

Beacon of Faith,
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Cathedral of the Plains,
THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

Pearl of the Prairie,
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

August 27, 2017 – 21st 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 — Mass @ 8:00 AM
- 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

And so I say
 to you,
 you are Peter,
 and
 upon this rock
 I will build
 my
 church...



(from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:13-20)



"You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church," is facetiously referred to as *the* Catholic verse because Catholics revere the bishop of Rome as the successor of Peter while most other Christians do not.

St. Peter's original name was Simon. Christ gave him a new name, a nickname. In Scripture God changed the names of key people to signify their new purpose: Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Moses, and Paul. Christ gave Simon the Aramaic name *Cephas* which means rock. "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church," is a play on words, a pun. Literally it reads, "You are a rock and on this rock I will build my church."

The word *church* appears only twice in the gospels, both times in Matthew. In these two instances, *church* does not mean a building, but the assembly of God's people, the community of believers. Belonging to a church is not belonging to a building, but to the community of those who share the same faith. Yet a church building is important as the community's place of worship, the house of God in their midst.

Some say that the rock referred to by Christ is not Peter but his faith in Christ and that his church was built on the *faith* of Peter. Our Catholic tradition holds that the person of Peter is the rock on whom Christ built his church. You cannot separate a faith from the person who expresses that faith as you cannot separate the love in a marriage from the couple who share that love. Faith is never an abstract faith. It is a faith living in a person as a unique human expression of that faith. Peter, embodying a unique faith in Christ, is the rock on whom the church is built.



The church today under Pope Francis is same church as the church of Pope Benedict XVI, Pope John Paul, or Pope Pius XII, or Pope Leo the Great. Yet that same faith is expressed by each in a unique way. Although Peter was sincere, he was also imperfect. Peter proudly professed faith in Christ, yet Peter denied Christ. Peter rejoiced to be a disciple of Christ, yet he wept over his threefold denial. Peter ran to the tomb on Easter morning, yet he hesitated and sank into the sea.

Many wonder why Christ chose the impetuous, faltering Peter to be the foundation of his church. Other apostles were better examples of a more secure faith. John, the beloved disciple, never doubted, was loyal to the end, stood at the foot of the cross, and arrived at the tomb first on Easter. One might expect Christ to choose the most loyal, the most trustworthy apostle.

Yet Christ chose Peter. He also chose us. And we can identify with Peter's imperfect faith. We want to be better Christians than we actually are. In matters of faith we often resemble Peter, the rock. We can be as solid as a rock, but also as dense as a rock. We can be as sound as a rock, but also as stubborn as a rock. We can be as firm as a rock, but also as clumsy as a rock. Our faith has many of the flaws of Peter, the rock.

Although Peter struggled with his faith in Christ, perhaps precisely because he struggled with his faith, he was loyal to the end. He willingly accepted a martyr's death. In the crucial final test, Peter's faith was rock solid, as the Lord foretold, "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church."

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

Parish Staff

Pastor:

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Julius Dreiling

Maintenance:

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Kathy Dreiling-Amrein

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Council Members

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Contributions August 19-20, 2017

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 2738.00 Loose 1602.30

ST. ANN:

Adult 948.00 Loose 156.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 285.00 Loose 121.00

Candles 29.00

Aug. 28 — Ivan and Verda
Werner

Sept. 5 (Tuesday) — Doris
Weigel, Shirley Weigel

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.



Bronze Door Pledges

We have received 36 replies for the bronze door pledges. A total of \$58,100.00 has been pledged so far. Please return your pledge form as soon as possible, even if you wish to pledge nothing. Thank you.

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!

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!

Sponsored by



Council 1867 Victoria, Ks.

PRAYER FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

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.

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

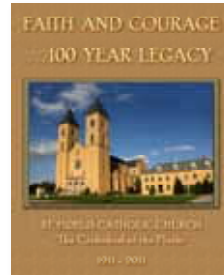
SIGN UP DATES BEFORE AND AFTER MASSES

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.**

COMMUNITY

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 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 Harland or Edna at 785-623-1368 or 785-735-2206.

