, Beacon of Faith. ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

. Dearl of the Prairie. ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH







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

785-735-2777 • 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

April 23, 2017 – Divine Mercy Sunday

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

Apr. 24 — Feast day of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Apr. 26 — Administrative Professionals

Apr. 30 — First Communion @ 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Fidelis

May 1 — May Day

May 4 — National Day of Prayer

May 7 — 54th Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations

May 14 — Mother's Day

May 14 — High School graduation

May 18 — Last day of school

May 20 — Armed Forces Day

May 25 — Ascension Thursday (not a holy day of obligation)

May 29 — Memorial Day—PARISH

June 5 — Feast of St. Boniface June 5-9 — Vacation Bible School

OFFICE CLOSED



He showed them his hands and his side.... Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."



This Monday, April 24, is the feast of the Patron Saint of our Parish, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, OFMCap (1577-1622). As we celebrate Fidelisfest today in his honor, it is only proper that we learn about his life and reflect on the message it offers for our age. Saints are not simply to be admired; they are to be imitated.

St. Fidelis was a Capuchin friar known for his fearless preaching of the Catholic faith in a time of much theological confusion known as the Counter-Reformation. He was murdered by his theological opponents at Seewis im Prättigau, now part of Switzerland, in 1622 and was canonized in 1746 by Pope Benedict XIV. He is buried in the Capuchin church at Weltkirchen, Feldkirch, Austria.

Mark Roy was born in 1577 at Sigmaringen in southern Germany to John and Genevieve Roy. Although baptized Mark he later took the name Fidelis when he entered the Capuchin Order. He was an exceptional student receiving doctorates in both civil and canon law. As a lawyer he was so known for defending the causes of the poor and the oppressed that he was nicknamed "the poor man's lawyer." But he grew dissatisfied with the corruption he saw among his colleagues. So he left his law career to join the Capuchin Order along with his brother George and was ordained a priest on October 4, 1612.

As a follower of Saint Francis, Fidelis continued his devotion to the poor and oppressed. During a severe epidemic in a city where he was the head of a friary, Fidelis personally cared for many of the sick to the point of endangering his own health. But it was his tireless preaching with legal precision that gained attention. The local bishop asked him to head a group of Capuchins to preach the Catholic faith in an area of Switzerland where religion had unfortunately become entangled with politics. In advocating the Catholic faith there he was accused by anti-Catholic forces of opposing the peasants' national aspirations for independence from Austria.

While he was preaching at Seewis a gun was fired at him, but he escaped unharmed. Many advised Fidelis to leave. But he declined, saying his life was in God's hands. On the road back, he was ambushed and killed by a group of armed men. The details of his death in the painting above the main altar of our church are more symbolic than historic. But there is evidence that the circumstances of his death moved many people, even leading some of his former enemies to convert and be received into the Catholic Church.

The message of the life of any saint must be translated from the culture in which he or she lived into our own age. The specific methods of St. Fidelis in presenting the Catholic faith to those resisting the gospel may not be effective in our culture. But his commitment to his faith is a message for all ages. St. Fidelis used his training and talent as a lawyer to further the faith of the church in the service of the gospel.

We all have talents and training that we should apply not only to our daily secular pursuits but also to the challenge of living our faith, not only for our own personal destiny but as a light for others. St Fidelis' name itself is a message for our age. He was faithful, even to the point of death. St. Fidelis exemplifies an adage of the early Church, "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the faith."

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"My husband and I have a religious difference. He thinks he is God and I don't."

Parish Staff

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Contributions Easter April 15-16, 2017

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 4050.00 Loose 4148.60 <u>Cemetery</u> 50.00 <u>Rice Bowl</u> 106.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 766.00 Loose 494.00 Catholic Relief 5.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 465.00 Loose 344.00 Candles 89.75

Apr. 24 — Randy Leiker, Tina Rajewski

May 1 — Mary Brungardt, Det Younger

Starting May 7,

the weekend Mass at St. Ann in Walker will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Tomorrow, Monday, April 24, is the feast day of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen—the patron saint of The Basilica of St. Fidelis. Be sure to read "Friar's Mind" on Page 2 of the bulletin to get a little history about St. Fidelis.

Something to Think About

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

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 to drop off your donations, contact Jan at the parish office.

