

„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

March 11, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Mar. 17 — St. Patrick’s Day
Mar. 19-23 — School Spring Break
Mar. 20 — First day of Spring
Mar. 22 — Chrism Mass in Salina
Mar. 25 — Passion (Palm) Sunday
Mar. 29 — Holy Thursday—PARISH
OFFICE CLOSED @ noon
Mar. 30 — Good Friday—PARISH
OFFICE CLOSED
Mar. 31 — Holy Saturday
Apr. 1 — Easter Sunday
Apr. 2 — Easter Monday — PARISH
OFFICE CLOSED
Apr. 2-6 — Capuchin Assembly—No
Masses at St. Fidelis—No Eucharistic
Adoration on Thursday, April 5
Apr. 8 — Card Party 2:00-4:00 PM
Apr. 15 — First Communion during
10:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Fidelis



(from the Holy Gospel according to John (3:14-21))



Today's gospel is the conclusion of a lively discussion between Nicodemus and Jesus. In the course of their dialogue Christ offered these memorable words: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (Jn 3:16) That verse is often referred to as *the gospel in miniature*.

Nicodemus appears in the gospel of John three times. He is not mentioned in the other gospels. Nicodemus first encountered Jesus when he sought him out one night to discuss his teachings (John 3:1–21). Nicodemus speaks again later when he reminds his colleagues in the Sanhedrin that the law requires that a person be heard before being judged (John 7:50–51). And finally, Nicodemus comes forward after the crucifixion to assist Joseph of Arimathea in preparing the body of Jesus for burial (John 19:39–42).

The meeting with Jesus in today's reading was at the initiative of Nicodemus. The gospel says that he came "at night." This suggests that it was to be private and unknown to his peers in the Sanhedrin. Nicodemus asked about the teachings of Christ, who told him that he must be "born from above." This confused Nicodemus. Christ explained that it was a "birth of water and the spirit," a reference to baptism and receiving the Holy Spirit.

Christ then told Nicodemus that the source of this life of grace would be his death and resurrection: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life." (Jn 3:14) And finally, the climax of their discussion: "God so loved the world that He gave His Only Son, that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." (Jn 3:16)



God's love is further explained in the first epistle of John, "Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them." (1 John 4:10, 16)

Commenting on today's gospel, Pope Francis wrote: "Nicodemus was an important member of the Sanhedrin, but he never stopped seeking God. Yet in speaking with Jesus, he comes to know that God has already sought him; that God waits for him, that God loves him personally. 'God so loved the world that He gave His Only Son, that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.' This eternal life is the immeasurable and gratuitous love of the Father that Jesus gave on the cross, offering his life for our salvation."

... and mirth

"If you always tell the truth, you don't need a good memory." ~ Mark Twain

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Contributions March 3-4, 2018

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 3092.00 Loose 2272.00
Repair Fund 214.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 542.00 Loose 90.00
Coffee & Rolls 59.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 423.00 Loose 430.00
Candles 23.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Mar. 12— Ivan and Verda
Werner

Mar. 19 — Doris Weigel, Shirley
Weigel

Sunday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Loving Creator of mine,
I feel the pace quicken, the time draw near.
I am filled with joy as I move toward Easter
and the promised reconciliation with you.
Teach me to follow the example of your Son,
to be worthy of being called one of his people:
a Christ-ian.
Help me to live each day as he did
turning hatred to love and conflict to peace.
I await the new life with eagerness, faith,
and a deep gratitude.



Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's *Online Ministries* web site:
<http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>
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**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME
BEGAN TODAY.**

Did you remember to
turn your clocks
AHEAD one hour?

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m.
(after 7:00 p.m. Mass)

Chrism Mass

Thursday, March 22 | 11:30 a.m.

at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina,
with a luncheon following in the Hall of Bishops
Bishop Carl A. Kemme, Bishop of Wichita,
will be the main Mass celebrant.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:30 p.m.

Fridays of Lent

The Basilica of St. Fidelis

No Stations on Good Friday.



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lenten Bible Study is about "The Lives of Great Christians." Classes run between 65 and 75 minutes. The group meets in the Meal Site room of the Parish Office at 7:30 p.m. on the Mondays of Lent. Everyone is welcome.

