

"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

January 22, 2017 – 3rd 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

- Jan. 23 — Pro-Life Rally in Topeka
- Jan. 26-29 — March for Life in Washington D.C.
- Jan. 29 — Kansas Day—156 years
- Feb. 2 — Groundhog Day
- Feb. 4-5 — Blessings of Throats after all Masses
- Feb. 5 — Boy Scout Sunday
- Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day
- Feb. 20 — President's Day — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Mar. 1 — Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 5 — First Sunday of Lent
- Mar. 12 — Girl Scout Sunday
Daylight Savings Begins
- Mar. 17 — St. Pat's Day
- Mar. 20 — First Day of Spring
- Apr. 1 — April Fool's Day
- Apr. 9 — Passion (Palm) Sunday



**Come after me, and I will make you
 fishers of men.**

(from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:12-23)



Language scholars tell us that the fine art of a language is in the use of adverbs. It is easy to select bold nouns and action verbs and shiny adjectives. But the careful use of fitting adverbs separates the master of a language from the amateur.

That bears true in the gospels, where the careful use of adverbs carries subtle but inspiring messages. In today's gospel when Christ invited Peter and this brother Andrew to follow him and become fishers of men, the text says, "At *once* they left their nets and followed him." *At once*. And the gospel says further of the brothers James and John, "He called them, and *immediately* they left their boats and their father and followed him." *Immediately*.

While the term *immediately*, or *at once* (the Greek is Eutheos), is found often in each of the gospels, it is especially characteristic of the gospel of Mark. It is found seven times already in the first chapter of Mark's gospel:

- "At *once* coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened" (1:10).
- "*Immediately* the Spirit drove him into the wilderness" (1:12).
- "He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets, and *immediately* he called them" (1:20).
- "They went into Capernaum and *immediately* on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught" (1: 21).
- "When they came out of the synagogue, they *immediately* entered into the house of Simon" (1:29).
- "Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever and they *immediately* told him about her" (1:30).
- "And warning the cured leper, he sent him away *at once*" (1:43).

Immediately (at once) is found no less than forty times in Mark's Gospel. It is used as a very intense expression to show the total commitment of Christ by the manner in which he served. There was no tardiness about Christ's ministry; he served *at once*. He was *immediately* about his Father's business. There was no delay, but he performed the work given him *at once*. This adverb tells of the willing, even eager promptness of his service and the urgency of his mission. There was no holding back, no reluctance, no slackness, but a willing *immediate* quality to his work.

This was true not only in the mission of Christ but also in the response of his early followers. In today's gospel Peter and Andrew "left their nets *at once* and followed him;" James and John, "*immediately* left their boats and their father and followed him."

There is a similar energy in the events of Easter morning when "Mary Magdalene *ran* to tell Peter and the others about the empty tomb . . . then Peter and the other disciple both *ran* to the tomb and the other disciple *outran* Peter." The late bishop Fulton Sheen said that if he ever saw anyone running to church he would know that the day of salvation has arrived. It may be symbolic of sluggish faith that we tarry on our way to church as a school boy burdened by his backpack trudges reluctantly to class. The eager willingness of Christ to serve and the energetic response of his early followers is a challenge for us modern Christians to live our faith with an energy that reflects a joyful commitment.

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Woman to a friend: "Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let him sleep."

Parish Staff

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Contributions January 14-15, 2017

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 1933.00 Loose 688.00
Crib 13.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 776.00 Loose 206.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 126.00 Loose 101.00
Candles 7.00

Jan. 23 — Bob and Phyllis
Stramel, Dorothy Goetz

Jan. 30 — Ivan and Verda
Werner

If you did not receive tithing envelopes for 2017 and would like a box, please contact Jan at the Parish Office. The 2016 tithing statements will be mailed out in the next couple of weeks.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

JANUARY CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 25 —

Religious Ed classes

K-5 6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

6-12 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

10th grade Confirmation class – remaining service hours due**

Religious Ed – Donations Needed

Do you have gently used children's activity tables and/or small children's chairs that you would be willing to donate to the Religious Ed Office to be used in our kindergarten classroom?

Please contact Jeanette in the Religious Ed Office if you need more information or have some tables and chairs you would like to donate.

Office: 735-9244

E-mail:

FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net



R.E. FACEBOOK & TWITTER—Our Religious Education program is now on Facebook and Twitter! Visit: www.facebook.com/StFidelisReligiousEd AND/OR twitter.com/StFidelisRelEd. Updates regarding grades K-12: cancellations of religious education classes, reminders of special events, and other noteworthy occurrences will be posted. Both sites will be overseen by the Office of Religious Education at the Parish Activity Center.

