

“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.	BULLETIN ITEMS: Deadline is Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Connie (sftech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777) at the Parish Office.	

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

September 2, 2018 – 22nd 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

Eucharistic Adoration:

THURSDAYS • 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.
 in St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar

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. 10** — No Mass @ St. Fidelis — Fr. John not available
- Sept. 11** — Patriot Day
- Sept. 14** — Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Sept. 14-15** — VHS Homecoming
- Sept. 15** — Holy Cross Church 100th Anniversary Mass @ 4:00 in Pfeifer
- Sept. 16** — Catechetical Sunday
- Sept. 20-21** — No Masses @ St. Fidelis — Fr. John not available
- Sept. 22** — First Day of Fall
- Sept. 28** — No Mass @ St. Fidelis — Fr. John not available
- Oct. 4** — Feast of St. Francis of Assisi — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Oct. 7** — Card Party in Meal Site

“You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.”

(from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

Have a happy Labor Day!



The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 3, for Labor Day. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00.a.m. There will not be a 7:00 p.m. Mass and no scheduled confessions .



Labor Day Statement of the Conference of Catholic Bishops

Pope Francis has recently drawn our attention to problems in the world of work that can undermine the dignity of the person and threaten the stability of society. He has also reminded us that work is intended for the flourishing of the family. The pope observed that “work was the first command that God gave to Adam. There has always been friendship between the Church and work, starting with the carpenters Joseph and Jesus. Where there is a worker, there is the interest and the ‘gaze of love’ of the Lord.”

What does our Lord's “gaze of love” see today? Surely he honors the parents and grandparents who offer their work as “prayers said with the hands” for their family. God blesses the vocation of work which helps children grow into adults and strengthens communities. “Brother work,” in Pope Francis’ words, “sustains human life, society, and an active faith.”

God’s “gaze of love” consoles those who are struggling with work. A lack of work can be devastating to the human person and can undermine solidarity and also destabilize society. The social pact is built around work. When you do not work or work too little or work too much human dignity enters into a crisis.

Our Lord’s “gaze of love” embraces men and women who work long hours to provide for their loved ones; workers who endure unsafe working conditions, low pay, and health hazards; women who suffer wage disparities and exploitation. Our Lord knows that too often, hidden from the world's view, our brothers’ and sisters’ dreams for a better life are shattered in unthinkable ways as they become victims of labor trafficking, unfairly exploited as mere objects instead of being treated as persons created with God-given dignity.

Pope Francis’ “gaze of love” envisions an economy that offers access to rewarding employment for everyone while avoiding excessive and morally unacceptable disparities in wealth. Economic systems that are driven by the “throw away” culture which prizes only commercial value and recognizes no other values or truths are contrary to human dignity.

On this Labor Day let us give thanks to God present to us in the Eucharist as we toil for our heavenly reward. Let us give thanks for our vocation to work, and strive to make our businesses and our communities places where the human person can fully thrive. And let us give thanks for the opportunity to encounter Christ present to those in need, offering care and concern for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, including those suffering great poverty in their work. May we all earnestly seek to adopt God’s “gaze of love” as our own, to envision and make real a world of work with full human dignity for all.



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The best way to appreciate your job is to imagine yourself without one.

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Contributions August 25-26, 2018

ST. FIDELIS:

Adult 3038.00 Loose 1187.66
Repair Fund 25.00

ST. ANN:

Adult 96.00 Loose 290.00
Coffee & Rolls 69.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Adult 255.00 Loose 58.00
Candles 30.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

September 4 (TUESDAY) — Doris Weigel, Shirley Weigel

September 10 — Brenda Dreiling

Seed Wheat

will be blessed at all Masses next weekend, September 8-9.

At St. Fidelis, please place your jars on the Communion railing.



Novena for Legal Protection of Human Life

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, **August 3 to September 28**. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray.

(Friday Novena prayers AND lessons taken from the www.usccb.org website)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

PRAY: May a change in the U.S. Supreme Court move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be..

LEARN:

Pro-life laws can and do reduce the abortion rate.

