

„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
AND CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION 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

ST. FIDELIS THRIFT SHOP — 503 MAIN STREET, VICTORIA
Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00-2:00; Wednesday and Thursday 10:00-3:30

ST. FIDELIS GIFT SHOP
Located in the Parish Office at 601 10th Street, Victoria

**THE BASILICA OF SAINT FIDELIS IS HOME TO A FIRST CLASS RELIC OF
SAINT PADRE PIO PIETRELCINA.**

BULLETIN ITEMS
Deadline is **Tuesday by noon**. Please contact Kathy at the Parish Office.

PLENARY INDULGENCE—The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence—a remission before God of the temporal punishment for a previously forgiven sin—by visiting a minor basilica. 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*, Salina Diocese newspaper

WWW.STFIDELISCHURCH.COM

August 2, 2026—18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

MASSSES:

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 — 8:30 am — November - April
Saturday — 6:30 pm — May - October

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

TUESDAYS 6:30 am thru FRIDAYS 6:30 am

All are welcome from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

in St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar
Bishop Vincke asks each parish to include
prayers for vocations to religious life.

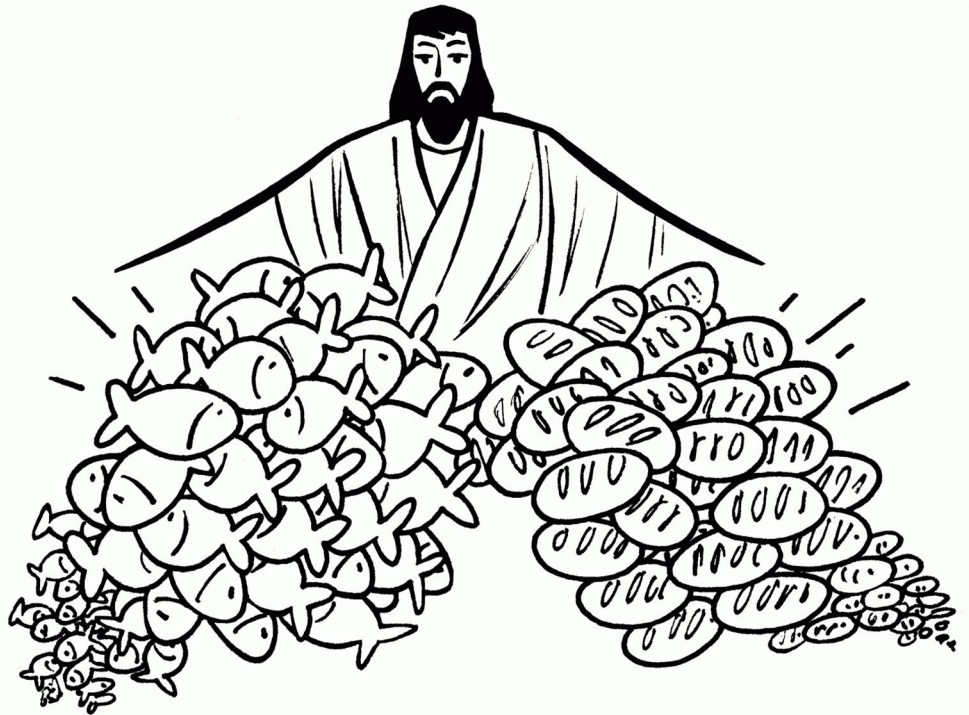
CONFESSIONS:

by appointment (contact Parish Office)

St. Fidelis: Mondays 7:30 p.m. and
Saturdays 4:00 p.m.

St. Ann: After weekend Mass

St. Boniface: Sundays 7:45-8:15 a.m.
(Nov.-Apr.); After Mass (May-Oct.)