The Lives of
Great Christians

ST. ANN

St. Ann Dates to Remember:

- ◆ No coffee and rolls Saturday, March 31, or Easter Sunday, April 1.
- ◆ Annual Christian mothers meeting will be held after Mass on Saturday, April 14.
- ◆ Annual tri-parish barbecue will be held after Mass on Saturday, April 21. Details to follow.
- ◆ No coffee and rolls Saturday, April 28.
- ◆ Mass time switches to 7:30 AM on Sundays beginning May 6.

ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir practice for Easter will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the following days: Thursday, March 15, and Wednesdays, March 21 and 28.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

MONTHLY MEETING

The Daughters of Isabella will meet on **Monday, March 12**, starting at 7:00 p.m. with a rosary and a meeting following, all at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

Christian Mothers/Altar Society

Dues Can Still Be Paid

Thank you to the Christian Mothers who have already paid their 2018 dues. If you are a member and haven't yet paid yours, you can drop an envelope with the \$5 in the collection basket or mail it to Teresa Shepherd, PO Box 324, Victoria, KS 67671. If you aren't sure if yours are paid, just give Teresa a call at 785-735-9576. Thank you!



Lenten Bake Sales

The Daughters of Isabella will have another Bake Sale during the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at the V.F.W. Hall during Lent. Members are asked to please bring baked goodies or a money donation to the V.F.W. Hall between 3:00-5:00 p.m. on **Friday, March 23**.

YOUTH MINISTRY / CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION CALENDAR

MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 11

10:00 A.M. Mass at St. Fidelis – Jubilee Choir sings

Wednesday, March 14

Religious Education classes:

6:30 – 7:15 P.M. – Grades K-5

7:30 – 8:30 P.M. – Grades 6-12

Schedule for St. Fidelis altar servers (April thru July) will be handed out during religion classes.

Second grade class: ***Saccos orders are due to the Religious Ed Office***

Friday, March 16

5:30 P.M. – Stations of the Cross at St. Fidelis Church (Spiritual enrichment)

Wednesday, March 21

No Religious Education classes ***Spring Break***

Friday, March 23

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – youth volunteering (grades 8-12) should arrive at 3 P.M. at VFW in Victoria

Sunday, March 25

10:00 A.M. Mass at St. Fidelis – Jubilee Choir sings — Palm Sunday

Wednesday, March 28

5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir practice

APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday, April 1

10:00 A.M. Mass at St. Fidelis – Jubilee Choir sings — Easter Sunday

Wednesday, April 4

Jubilee Choir practice CANCELLED

Wednesday, April 11

5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir practice

Sunday, April 15

10:00 A.M. Mass at St. Fidelis – Jubilee Choir sings — First Communion

Jubilee Choir's practice and singing dates UPDATED 2-26-2018:



Practice dates

Wed., March 28th* NEW

Cancel April 4th practice

Wed., April 11th* NEW

Singing dates:

Sun., March 11th

Sun., March 25th—Palm Sunday

Sun., April 1st—Easter Sunday

Sun., April 15th—First Communion



Catholic VBS: “A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments [Jesus in my Heart]”

When? June 18 – June 22 (Time TBA)

Where? Victoria Elementary

Who can attend? Children of our tri-parish communities—Victoria, Walker, and Vincent—in grades K – 5 during the 2017-2018 school year, are welcome to attend.

What is a Catholic Vacation Bible School (VBS)?

It is NOT summer school! ;) It’s a whole week that our volunteers dedicate to teaching the children about their Catholic faith through games, crafts, music, prayers, skits, and even snacks. All of these enhance the theme of the VBS! At this particular VBS, the children will have a better understanding of the seven sacraments while deepening their understanding and love for Jesus.

How do I sign my child(ren) up?

Pre-registration forms will go home with all children in religion on Wednesday, April 4. Please return these forms to the Religious Ed Office by the last day of religion, Wednesday, April 25. As Jeanette receives these forms, or by April 25, she will mail your family the necessary registration forms (as required by the Diocese of Salina). **If your child(ren) is/are not enrolled in Religious Ed, but you are a parishioner of St. Fidelis, St. Ann, or St. Boniface and would like for your child(ren) to attend – please contact Jeanette Brungardt and she’ll be happy to sign your family up! ☺**

How can you help or volunteer?

