Anita Braun, Crystal Robben

## With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Jeanette Jeanne Brown**, who passed away on Monday, June 20, 2016. Services were held at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Saturday, June 25, with inurnment in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

## Baptism

We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Mia Lynn Lang**, daughter of Colton and Holly (Dreiling) Lang. Mia Lynn, born April 17, 2016, was baptized at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, by Father John Schmeidler on Sunday, June 26, 2016. Her godparents are Hannah Dreiling and Preston Werth.



## Baptism

We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Luke Michael Brungardt**, son of Michael Kenneth and Jeanette (Maki) Brungardt. Luke Michael, born May 13, 2016, was baptized at the St. Ann Catholic Church, Walker, by Father John Schmeidler on June 18, 2016. His godparents are Michael Reif and Emily Reif.



## 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.

**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 and 5-8. If these hours do not work for you to drop off your donations, contact Jan at the parish office.

## Summer Food Program

St. Fidelis Church is sponsoring a summer food program at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10<sup>th</sup> Street, from June 1-July 29.

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.



## Gas Range for Sale

St. Ann Parish is selling the 1925 Garland 6-burner gas range from the Parish Hall kitchen. \$400 or best offer. Call 785-650-3050.

ST. ANN PARISH  
WALKER, KS

# Quilt Raffle

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**Tickets will be sold after each Mass in Victoria, Vincent, and Walker the weekend of July 9-10**

1 Ticket for \$1  
or  
6 Tickets for \$5

**DRAWING TO BE HELD  
Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**  
during a brunch in the Parish Hall

Need not be present to win

**Help with Summer Lunch Program** — Saint Ann Christian Mothers are invited to volunteer to help with the summer lunch program sponsored by St. Fidelis Parish. Lunch will be served from 11:00 to 11:30 daily from **June 1 to July 29** at the Parish office in Victoria. Tasks would include: helping with food prep, serving kids, and clean up. For more information or to volunteer for one day or more frequently, please call Jan at the Parish Office number 785-735-2777.

## Pastoral Council Nominations

St. Ann parish is accepting nominations for Pastoral Council for the 2016-2019 term. Allen Hammerschmidt's 2<sup>nd</sup> term as a council member will expire at the end of June. Nominees must be registered parishioners of St. Ann and 18 years or older. If you are interested and willing to accept a nomination please call Father John at 785-735-2777 or visit with one of the current council members.



**Asthma? Allergies?**

An informational meeting regarding allergies and asthma including treatments and medications



**TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016**

**5:30 P.M. — Healthy Snacks**

**6:00—7:00 p.m. — Presentation and Roundtable**

Roman Reznik, MD; Lesa Klozenbucher, APRN; Chris Fisher, RN, RRT

**FREE**

**Center for Health Improvement, 2500 Canterbury Drive, Hays**  
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**JULY—ALERT**

**World Day Against Trafficking in Persons (July 30)** designated by the United Nations General Assembly, December 2013. “Every country must join together to overcome this transnational threat by supporting and protecting victims while pursuing and prosecuting the criminals. Let us resolve to act as one in the name of justice and dignity for all.” ~UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon. Access the website [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org) ... U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

**VICTORIA V.F.W. POST 1751**  
**Brats & Burger Fundraiser**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2016**  
**11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

This event is a way to help the Post raise funds and to let the community know what the Victoria Post 1751 is about.

It is also a way to recognize the Veterans in our community.

*Also serving chips, coleslaw, dessert, pop, and water.*



**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.

*“Where two or three have come together in my name, I am there among them.” ~ Matthew 18:20*

**Prayer Hour for 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!



Peter's Pence Collection  
*Be a Witness of*  
**Charity**

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's charitable works through the Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to become a witness of charity. May God bless you.

**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.



# God's Watching

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun wrote a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. One of the children had written this note: "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

**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.


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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](http://www.StFidelisChurch.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> .....	<b>JULY 4</b>
8:00 am For the parishes		
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....		<b>JULY 5</b>
6:45 am Henrietta Kuhn		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....		<b>JULY 6</b>
6:45 am		
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....		<b>JULY 7</b>
6:45 am		
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....		<b>JULY 8</b>
6:45 am Ben and Olivia Windholz family Carey Schulte		
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....		<b>JULY 9</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Olinto and Viola Lodovici		
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> .....	<b>JULY 10</b>
7:30 am St. Ann Dolores Froelich Frank, Catherine, and Minnie Flax		
8:45 am St. Boniface		
10:00 am St. Fidelis Seraphin and Felicitas (anniv) Windholz		

## \* Sunday Rosary Schedule \*

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

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, July 9, 5:00 pm

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Hannah Dreiling	Jane Wagner Angie Roth	Aryan Karlin Drayden Karlin	Kathy Kuhn Kim Schmidtberger family
<b>Lector</b> Amorette Windholz	Jamey Roth Colleen Kuhn Brenda Robben	Caden Oberle	Schmidtberger family
<b>Comm.</b> Randy Leiker	Dianne Crawford Wilma VonLintel		

### Sunday, July 10, 10:00 am

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Addie Roth	Cora Schulte Mark Schroder	Kinley Windholz	Andy / Wanda Kuhn
<b>Lector</b> Shannon Radke	Danita Schroeder Wanda Kuhn Verda Werner	Cooper Windholz Taylor	Vitus Lang
<b>Comm.</b> Anne Dinkel	Ivan Werner Ken Brungardt Bertha R. Brungardt	Anderson	



## St. Fidelis Food Pantry

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