Contributions
Holy Thursday
ASSISTANCE FUND
April 13, 2017

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 699.00 Loose 251.04

ST. ANN:

Adult 107.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 25.00

Contributions Good Friday HOLY LAND April 14, 2017

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 927.00 Loose 575.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 31.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 30.00

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Mother/Daughter Brunch

The Daughter of Isabella annual Mother/Daughter Mass and Brunch will be held on **Sunday, May 7**. Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. A free-will brunch will follow at the V.F.W.

Monetary donations for the Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home may be given at this time.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 2, to Norma Keenan (785-735-2877) or JoAnn Berens (785-639-1948).

Monthly Meeting

The Daughters of Isabella will meet on **Monday, May 8**, at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop starting with a rosary and litany. Meeting will follow at 7:30.

ST. ANN

Treats for the Kids, Please

Parishioners are asked to help provide treats for students on **Wednesday**, **April 26**, the last day of religion class for the school year. Please drop off

your treats at the St. Ann kitchen or the PAC before 4:00 p.m. No nuts please!



Annual Barbecue

The annual St. Ann barbecue will be held after

Mass on Saturday, April 29, the last Saturday evening Mass for the season. Beginning May 7, Mass will be held at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays. Meat and drinks at the barbecue will be provided.



Parishioners are asked to bring a side dish to share with others. All are invited!

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

Last day of Religious Education ~ End of Year Mass April 26, 2017 7:00 P.M. Attention Grades K – 12:

The last day of Religious Education is on Wednesday, April 26th. Instead of having religious education classes in the Parish Activity Center—there will be an End of Year Mass at 7:00 P.M. for all grades: K – 12. <u>Children will not meet at the PAC. All students will meet their catechist in the church.</u> Please do not begin arriving until 6:45 P.M. (The second grade class will have First Communion practice until 6:45 P.M. in the church.) Same as last year: there will be assigned seating for each class with extra seating available for the student's family members. The ends of pews will be labeled with student's grade number. Family members are encouraged and welcome to attend! The service will last between 30 – 45 minutes.

The Christian Mothers are providing snacks, on the Plaza, to students and children following Mass. ☺

Religious Education Committee Meeting

When: Tuesday, May 2nd, 7:00 P.M.

Location: Parish Activity Center's Meal Site Room

Thank you to all who have served and will serve on the Religious Education Committee – especially to those members who will be retiring and have volunteered for the past three years!

We appreciate all of our committee member's thoughtfulness and care when making decisions regarding the faith formation of our children.

APRIL CALENDAR

 Wednesday, April 26 — End of Year Religious Education Mass Grades K – 12: 7:00 P.M. Mass at St. Fidelis
 *Second grade – First Communion practice at 5:30 p.m. at St. Fidelis Church Sunday, April 30 — 10:00 A.M .Mass – Celebration of First Communion
 No Liturgy of the Word for Children
 Jubilee Choir performs

MAY CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 2 — Religious Education Commission Meeting



First Communion Practice Wed., April 26th at 5:30 P.M.

The second grade class will have First Communion practice on Wednesday, April 26, at 5:30 P.M. (also the last day of Religious Education). Please come dressed in your normal clothing and meet in St. Fidelis Church (do not meet in the PAC/classroom). Parents, you are encouraged to attend, but it is not required. Children will then attend the End of Year Mass (for grades K - 12) at 7:00 P.M. at St. Fidelis.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

"I felt as if there was an inner darkness in me that was fearful, trying to make me run. When I left on Sunday I did not feel that darkness. For the first time I felt God's grace, and oh. did it feel good!"

- Testimony after a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Healing and grace are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time
Next retreat: June 23-25
1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383)
rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org
Confidential

Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas will conduct their 6th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Bottles can be picked up here at church the weekend of May 6-7 and returned the weekend of June 24-25.

Your contribution supports:
Pregnancy Services That Include Emergency Assistance,
Counseling Support, Adoption Guidance

All money stays local and helps people who need our services the most. Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas – serving those of ALL faiths.

Word of Life—April 2017

"Be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and that 'you can with sure hope entrust your child' to the Father and his mercy (EV 99)."."

(If you have a smartphone with a QR scanner app, you can scan the QR code at the right to quickly access the article "Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing" from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops USCCB website.)