TRI-PARISH PRAYER LINE

To request prayers for family or friends,
call Teresa Shepherd (785-735-9576) to add the
request to the Prayer Line

DATES

August 4—Happy Birthday, Fr. Curtis

August 7-8—Herzogfest Weekend

August 9—150th Volga German Celebration
Mass @ St. Fidelis 1:00pm
Heritage Center Activities

August 19—First day of Public School

August 29-30—Eucharistic Miracles Display,
St. Fidelis

Sept 7—Labor Day—OFFICE CLOSED
MASS— 7:00pm at St. Fidelis

Sept 11—VHS Homecoming

Sept 19-20—Eucharistic Miracles Display
St. Boniface & St. Ann



Transfiguration of the Lord

Thursday, August 6

The transfiguration has been observed
on this day by the Church since the
15th century.

May we remember that our own lives
can be changed by God's power
to give new life.



FRIARS' MIND

Fr. Curtis Carlson, OFM Cap. & Fr. Vince Mary, OFM Cap.

Our celebration of Mass is not merely sitting and listening. Although we do sit and listen, we also stand, kneel, and genuflect. We respond with spoken words and with song. We offer to each other a greeting of Peace. There are also times when we bow.

The presiding priest and the deacon have times appointed for them to bow, either from the waist (full bow) or with the head (from the neck). There are often inaudible prayers that accompany these bows. The laity also have opportunities to bow at specific parts of the Mass.

The General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM) says this about bowing: "A bow signifies reverence and honor shown to the persons themselves or to the signs that represent them. There are two kinds of bows: a bow of the head and a bow of the body. A bow of the head is made when the three Divine Persons are named together and at the names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saint in whose honor Mass is being celebrated.

"A bow of the body, that is to say a profound bow, is made to the altar;in the Creed at the words '*by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man*'; The same kind of profound bow is made by the deacon when he asks for a blessing before the proclamation of the Gospel. In addition, the priest bows slightly as he speaks the words of the Lord at the consecration.

"During the *Gloria* and the *Creed* the whole congregation and all the ministers bow [the head] at the name of Jesus and Mary as all recite it together."

Also, right before the Gospel, the priest or deacon silently make the Sign of the Cross with their thumb on their forehead, lips, and chest.

At the time of Communion, when the person in front of us is receiving the Eucharist, we make a profound bow before stepping forward to receive the Eucharist ourselves.

May we attentively participate fully in the liturgy of the Eucharist in body, mind, and spirit.

-Fr. Curtis



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CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEKEND

ST. FIDELIS:

Loose 1129.25 Envelope 2763.00

Repair Cemetery 70.00

ST. ANN:

Loose 468.00 Envelope 1165.00

Candle 90.00 Cemetery 85.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Loose 154.00 Envelope 45.00



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our on-line

CANTORS

SATURDAY, — AUGUST 8

4:00PM— CITY PARK Guests

5:00PM — BASILICA Kathy Amrein

SUNDAY, — AUGUST 9

10:00 M — Pam Scheck

1:00PM— Adult Choir

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, — AUGUST 8

4:00PM—CITY PARK Jane Wagner, Tammy Lichter
Jody Dinkel, Wanda Karlin, Anne Dinkel

5:00PM — BASILICA Kathy Kuhn, Peggy Fitzpatrick
VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, — AUGUST 9

10:00AM— Kenny & Bertha Brungardt,
Sandy McAlonan, Michelle Geist,
Andrea Schmidtberger

1:00PM— Jane Wagner, Peggy Fitzpatrick,
Kathy Kuhn, **VOLUNTEERS**

ADULT CHOIR SINGS

*LECTORS/COMMENTATORS

SATURDAY, — AUGUST 8

4:00PM—CITY PARK Allan Amrein

5:00PM — BASILICA Diane Gross

SUNDAY, — AUGUST 9

10:00AM— Shanna Dinkel

1:00PM— Marilyn Braun

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY, — AUGUST 5 Jane Wagner

SUNDAY, — AUGUST 9

10:00AM — Kenny & Bertha Brungardt

WEDNESDAY, — AUGUST 12 Diane Gross

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY, — AUGUST 8

4:00PM— CITY PARK

5:00PM — BASILICA

SUNDAY, — AUGUST 9

10:00 AM —

1:00PM— Wesley * Nick S.,

MONEY COUNTERS

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

Stephanie Broyles, Anne Schmidtberger

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Brenda Dreiling, Sandra Dreiling

