

*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 Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00		<b>Catholic Faith Education Office:</b> 785-735-9244	
<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 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> THURSDAYS 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. in St. Fidelis Church Chapel behind the main altar	

[www.stfidelischurch.com](http://www.stfidelischurch.com) / [www.stbonifacevincent.com](http://www.stbonifacevincent.com)

## August 20, 2017 – 20th 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

- Sept. 4** — Labor Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Sept. 11** — Patriot Day
- Sept. 14** — Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Sept. 22** — First Day of Fall
- Oct. 4** — Feast of St. Francis of Assisi — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Oct. 9** — Columbus Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Oct. 31** — Halloween
- Nov. 1** — All Saints Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Nov. 2** — All Souls Day  
(Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed)
- Nov. 5** — Daylight Savings ends (turn clocks back 1 hour)
- Nov. 6** — Feast of St. Nicholas



The woman said, "Lord, help me."  
 He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."  
 She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."  
 Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

(from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 15:21-28)



Father John loves dogs, especially puppies. So today's gospel is among his favorites. When the woman begged Christ to cure her daughter, he replied, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She countered, "Please Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

Canaanites and Israelites were bitter enemies. It must have taken courage and humility for the Canaanite woman to ask a favor of Christ, a Jew. He rebuffed her plea. When she persisted, his rejection seems very harsh. "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." Such rough words on the lips of Christ shock us. Some suggest that "dogs" might be translated as "puppies," or "pets." But scripture scholars insist that "dogs" is correct. It was the Israelites' customary term of derision for Canaanites and other foreigners.



The shocking words of Christ to the Canaanite women in this gospel might be correctly described as *tough love*. *Tough love* is a modern term for confronting people we sincerely care about for their own benefit. Perhaps Christ used his harsh words as a means of tough love to elicit a deeper faith. Notice that the woman accepted the rebuff without returning an insult. "Please Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." She turned the tables on Christ, offering a stunning example of his own teaching to love your enemies and be good to those who insult you.

There are only two miracles in which Christ cures the sick who are not physically present to him. All others were cured in his presence, often with a healing touch. The daughter of today's Canaanite woman is cured while far away at home. The other healing at a distance is the servant of the Centurion, who said, "I am not worthy that you should enter my house. Say but the word and my servant will be healed." (Mt 8:8; Lk 7:7)

Some explain that they were cured at a distance because they were foreigners, unclean, not worthy of a personal visit. An explanation more in the spirit of the gospel is that Christ was reaching out to those who, although they were not of the same religion, were fundamentally sincere and unselfish. The Canaanite woman and the Centurion did not ask for a favor for themselves. Their primary concern was the plight of another. They were not selfishly preoccupied with their own needs.

Many faithful Christians are, in some way, also foreigners. A part of our spirit is foreign to the Christian faith, alienated from the ideals of Christ—perhaps social justice, or personal morality, or mercy, or forgiveness. Yet, the grace of Christ comes to us "at a distance," often in the difficult moments of life, inviting us to the fullness of faith.

## ... and mirth

A thief broke into our house last night looking for money, so I searched with him.

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:**

Fr. John Schmeidler, OFM, Cap.  
email: frjohncap@gmail.com

**Bookkeeper/Minister to the Elderly and Homebound/Thrift Shop/Food Pantry:**

Jan Brungardt  
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Jeanette Brungardt, R.E. Coordinator/  
Youth Minister  
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Shirley Brungardt, email:  
sfreled@ruraltel.net

**Housekeeping/Sacristan:**

Darlene Dreiling

**Groundskeeper:** Julius Dreiling

**Maintenance:** Joe Brungardt

**Organists:** Kathy Dreiling-Amrein  
Lou Ann Hammersmith

**Choir Director:** Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

**Technology Coordinator:**

Connie Windholz  
email: sftech@ruraltel.net

### Council Members

**St. Fidelis Pastoral Council**

Randy Leiker 259-1392 (Chair)  
Andy Kuhn 639-2156 (Vice-Chair, B & G)  
LeeAnn Schmidtberger 735-9486 (Sec)  
Janea Dinkel 735-9529 (FamLife)  
Peggy Fitzpatrick 735-8186 (RelEd)  
Doug Kuhn 650-1058 (Bldgs & Grounds)  
Donna Juenemann 735-9700 (Liturgy)  
John Schulte 735-9535