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

During Child Abuse Prevention month, we are reminded of the call to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, which includes the protection of children. In 2002, the bishops of the United States adopted the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. They are committed to their "Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal" to our parishes and Catholic schools. Dioceses have put in place effective policies for safeguarding our children.

Child Abuse Prevention Month should lead to heightened awareness of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment for all with the Church and in our communities.

Human Trafficking

Human trafficking thrives where there is darkness and secrecy. Shine a light on this evil. Invite someone to speak to your parish or to a parish group about trafficking.

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

COMMUNITY

Don't Conform, Transform Tune in to Divine Mercy Radio May 2-5 for KVDM's Spring Care-a-Thon

Tune in to hear from local priests and deacons and testimonies of faith and conversion!

You'll hear about topics such as human trafficking, euthanasia, and preparing and transforming marriage.

Play Catholic trivia, win prizes and have fun! Friday, May 5, from 4:00 to 6:00 Fr. Fred will be answering questions about the Catholic faith.

Call-in number: 785-621-5061

Victoria Elementary Still Collecting Box Tops, Tabs

The **Pop Tabs** have been delivered to the **Ronald McDonald House** in Topeka! Victoria Elementary had a total of 144 pounds of tabs, and we were able to donate a check of \$69.12 this year. They have already started to collect for next year! Remember they are also collecting **Box Tops** so 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. Thanks again for all your help!

City of Victoria will have dumpsters available at compost site

for Victoria residents only



April 28 — 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **April 29** — 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. **April 30** — 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

No tires, batteries, paint, or household hazardous waste, and nothing with Freon.

Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service

The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at **3:00 p.m., Sunday**, **April 23**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hays. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers, and meditation.

Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church.

Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are in the brochure rack of our churches.

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on April 23.

This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio 88.1.

Ellis St. Mary CYO Community Fried Chicken Dinner Sunday, April 23, 2017

Knights of Columbus Hall, 1013 Washington St, Ellis, KS 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or until sold out

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

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

Stop * stop HUMAN SLAVERY

Did you know

100,000 U.S. children are commercially sexually exploited every year in the U.S.

82% of U.S. incidents involved sex trafficking

98% involved are women & girls

95% of victims experienced physical or sexual violence during trafficking

The majority of trafficking victims are between **18 and 24 years** of age

Learn more about this horrific crime. (No charge)

Speaker: Sr. Margaret Nacke, CSJ, U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking

Where - Ruppenthal Middle School Auditorium

Russell, KS

When – Monday, April 24, 2017

Time – 7:00 p.m.

Sponsor: Beta Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Supported in part by a "Seize the Moment" grant from

Russell County Area Community Foundation

20-Year Anniversary for Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home

The Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home has been in Hays for 20 years. To celebrate, they are holding a prayer vigil. There will be special guests and area clergy to help them honor and pray for the home and its mission. Refreshments will be served and staff will be on hand to give tours of the home.

WHEN: Sunday, April 23, 2017

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: 204 W. 7th Street, Hays



Habitat for Humanity of Ellis County is seeking applicants for the newly renovated Habitat house located at 901 11th Street in

Victoria, KS. Interested applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered:

Need—Their current housing is substandard, does not meet their needs, or they would otherwise be unable to purchase a home. Must be citizens of the United States.

Willingness to Partner—Must be willing to perform "sweat equity" volunteer hours on their new home, another home or at the ReStore. Must apply and be approved for the USDA Rural Development 502 Direct loan.

Ability to Pay—Good credit rating, Annual Income needs to be <u>between</u> the two guidelines listed in the chart below.

Ellis County	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
Low	\$11,800	\$13,500	\$15,200	\$16,900	\$18,300	\$19,600	\$21,000	\$22,300
High	\$36,950	\$42,250	\$47,500	\$52,800	\$57,000	\$61,250	\$65,450	\$69,700

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"Make A Difference Day" Friday, April 28

Victoria High School will be conducting "Make A Difference Day" on Friday, April 28.

The Student Council of Victoria High School is looking for service projects to help their community. If you have a project or service needing done, please contact the school at **785-735-9211** or email Dylan Dronberger at ddronberger@ruraltel.net.

The students are looking forward to this day and making a difference in their community.



City-wide Garage Sales

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Mother/Daughter Tea At Hays St. Joseph Parish

Attention mothers! Don't lose communication with your teenage daughter. Whether she knows it or not, your teenage daughter needs the guidance of her mother now more than ever.