*Thank you for your
dedicated service
to St. Fidelis!*

FINANCE COUNCIL
Tuesday, August 25th at 7:00pm
LITURGY COMMITTEE
2nd Thursday @ 5:45 pm

PASTORAL COUNCIL
1st Tuesday Every Other Month
Next Meeting: Sept 1
@ 7:00 pm

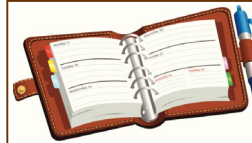
• Sunday Rosary Schedule *

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

The Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Homebound, and Cantor schedules can be found on the Mass Schedule page of the church website at StFidelisChurch.com.

Please contact Diane Gross (785-735-4804) with any questions about the schedule for the Eucharistic or Lector ministries or if you are willing to volunteer for those ministries.



ATTENTION!!!

The 2027 Mass Intention Book will open on Wednesday, August 12.

Please stop by the parish office to schedule your Mass intentions.

We kindly ask for your patience, as this is typically a busy day.

Thank you for your understanding and grace.



*With Deepest Sympathy
from our Parishes*

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of Donald Disch of Edmond, Ok, who passed away on July 18, 2026, 2026.

A Mass of Christian burial was held on Friday, July 24, 2026 at St. Joseph in Hays with burial at St. Ann's Cemetery.

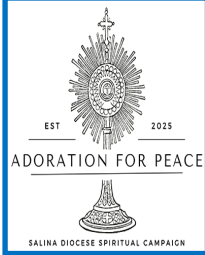
MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY.....	AUG 3
7:00pm Padre Pio Relic Intentions	
TUESDAY	AUG 4
6:45am Joseph C.+ (ann) & Catherine+ Weigel	
WEDNESDAY.....	AUG 5
6:45am Dan & Angie Billing Family Living and Deceased	
THURSDAY.....	AUG 6
6:45am Ralph+ Schmidtberger	
FRIDAY.....	AUG 7
6:45am Bernie+ & Jean+ Roth	
SATURDAY.....	AUG 8
5:00pm St. Fidelis Brenda & Rocky+ Yoder	
6:30pm St. Boniface NO Mass due to Herzogfest	
SUNDAY.....	AUG 9
7:30 am St Ann William+ & Paul+ Schrant and Patricia Anschutz+	
10:00am St. Fidelis Verda+ Werner	

+—denotes deceased

*L&D—Living and Deceased

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ST. FIDELIS



Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays, 6:30 a.m. through Fridays, 6:30 a.m.

In St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar

All are welcome from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Is the Holy Spirit Calling YOU?

Adoration Participant Needed

Thursdays at 11:30am-12:30pm

Please call Jane at 785-735-7029

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring Jesus face-to-face, who is truly present, body, blood, soul and divinity, in the Blessed Sacrament.

THANK YOU TO THE ADORERS AND SUBSTITUTES! WE APPRECIATE YOYU!

Substitutes participate at their convenience and are very much appreciated.

If interested in subbing, please contact Jane Wagner at 785-735-7029.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ST. ANN



**St. Ann
Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday, 4-6p.m.**

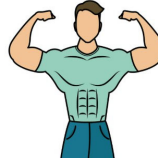
All are welcome to attend.

*Additional adorers/
substitutes welcome.*

Open to Tri-Parish Community

St. Fidelis Herzogfest Booth

IN NEED OF:



Male participation to help set up the booth on Thursday evening, August 6th at 6:00p.m.