Most people on both sides of the abortion debate agree that reducing the number of abortions is a desirable outcome. While some argue that contraception is the key to reducing the abortion rate, real-world evidence does not back that up. Instead, research shows that even when women were provided with free "emergency contraception" ahead of time, the pregnancy and abortion rate remained statistically equivalent with those who were not provided with it.¹ In fact, the availability of contraception and abortion can increase the rate of unintended pregnancies (as well as sexually transmitted infections) as studies show that people engage in more frequent and riskier behavior if they believe their risk has been lowered.²

On the other hand, evidence suggests that laws restricting the funding of abortion (like the Hyde amendment preventing Medicaid funds from going to abortion) or limiting its availability, involving parents, and providing women with more information lower the rate of abortion.³ Unfortunately, *Roe*, its companion case *Doe*, and some subsequent rulings have been used to invalidate many laws meant to lower the rate of abortion.

¹ USCCB, "Fact Sheet: Emergency Contraception Fails to Reduce Unintended Pregnancy and Abortion" (June 5, 2014) (citing authority), <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/contraception/fact-sheets/emergency-contraception-fails-to-reduce-unintended-pregnancy-abortion.cfm>.

² For more information, see USCCB fact sheets: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/contraception/fact-sheets/upload/contrafactsheet.pdf> and <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/contraception/fact-sheets/greater-access-to-contraception-does-not-reduce-abortions.cfm>

³ New, Michael J Analyzing the Effect of Anti-Abortion US State Legislation in the Post-Casey Era. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, Feb 11, 2011. <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1532440010387397>



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 23, 2018.** For more information, please call Shirley Brungardt at the Parish Office at 785-735-9244.

LITURGY

Commission Meeting

The Liturgy Commission will meet on **Monday, September 10**, at 5:30 at the PAC.

ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir Practice Begins

Practice will be held on **Wednesday evenings, September 5 and 12, at 7:30 p.m.** in the choir loft. The choir is practicing for the upcoming Alumni Mass on September 15. **(Please notice change in time of practice.)**

Any former alumni or anyone just interested in singing with the Adult Choir are very welcome to participate.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

K. of C. Selling Tickets for Religious Education Fundraiser

The Victoria of Knights of Columbus Council #1867 is selling raffle tickets to raise funds for the St. Fidelis Religious Education program. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased by calling 785-523-1368 or you may pick one up at the Parish Office.

The local Council has a limited supply of tickets.

The drawing will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at 8:00 p.m. in Wichita. Prize amounts will be: One \$25,000 ticket, one \$6,000 ticket, three \$4,000 tickets, six \$2,000 tickets, and twenty-one \$1,000 tickets.

All tickets need to be sold and returned before October 25. Donations are not tax deductible.

Children's Ministries

Have you enrolled your child yet?



Jubilee Choir

Second grade and older

Registration form & parent letter is available in Religious Ed Office

Practice begins on Wednesday, September 12, at St. Fidelis Church

5:15—6:15 P.M.

Jubilee Choir sings for the first time on Sunday, September 16, at 10:00

A.M. Mass.

Directed by Mrs. Becky Scheck & organist Mrs. LouAnn Hammersmith



Altar Servers

Fourth grade and older

Registration form & parent letter is available in Religious Ed Office

Two training sessions, for St. Fidelis Church, are to be attended and

will take place on Wed., September 12, & Wed, September 19, from

3:30—4:15 P.M. The altar servers are scheduled by the Office of

Religious Ed and the schedule is released every 3 months.

♥ Welcome to
Kindergarten

Although kindergarten will not gather every Wednesday for Religious Education classes, we are still offering special gatherings for Kindergarten on the following days, from 2:30—3:15 P.M. at St. Fidelis Church: Wednesday, October 3; Wednesday, December 5; & Wednesday, February 6. These gatherings may include a teaching Mass, a lesson on church etiquette, and a Jesse Tree Service (during Advent). Participation in these gatherings is completely optional. If you wish for your child to participate in any of the gatherings, it is very important that you enroll (at no charge) your child with the Office of Religious Education. At the time of enrollment each family with a kindergarten student is offered an activity book with activities and prayers to assist parents with in-home catechesis. **Most importantly, by enrolling your child you will receive a Seesaw account/journal which will allow the Rel Ed Office to communicate directly with you regarding: reminders of gatherings and special opportunities for the children, especially those who participate in Liturgy of the Word for Children; the LWC Christmas Pageant; and information regarding our annual Vacation Bible School available to grades K—5.**

Please contact Jeanette Brungardt, Coordinator of Religious Ed, to schedule an appointment and sign your child up!



Did you miss the informational meeting regarding the '19 March for Life trip!?



January 16—January 20, 2019

Cost: \$400 per youth
(Scholarships are available—please inquire!)