Volunteers (6th grade and older) may apply with Jeanette Brungardt in the Religious Ed Office. A variety of positions are available. Knowing your talents, interests, age (for ex: middle school, high school youth, or adults 25 years +), and comfort level will help Jeanette and you decide how you can help. Volunteers may help all week long or only on specific days; it’s based on your availability.

Adults, 25 years +: Must have completed a background check and online training through the diocese within the last 5 years. If not, this **must be completed prior** to the Vacation Bible School [no exceptions]. Jeanette will be happy to give you the instructions & paperwork needed.

Youth, 9th grade and older: must complete online training, since they are volunteering with minors, prior to the Vacation Bible School. This is a new requirement by the diocese eff. Fall/’17.

Monetary donations are appreciated, too, as this VBS is completely free for our children and it does come with added expenses to St. Fidelis and the Religious Ed Office.

To sign your child up in advance, for questions regarding how you can help/volunteer, or for more general information, please contact Jeanette Brungardt in the Office of Religious Ed:

Jeanette B.

Office: 785-735-9244

E-mail: Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net



JR. CYO Camp

Rock Springs Ranch
May 26 – May 29, 2018



This camp is available for any 6th through 8th grader (during the 2017-2018 school year). Rock Springs Ranch is a 4H Center and lays on a sprawling 700+ acres in the Kansas Flint Hills, located outside of Junction City. Outdoor activities available to kids will include: archery, volleyball, crafts, canoeing, softball, trap shooting and horseback riding. Spiritual activities will include Mass, daily prayers, a pit Mass along with a surprise or two along the way. Registration forms are available – please contact Jeanette at the PAC.

Camp forms along with the pre-registration fee of \$95.00 are due to the Diocese of Salina by Friday, **April 20, 2018.** (The total cost to attend the camp is \$190). Please contact Jeanette, 785-735-9244 or by e-mail at FidelisYouth@ruraltel.net with any questions and to request registration forms.

Saccos Catholic Gifts

Do you have a family member or friend who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Communion this Spring or the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming year? The Office of Religious Education has the Spring 2018 catalog available now for Saccos Company. The Saccos Company offers religious gifts and church supplies including: Communion sets for boys and girls complete with a rosary; My First Mass Book; scapular and Communion pin; custom printed Holy cards; wall crucifixes; candles; Bibles; trinkets such as bracelets, dolls, key rings, pendants, bookmarks, prayer books, etc.; keepsakes such as picture frames, stained glass or wooden plaques, crosses; photo albums; First Communion veils; dresses; ties; party goods; and even personalized keepsakes!

The catalog also includes patron saint sacramental, pewter statues, medals, jewelry, and personalized patron saint medals.

Twenty percent of the profit will be donated, by Saccos, to the Office of Religious Education.

If you would like to obtain a catalog as well as instructions on how to place an order, please contact Jeanette Brungardt in the Religious Education Office (785-735-9244) and she'll be happy to give you one.

All order requests are due by Wednesday, March 14. Orders will be placed on Friday, March 23. This will allow plenty of time to receive the items prior to our First Communion at St. Fidelis on Sunday, April 15.

Thank you, *Jeanette B.*

Made For More

CYO Diocesan Convention April 7 & April 8 Salina, Kansas

Over 700 Catholic youth, grades 9 – 12, will gather together at the Annual Diocesan Youth Convention, April 7-8, 2018, at St. Mary School in Salina. Be inspired by the keynote speaker, Doug Brummel, and spend time with one another! There will be plenty of music, dance, prayer, workshops, keynoters and, fun awaiting you. Cost for chaperones and youth is \$90 for Saturday and Sunday, which includes the overnight in a hotel.

Sign up with a friend today to reserve your space!

Applications are available now! I just received word that youth from our tri-parishes will be able to join St. Mary's CYO in Russell for this convention. **This means that all applications need to be turned in sooner—by next Tuesday, March 6, to Jeanette Brungardt.** Jeanette will then give these applications to Michelle Farmer, the CYO Sponsor, and supervisor of the trip to the CYO Convention. Depending on how many youth we have attending—we may need one or two adults, preferably parents, assisting with supervision.