Meet at the PAC and August 8th late evening



Pickup & Trailer for transportation of booth and supplies



Tear down on Saturday evening once all food has been sold.



For More Information, Please contact Rose Ann Dreiling 785-735-4455

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ST. BONIFACE

St. Boniface 24Hr Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, Aug. 14th
from 5:30pm
to 6:00pm on
Saturday, Aug. 15th.

*All are welcome at
any time during Adoration*



Watch for sign-up sheet at the church entrance.



For more information, call Karen at (785) 735-4682.



**No Mass at St. Boniface
on Saturday, August 8th**

ST. ANN



Calling all YOUTH of the Tri-Parishes
(St. Fidelis, St. Ann, St. Boniface)

DINNER FOR YOUR FAMILY

plus \$10 cash for yourself
1st Ever Coloring/Drawing/Essay Contest Honoring Grandparents

Theme for 2026
I Will Never Forget You
Isaiah 49:15

Contest Guidelines

- Open to registered family members/students of St. Fidelis, St. Boniface, St. Ann or Tri-Parish RE Program
- Pre-K thru 1st - coloring page provided (crayons or colored pencils only - NO markers, paint or glitter)
- Grade 2nd thru 6th - original drawing sheet provided (pencil or colored pencils only - NO markers, paint or glitter)
- Grades 7th thru 12th - original handwritten essay sheets, draft & final, provided (limit 250 words)
- Entry packets available July 26-Aug 26 at the Parish Activity Center (PAC) during normal business hours or via QR below
- No cost to enter/Limit one entry per person
- Entries must include a signed entry form—entries without signatures ineligible for contest
- Submit completed package (signed entry form stapled to picture/essay) to PAC office no later than close of business on Thursday, August 27, 2026. Late submissions will not be considered for the contest.

Prizes

One (1) winner in each age group will receive dinner* for his/her immediate family, and \$10 cash. Winners to be notified Monday, September 7, 2026 and announced to parishes weekend of September 12-13, 2026.

*See entry form for further detail.

Entry forms available at Parish Activity Center during normal business hours
or
Scan and print using QR codes below.

Pre-K-1st 2nd-6th 7th-12th



OPEN NOW!! First ever coloring/drawing/essay contest to honor your grandparents!
Use your talents to win a home cooked meal for your family and a spot of cash for yourself (\$10). There will be one winner chosen in each grade bracket.

Who: Registered youth or RE students of St. Fidelis, St. Boniface, St. Ann parishes

What: Coloring/Drawing/Essay Contest Honoring Grandparents Theme for 2026:

I Am With You Always, Isaiah 49:15

Three Entry Levels: PreK-1st, 2nd-6th, 7th-12th

When: July 26-August 28, 2026 (Late or incomplete entries will not be eligible)

Where: Entry packets available at St. Fidelis Parish Activity Center or via the QR code above

Why: Share your God-given creativity and love of grandparents and give your parents a night off in the kitchen.
No cost to enter. Limit one entry per person. Additional details available on first page of entry form.

Winner to be announced on Grandparents Day, September 13th.

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St. Ann Calendar

Tri-Parish coloring /drawing /essay contest

NOW OPEN-get your entry in!

Sept. 13—Guest speaker from IHM of Wichita

St. Ann's Parish, 2:00-3:00pm

Intro & meditation of Dolors Rosary

ALL TRI-PARISH WOMEN ARE INVITED

Details to follow

Sept. 15—Mass at St. Fidelis, 6:45am, in honor of

OUR LADY of SORROWS

(Patron saint of the Christian Mothers Confraternity)

Oct. 20—Christian Mothers Meeting, 7pm, Hall

Oct. 31—Potluck after Mass to celebrate change in
Mass times to evenings.



**Christian Mothers Lead the
Rosary before Mass on the last
Saturday/Sunday of every
month.**

All are welcome to join.

May sit individually, together as a group, or with Pam/
Myra. Please congregate in the north pews in the
center where Pam/Myra sit.