Where? Washington, D.C.

September 26th: RSVP & \$100 deposit due

A parent and youth informational meeting was held on Wednesday, August 15, with Jeanette and Fr. John. If you missed the meeting and have a child in 8th—12th grade (during the 2018-2019 school year) who wishes to attend the March for Life in D.C. please reach out to Jeanette A.S.A.P. The March for Life trip is sponsored and provided by St. Fidelis Church and our local Knights of Columbus. There are very important deadlines approaching, as early as September 26. Jeanette would be happy to inform you on the upcoming trip and answer any questions you may have! At this time, based on attendance and adults who expressed an interest in chaperoning, we do have plenty of chaperones BUT this could change! So please—if you have a child interested in attending and you are interested in chaperoning, please let Jeanette know! You will be placed on a waiting list & once we have the final number of youth attending, Jeanette will reach out to you.

And YES we still have several openings available for youth! :-)

Jeanette B. Cell: 785-639-5067 Email: Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net

A note from the Office of Religious Education & Youth Ministry:

This past March for Life trip (in January of 2018) was a remarkable experience that those who attended will never forget (for many reasons). :-) It started with an idea—a crazy, beautiful, Spirit-led idea (by an equally crazy, beautiful, and Spirit-led parishioner, woman, and mother of one of our 8th grade youth) to bring a group of junior high kids to Washington, D.C., thousands of miles away from their home in western Kansas! :) That idea was then nurtured and encouraged by our Pastor who then gave me the awesome responsibility of planning, organizing, and executing the trip. Father John saw the value in our youth attending and experiencing everything from their first flight, to their first youth rally, to their first March. There is no denying that the Spirit was present and doing what It does best—advocating and assisting—from the very beginning! The youth, as well as the adults, encountered and experienced a culture of life and love that they never had before. We heard and experienced God's word. We practiced our faith among thousands of other Catholic youth and adults. Even now—to this day—many of the youth who attended attest to the significance of this trip and the events that moved them the most: the Life is Very Good Youth Rally, specifically adoration, the live music, and guest speakers; the thousands and thousands of other youth gathering for a singular purpose with so much LOVE and FAITH; the relationships formed (we left as a group of individuals and returned as a family); and of course the beautiful sites and monuments of Washington, D.C. If you would like to take a leap of faith and open your arms to an experience that will inspire please join us this January—2019! :)



Come be the "little pencil in the hand of a writing God and help write His love letter to the world!" (Adapted by Mother Teresa).

In Christ, Jeanette Brungardt, Coordinator of Religious Education



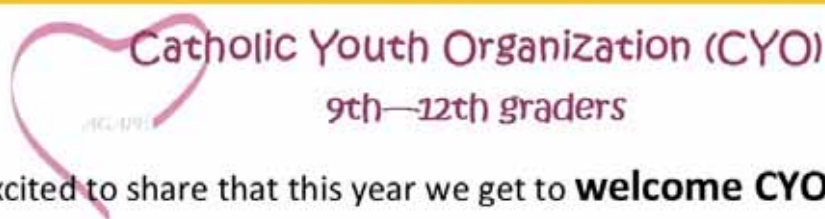
Attention parents: Any scheduling requests for the months of September through the first weekend of January are due to the Office of Rel Ed by Friday, September 7. Please keep in mind that servers *may* be scheduled on the following Holy Days and Masses, however these times are subject to change.

Thurs., Nov. 1—All Saints Day; Fri., Dec. 7—Immaculate Conception Vigil; Mon., Dec. 24—Christmas Eve @ 5 PM, Tues., Dec. 25—Christmas Day @ 10 AM; Mon., Dec. 31—New Years Vigil; Tues., Jan 1—New Years Day

*Please note that these Mass dates and times are tentative and are only being mentioned as a courtesy so that families may look ahead and notify me of the days they will be unavailable. These Mass dates and times have not been approved by the Liturgy Office or our pastor—please know that once the Liturgy Committee has met on September 10, the official Mass dates and times will be posted in the upcoming servers schedule.

The next altar servers schedule, for the months of October through the first weekend of January, will be issued to servers by Wednesday, September 26.

CYO Special announcement!



We are SO excited to share that this year we get to **welcome CYO Sponsors: Amanda Truan and Jeanna Wellbrock!** Come join them on **Wednesday, September 5th, following religion from 7:30—8:00 P.M.** for a quick bite to eat and most importantly so they can meet you and kick off the school year! There's no need to RSVP, simply show up and gather in the PAC's Meal Site Room following religion.

