

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
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Mass Schedule: Sunday Morning 10:00 AM

Friday morning 8:30AM

Marriage: Contact priest 6 Months before - Baptism Call Father Ed at 336-6464

Confession: First Friday mornings 7:45AM TO 8:00AM before mass

DECEMBER 9, 2012 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Regular Mass Schedule:

BAILEYVILLE---Saturday 7:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 am
 Weekday masses at 8:30 a.m.

ST. BENEDICT---Sunday 10:00 a.m.
 Fridays, 8:30 a.m.

Mon.--Dec. 10--Liv/Dec Nick Holthaus Family

Tues.--Dec. 11--No Mass at Baileyville--Joseph H. Buessing--
 Mass @ Life Care@11:00AM

Wed.--Dec. 12--Grade School Mass. @ 3:30PM--In Thanksgiving
 the Rusche & Claas Families

Thurs.--Dec. 13--Liv/Dec. George & Elizabeth Olberding
 Families

Fri.--Dec. 14--Mildred Stallbaumer

Sat.--Dec. 15--Liv/Dec. Alvin & JoAnn Deters Family

Sun.--Baileyville--Dec. 16--People of the Parishes

Sun.--St. Benedict--Dec. 16--Irene Mohrman Cains

COLLECTIONS for December 2, 2012--Plate: \$55.00, Envelopes: \$1808.00, Candles: \$19.57, Hall Rent: \$50.00, Baptism: \$40.00, CCHD: \$50.00, Hurricane Sandy: \$50.00, Christmas Flowers: \$30.00, Total: \$2102.57

PENANCE SERVICES will be next Sunday at St. Mary's, St. Benedict at 7:00PM and Sacred Heart at Baileyville at 3:00PM. Come to confession. Empty your heats of sin to let the Lord come in.

ELEMENTARY RELIGION--Grades K-5--Wednesday, December 12 after school



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If you would like to remember a deceased loved one by having their names placed on a Christmas Poinsettia, please put \$15 with their name in the collection basket by Sunday, December 16th. Donations for the Christmas flowers and decorations may also be placed in the collection basket.

FATHER FELIX'S CAR: For the past 4 years Fr. Felix's car 1996 Olds Achieva has been sitting in the rectory's garage. He would like to sell it. It has been moved to Mark Bergman's Shop in Seneca. If you are interested please contact Mark Bergman or Richard Siess. It has approximately 143,211++ miles on it.

CHWC--Ticket sales to help raise funds for the Workcamp are available for the pork chop/chicken dinner on New Year's Eve from 5:00 to 9:00PM in Sacred Heart Parish Hall at Baileyville. Tickets are \$13.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door. Call Janet Schmitz for tickets at 336-2526. Thank you for your support.

WORKBOOKS for Lectors are available for the beginning of Advent (Dec. 1-2) in the sacristy. Thanks so much to all readers for proclaiming God's word to us at Mass.

CHRISTMAS CRIB will be set up on December 16th. Anyone from the parish that is willing to help is invited to do so.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS is today, December 9. Give to those who have given a lifetime. Senior Catholics sisters, brothers and religious order priests worked for many years for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement. Your gift to today's special collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps to provide prescription medications, nursing care and ore for thousands of elderly religious. **Please be generous!!**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent;
 Hanukkah begins
 Monday: International Human Rights Day
 Tuesday: St. Damasus I
 Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Thursday: St. Lucy
 Friday: St. John of the Cross

Ministries for Dec. 16, 2012--

Cross: Gage Palic

Servers: Bailey Schmitz & Ryan Sudbeck

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Strathman, Brianna Uphaus, Brian Holthaus, Mary Schmitz, Will Henry

Lectors: Danny Tangeman

Commentator: Lisa Marie Holthaus

Ushers: Jerry Uphaus & Steve Wichman

Offertory Gifts: Rosette Randel Family

Rosary Leader: Paul Strathman

Organists: Kayla Sudbeck

Cantor: Julie Sudbeck

Remember in your prayers those who are sick, taking treatments, hospitalized or still recovering: Donna Hulsing, Elijah James Ruegge, Cyrilla Sudbeck, Michelle (Damian) Buessing, Odelia Sudbeck, Jackie Olberding, Jordan Sudbeck, Leroy Tangeman, Nancy Deters, Martha Engelken, Brad Bowhay, Margie Miller, Greyson Murphy (grandson of Stan & Cindy Murphy), Melvin Bergman, Max Rusche, Shirley Claas, Ben Niehues.

ALTAR SOCIETY NOTES

***February 3, 2013--Annual Soup Day

***June 23, 2013--Annual Picnic

December Bingo at Life Care Center is December 19th at 1:30PM. Cindy Murphy, Anita Schmitz, Kate Ronnebaum, Linda Schmitz, Donna Nordhus

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

Coming--Sunday, Dec. 9--5:00PM
 Wetmore--Sunday, Dec. 9--7:00PM
Baileyville--Sunday, Dec. 16--3:00PM
 Frankfort--Sunday, Dec. 16--3:00PM
 Kelly--Sunday, Dec. 16--3:00PM
 Marysville--Sunday, Dec. 16--7:00PM
St. Benedict--Sunday, Dec. 16--7:00PM
 Seneca--Sunday, Dec. 23--3:00PM
 Axtell--Sunday, Dec. 23--7:00PM
 Sabetha--Sunday, Dec. 23--7:00PM

CATHOLIC ITEMS FOR THE HOME--There is a display of Catholic items on the table in the back of church. You can order form Donnelly or from Soul Provider at Seneca.

