

“Beacon of Faith,”
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

“Cathedral of the Plains,”
THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

“Pearl of the Prairie,”
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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| 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

July 31, 2016 – 18th 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

- Aug. 5-6** — Herzogfest — 4:00 Mass in city park; 5:00 Mass in church; *NO MASS at Vincent on Sunday, Aug. 7*
- Aug. 15** — Assumption (NOT a Holy Day of Obligation)—**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
- Sept. 5** — Labor Day — **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
- Sept. 10-11** — Blessing of seed wheat at all Masses
- Sept. 11** — Patriot 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



“This night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?”

(from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 12:13-21)



When a man asked Christ to settle an inheritance dispute in today's gospel, he refused. "Who made me your judge?" The man had to be surprised. What better judge to approach? The unexpected message is that there are matters of conscience that we must decide for ourselves and take responsibility for our own decisions. Pope Francis has said, "The church has been called to form consciences, not to replace them."

We all want the right to our own conscience, but often we avoid the responsible use of it. It can be easier not to decide, or to have another make the decision and let them bear the responsibility for the consequences. Such was the case of the man in today's gospel who asked Christ to tell his brother to share their inheritance. His motive was not justice or equity, but selfishness. That prompted Christ to respond, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

To apply the responsibility of conscience to the temptations of greed, Christ then told the parable of the man who grew rich and stored up treasure for himself, but was not rich in what matters to God. Simply put, he made selfish decisions not only with the treasures of his own life but about what he would leave as an inheritance.

The inheritance dispute of the brothers in this gospel is over sharing the material fruits of one's life with others, but the moral message of this gospel is about our immaterial estate. The punch line is, "The things you have saved, to whom will they belong?" That question is about more than inheriting finances. It is about the legacy of faith. "The things you have stored up, to whom will they belong?" Who will benefit not only from labor of your life but from the love of your life? What spiritual riches will you leave to those who follow you? Who will benefit from the faith of your life? The rich man thought only of his wealth and how it affected him. He had no thought of the meaning of his life beyond wealth and how his spiritual values affected also others.

When you make a will you decide who will receive the fruits of your life's work. But every day you are making out an intangible will, perhaps unwittingly. You leave an inheritance of values, virtues, and visions for your descendants.

Scripture says of the inheritance of faith, "an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, one that is kept forever in heaven." (1Pet 1:4) What values, virtues, and vision will you give to your descendants? If you leave a trust fund to your heirs, it will eventually run dry. But if you teach them trust, it will guide them forever. If you leave them gold, it will soon be gone and forgotten. But if you give them your goodness, it will live in them every day. If you leave finances to your family, it will fade. But if you leave a legacy of faith to your heirs, it will help them or haunt them forever.

When we remember our deceased parents, grandparents, and relatives, we do not recall their wealth or their property or their portfolio. We remember their love, their loyalty, and their laughter. We are enriched by the legacy of their faith.

This is the only gospel parable in which God Himself intervenes with the characters in the story. In all the other parables we have to infer the message and lesson for our own life. But in this parable God speaks directly to the rich man and therefore to each of us, "To whom will the fruits of all of your labors go?" What are you leaving as your inheritance?

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There is no such thing as an idle rumor.

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Lou Ann Hammersmith

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Contributions July 23-24, 2016

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 3120.00 Loose 1376.32

ST. ANN:

Adult 254.00 Loose 221.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 255.00 Loose 252.00

Candles 18.80

Aug. 1 — Doris Weigel, Shirley Weigel

Aug. 8 — Randy Leiker, Tina Rajewski

With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Emery J. Rome**, who passed away on Wednesday, July 20, 2016. Services were held at The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, on Monday, July 25, with burial in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria.

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.

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.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Religious Education Commission Meeting

Thursday, August 11, 7:00 p.m. at the PAC.

Rel. Ed. Registration

Registration for Religious Education, grades K – 12, will be held on Tuesday, August 2, and Wednesday, August 3. Please note the change in registration times:

August 2 – August 3, 2016

Parish Activity Center – Religious Education Office

Time: 9 A.M. – 12 P.M. and 1 P.M. to 6 P.M.*

*The Parish Activity Center and Religious Ed Office will be closed each day from 12:00 to 1:00 P.M. for lunch.

For questions regarding registration please contact Shirley Brungardt or Jeanette Brungardt at 785-735-9244 or at FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net.