*9th grade: This is considered spiritual enrichment.

E-mail: FidelisYouth@Ruraltel.net

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June 14-16, 2018

For Catholic girls
entering sixth, seventh & eighth grades

AN extraordinary FOR extraordinary EXPERIENCE GIRLS...

Attention: Young ladies who are currently in 5th-7th grade!
Spend a weekend at the Nazareth Motherhouse with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia ...

- *Deepen your relationship with God
- *Learn more about yourself
- *Get acquainted with others and make new friends
- *Play, pray, and do ministry

Visit www.csjkansas.org/for-kids/ to learn more about the Discover Camp. On this website you'll find a video capturing moments from last year's Discover Camp. You'll also find the registration form for the Discover Camp.

Mail registration forms to the camp director BEFORE May 25, 2018:

Sister Anna Marie Broxterman, Sisters of St. Joseph
PO Box 279, Concordia, KS 66901

Spaces are limited to 36 campers. If interested—sign up TODAY!

If you need any assistance locating the registration forms, copies are available at St. Fidelis in the Religious Ed Office. Please contact Jeanette B.
Office: 785-735-9244 Email: Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection is **this weekend—March 10-11**. This collection is the principal means through which the Church in the United States is able to respond to international relief efforts. They work with organizations around the world to help poor and vulnerable people overcome emergencies, earn a living through agriculture, and access affordable health care. See *The Register* or visit their website at www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information about this important collection.

MARCH HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

Human Trafficking is one of the great human rights challenges of this century. Millions of men, women, and children are enslaved and treated as commodities—bought, sold, shared, abused, and discarded. **ENDING SLAVERY IS EVERYONE'S WORK.** ~ U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. Visit sistersagainstrafficking.org.

Diocesan Memorial Mass for Those Who Have Lost a Child

Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Salina will host a Memorial Mass for those who have lost a child at *any* age—either before or after birth—on **Thursday, May 10, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas More Church, Manhattan, Kansas**. If you would like to participate in this Mass, please notify the Parish Office by March 26, and you will receive a personal invitation.

Please submit your name, address, the name of the child, along with their birthday and year of death by March 26.

If you would like to submit one or two photos of your child, please scan and email them to wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org (please include their name, birthday, and year of death). If you have any questions, please contact the Diocese's Family Life Office at 785-827-8746.

2018 Catholic Community Annual Appeal

If you have not done so yet, please take some time this week to consider your gift to the CCAA and mail your pledge to the Diocese, bring it by the parish office, or go online (www.salinadiocese.org) to complete it, under the development tab. **Together, "We though many, are one body in Christ."**



March 13 — Celebrate the anniversary of Pope Francis' election.

family MATTERS

THE MONTH OF MARCH

Holy Week — The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday is the most sacred time of the year for Catholics. During this special time, we enter into the passion of Christ, his crucifixion, death, and resurrection.

Holy Thursday

"So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, 'Do you realize what I have done for you?'" ~ John 13:12

Have you or your children ever participated in the washing of the feet at Mass on Holy Thursday?

Easter Vigil

"Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there." ~John 19:41-42
As a family talk about the symbols that are visible at the Easter Vigil. What emotions do these symbols bring forth in us?

Good Friday

"Jesus said, 'It is finished.' And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit." ~John 19:30

Venerating the cross at church on Good Friday is a time for the faithful to individually revere the cross and ponder the enormity of Christ's salvific act.

Easter Sunday

"On the first day of the week, Mary Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb." ~John 20:1

Place a large white pillar candle on your kitchen table and celebrate the light of Christ's resurrection.

Happy Easter!



40 Cans for Lent

Your donation of 1 can or boxed food item per family per day during Lent will make a huge difference to a family that is below the poverty level.

Please help make a difference in some family's life.

Donation boxes will be located at all the tri-parish churches.

MONTHLY MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will hold their regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, March 15**, at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.



K. of C. Free Throw Champ

Representing the local Knights of Columbus council, Claire Schippers, shown above holding her trophy, placed first in the girl's 9-year-old division at the State level of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on Sunday, March 4, in Salina, Kansas.

