

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 30, 2012 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



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. 31--New Year's Eve at 7:00PM at Sacred Heart--Liv/

Dec. Ves Koch Family

Tues.--Jan 1--New Year's Day at 8:30AM at Sacred Heart--

People of the Parishes

Tues.--Jan. 1--New Year's Day at 10:00AM at St. Benedict--

Daniel Bergman

Wed.--Jan. 2--Leonard & Ruth Tanking Intention

Thurs.--Jan. 3--Wilbert Rottinghaus

Fri.--Jan. 4--Gene Holthaus

Fri.--Jan. 4--Mass at Sacred Heart at 10:45AM--Jeff Dalinghaus

Sat.--Jan. 5--People of the Parishes

Sun.--Jan. 6--Ryan Sextro

Sun.--Jan. 6--Herbert & Regina Niehues

COLLECTIONS for December 23, 2012--Plate: \$55.05, Envelopes: \$1559.00, Call to Share Rebate: \$45.00, Cookbooks: \$24.00, Hurricane Sandy Relief: \$200.00, Ambrose Schmitz Memorial: \$1200.00, Copier: \$1.50, Flowers: \$30.00, Total: \$3114.55

December 24, 2012--Plate: \$568.86, Envelopes: \$3113.00, Hall Rent: \$50.00, Total: 3731.86

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON will continue till the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus on January 13. During this season continue to sing Christmas songs. During this season let's continue thanking and praising God for sending His only Son Jesus to save us from our sins and to raise up into God's family at Baptism.

REMEMBER Cyrilla Sudbeck in your prayers. Her funeral was on December 27 at St. Mary's Church. May the Lord grant her eternal life. Sympathy to her sons James, Richard, Kenneth, Donald and John.

REMEMBER Giles Kohake in your prayers. His funeral was on December 26 at Sacred Heart Church at Baileyville. May the Lord grant him eternal life. Sympathy to his daughter Carol Schmitz.

ENVELOPES are in back of church for you to pick up. Please DO NOT use until after the first of the year as your number may have change since 2012 due to putting everyone in alphabetical order.

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.

MASSES ON NEW YEAR'S DAY (a Holyday of Obligation) will be the same as Sunday. The Monday night (New Year's Eve) Mass will be at 7:00PM and Tuesday (New Year's Day) at 8:30AM at Sacred Heart at Baileyville and at St. Mary's will be on Tuesday (New Year's Day) at 10:00AM.

CCD CLASSES will resume on Wednesday, January 23rd at 7:30PM.

SPECIAL THANKS to all who helped make our Christmas Mass so beautiful and inspiring. The hours spent in preparing the altars and music are a real indication of the love for our Lord.

THE NEXT INQUIRY CLASS will be on Sunday, January 6 at 7:00PM.



Ministries for January 1, 2013--SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Cross: Isabella Sudbeck

Servers: Kirsten Lortscher & Nate Deters

Eucharistic Ministers: Ferdie Deters, Sara Nordhus, Anita Schmitz

Lector: Alan Schmitz

Mary, Mother of God

Commentator: Cindy Murphy

Ushers: Alan Deters & Dennis Deters

Offertory Gifts: Cyril & