

Sunday Bulletin

St. Mary's Church

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Bulletin for the Week of December 26, 2011

Masses for the week of December 26

Friday, December 30: 8:15 a.m., Mildred Stallbaumer

Sunday, January 1: 10 a.m. Richard and Arlene Schmitz
55th Wedding Anniversary

Ministries for Sunday, January 1, 2012

Ministries by the Richard and Arlene Schmitz Family

Music: Kayla Sudbeck, Marlene Deters, adult choir

Cantor/Song Leader: Stan Murphy

Financial Support: December 18: \$1,400.25; Religious Retirement Fund: \$50; Christmas flowers: \$30; Nemaha Marshall Electric: \$460.55

Donations can be given toward the cost of supporting seminarians in Africa where Fr. Felix is from. Mark your donation for such. There are many seminarians but funds for education are needed.

Note from Father Ed: May the newborn Jesus fill your hearts anew on Christmas! Many thanks to all parishioners for remembering me in your prayers, for your thoughtful Christmas cards and gift of all kinds.

Special thanks to all who helped make our Christmas Eve Mass so beautiful and inspiring. To the St. Mary's Church Choir and to all the musicians, to Marlene Deers and Marilyn Holthaus for playing the organ, to the cantors, Stan Murphy and Staci Haug, to the soloists Tammy Holthaus and Julie Sudbeck and flutists Katrina Sudbeck and Taylor Holthaus and trumpeter Kayla Sudbeck for the hours you spent preparing the music and to Julie Strathman and Lois Enneking for decorating the church and to the Parish Council for all the work they did. It is a real indication of your love for our Lord.

The Christmas Season will continue until the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus on January 9. During this season we continue to sing Christmas songs and turn on our Christmas lights at night. The world is out of step with us. It is too bad that the world concludes the celebration of Christmas on December 25. During these special seasons, let's continue thanking and praising God for sending His only Son Jesus to save us from our sins and to raise us up into God's family.

The **cafeteria** is reserved for December 25, 31; February 4, 5; March 17; April 8, May 20, 26, 27; August 5.

Please remember those who have health concerns: Melvin Bergman, Brad Bowhay (son of Bob and Kathy Bowhay), Gene Holthaus, Elijah James Ruegge, Donna Hulsing, Odelia Sudbeck, Cyrilla Sudbeck, Michelle (Damian) Buessing, Jordan Sudbeck (son of Matt and Kim), Leroy Tangeman, Jackie Olberding, John Schmitz, Nancy Deters, Martha Engelken, Jean Niehues, Margie Miller. Remember all those who have illness of any kind.

150th Anniversary Books are available for purchase. Copies may be purchased online through the church Web site at www.stmstb.org or picked up at the Kansas Rural Water Association office west of Seneca. Ph. 336-3760.

DVDs of Theresa Rettele's Tour of St. Mary's Church is available at the rectory at a charge of \$10.

Mark your calendar for the informational meeting regarding the Strategic Plan for District 115, January 4, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the District's central location on the Seneca Campus in the middle school gymnasium. Be present so you can hear first-hand the Strategic Plan for the district's future.

Cemetery: Someone is needed to mow the cemetery for the 2012 season. Contact Mike Scott at 294-2410.

Special Thank You to the Axtell Knights of Columbus for the donation to the Religious education program; may God bless you for your generous gift.