**St. Fidelis Finance Council**

John R. Braun 735-2622  
Harland Rupp 735-2206  
Dave Juenemann 656-0647

**St. Boniface Pastoral Council**

Carol Freitag 735-9282  
Randy Huser 735-4836  
Fred Tholen 735-4801

**St. Ann Pastoral Council**

Helen Windholz 735-2293  
Terry Riedel 735-9375  
Jerry Nowak 637-5273

### Contributions August 12-13, 2017

**ST. FIDELIS:**

Adult 2838.00 Loose 1447.68  
Catholic Charities 405.00  
Repair Fund 75.00

**ST. ANN:**

Adult 780.00 Loose 132.00  
Catholic Charities 140.00

**ST. BONIFACE:**

Adult 225.00 Loose 161.00  
Catholic Charities 71.00  
Candles 58.00

**Aug. 21** — Bob and Phyllis Stramel

**Aug. 28** — Ivan and Verda Werner

## RCIA Classes Will Begin Soon

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – is the process by which a person can study Sacred Scripture and explore the teachings of the Catholic Church through classes that are offered in an environment free of pressure and among others who have similar questions in this point in their lives. Inquiry classes will begin September 24, 2017. For more information, please call Shirley Brungardt at the Parish Office at 785-735-9244.

## Get Vitals Checked on Tuesdays

St. Fidelis Parish will have a retired Registered Nurse do vitals checks—blood pressure, respirations, pulse, and weight—at the Parish Activity Center in the Meal Site Room on **Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.** The service is free and open to anyone. This service is being offered through the Family Life Office.



***There will not be a Blood Pressure Clinic at the PAC on August 22. The nurse will be back on August 29.***

## Summer Food Program

St. Fidelis Church is sponsoring a summer food program at the Parish Activity Center, 601 10<sup>th</sup> Street, **until August 22**. A free nutritious lunch will be served to any children from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. this Monday and Tuesday. 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.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Kansas State Council 2017

#### Victoria Religious Education Fund Raffle

The drawing will have 32 prizes: 1 for \$25,000, 1 for \$6,000, 3 for \$4,000, 6 for \$2,000, and 21 for \$1,000 each. Tickets are \$100 each.

All funds generated from ticket sales will be used for Religious Education at all 3 parishes. The funds received are a great help to our Religious Education Program. **For information, contact Harland Rupp at 785-623-1368.**

*Last day to purchase tickets is October 23. The drawing will be December 2.*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# Family Picnic

For all three Parishes

**EVERYONE IS INVITED! BRING THE FAMILY!**

Sponsored by  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
Council 1867 Victoria, Ks.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 • AFTER 5:00 P.M. MASS**

**GATHERING SOUTH OF VICTORIA GRADE SCHOOL**

Knights will be serving:

Hamburgers  
Hot Dogs  
Brats  
Chips  
Pop, Water  
and all the Toppings

There will be an inflatable bounce house for Children to have loads of jumpy, twisty fun!

**ALL FREE!**

**COME JOIN THE PARTY!**

PRAYER FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

### PARENT'S PRAYER

All Praise to You, Lord Jesus, Lover of Children.  
Bless our Family,  
and help us to lead our Children to You.

Give us Light and Strength,  
and Courage when our task is difficult.  
Let your Spirit fill us with Love and Peace,  
So that we may help our Children to love You.

All Glory and Praise are Yours, Lord Jesus,  
Forever and ever.  
**AMEN.**

## Diocese Honoring Married Couples

The Diocese of Salina wishes to honor all couples who are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60 or more years of marriage. Masses with Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, celebrant, are planned at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, Hays, on Sunday, October 1, at 3:00 p.m., and at Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish, Salina, on Sunday, October 8, at 3:00 p.m.

If you would like to participate in one of these celebrations, please notify the Parish Office by **Wednesday, August 30**, 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 2017, and the location of the parish where you will be attending.