VFW Raffle to Raise Funds for New AC Compressor

An air conditioner compressor burned up in the VFW Post 1751 building. They are holding a raffle to raise funds for its replacement.

Prizes will be: 2 winners of \$500 each, 1 winner of \$300, and 12 winners of \$100 each.

Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from VFW members or by contacting Harland Rupp at 785-623-1368.

The drawing will be held Sunday, October 29, at the VFW Hall at 1:00 p.m. You need not be present to win.

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.

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

Confidential

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

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

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. 12th St. Ste. #1, Hays
or on line at: dvmercy.com — click on the event tab

Smoky Hill Chorale FALL 2017

REHEARSALS BEGIN

Monday, September 11, 2017 • 7:30 p.m.

Palmer Recital Hall in MALLOY HALL
on the FHSU CAMPUS

The Smoky Hill Chorale is a mixed ensemble of post-high school voices, and members come from Ellis, Rooks, Rush, Russell, and Trego counties. The Chorale is open to all experienced singers – no audition is necessary – and there are openings in all sections. A particular need is for male voices.

For more information, contact:

Dr. Terry Crull at 628-4258; tacrull@fhsu.edu

Single and Beyond

Single and Beyond is an ecumenical Christian social group for divorced, widowed, and single people located in or near Hays. Their mission is to provide friendship, support, and understanding to one another. Contact Nancy at 785-432-0533 or singleandbeyond@gmail.com. Food and Fellowship will meet on **Wednesday, August 30**, at Tiger Burger, Main Street, Hays, at 6:00 p.m. All singles welcome; bring a friend.

Victoria Schools Calendar



Monday — August 28

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

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

AIM Period — Students have directed study

Tuesday — August 29

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 at 1:10

Wednesday — August 30

Lunch Menu: Pizza, green beans, grapes, cake, salad, milk

AIM Period — STUCO meeting in Mr. Dronberger's room

2:30 FCCLA Back to School Festivities in gym

Thursday — August 31

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

AIM Period — Students have directed study

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

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

4:30 pm JH volleyball vs. LaCrosse

6:30 JH football vs. LaCrosse

Friday — September 1

Spirit Spreader @ Hoisington. HS, JH cheerleaders will attend

Lunch Menu: BBQ rib, hand tossed bun, chips, baked beans, apple sauce, salad, milk

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

7:00 pm HS football @ Central Plains. Depart 3:40

Saturday — September 2

10:00 am HS cross country at Hays/TMP

Monday — September 4 — No School, Labor Day!

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.

Word of Life

“May the infinite depth and breadth of Christ’s Divine Mercy remind us that no wound is too great for God to heal.”

Pray for Life: April 2016, <https://goo.gl/rgX7jH>
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Sign up for monthly reflections at www.usccb.org/prayforlife!

HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

Trafficking is not just an issue that happens to people in other countries. The United States is a source and transit country and is also considered one of the top destination points for victims of child trafficking and exploitation. ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY TRAFFICKED CHILDREN in your area and services available for them U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org).

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. Contact the Respect Life Office at respectlife@salinadiocese.org or telephone 785-628-1446 for more information. Deacon Scott Watford is the Salina Diocese Respect Life Coordinator.

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

MONDAY	AUGUST 28
7:00 pm	Virgina Bleske
TUESDAY	AUGUST 29
6:45 am	
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 30
6:45 am	
THURSDAY	AUGUST 31
6:45 am	
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 1
6:45 am	
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 2
5:00 pm	St. Fidelis Alvin and Virginia Windholz
SUNDAY	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 3
7:30 am	St. Ann Frank Riedel
8:45 am	St. Boniface
10:00 am	St. Fidelis Joseph and Christina Riedel

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

Saturday, September 2, 5:00 PM — Christy and Lydia Sanders
Sunday, September 3, 10:00 AM — John Braun

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.