2026

Sunday, August 30—Myra

Sunday, September 27—Paula Z.

Sunday, October 25—May Schumacher

Saturday, November 28—Helen

Saturday, December 26—Myra



33rd Annual Brown Robe Benefit
Saturday, Oct. 17th

Locations:

Victoria, Larwence , Wichita, San Antonio, Colorado
Springs, Denver

Watch for more information
as the date approaches.

The Vicotria Satellite Committee has some new
and exciting changes coming!!

SAVE the DATE!

THANK YOU

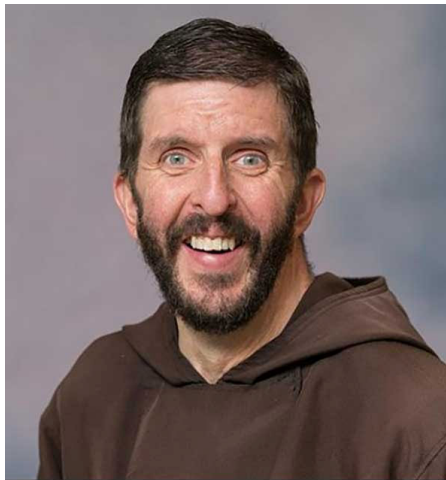
I would like to take this time to say thank you for your welcoming and hospitality to my arrival as well as through the weeks that I have been assigned to the Tri-Parish communities this summer. There is a richness here that is quite significant and a gift to be able to witness.

I will be returning to the Seminary next month for further studies.

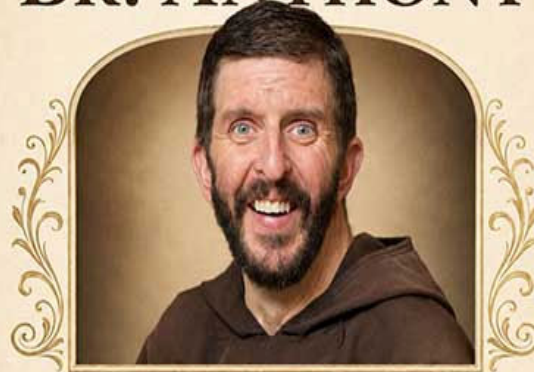
Know of my prayers for each of you and I ask of your prayers as well.

Thank you and
God Bless,

Br. Anthony



THANK YOU, BR. ANTHONY!

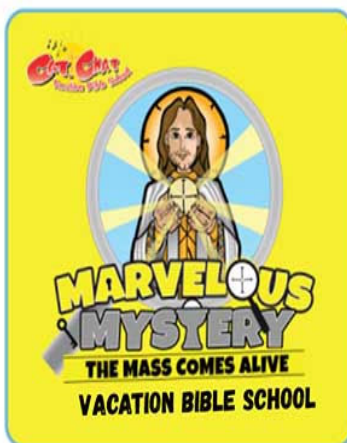


The Tri-Parishes, Organizations, and Parish Offices of St. Ann, St. Boniface, and St. Fidelis would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to Br. Anthony for his faithful service to our communities this summer.

Br. Anthony, thank you for sharing your time, dedication, and gifts with us. Your presence has been a blessing to our parishes, and we are truly grateful for all you have done.

As you return to your studies, we pray that God will continue to guide and bless you in all your future endeavors. May He grant you wisdom, strength, and abundant grace as you continue answering His call.

*Thank you, Br. Anthony!
We wish you God's richest blessings
and every success in your studies
and future ministry.*



FOUR MORNINGS FILLED
WITH FAITH AND FUN:
GAMES, CRAFTS, SNACKS
AND MUSIC ALL FOCUSED
ON THE MYSTERY AND
BEAUTY OF THE
MASS AND EUCHARIST!