## Catholic Charities Annual Appeal THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported the 2017 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Your contribution will allow Catholic Charities to continue to offer hope to individuals and families for another year. If you have not yet contributed, it is not too late to partner with Catholic Charities to serve the poor and most vulnerable within our communities. Please request a remittance envelope to mail your donation directly to Catholic Charities or leave with the parish office. Thank you again for supporting your neighbors as we reflect upon the words of Pope Francis, **"All it takes is one good person to restore hope."**

If you have any questions, please contact Development Director, Eric Frank, at 785-825-0208 or efrank@ccnks.org.

## Word of Life

"The effectiveness of our commitment to peace depends on our understanding of human life. If we want peace, let us defend life!"

Pope Benedict XVI, Morning Address, September 15, 2012,  
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## Diocese March for Life Pilgrimage

The 2018 March for Life in Washington, D.C. is **Friday, January 19, 2018**. The Salina Diocese sponsored pilgrimage to the March will depart the chancery parking lot Wednesday, January 17, 2018, and will return Sunday, January 21.

**Registration with a non-refundable fee of \$50 is due by September 30, 2017.** Online registration will be available at [salinadiocese.org/respect-life](http://salinadiocese.org/respect-life). Contact the Respect Life Office at [respectlife@salinadiocese.org](mailto:respectlife@salinadiocese.org) or telephone 785-628-1446 for more information. Deacon Scott Watford is the Salina Diocese Respect Life Coordinator.

## ST. BONIFACE

# St. Boniface Annual Parish Potluck Picnic

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Supper at 6:00

Fun and games will follow into the evening.



## COMMUNITY

## Victoria Schools Calendar



### Monday — August 21 — Teacher In-Service

7:00 pm New student iPad orientation

### Tuesday — August 22 — Teacher In-Service

3:00 pm JV tennis at Trego. Depart 1:00

### Wednesday — August 23 — 1st Day of School 8:00 AM

Lunch Menu: Chicken leg, mashed potatoes, corn, cantaloupe, dinner roll, salad, milk

AIM Period — Students have directed study

### Thursday — August 24

Lunch Menu: Sub sandwich, sun chips, baked beans, peaches, salad, milk

AIM Period — Students have directed study

3:00 pm JV tennis at Russell. Depart 2:00

### Friday — August 25

Lunch Menu: Soft taco, Mexican rice, refried beans, steamed peas, apple wedges, salad, milk

AIM Period — Students have directed study

4:00 pm HS volleyball vs. LaCrosse with Trego

### Sunday — August 27

FCCLA Take AIM Conference @ Manhattan

## Healing After Loss Meeting

"Healing After Loss" welcomes anyone who has experienced the death of a spouse, parent, sibling, or other significant adult to participate. It is hard to take that first step inside the door. But, once you are here, you will find hope, friendship, encouragement, and support from others who are healing along with you. They will meet on **Tuesday, August 22**, at 7:00 p.m. at 2900 Hall Street, Hays.

## STARS and STRIPES BREAKFAST

**Sunday, September 10, 2017**

**7:30 am - 12:00pm**

VFW #9076 - 22nd & Vine, Hays, Ks.

Proceeds go to the

***Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia***

Adults \$8.50/Children 5-12ys. \$3.50

Tickets may be purchased at St. Joseph Parish Office, 210 West 13th, Hays, or from Chapter Members: Kevin Rupp, Leon Wolf, Elmer Dreher, and Leonard Schoenberger

**ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST**

Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Hash Browns, Biscuits & More

## Mercy in Motion

with

### Brian Patrick

*Host of Morning Glory*

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Saturday, September 9**

Little Theatre of Holy Family Elementary

Tickets: \$50

(includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, wine & beer)

**Tickets available at:**

Divine Mercy Radio, 108 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St. Ste. #1, Hays  
or on line at: [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com) — click on the event tab

## Religious Items

If you or a family member have religious material such as statues, holy water bottles, rosaries, prayer books, and palms that you want to get rid of, but just can't throw them away, bring them to the St. Joseph Parish Service Center, Hays, and they will either offer them to people who would like them or dispose of them in a respectful manner.

**VICTORIA VFW POST 1751**  
**Club Room will be open to the public on**  
**Friday evenings from 8:00-11:00 p.m.**  
**beginning first weekend of September.**  
**Drinks and snacks will be available.**

If you are looking for a place to gather for Receptions, Weddings, Anniversaries, Family Reunions, Class Reunions, Dances, First Communion, 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.