PLEASE NOTE: there is an additional "Medical Information Form" required by the Diocese of Salina.

Please have the following information at the time of registration:

- Dates of last MMR, TB and Tetanus shot
- Health insurance card - provider, I.D. # and group #

If your child or teenager participated in the CYO ski trip, the CYO Lenten Retreat, or the Vacation Bible School, you would have already completed this form and you will not need to complete it again.

I am happy to e-mail you a copy of this registration form. Please contact Jeanette at FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net or in the office at 785-735-9244 to request a copy of this form.

ST. ANN

Saint Ann Parish Annual Breakfast Brunch

~ TODAY ~

Sunday, July 31st

Parish Hall

After the 7:30 a.m. Mass

Everyone is welcome to attend!!

The raffle drawing for a quilt handmade by *The Little Sisters of the Poor* will take place during the brunch. Raffle tickets are available from Mary Kay Schippers.

Mary Kay can be reached at 785-650-3050.

AUGUST CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 2 – Religious Education Enrollment at PAC

Please see note in bulletin

9 A.M. – 12 P.M. & 1 P.M. – 6 P.M.

*Office closed from 12 – 1 P.M.

Wednesday, August 3 – Religious Education Enrollment at PAC

9 A.M. – 12 P.M. & 1 P.M. – 6 P.M.

*Office closed from 12 – 1 P.M.

Thursday, August 11 – 7:00 P.M. Religious Ed Committee Meeting

Monday, August 15 – Religious Ed/PAC Office closed

Tuesday, August 16 – 7:00 P.M. Religious Ed Catechist In-service Meeting

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 – 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.

HERZOGFEST

NEXT WEEKEND
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JULY 5-6

Come and support your local church booths.

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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 ... U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

Salina Diocese Men's Conference

Catholic Men of the Salina Diocese, join us for our 50th Annual Salina Diocese Men's Conference, "Come Follow Me," **Saturday, August 13**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hays. If you have sons who are high school or older, please bring them. Nationally acclaimed speaker, Curtis Martin, founder and CEO of Focus, Fellowship of Catholic University Students, is the speaker. The basic theme woven throughout the conference is: what am I called to as a Catholic man in today's world. Men of the Dodge City Diocese are also invited, so register early. To register online or for more information, go to salinadiocese.org or call 785-827-8746, Ext. 40.

After August 2, registrants will need to pay a \$5 late fee. Walk-in registrations the day of the conference will be \$40.

Attention Ladies!

Have you marked **Saturday, August 20, 2016**, on your calendar? That is the date of the Salina Diocese Council of Catholic Women Convention to be held at Sacred Heart Church in Colby. You won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to "Grow in Faith." Where else can you attend Mass with the Bishop, hear three dynamic speakers, enjoy a catered lunch, bid on silent auction items, and enter the raffle to have a chance to win beautiful quilted items? Gather your friends together and come for a faith-filled, fun day...all for the registration price of \$25!

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Pre-registration forms are available in the July 22 edition of The Register. For additional information, contact Pat Erickson, Convention Director at perickson@st-tel.net or 785-443-2298.



Respect Life Conference

The annual Respect Life Conference "Lobby for Life" will be held on **Saturday, August 27**, in Russell at St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish from 8AM – 3PM. Amy McInerney, Executive Director of the National Coalition for a Human Life Amendment, will be the keynote speaker. Lunch will be provided. The

cost of the conference is \$20 for an individual, \$30 for a couple and \$10 for a high school student. Register at salinadiocese.org/respect-life. Learn to engage the public policy process to continue to build the culture of life!

Herzogfest Entry Forms

Entry forms for the Herzogfest 5K, Basketball, Tennis, and Soccer are available on www.herzogfest.com.

Prizes will be awarded for all 1st and 2nd place winners.

HERZOGFEST
Friday-Saturday, August 5-6, 2016

Singers for Herzogfest Choir

Anyone wishing to sing in the choir at the Herzogfest Mass, please gather at the small stage at 3:30.

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.



Community Assistance Center — 12th and Oak, Hays

GARAGE SALE

Tuesday, August 2 • 8:00-11:00 am

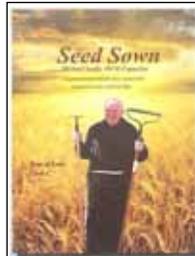


Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund Meeting TONIGHT

The Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund, Inc. will have its annual meeting at 7:30 p.m., July 31, 2016, 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.