16TH ANNUAL WORLDWIDE CANDLE LIGHTING VIGIL for the Compassionate Friends will be conducted on Sunday, December 9th. Everyone is invited to light a candle from 7-8PM in memory of all children who have died, but not forgotten. Please remember those families that have experienced such a devastating loss that evening in your prayers and light a candle for their children. The Second Chapter of Compassionate Friends will hold its own candle lighting that evening, beginning at 6PM. For more information about this event, (if you would like to attend), or for more information on meetings for Seneca Chapter, please contact, Gloria Knight at 785-336-3691.

AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

The cafeteria is spoken for on these dates: 2012- Dec. 15, 22, 23, 25,29--2013--Feb. 2,3,4,June 12, 16 thru 24,Aug.4.

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

DVD'S of THERESA RETTELE'S Tour of St. Mary's Church is available at the Rectory for the cost of \$10.00.

150th Anniversary Books continue to be a popular item. There are copies remaining for purchase. No additional copies will be printed. Orders can be placed online through the church website at www.stmstb.org or picked up at the Kansas Rural Water Association office west of Seneca. Phone: 336-3760.

CANDLES available for home use. Anyone wanting some call the rectory. 336-3174. The glass container are red and green now. Cost of candles are now \$5.00.



AXTELL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA--Everyone is invited to Salem Lutheran Church, rural Axtell, on December 9, 2012, at 7:30PM, for the Axtell Community Christmas Cantata. "Let the Whole World Sing." by Joel Raney, will be directed by Stanley Murphy and accompanied by Owen Zinke. Musicians from several area churches have joined together to present this enjoyable new cantata.

EXPOSITON OF SACRED RELICS at Annunciation Church at Frankfort on Sunday, December 9 at 2:00PM. Over 75 relics (saints, portion of Our Lady's Veil, piece of the True Cross). You can bring articles of devotion, pictures of ill friends or family that you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a mans of intercession.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE is scheduled for December 28, 2012 from 8AM to 2PM. Walk-ins are welcome. To make an appointment call Marilyn Holthaus at 336-3360.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Second Sunday of Advent
Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom

gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What earthly undertakings do I need to set aside so that I can set out to meet God's Son?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION--Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistry, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three natiivities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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CHOOSE LIFE--The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) provides free genetic testing during pregnancy for conditions that cannot be treated prenatally. This provision will expose more unborn children to abortion as government-funded genetic testing provides as increasing number of parents the opportunity to abort children with disabilities. (Pro-Life Reporter, Spring 2012)

QUOS VADIS RETREAT FOR SINGLE MEN--Archbishop Naumann and the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, challenge single men of the Archdiocese ages 18-35 to discern with them the present and the future of the priesthood in our local Church. The annual Quo Vadis retreat December 19-21 forms men in prayer, discernment and sacrifice and opens them to their deepest and most fulfilling vocation through the lens of the Catholic priesthood. No obligation, just opportunity. Accept the challenge by learning more and registering early at www.kckvoactions.com.

THE MAGNIFICAT ADVENT COMPANION BOOK-- There is a beautiful prayer book in back of church. Please pick and bring home or bring to a home bound person to prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ.. There are many readings and prayers in this book. They are free.

PRO-LIFE MASS--Archbishops Joseph F. Naumann will be celebrating the archdiocesan monthly pro-life Mass on Saturday, Dec. 15. Mass is at 8:00AM at Sts. Cyril & Methodius, 44N. Mill, Kansas City, Ks. Immediately following Mass is a rosary procession to the abortion clinic approximately 4 blocks away. Eucharistic adoration is available for those not processing. Benediction concludes services by 9:45AM/ Please join in this prayerful peaceful witness to life and show your appreciation to Archbishop for his strong pro-life leadership!!

CHRISTMAS BREAK YOUTH EVENT--High School and college age students, come join us for an evening of performance painting, adoration, prayer, reconciliation and worship as we prepare to bring in the New Year, December 30, at St. Patrick Church in Kansas City in Kansas form 7 to 10 pm. Featuring Mike Debus, former Notre Dame offensive lineman Michael McGlinn and praise and worship led by Mikey Needelman. Social afterwards all at no cost to you. We want you there.

HOLY HUMOR

**Two elderly women were headed to a good friend's funeral. They were reminiscing on the good time and discussing how the years had flown by.
"I wonder which one of us will go next?" asked one of the women.
"Could be either of us," replied her friend. "Once you're over the hill, you pick up speed!"

**Before listening to her young patients' heartbeats, a pediatric nurse at the hospital would often fit the stethoscope over their ears and allow them to listen first.
One four year old boy was awed by the sound. The nurse asked him, "What do you suppose that is?"
The child, a regular at Sunday school, answered, "Is that Jesus knocking?"

The End of the World

ACME SIGNS



"SORRY, BUDDY, I CAN'T POSSIBLY HAVE THAT SIGN FOR YOU BEFORE NEXT WEEK."