## VFW Requests Help Replacing Compressor

An air conditioner compressor burned up in the VFW Post 1751 building. They are in the process of replacing it. If anyone would be willing to donate funds to help with the replacement costs, it would be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to **VFW Post 1751**. They can be mailed to PO Box 23, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

## City Council Meeting

Victoria City Council meetings are held on the third Monday of the month. This month's meeting will be **Monday, August 21**, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Community residents are encouraged to attend.

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

*When we remember and mourn our losses, we free our souls to move beyond the pain. Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and remember, mourn, and be set free.*

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreats**

*Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time*

**Next retreat: September 29, 30, October 1**

**1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383)**

**[rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org](mailto:rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org)**

Confidential

## Ellis St. Mary CYO Community Fried Chicken Dinner Sunday, August 27, 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**

## **LifeTouch**

### **PHOTOGRAPHY DATES AND TIMES**

- **Monday, September 18 thru Friday, September 22**  
2:00 - 9:00 PM
  - **Saturday, September 23**  
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- **Monday, September 25 thru Friday, September 29**  
2:00 - 9:00 PM
  - **Saturday, September 30**  
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### **SIGN UP DATES BEFORE AND AFTER MASSES**

**August 26-27**

**September 2-3**

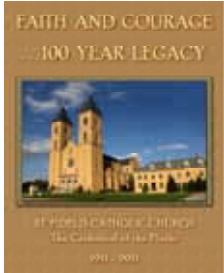
**September 9-10**

**September 16-17**

You may also call the Parish Office and schedule your appointment with Jan anytime during office hours.

## “Faith and Courage...100 Year Legacy”

The centennial history book of the Basilica of St. Fidelis, published in 2014 can now be purchased for \$10. Only a limited number is still available. The hard-bound, 225-page book portrays the story of our ancestors' immigration from Russia to Ellis County, and a timeline of events in the community including the arrival of the Capuchin Friars who have served St. Fidelis from 1876 to the present.



Enjoy hundreds of historical pictures and text following the journey of progress for the community, church, school, and its people.

Pictures of parish members from St. Boniface, St. Ann, and St. Fidelis are included.

Proudly share your heritage with your children and grandchildren. **Contact Cora Schulte at 785-735-4971 (cell), 785-735-9233 (home), or cmschulte2@ruraltel.net.** The books are also available at the St. Fidelis Gift Shop and the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop. **Local delivery is available.**

## Tri-Parish Directory

Lifetouch Photography will be here the weeks of September 18 and September 25. Watch the bulletin for more information.

## Bronze Door Pledges

**Reminder:** Turn in your Bronze Door pledge forms to the office even if you do not wish to pledge anything. We have received 17 replies for the Bronze door pledges. A total of \$13,500 has been pledged so far.

**Cline's-Keithley Mortuary**  
412 Main, Victoria, KS 67671  
785-735-9224  
1919 East 22nd, Hays, KS 67601  
785-628-8822  
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Locally Owned/Locally Managed  
**Gorham State Bank**  
637-5401  
735-2700  
Victoria  
Member FDIC  
"Your Independent Community Bank"

## 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.



**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 with your bulletin items.



## 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, 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>AUGUST 21</b>
7:00 pm Louise Dreiling James "Fritz" Wohler	
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>AUGUST 22</b>
6:45 am	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>AUGUST 23</b>
6:45 am Doris Younger Pfeifer	
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>AUGUST 24</b>
6:45 am Alvin M. and Ventura Weigel	
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>AUGUST 25</b>
6:45 am Russ and Ann Kaltenbach	
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>AUGUST 26</b>
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Rich and Barbara Weber Cletus Younger	
<b>SUNDAY...TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> .	<b>AUGUST 27</b>
7:30 am St. Ann Bill and Paul Schrant	
8:45 am St. Boniface Julian Huser	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Cletus Younger	

## \* 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

## MINISTER SCHEDULE

### CANTORS

**Saturday, August 26, 5:00 PM** — John Braun  
**Sunday, August 27, 10:00 AM** — Trilogly

### 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.