So make a date with your daughter(s) and come to the Saints Anne and Mary Mother/Daughter Tea from **1:30 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 30**, at St. Joseph Parish school building (former Kennedy Middle School), 1309 Fort St., Hays. Cost is \$20 for mothers and daughter ages 13 and older. Additional daughters are \$5.

RSVP by April 24 to Samantha Baker, simeitl@gmail.com or 785-639-3285. This event sponsored by the area's Natural Family Planning Practitioner Interns.

Want to Host an Exchange Student?

Interested in your family learning about a new culture? Have you ever dreamed of visiting a different country? Hosting an exchange student can open doors for you and your family beyond your imagination. Students from Germany, Italy, Spain, Brazil, the Czech Republic, and many other countries are needing a host family for this next school year.

Host families are only responsible for providing a bed and access to three meals a day. The students provide everything else for their stay. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please contact Kori Braun at 785-735-4161.

Calendar Schools Squires

Monday — April 24

Lunch Menu: Steak fingers, baked potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, fruit cocktail, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

3:30 pm JH/HS track practice

4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

Tuesday — April 25

Lunch Menu: Goulash, green beans, French bread, peaches, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study. 7th Grade boys meet in Mrs. Kori Braun's office

3:30 pm JH/HS track practice

4:00 pm HS baseball with Russell @ TMP. Students dismissed after 6th hour

Wednesday — April 26

FCCLA Peer Ed. Mrs. Connie Braun and select student will attend 5th Grade field trip to Abilene

CPL art @ Victoria. Mr. Lee and select students will help

AIM period—Students have directed study

Lunch Menu: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, corn, grapes, roll, salad, milk

3:30 pm JH/HS track practice

4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

Thursday — April 27

Lunch Menu: Cheeseburger pocket, steamed broccoli, curly fries, pineapple, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

1:00 pm JH track meet @ Stockton. Depart 11:00

3:30 pm HS track meet @ Trego. Depart 1:30

Friday — April 28

Make a Difference Day!

8:30 am 4th Grade field trip to Hays

Lunch Menu: Sub sandwich, Dorito chips, steamed carrots, apple wedges, salad, milk

AIM period—Students have directed study

3:30 pm JH/HS track practice

22nd Annual Fidelisfest T*O*D*A*Y

MASS 10:00 A.M. in Basilica of St. Fidelis

The following will be on the north side of the Parish Office, weather permitting (otherwise in Victoria Grade School)

Beer—Brats—Hamburgers—Hotdogs—Pop — ALL DAY

Silent AUCTION 11:00-11:30 A.M.

Live AUCTION 11:30 until finished

(Jason Schneider, Auctioneer — items donated by parishioners and local businesses)

RAFFLE — winners announced after auction

Tickets: \$10 each; 7 for \$50; 16 for \$100

Prizes: 1st \$2,000; 2nd \$1000; 3rd thru 6th \$500

COUNTRY STORE 11:00 A.M. until sold out

FREE GAMES & BOUNCE HOUSE for kids 11:00 A.M-2:00 P.M.

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND BE READY FOR A FUN TIME!

MASSINIENTIONS					
MONDAYFEAST OF ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN APRIL 24					
7:00 pm Alice Brungardt					
TUESDAY APRIL 25					
6:45 am Herman, Regina, and Joyce Brungardt					
WEDNESDAY APRIL 26					
6:45 am Isador and Agatha Hammersmith					
Joe Dreiling					
THURSDAY APRIL 27					
6:45 am Frank and Mary Ann Hoffman					
FRIDAY APRIL 28					
6:45 am Bernard J. And Viola Billinger					
SATURDAY APRIL 29					
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Ray and Agnes Braun family					
6:30 pm St. Ann Richard and Isabelle Rupp family					
Clara Mermis family					
SUNDAYAPRIL 30					
8:45 am St. Boniface					
10:00 am St. Fidelis Bonivent, Margaret, Leo, Hubert, Donnie,					
Galen, David, and Marlene Dinkel					

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, April 29, 5:00 PM — Kevin Juenemann **Sunday, April 30, 10:00 AM** — Children's Choir

MINISTERS

The ministry schedule continues to be on a volunteer basis. Please sign the schedule by the north entrance or come to the sacristy before Mass to see if anyone is needed.