FACEBOOK & TWITTER—The CYO and Jr. CYO have separate Facebook accounts. Information on upcoming events within the tri-parishes of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, and St. Boniface pertaining to our youth will be updated regularly! You can find us on Facebook by searching for “St. Fidelis CYO” or “St. Fidelis Jr. CYO”. The CYO and Jr. CYO have a joint Twitter account at www.twitter.com/fidelisyouth.

Christian Mothers Altar Society

Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your 2017 membership. Please use the envelope in your parish packet designated “Christian Mothers Altar Society” or put your \$5.00 membership dues in any envelope with your name on/in it and place it in the Sunday collection basket.

New members are welcome to join the Christian Mothers Altar Society any time by contacting the parish office, Fr. John, or any of the officers: Det Younger, 785-735-2757; Joan Wellbrock, 785-735-2562; Marge Rome, 785-735-4051; or Cora Schulte, 785-735-4971.

The cost is meager and the benefits are heavenly!

LITURGY

Commission Meeting

The Liturgy Commission will meet on **Monday, January 30**, at 4:00 p.m. at the PAC.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

REMINDER:

Daughters of Isabella dues are due. Please mail \$15.00 to Wilma VonLintel, P.O. Box 33, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

ST. ANN

Christian Mothers Dues

St. Ann's Christian Mothers dues of \$5.00 are due and payable to Lou Ann Hammersmith, Box 163, Gorham, Kansas 67640.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Kansas Knights of Columbus 18th Annual Pro-Life Baby Shower

The Knights of Columbus are conducting a Pro-Life Baby Shower for the Mary Elizabeth Home in Hays.

Parishioners of the tri-parishes are asked to donate baby and pregnancy supplies, diapers, bottles, formula, new or used baby or maternity clothing, etc. Please place your donation in the baby cribs which will be set up at the entrances of each of the tri-parish churches **throughout the month of January**.

Envelopes will also be available for those wishing to make a monetary donation. Please make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus and mail the donation in the self-addressed envelope or bring it to the Parish Office.



Free Throw Championship

FREE THROW
CHAMPIONSHIP



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of **January 1st**) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held **Sunday, January 29**, at the Victoria High School Gymnasium. The gym will open approximately at noon, and the contest will start at 1:00 p.m.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age (copy of birth certificate) and written parental consent. Entry forms will be distributed by the school.

For additional forms or information, contact Troy Schippers at 785-735-4625. All Knights of Columbus are invited/encouraged to attend the competition.





COMMUNITY MEETING

SUNDAY,
JANUARY 29, 2017
 6:30 p.m.
Victoria V.F.W. Hall

Ellis St. Mary CYO Community Fried Chicken Dinner — T O D A Y —

Sunday, January 22, 2017
 THIS MONTH HELD AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL GYM
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

We need your help!

We want to reorganize and we need your opinions, feedback, new ideas.

If you are interested in the continuation of Victoria's Herzogfest celebration, we strongly encourage all local vendors and community members to attend this meeting.

This summer will be the 35th annual Herzogfest and your input will help us decide if it will continue as a Victoria community celebration.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!!!



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YES – He will be in today.

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NO – We do not know what caused it.

NO – We do not know who broke it.

YES – We are keeping it.

NO – We do not know what you are going to do now.

THANK YOU

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. Card party at Nancy's (1402 E. 25th, Hays) on **Saturday, January 28**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Super Bowl party at Nancy's on **Sunday, February 5**, beginning at 5:00 p.m. All singles welcome; bring a friend. Bring a snack to share and your own beverage to both parties.

SOUP LUNCHEON

Sunday, Jan. 29
11 a.m. to 2 .pm.

Home Made Soups

Chili

Green Bean & Dumpling

Chicken & Noodle

Home Made Bread, Pies

and Desserts

\$7.00 ----- Adults

\$4.00-----5 to 10 years

free -----4 and under

\$7.00 --quart carry out

SENIOR CENTER GORHAM, KS

Sponsored by Daughters of Isabella

VICTORIA VFW POST 1751

will be open to the public

on Friday evenings from 8:00-11:00 p.m.

Drinks and snacks will be available in the club room.

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.



TMP Music Department
presents
their Annual Dinner Theater

Sing, Sing, Sing

SHOW TIMES:
Saturday, February 4
with meal starting at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 5
with brunch starting at noon

TICKETS: \$20 each
Contact Kathy Amrein
785-650-4371
HURRY, TICKETS GO FAST!!

meals in the TMP Cafeteria
show in reserved seats
in the TMP Drilling Theater



Jimmy Dee

& the fabulous destinations

St. Mary's Church in Ellis, KS

Invites you to join us in the school gym for the

4th Annual Valentine Dinner Dance

Saturday - February 11, 2017

Dinner served at 6:30 pm - Dance to follow until 11:30 pm

Advanced Tickets ONLY

\$25 per person

Ticket Outlets:
Golden "B" Hydra - Ellis (785)623-0636
Equity Bank - Ellis and Hays
Divine Mercy Radin - Hays
Golden Belt Bank - Ellis
Weber's Service - Ellis
St. Mary's Parish (785)726-4522

21 years of age or older to Attend - Cash Bar Only



The Seasons of Our Souls
by Fr. Earl Meyer

Practical reflections on the Christian life. Many are edited versions of those published in the local paper. Available in the St. Fidelis Gift Shop. Offering of \$5.00.

Victoria Elementary News!!

Our Sunny D books for all classrooms have arrived! The Box Tops will be sent in at the end of February so please keep clipping and saving them. We would love to raise lots of money with the Pop Tabs we're collecting for the Ronald McDonald House in Topeka. **Send all your Box Tops and Pop Tabs to Victoria Elementary ASAP!** Thank you!

Victoria Schools
Calendar 

Monday - January 23

Class Leadership @ Victoria in VJSHS auditorium
Lunch Menu: Hamburger, oven fries, green beans, pasta salad, apple wedges, salad, milk
AIM period—Students have directed study
3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
4:00 pm JH basketball @ Central Plains. Depart 2:20
5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

Tuesday - January 24

Lunch Menu: Breaded pork patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, French bread, banana, salad, milk
AIM period—Students have directed study
3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VES. Boys in tin gym
4:00 pm HS basketball @ Ellis

Wednesday - January 25

FCCLA District Elections @ Ellis. Mrs. Connie Braun and select students will attend
Lunch Menu: Chicken penne, steamed broccoli, bread sticks, pears, salad, milk
AIM period—Students have directed study
3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Boys at VES. Girls in tin gym
3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

Thursday - January 26

Lunch Menu: Meatball, scalloped potatoes, steamed carrots, fruit kolache, mandarin oranges, salad, milk
AIM period—Students have directed study
3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
4:00 pm JH basketball @ Macksville. Depart 1:40
5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

Friday - January 27

Lunch Menu: Ham & cheese sandwich, Dorito chips, cole slaw, mixed vegetables, tropical fruit, salad, milk
AIM period—Students have directed study
3:30 pm JH basketball practice: Girls at VES. Boys in tin gym
4:30 pm HS basketball vs. LaCrosse. Snowball Ceremony at halftime of boys game

Saturday - January 28

9:00 am JH CPL basketball tournament @ Victoria, times and games TBA

THE ST. FIDELIS THRIFT SHOP has reopened and has been as busy as ever. It was closed during the holidays due to a water leak in the kitchen. If you have any items to drop off, please do so at the Thrift Shop during their business hours. If those times are not convenient, call Jan at the Parish Office and schedule a more convenient time.

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.

DIocese

ATTENTION , MEN!

Mark your calendars now! The 2017 Diocesan Men's Conference is scheduled for **Saturday, August 12**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays.

45th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

January 22 is the 45th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion in our land in 1973. This day is to be observed as a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

Four buses filled with 183 pilgrims from across the Salina Diocese will depart Salina on January 25 to attend the March for Life in Washington DC scheduled for Friday, January 27. Bishop Edward Weisenburger is currently scheduled to join the Salina pilgrims for the march. Buses depart Washington January 28 and are scheduled to arrive in Salina at about 4:00 p.m. January 29. Prayers and support are appreciated. There are no openings for additional pilgrims this year. Be thinking about next year.

Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Learn about human trafficking in this country and particularly in your state and area. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org).

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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 if you have an item for the bulletin.

 **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	JANUARY 23
7:00 pm Russ and Ann Kaltenbach	
TUESDAY	JANUARY 24
6:45 am	
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 25
6:45 am Marvin Windholz	
THURSDAY	JANUARY 26
6:45 am Harold and Carol Cline family Betty Janicek	
FRIDAY	JANUARY 27
6:45 am Isador and Agatha Hammersmith	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 28
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Jerome and Irene Windholz 6:30 pm St. Ann Alvin and Lucile Robben	
SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME..... JANUARY 29
8:45 am St. Boniface 10:00 am St. Fidelis Craig Gasper Thomas Dreiling	

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE CANTORS

Saturday, January 28, 5:00 PM — Christy and Lydia Sander
Sunday, January 29, 10:00 AM — Marilyn 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.