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Monday, September 3

Labor Day – PAC & Rel Ed Office Closed

Wednesday, September 5

6:30-7:30 P.M. – First day of Religious Ed Classes – Grades 1-12 at PAC

Friday, September 7

Altar Servers deadline – Requests for days off due to Rel Ed Office (for the months of October through January)

Saturday, September 8

CYO Youth Night at St. Mary's, Russell – Speaker from NCYC '18, Mass, dinner, adoration, games & dance – 5:30 – 11:00 P.M.

Sunday, September 9

Paul J. Kim (Speaker from NCYC '18)

speaks to parish, public, parents, 12:00 – 1:00 P.M. at St. Mary's, Russell

Wednesday, September 12

3:30 – 4:30 P.M. – Training for new altar servers at St. Fidelis Church (& again on 9-19)

5:15 – 6:15 P.M. – Jubilee Choir's first practice

6:30 P.M. – 8th grade student-parent meeting at 6:30 P.M. – St. Fidelis chapel

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Religious Ed classes, grades 1 – 12

Sunday, September 16

Catechetical Sunday

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

St. Fidelis

Wednesday, September 19

3:30 – 4:30 P.M. – (Second part)

Training for new altar servers at St. Fidelis Church

6:30 P.M. – 9th grade student-parent meeting – St. Fidelis chapel

6:30 - 7:30 P.M. – Religious Ed classes, grades 1 - 12

Wednesday, September 26

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Religious Ed classes grades 1 – 12

March for Life RSVP & \$100 deposit due to Office of Religious Ed

Altar servers schedule (October – January) issued to servers during Rel Ed

The first Wednesday of Religious Ed classes is September 5th!

Parents—please pay special attention to the following:

Students should begin arriving after 6:20 P.M.

Pick-up and drop-off in the north parking lot is reserved for families with any child in grades 1—4.

No parking is allowed in the north lot or on any street surrounding the Parish Activity Center.

Students, catechists, volunteers, and any parents needing to park for the duration of class should park in the Church parking lot.

Beginning at 6:30 P.M. all doors will be locked, with the exception of the front door.

Catechists and volunteers are not to give students rides to and from class. Parents, if you have an emergency and need assistance/transportation for your child please contact another parent and notify Jeanette in the Parish Office at 785-735-9244 or on her cell phone at 785-639-5067.

At the most recent training session and at the catechist in-service it was discussed that volunteers, parish staff, & catechists should not be private messaging youth, under any circumstances, or be alone with youth in a classroom, this includes during religion, after hours, and NEVER behind closed doors. The only time private messages are allowable are if the parent or guardian is included in the private message. Catechists are asked to utilize Seesaw as much as possible.

Parents—please be vigilant and notify the Office of Religious Ed or the pastor if these guidelines are not being followed or if you have any concerns throughout the year.

**Parents: have you had a chance to review the updated Parent/
Student Handbook?**

With regards to the parent/student handbook please pay special attention to the following and review prior to the start of the school year. The following subjects have been updated and affect each one of our youth and families.

*IX. ACADEMIC POLICY— Please read sections A—E *X. Discipline Policy

*XIV. Expectation of Students & Student Drivers *XV. Emergency Procedures

The Office of Religious Education will strive to ensure that at least two adults are present for youth activities including CYO & Jr. CYO events, Jubilee Choir practices, and practices pertaining to May Crowning, First Communion, Confirmation, as well as Altar Servers training and Kindergarten gatherings. The Office of Religious Education encourages parents to be active participants in their child's Faith Formation. If you wish to volunteer in any capacity please reach out to Jeanette Brungardt at 785-735-9244 or by email at Fidlisyouth@ruraltel.net.

*As always thank you for entrusting your child's Faith Formation with our amazing catechists and volunteers who serve our youth and families within this ministry, at
the Basilica of St. Fidelis! Sincerely, Jeanette Brungardt*

PAUL J. KIM

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS, RUSSELL, KANSAS

Saturday, September 8, 2018

“Meant to Live For More”

5:30pm Mass / 6:30-7 pizza

7-8 Youth Presentation

8-9 Adoration & Confession

9-11 Social, Games, Snacks!



Sunday, September 9, 2018

“Renewing the Family”

12pm Noon

The Saturday presentation will be geared toward young adults and the Sunday talk will be more toward Adults. However, ANYONE is welcome to attend either or both sessions!