For children entering pre-K & K or
children 4-5 years old
Tuesday, August 4 - Friday, August 7
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM daily

Register with Jeanette Brungardt
785-639-5067
reledyouth@stfidelischurch.com

THE VICTORIA CYO
★ IS REQUESTING DONATIONS ★
FOR
HERZOGFEST BOOTH

WE ARE IN NEED OF
50
★ LBS. ★
OF
Hamburger



FOR MORE INFORMATION
or to donate;
PLEASE CONTACT
JEANNA 785.259.6564



Basilica of St. Fidelis Religion Class Enrollment

**Monday, August 3, 2026
8:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

Parish Activity Center Meal Site Room
601 10th Street
Victoria, KS 67671

Visit www.stfidelischurch.com for more information & forms

Contact: Jeanette Brungardt, DRE
reledyouth@stfidelischurch.com
785-735-2777 or 785-639-5067



**July & August Birthdays were
celebrated at the July 21st staff meeting.
Happy Birthday to
Dcn. Charbel Br. Anthony Fr. Curtis**



**An original St. Fidelis
organ that had been
stored at the thrift shop
found its new home at
the Heritage Center
on July 25th.**



**Huge THANK YOU to the Thrift Shop tree removal team!!
Harlan Rupp, Kenny Pfeifer, Wilmer Dinkel, Jonsey
Phil Paris, Cale Kuhn, & Fr. Curtis**



Summer Lunch Program

Served 55-120 meals daily

Served 3250 meals at print time

Averaged 76 meals per day

27 people helped throughout the summer
**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HEIPEED MAKE THE
SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM A HUGE SUCCESS!**



AUGUST 7TH & 8TH

VICTORIA, KS



HERZOGFEST

ES IST WUNDERBAR!



FRIDAY

4PM FOOD VENDORS OPEN

4:30PM ZOG OLYMPICS

6PM HORSESHOES



6:30PM
BLAKE RUDER



7:30PM
JARON BELL



9:00PM
BROCK
WAGONER

SATURDAY



8:30AM 5K RUN/ WALK

9AM HERITAGE MARKET

10AM HERZOG HOT RODS CAR SHOW /
JAMMIN' RANDY / 3 ON 3
BASKETBALL / DRIFT TRIKES

11AM CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT /
VALVE COVER RACES

NOON KIDS STEINHOIST COMPETITION /
FREE SWIMMING / BINGO @ VFW

1PM CAR SHOW AWARDS / PINOCHLE
@ ST. JOHNS PLACE

4PM POLKA MASS

5PM POLKA DANCE

6PM STEINHOIST COMPETITION

8:45PM 50/50 RAFFLE



7:00PM
CRAZY HORSE 2.0

9:00PM
BLAINE YOUNGER
BAND

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150 Years of Heritage!

Sesquicentennial Celebration Schedule

- Sunday, August 2
St. Joseph, Hays
Mass 10:30am
- Saturday, August 8
ECHS is sponsoring a fundraising pinocle tournament at the Heritage Center on 7th Str
From 1:00pm-3:30pm.
\$30 entry fee. Limited to 20 teams..
For details, Contact Amanda Rupp (785-650-1943) or Mary Kay Schippers (785-650-3050) .
- Sunday, August 9
The Heritage Center in Victoria—
Open House 10:00am-12:00pm
Machts Gut Reception 2:30-4:00pm
- Sunday, August 9
Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria
Mass 1:00pm—Bishop Vincke & Fr. Steve Petroff
- Saturday, Sept 12
Holy Cross, Pfeifer
Mass 4:00pm
- Saturday, Sept 19 FALL FEST
St. Joseph, Liebenenthal
Mass 10:00am on Sunday Sept 20
- Sunday, October 4
St. Francis of Assisi, Munjor
Mass 8:00am
- Saturday, October 10
Limestone Day, Quarry Tour
Grants Villa, Vincent
- Sunday, December 13
St. Boniface, Vincent
Mass 8:30am—followed by breakfast