Commodities to Be Distributed

Government surplus commodities will be distributed on **Tuesday, August 2**, at 1:30 p.m. at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10th Street, Victoria. Please use the north entrance.



A New Book by Fr. Mike Scully

SEED SOWN

...a personal journal for the Year of Luke

The reading, studying, and journaling in *Seed Sown* brings the seeds of the Gospel under the Lord's light and warmth, so growth and change can come about.

TO ORDER: Contact Fr. Mike at 1204 Kentucky St., Lawrence, KS 66044
\$12.00 each or \$10.00 each for an order of 6 or more
(Tax is already included in pricing)

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.

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

Pray for the Conversion of 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!



Mary Kay Schippers' Books Available in Gift Shop

"A Year on the Family Farm" (\$13) and its sequel, "Another Year on the Family Farm" (\$15), by Mary Kay Schippers are available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop. Profits go to the Tri-Parishes.

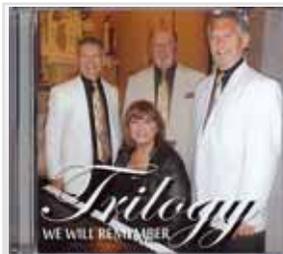


Available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop

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We Will Remember
\$15.00

(\$4.00 from each Music CD sale will be given to The Basilica of St. Fidelis)



First Care Clinic

Hours will be:

Monday - Thursday

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM - Noon

Phone: **785-735-3710**

Masses on Saturday, August 6

4:00 p.m. at Park for Herzogfest

5:00 p.m. in The Basilica of St. Fidelis

NO MASS at St. Boniface on Sunday, August 7

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The summer lunch program was a great success. Thank you to all the families who participated. We served an average of 20 kids per day. A huge thank you to all who volunteered by helping serve the kids, providing desserts, barbequing, financial support and all others who volunteered in any way.

We hope to do it again next year.

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.

The Thrift Shop will not be open on Wednesday evenings.



Get the Blood Flowing

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face."

"Yes," the class said.

"Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?"

A little fellow shouted, "Cause your feet ain't empty."



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

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| MONDAY | AUGUST 1 |
| 7:00 pm Alvin and Martina Schmidtberger | |
| TUESDAY | AUGUST 2 |
| 6:45 am Leland Schumacher | |
| WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 3 |
| 6:45 am Joseph C. and Catherine Weigel | |
| Galen, Bonivent, Margaret, Donnie, Leo, Hubert, David, and Marlene Dinkel | |
| THURSDAY | AUGUST 4 |
| 6:45 am William P. and Catherine Dreiling family | |
| FRIDAY | AUGUST 5 |
| 6:45 am Elaine Klitzke | |
| SATURDAY | AUGUST 6 |
| 4:00 pm HERZOGFEST MASS IN THE PARK | |
| 5:00 pm St. Fidelis Elmer and Mildred Hoff | |
| SUNDAY | NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 7 |
| 7:30 am St. Ann Norbert Robben | |
| Edwin and Ruth Engel | |
| 10:00 am St. Fidelis Rich Schmidtberger | |
| Leland Schumacher | |

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 6, 5:00 pm

| <u>Cantor</u> | <u>Ministers</u> | <u>Servers</u> | <u>Greeters</u> |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Kevin | Jamey Roth | Hannah | Jim / Becky |
| Juenemann | Angie Roth | Radke | Scheck |
| <u>Lector</u> | Colleen Kuhn | Aspen | Mary |
| Sandy | Wanda Kuhn | Schoenrock | Windholz |
| Scheck | Dianne Crawford | Grant | |
| <u>Comm.</u> | Wilma VonLintel | Schoenrock | |
| Randy | Brenda Robben | | |
| Leiker | | | |

Sunday, August 7, 10:00 am

| <u>Cantor</u> | <u>Ministers</u> | <u>Servers</u> | <u>Greeters</u> |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Marilyn | Cora Schulte | Jalyn Dinkel | Jamey Roth |
| Braun | Joan Wellbrock | Jaxon Dinkel | family |
| <u>Lector</u> | Keith Billinger | Jarron Schmidt | Joan |
| Becky | Norma Keenan | | Wellbrock |
| Scheck | Ivan Werner | | |
| <u>Comm.</u> | Verda Werner | | |
| Anne | Bertha R. Brungardt | | |
| Dinkel | | | |



St. Fidelis Food Pantry

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