

Sunday Bulletin

St. Mary's Church

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Bulletin for the Week of December 14, 2008

Masses for the week of December 15 - 21

Sunday, Dec. 21, 9:30 a.m. Alan Stallbaumer

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 4 p.m.

Clem Rethman

Ministries for Monday, December 21

Servers: Ashley Schmitz; Madison Rottinghaus;
Dalton Rottinghaus

Eucharistic Ministers: Matt Rottinghaus, Anita
Schmitz, Eugene Fangman

Lector: Richard Schmitz

Commentator: Cindy Murphy

Ushers: Steve Wichman; Galen Bergman

Gifts: Leroy and Julie Strathman family

Rosary Leader: Clarence Engelken

Organist: Marilyn Holthaus

Cantor: Staci Haug

Ministries for Christmas Eve, December 24

Servers: Mitch Engelken; Matt Engelken, Tyler Schmitz

Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle Bergman, Brett
Holthaus, Aaron Rottinghaus

Lector: Brianna Uphaus

Commentator: Gilbert Schmitz

Ushers: Parish Council Members

Gifts: 2009 First Communion Class

Organists: Marlene Deters; Marilyn Holthaus

Cantors: Stan Murphy; Staci Haug

Soloist: Rachel Holthaus

Flutists: Katrina Sudbeck; Taylor Holthaus

Other reminders and notices:

Elijah Ruegge, 20-month old son of Bryan and Betty Ruegge, is undergoing treatment for cancer in Omaha. See www.caringbridge.org/visit/elijahr to place messages to the family.

"We would like to thank the parish for so much support shown since Elijah was diagnosed with leukemia in October. We truly appreciate the cards, gifts, calls and financial support given by the Axtell Knights of Columbus, the CYO and the many families from this area. Through this stormy time, we've been blessed with all your kindness and generosity. As we continue on this journey of treatment and healing with Eljah, our prayers of gratitude toward all of you will not cease. Thank You!" – Bryan, Betty & Elijah Ruegge

St. Mary's Parish Cafeteria is reserved for use on December 20, 21, 24, 25, 27 and 28.

Bingo at the Care Home: There is no bingo at the rest home in November or December.

Please remember those who have health concerns:

Gene Holthaus, Theresa Rettele, Julie Glissman, Marsha Wessel Grossnickle, Gene Holthaus, Elijah James Ruegge

Fiscal Support: No amounts were available for publication.

Prints of St. Mary's Church (interior and exterior) are available for purchase on the registration stand and also online at www.stmstb.org. The donation for these prints will be used for parish improvement projects.

Donations can be given towards the cost of resurfacing the parking lot. Contact one of the Parish Council members or church secretary.

Grotto Beautification: Donations towards the improvements of the Grotto are welcomed. Make the donation to St. Mary's Parish and place a note on your check or with the donation "For Grotto". Donations in excess of what will be used at the Grotto will be held in reserve for future improvements. A listing of donors will be maintained.

Memorial Poinsettias for Christmas: Place name of loved one and \$15 in collection by Dec. 21.

Penance Services:

December 14, 3 p.m., Sacred Heart, Baileyville
December 18, 7 p.m. St. Michael's Parish, Axtell
December 21, 3 p.m. Sts. Peter & Paul, Seneca
December 21, 7 p.m. St. Mary's, St. Benedict

The annual **Axtell Community Ecumenical Christmas Cantata**, under the direction of Stan Murphy, is pleased to announce their 2008 presentation, "Season of Wonders: Celebrating the Miracle of Christmas. The performance will be held Sunday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Axtell.

The Archdiocese encourages men to attend the annual **Men of Valor Conference** on Jan. 23-24, 2009. See brochures on back table; also see the Web site at www.menofvalorkansascity.eventbrite.com.