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1876 OF WESTERN KANSAS 2026

PFEIFER, KS

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION HOLY CROSS CHARITIES PFEIFER, KS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

- 3:00 P.M. - Cemetery Blessing - Military Memorial Service**
- 4:00 P.M. - Mass with Bishop Jerry Vincke presiding**
- 50/50 Raffle ★ Fun Time ★ Polka Music by the Hotshots**
- Beer Garden ★ Friends ★ Memorabilia Booth - Souvenirs**
- Live Fundraising Auction - Preservation of Stained Windows**
- Antique Farm Tractor and Vehicle display**
- Limestone quarry demonstration**
- 5:30 to ? - Free Will Meal - Hog Roast and Trimmings
Hamburger and Brat Stand**
- 8:00 P.M. - Music provided by
Crazy Horse 2.0 (Country/ Classic Rock Band)**
- Fireworks Display**

*Mark your calendar now
and we hope to see you
and your family at the
celebration in Pfeifer
on September 12, 2026!*

If you can't make it
to the celebration,
you can learn more
and support HCC
by scanning the
QR Code.
Thank You!

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AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF GERMANS FROM RUSSIA
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SUNFLOWER CHAPTER, HAYS, KS

OF WESTERN KANSAS

You're Invited! AHSGR 56TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

HOSTED BY THE SUNFLOWER CHAPTER OF HAYS

AUGUST 5-7, 2026

**HILTON GARDEN INN
HAYS, KANSAS**

PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE:

- The German Dialects of Ellis County, Tom Hain & Len Dorweiler
- First Voyage of the Scouts to America, Russ Gotscher
- The Year Liberator, Jennifer Garcia
- Quarry To Glory, Neil Christie
- A Family's Journey from Ukraine, Joan & Lisa Mueller
- History & Geography of Ellis County (and photo), John Scholman
- Napoleonic Soldiers Join the Volga Germans, Brent Mai
- Across the Ocean in Ice, Jerry Brown
- My Family's Life in Siberia, Tanya Schell

"The Immigrant Family" by Pete Felton

Explore the history, culture, traditions, and enduring legacy of the Volga Germans whose faith, family values, hard work, and determination helped shape the Great Plains.

**FULL CONVENTION
SCHEDULE & REGISTRATION
AHSGR.ORG**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
402-474-3363**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
9 AM - 12:30 PM
Village Tour by Bus of Select Volga German Villages in Ellis County
Enjoy the rich heritage these communities have to offer. Tours conducted by the Ellis County Historical Society.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED
Volga German Heritage Play, "Jude's Gift" at the Hays High Performing Arts Center, hosted by the International Artistic Committee, written and directed by Cheryl Glasman. Free to the public and convention attendees.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
9 PM - 11 PM
An Old-Fashioned Hoosank (Dutch Hop) Dance to Build-It-Up, a five-piece Polka band, led by Ben White (Musical Director). Free to convention attendees. The dance will be open to the public for \$10 per person at the door.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

BIRTHDAY PARTY

St. Mary's School turns 125!

Let's gather together to celebrate!

August 22, 2026

6:30-8:30PM

East School Parking Lot
BBQ Meal & Yard Games

Watch our Facebook page for details!
(St. Mary's School-Ellis)

All school's families, friends, and St. Mary's alumni invited to attend.



Neighbor Link

Connecting Neighbors to Resources

DELIVERY PROGRAM

ARE YOU NEEDING YOUR ESSENTIALS DELIVERED?

To qualify you must be:

- Elderly, homebound, disabled, or without a vehicle
- A previous client
- New clients must become established first

 **Register by the first Friday of the month**

 **Delivery will be the 3rd Monday (Hays) between 1:30-4:00PM**

 **Delivery will be the 3rd Tuesday (Ellis & Victoria) between 1:30-4:00PM**



More information?

☎ 785-623-2800

🌐 www.firstcallescounty.com

📍 607 E 13th St. Hays, KS 67601

VRC MEET UPS

Connect. Get Active. Have Fun.