Admission is free!

Paul J. Kim is one of the most sought after Catholic speakers in America. The way he presents is a rare gift to witness & has impacted people of all ages in nearly all 50 states & several countries over the past decade. Paul utilizes his array of talents (i.e. music, beat boxing, comedy, inspirational talks) to communicate the Gospel message of Christ in a way that is engaging, entertaining, & altogether life-changing.

He has released two music albums, his YouTube channel has accumulated over a 1.2 million views, & he presents to 30,000 people a year at events throughout the world. In his free time, he enjoys long walks on the beach, surfing, and speaking to strangers in random accents. He resides in Southern California with his beautiful wife & two children.



family MATTERS

THE MONTH OF *September*

July 26th is the feast day of St. Joachim and St. Anne—the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the **grandparents** of Jesus. This year, celebrate the secular holiday of Grandparents Day **AND** the feast day of St. Joachim and St. Anne with your grandparents

National Grandparents Day falls each year on the first Sunday after Labor Day; this year it will be celebrated September 9th.

Grandparents Day was initiated by West Virginian Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade and her husband Joseph L. McQuade. They had 15 children, 43 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Grandparents day is a day to celebrate the wisdom that is given to those who have been granted a blessing of years, who in those years have learned the importance of the gospel, and how to pass that word of God on to their grandchildren and great-grandchildren through sacrifice and their witness to Jesus Christ.



A tradition that was prominently featured when this holiday was created was the presentation of the flower Forget-Me-Not to one's grandparents. I was particularly important to present this flower to grandparents who were living in nursing homes, or to place them on their graves if they were deceased. However, it can also be given to those who are still alive and living on their own or in their children's home.

What a great tradition to start with your grandparents!

When our son or daughter becomes a parent, something marvelous happened to us. We become grandparents! The ancient blessing from Psalm 128:5-6 is fulfilled for us:

"May you live to see your children's children."

A new life wraps itself around our hearts, our eyes fill with tears of joy, and we are blessed in a most amazing way! Although parents are the most important teachers in a child's life, grandparents also have a role to play. Pope Francis tells us in *Amoris Laetitia* ("The Joy of Love"): "Very often it is grandparents who ensure that the most important values are passed down to their grandchildren, and many people can testify that they owe their initiation into the Christian life to their grandparents." How will you leave that spiritual legacy with your grandchildren?



A GRANDPARENT'S PRAYER



DEAREST GOD,

THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL GIFT OF MY GRANDCHILDREN. PLEASE HELP ME TO BE A GOOD AND LOVING GRANDPARENT. LET ME GENTLY PASS ON TO THEM THE GREAT TREASURE OF MY FAITH.

SHOW ME HOW TO TEACH THEM COMPASSION. THROUGH MY WITNESS, LET MY GRANDCHILDREN LEARN TO FEED THE HUNGRY, GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY, AND CARE FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER. GIVE ME THE DESIRE, STRENGTH, AND TIME TO ASSIST MY FAMILY IN WAYS MOST HELPFUL TO THEM.

MAY THEY LEARN FROM ME HOW TO BE SERVANTS TO ONE ANOTHER. INSPIRE ME TO GIVE MY GRANDCHILDREN A DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE SPLENDOR OF YOUR CREATION. TOGETHER, LET US TREAT THIS WORLD GENTLY—FOR THE SAKE OF GRANDCHILDREN EVERYWHERE. HELP ME TO RESPECT THE WISHES AND THE DECISIONS OF MY GRANDCHILDREN'S PARENTS. EVEN IF I AM TEMPTED TO DISAGREE, PLEASE REMIND ME THAT IT IS YOU WHO HAVE SET THESE PARENTS IN AUTHORITY OVER MY GRANDCHILDREN.

LEAD ME ON THE PATH OF CONTENTMENT, SO I WILL KNOW HOW TO TEACH MY GRANDCHILDREN THIS MOST IMPORTANT LIFE LESSON.

LET US BE GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU HAVE GIVEN US, KNOWING THAT IT IS ENOUGH. AND FINALLY, DEAR LORD, WHEN YOU CALL ME HOME, LET ME LEAVE MY GRANDCHILDREN A LITTLE CLOSER TO YOU, BECAUSE OF THE TIME YOU HAVE ALLOWED ME TO SHARE WITH THEM.

AMEN.