Knights of Columbus

Council #1867 Victoria



2018
LENTEN
FISH FRY

5:00 — 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 23

Victoria V.F.W. Hall, 204 E. Main Street

MENU:

Fish, noodles and beans, baked potato, cole slaw

\$10.00 Adults | \$5.00 Children 5 to 10 | 5 and under Free

Proceeds are used to help local charities

Biblical Humor

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.



**KEEP PRAYING! BRING YOUR ROSARY
OUR NATION IS IN NEED OF PRAYER**

Prayer hour **every 3rd Tuesday** of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. Fidelis.

Please enter through the north door. We all sit together. The church is too big to be scattered.

You are never late. Join us whenever you get there.

All are welcome!



**Munjoy Knights of Columbus Council 11492
Annual Lenten Fish Fry**

Friday, March 23 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.

St. Francis Church Parish Hall in Munjoy



MENU: fish, homemade fried noodles, beans and greble.

FREE WILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED

with proceeds going to Diocesan Vocations.

Homemade noodles will be available for purchase.

Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.



**Ellis Knights of Columbus
FISH FRY**

**Friday, March 16
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Knights Hall in Ellis**

Menu: Baked and Fried Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Noodles and Beans, Coleslaw, Tea and Coffee

Cost: \$10.00 adults | Children 12 & under \$5.00

More Popcorn Balls!

Victoria P.T.O. would like to thank all the parents and community members that helped to make the recent popcorn ball sales such a huge success.

Brenda Dreiling has had inquiries from community members wanting to order more. She has graciously offered to do another round of orders. Preorders will be taken only until March 17, with popcorn balls being made the week before Easter.

Supplies need to be ordered so it is important that all orders are received by Saturday, March 17.

They will only make enough to fill the orders; no extras will be made. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Brenda a call at 785-735-4141.

Again, thank you for your continued support of our schools!

VICTORIA VFW POST 1751

Club Room is open to the public on Friday evenings from 8:00-11:00 p.m. 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.

**Victoria Schools
Calendar** 

Monday — March 12

9:00 am Spanish students to Hays. Mr. Janzen and select students will attend

AIM Period — Students have directed study

Lunch Menu: Hamburger, oven fries, steamed carrots, pears, salad, milk

3:30 pm HS track practice

4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

7:30 pm BOE meeting

Tuesday — March 13

CPL music @ Great Bend. Mr. Johnson and band students will attend

Lunch Menu: Chicken penne, steamed broccoli, breadsticks, cantaloupe, salad, milk

AIM Period — Students have directed study

3:30 pm HS track practice

4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

Wednesday — March 14

FCCLA blood drive in gym

College tour to Barton CCC. Mrs. Kori Braun and select students will attend

Lunch Menu: Breaded pork patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll, banana, salad, milk

AIM Period — Students have directed study

3:30 pm HS track practice

4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

CPL BB All League selection in Great Bend

Thursday — March 15

Lunch Menu: BBQ rib sandwich, noodles, navy beans, green beans, apple sauce, salad, milk

AIM Period — Students have directed study

3:30 pm HS track practice

4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

Friday — March 16

Lunch Menu: Egg roll, fried rice, steamed peas, mandarin oranges, salad, milk

AIM Period — Students have directed study

3:30 pm HS track practice

4:00 pm HS baseball practice at Russell

Divine Mercy Radio Wants Recipes for Cookbook

Divine Mercy Radio wants your favorite recipes to be included in the 88.1 Cookbook due out in the Fall of 2018. These don't need to be original recipes; "borrowed" recipes are just fine. Feel free to also include a personal note about the history of the recipe, your favorite bible quote, or favorite saint. Please email your favorites to leslie@dvmercy.com or mail to the studio: 108 E. 12th St., Suite 1. Thank you for participating in this fun project!

FHSU Spring Choral Concert Tuesday

The Choirs of Fort Hays State University will present their Spring Choral Concert at 7:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 13**, at the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center in Sheridan Hall on the FHSU campus. Admission is \$6 adults/\$4 senior citizens/students free

The Concert Choir of 54 voices and the Fort Hays Singers of 20 voices will both appear, singing a wide variety of choral repertoire. The Fort Hays Singers will reprise their program from earlier in the semester when they appeared at the KMEA Convention in Wichita on Friday, February 23. Both ensembles are conducted by Dr. Terry Crull and accompanied by Pam McGowne.

