

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 16, 2012 THIRD 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. 17--For the success of St. Mary's School, Montrose & Principal Sue Koehler

Tues.--Dec. 18--Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious

Wed.--Dec. 19--Robert E. Olberding

Thurs.--Dec. 20--Liv/Dec Dan Kohake & Merlin Deters Family

Fri.--Dec. 21--Liv/Dec. Frank & Mary Sudbeck Family

Sat.--Dec. 22--Liv/Dec. Nick Holthaus Family & Liv/Dec.

Vernice Haug Family

Sun.--Baileyville--Dec. 23--Liv/Dec. Ed & Adelaide Schmitz

Family

Sun.--St. Benedict--Dec. 23--Alan Stallbaumer

COLLECTIONS for December 8, 2012: Plate: \$38.00, Envelopes: \$149.00, Total: \$187.00. **December 9, 2012:** Plate: \$64.30, Envelopes: \$1672.00, Church Rent: \$200.00, Retirement Fund: \$713.00, CCHD: \$25.00, Christmas Flowers: \$60.00, Other: \$1000.00, Total: \$3734.30.

GOD'S NEW CHILD--Daniel Lawrence Lueger, son of Bradley & Susan Lueger, was washed in the saving waters of baptism on December 9, here. Russell Lueger & Gina Sanders are godparents. Congratulations!

PENANCE SERVICES will be this 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 19, after school Christmas Party



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.

B & B CHRISTMAS BAND /VOCAL CONCERT will be Monday, December 17 at 7:00PM.

THANK YOU for donating to the Retirement Fund for Religious. A sister from Pennsylvania writes, "In our prayers, all the sisters remember in a special way the faithful of the dioceses who support the {Retirement Fund for Religious} collection. We realize that their sacrifices and generosity have made this {financial} assistance possible. May God reward them."



CHOIR PRACTICE--WEDNESDAY, December 19th at 7:00PM

Ministries for Dec. 23 2012--FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Cross: Hannah Scott

Servers: Craig Olberding & Jacob Koelzer

Eucharistic Ministers: Don Lueger, Rupert Rethman, Marsha Korber, Diane Schmitz, Maurice Feldkamp

Lectors: Elmer Ronnebaum

Commentator: Gilbert Schmitz

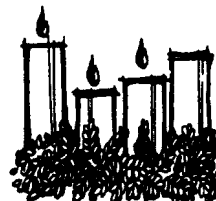
Ushers: Brian Wullschlegler & Galen Bergman

Offertory Gifts: Ardan & Evelyn Rottinghaus Family

Rosary Leader: Don Lueger

Organists: Katrina Sudbeck & Nicole Sudbeck

Cantor: Kelsey Bradley



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Ministries for Dec. 24, 2012--THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Cross: Shayla Heiman

Servers: Caleb Bradley & Luke Holthaus

Eucharistic Ministers: Jason Haverkamp, Kelsey Bradley, Eric Huerter, Arlyn Holthaus, Mary Haverkamp

Lector: Joanie Holthaus

Commentator: David Huerter

Ushers: Parish Council

Offertory Gifts: Addy Holthaus, Lawson Schmelzle, Joe Siess, John Siess, Ella Sudbeck, Brayden Uphaus

Rosary: No Rosary

Prelude Music: Marlene Deters

Organists: Kayla Sudbeck & Marilyn Holthaus

Cantor: Stan Murphy--ADULT CHOIR

Soloist: Staci Haug & Kelsey Bradley

Flutist: Taylor Holthaus & Katrina Sudbeck

Trumpet: Kayla Sudbeck

Soloist/Guitarist: Rachel Holthaus

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 SERVICE

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, December 23--3:00PM

Axtell--Sunday, Dec. 23--7:00PM

Sabetha--Sunday, Dec. 23--7:00PM

CHRISTMAS MASSES IN THE AREA

ST. MARY'S-ST.BENEDICT--December 24 at 4:00PM

SACRED HEART-BAILEYVILLE--December 24 at 7:30PM

December 25 at 9:00AM

STS. PETER & PAUL--SENECA--December 24--4:00PM/Church

December 24--4:00PM/K/C Hall

December 25--7:00AM

December 25--9:00AM

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.

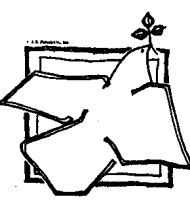
150th Anniversary Books continue to be a popular item. There are copies remaining for purchase. No additional copies will be printed. Orders can be placed online through the church website at www.stmstb.org or picked up at the Kansas Rural Water Association office west of Seneca. Phone: 336-3760.

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.

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.



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.



REJOICE!—Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Rejoice in the Lord always

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK
December 16, 2011, Third Sunday of Advent
 O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:
 How am I faithfully awaiting the Lord's Nativity?



The Lord is near

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Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2012
 The King of Israel, the LORD,
 is in your midst,
 you have no further misfortune to fear.
 — Zephaniah 3:15b

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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.

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.

HURRICANE SANDY--Through your generosity, the Archdiocese has so far collected \$86,084 for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Catholic Charities USA is disbursing the funds in the affected eastern states. Catholic Relief Services is assisting in the Caribbean and Latin America. Thank you for your donations!



YEAR OF FAITH

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening

verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!

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HOLY HUMOR

**A priest was pulled over for speeding. As the cop was about to write the ticket, the minister said to him, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." The cop handed the priest the ticket and said, "Go thou and sin no more."

***"Son, do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked his youngest employee. "Yes, sir," the boy replied "Well, good!" said the boss with a scowl. "Because just after you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you!"

IMPRESSIONABLE

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every passerby leaves a mark.
 —Ancient Chinese proverb