Victoria may not be large enough to support year-round adult recreation leagues, but there are still plenty of ways to stay active and meet others who share the same interests.

This platform helps connect community members with others who share similar interests, making it easy to find walking partners, running buddies, cycling groups, tennis players, disc golfers, volleyball players, and more.

Whether you're looking for a one-time activity partner or hoping to build a regular group, VRC Meet Ups helps bring active people in our community together.

The **VRC Meet Ups GroupMe** connects community members who enjoy:

🚶 Walking

🚴 Cycling

🏌 Disc Golf

🏃 Running

🎾 Tennis

🏐 Volleyball

**More activity groups can be added.*

How It Works

1. Download the **GroupMe App** and create an account.
2. Join the **VRC Meet Ups** group using the QR code below (open your camera and click on the link!)
3. Select the activity subgroup(s) you're interested in.
4. Post when you're looking for activity partners or want to organize a meetup within a group.

VRC MEET UPS



Scan the QR code to join the group

groupme

Example:
"Anyone interested in playing tennis tonight at 7:00?"

Community Guidelines

- ✓ Be respectful and welcoming
- ✓ Keep conversations activity-related
- ✓ Encourage participation and fun
- ✓ Help build an active, connected Victoria community

Whether you're a beginner or experienced participant, there's a place for you!

Open your phone's camera app, point it at the QR CODE, click the hovering link to take you to the VRC Meet Ups Group to join!

Join. Share. Connect. Play.

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2026 Dates

• January 15 th	• May 7 th & 21 st	• September 3 rd & 17 th
• February 19 th	• June 4 th & 18 th	• October 1 st & 15 th
• March 19 th	• July 2 nd & 16 th	• November 5 th & 19 th
• April 2 nd & 16 th	• August 6 th & 20 th	• December 3 rd & 17 th

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To request a full job description and benefits information, contact Ann Pfeifer, Parish Business Administrator, at 785-625-7356. You can email or hand-deliver a resume to stjoffice@stjoehays.com or 215 W 13th Street, Hays. The position will begin immediately. Application will be accepted until the position is filled.



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To claim, please call or
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785-735-2777
601-10th Str



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Cards & Games Party
RESCHEDULED TO
Sunday, Aug 16 due ~ 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Due to Volga German Activities on Aug 9



(NO AUG. 9 PARTY)



**Hays Public Library
Bookmobile**

Summer/Fall Dates

Saturday, August 8 (in conjunction with Herzogfest)	Victoria City Park	9:00am-1:00pm
Saturday, Sept. 5	Victoria City Park	11:30am-12:30pm
Monday, Sept. 14	Victoria Elementary	3:00pm-4:00pm
Monday, Oct. 5	Victoria Elementary	3:00pm-4:00pm
Saturday, Oct. 17	Victoria City Park	11:30am-12:30pm
Monday, Nov. 9	Victoria Elementary	3:00pm-4:00pm
Saturday, Nov. 21	Victoria City Park	1:00pm-2:00pm
Monday, Dec. 7	Victoria Elementary	3:00pm-4:00pm
Saturday, Dec. 19	Victoria City Park	1:00pm-2:00pm

2026 Commodities Distribution:



As part of the transition to Kansas Food Bank, there will be **NO COMMODITIES** in July & August.

The next delivery will be in September. If you are in need of food, please contact the Parish Office at 785-735-2777.

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ASSOCIATION

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Caregiver Support Groups

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2nd Thursday of every month

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Contact Micki at maacarmstrong@gmail.com for Zoom link info

In-Person Meetings

4th Thursday of every month

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Center for Health Improvement 2500 Canterbury Dr. Hays, KS

To attend please email Jill at jill@adiffmindsetassoc.org

785-269-1928 www.adiffmindsetassoc.org
info@adiffmindsetassoc.org



**FOOD TRUCKS
in VICTORIA**

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