As the Fort Hays Singers are taking a concert trip to Austria in June, special activities at the Spring Choral Concert will include a "moment of thanks" for those who are financially helping them secure the funds for Austria, a raffle of the beautiful music quilt made by Pam McGowne, and recognition of long-time members of both choirs.

**Victoria Community
EASTER EGG HUNT**

Sponsored by the Basilica of St. Fidelis and the Religious Education office

Saturday, March 31
@ 1:00 p.m.

Age groups:
0-1 years • 2-3 years • 4-5 years
6-7 years • 8-9 years

Please meet in the parking lot
between St. Fidelis Church and
Victoria Grade School.

Cameras are welcome.

There maybe an appearance from the Easter Bunny!

A *Healing Kids Hearts Retreat* will be held on **Saturday, April 14, 2018**, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Sternberg Museum, 3000 Sternberg Drive, Hays. It is sponsored by the Center for Life Experiences, 2900 Hall Street, Hays, to help children ages 7 to 12 in Northwest Kansas cope with grief and loss.

To apply for the retreat or to get more information, contact Ann Leiker at the Center for Life Experiences at 785-259-6859 or email ccfpc@ruraltel.net.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the retreat.

Applications for participants and volunteers are due by March 12, 2018.



Victoria V.F.W. Post 1715
sponsoring

STARS AND STRIPES BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 11

Hays V.F.W. Hall, 2106 Vine Street

*Breakfast tickets sold in advance
will help raise funds for the Victoria V.F.W.*

TICKETS:

\$8.50 for adults | \$3.50 for children 5-12
Children under 5 eat free

Tickets may be purchased from the following members:

- Dennis Dreiling 785-639-4621
- Dave Richardson 785-806-6095
- Doug Kuhn 785-650-1058
- Chris Brungardt 785-735-4252
- John Braun/Connie 785-735-2622
- Marion Miller 785-735-9353
- Harland Rupp 785-623-1368

***Tickets purchased at the door
will not help the Victoria V.F.W.
and will be more expensive.***

Chase Kear, a Colwich, Kansas, native, was critically injured in a pole vaulting accident about 10 years ago and attributed his healing to prayers asking Fr. Emil Kapaun's intercession. His is one of the miracles being considered in the quest to have Fr. Kapaun canonized as a saint.

Fr. Kapaun was a Catholic priest from Pilsen, Kansas, who served as a U.S. Army chaplain and died in a prison camp during the Korean War after seven months of imprisonment.

Through the sponsorship of the St. Fidelis Christian Mothers organization, Chase gave a talk after the evening Mass at St. Fidelis on Monday, March 5. Those in attendance asked many questions of him and requested a copy of a prayer to Fr. Kapaun. Below is a prayer taken from the fatherkapaun.org/father-kapaun website page, where more information about Fr. Kapaun can be accessed.

Prayer for Intercession

Father Emil Kapaun gave glory to God by following his call to the priesthood and thus serving the people of Kansas and those in the military.

Father Kapaun, I ask your intercession not only for these needs which I mention now . . . but that I too may follow your example of service to God and my neighbor. For the gifts of courage in battle and perseverance of faith, we give you thanks, O Lord.

Recite one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

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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 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, Wednesday from 10-3:30, Thursday from 10-4. If these hours do not work to drop off your donations, contact Jan at the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY	MARCH 12
7:00 pm Peter J. and Alice Braun family	
TUESDAY	MARCH 13
6:45 am Pete and Leona Wellbrock	
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 14
6:45 am	
THURSDAY	MARCH 15
6:45 am Jane Ruder	
FRIDAY	MARCH 16
6:45 am Eddie and Clara Miller family	
SATURDAY	MARCH 17
5:00 pm St. Fidelis Thomas and Bertillie Windholz	
6:30 pm St. Ann Alma Dreiling and Tom G. Dreiling	
SUNDAY	MARCH 18
8:45 am St. Boniface Lavern Braun	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Albertine Rome	

* 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, March 17, 5:00 PM — Pam Scheck
Sunday, March 18, 10:00 AM — Christy Sander family

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.