Ways to Share Your Faith

- ◆ Take your grandchildren to the parish you belonged to as a child.
- ◆ Share memories and photos of the sacramental milestones in your life.
- ◆ Give grandchildren religious gifts such as rosaries, Bibles, prayer books, medals, and crucifixes.
- ◆ Read stories of the saints to your grandchildren.
- ◆ Plan a trip to a nearby shrine, monastery, or cathedral.



Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer

will host a special Mass to
commemorate the

110th Anniversary

of the Dedication of the Church on

**Saturday, September 15,
at 4:00 p.m.**

Recitation of the rosary at 3:15.

**Celebrant will be
Bishop Jerry Vincke.**

Music provided by Trilogy.

Seed wheat will be blessed.

**A free will donation meal, refreshments,
and entertainment
will be held after Mass.**

A 2018 Polaris RZR Xp1000 will be raffled.

~ Everyone is welcome. ~

Holy Cross Charities, Pfeifer, Kansas,
is having a

F U N D R Z R

Grand Prize is a
2017 Polaris RZR
XP1000

2nd prize will be
\$500 cash.

Tickets are \$100 each or
6 for \$500.

Only 500 tickets will be sold.
The winner will be announced
Saturday, September 15, 2018,
at our 100-year celebration.

Contact:

Jerry Dreiling 765-650-3863 after 5:00

Glenn Stramel 785-259-4504

Janice Seib 785-625-5265 after 5:00

Proceeds go towards re-shingling the church roof
and general maintenance.

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.



COMMUNITY

“Healing” Meetings

The Center for Life Experience, 2900 Hall Street, Hays

For information on these groups, contact

Ann Leiker at 785-259-6859 or email ccfpc@ruraltel.net.

HEALING AFTER LOSS is an organization offering hope, encouragement, and understanding to those who have had an adult loss such as a spouse, parent, sibling, or friend in their lives. The group will eat supper at 5:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 4**, at Das Essen Hutte, 110 W. 11th St., Hays. They will then gather at 7:00 in The Center for Life Experience.

HEALING AFTER LOSS OF SUICIDE is an organization offering family members and friends of those who have lost a loved one to suicide a place to connect with others who are dealing with this highly specialized grief recovery process. The group will eat supper at 5:30 p.m. **Wednesday, September 5**, at Das Essen Hutte, 110 W. 11th St., Hays. They will then gather at 7:00 in The Center for Life Experience.

NAMI-HAYS (National Alliance on Mental Illness Hays affiliate) is the point of contact for the public for information, referrals, and support for people with mental illness and their family and friends. The groups will gather on **Monday, September 10**, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for the Recovery Group and the Family Support Group and at 7:15 p.m. for the Education Group, all at the Center for Life Experience.

STARS & STRIPES BREAKFAST

All You Can Eat

Sunday, September 9 * 7:30 a.m. to noon
V.F.W., 22nd & Vine, Hays

MENU: Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Biscuits, Gravy,
Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Toast, Coffee, Juice

*A portion of the early sales go to benefit the
Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society
of Germans from Russia, Hays.*

Tickets: Adults \$8.50 and Children 5-12 \$3.50

Tickets can be purchased at
St. Joseph Parish Office, 215 West 13th Street, Hays,
or from Leon Wolf, Larry Reichert, Elmer Dreher, or Kevin Rupp.

Victoria Schools Calendar



Monday — September 3 — No School Labor Day

Tuesday — September 4

Lunch Menu: Honey BBQ chicken wings, potato wedges, fresh
broccoli, peaches, salad, milk

AIM period—HS students will report to auditorium for
presentation. JH students will have directed study

3:00 pm JV tennis @ Russell. Depart 1:30 p.m.

4:00 pm HS volleyball @ Otis-Bison with Ellinwood. Depart 2:10

Wednesday — September 5 — PLC Early Dismissal

Lunch Menu: Chili crunch, green beans, pineapple, cinnamon roll,
salad, milk

AIM period—Balfour rep. here will meet with Seniors. FCCLA
fundraiser meeting in auditorium. Remaining students will have
directed study

2:20 pm PLC early dismissal

6:00 pm Balfour Rep — Sophomore class rings in cafeteria

Thursday — September 6

8:00 am LifeTouch fall individual pictures. Students will be called
out of class during the morning

11:00 am LifeTouch fall sports pictures. **We will start taking
these at 11:00. Please plan accordingly. The following teams
will be taken:

HS: tennis, football, volleyball, cross country, cheerleaders

JH: football, volleyball, cheerleaders

Lunch Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner
roll, pears, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

1:00 pm HS JV tennis @ Trego. Depart 11:30

4:30 pm Cross country @ Quinter. Depart 2:50

4:30 pm JH volleyball vs. St. John

6:30 pm JH football vs. St. John

Friday — September 7

Lunch Menu: Hot dog w/bun, scalloped potatoes, steamed carrot,
cantaloupe, salad, milk

AIM period—Students will have directed study

7:00 pm HS football @ Central Plains. Depart 3:50

Saturday — September 8

ACT test

9:00 am HS tennis @ Russell. Depart 7:30

9:00 am HS volleyball tournament in LaCrosse. Depart 7:30 from
East Parking lot

Alumni Banquet Venue Changed

The Alumni Homecoming Banquet on **Saturday, September 15**, has been moved from the Hays VFW to the Rose Garden Banquet Hall. Please help spread the word about this change.

VHS Knight's 5K Run/Walk September 15

The 6th Annual Knight 5K Run/Walk will be held on **Saturday, September 15**, at 9:00 a.m. starting and finishing at Victoria Jr./Sr. High School. This event is hosted as a fundraiser by the Victoria High School Boys and Girls Basketball teams.



If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact Coach Schmidtberger at cjschmidtberger12@gmail.com or Coach Werth at kmwerth10@hotmail.com. You can also pick up a participation form at Victoria Jr/Sr High School.

Entry fee is \$15 before September 9 and \$20 after September 9. All participants will receive a 5K t-shirt. Thanks for the support and we hope to see you all there!

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Please call in advance if you would like the Club Room to be open on Friday evenings.

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 VFW Post 1751

RAFFLE DRAWING



to help fund a Handicapped Bathroom

PRIZES: Two \$500; One \$300; Twelve \$100

**Drawing to be held Sunday, October 28, at 1:00 p.m.
at the VFW Hall in Victoria.**

Winners need not be present to win.

Tickets are \$25.00.

For tickets, contact any Post 1751 Member
or call 785-623-1368.

THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

FR. JOHN SCHMEIDLER WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASSES:

Holy Cross Church 100th Anniversary Mass
4:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 15, in Pfeifer

Victoria High School Alumni Mass
4:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. Fidelis

Saturday, September 15

NO 5:00 p.m. Mass that day.

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SEPTEMBER HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

Traffickers prey on children as young as 9 years old and may target their victims through social media websites, telephone chat lines, after school programs, at shopping malls, and through friends and acquaintances who recruit students. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainsttrafficking.org).**

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.



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	LABOR DAY	SEPTEMBER 3
8:00 am	Paul F. Brungardt	
TUESDAY		SEPTEMBER 4
6:45 am		
WEDNESDAY		SEPTEMBER 5
6:45 am		
THURSDAY		SEPTEMBER 6
6:45 am		
FRIDAY		SEPTEMBER 7
6:45 am		
SATURDAY		SEPTEMBER 8
5:00 pm	St. Fidelis Herman and Anita Weber	
SUNDAY	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	SEPTEMBER 9
7:30 am	St. Ann Leon, Gerard, Mary, and Ron Hammerschmidt	
8:45 am	St. Boniface Andrew and Felicitas Dinkel Lavern Braun, Leland and Marlene Dinkel	
10:00 am	St. Fidelis Katie Scheck Mildred "Mickie" Brungardt	

*** Sunday Rosary Schedule ***

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

CANTORS

- Saturday, Sep. 8, 5:00 PM** — Marilyn Braun
Sunday, Sep. 9, 10:00 AM — Megan Wellbrock

ALTAR SERVERS

- Monday, Sep. 3, 8:00 AM** — Averi W., Shelby & Sienna S.
Saturday, Sep. 8, 5:00 PM — Abby B., Brinly L., Wyatt D.
Sunday, Sep. 9, 10:00 AM — Kenlee W., Ashlyn & Kaitlyn W.
Saturday, Sep. 15, 4:00 PM — Jessica S., Morgan S., Caidyn D.
Sunday, Sep. 16, 10:00 AM — Brody & Brooklyn N., Wyatt G.

Eucharistic Ministers\Lectors

These ministries are on a volunteer basis. Please sign up by the north entrance or come to the sacristy before Mass to see if anyone is needed.

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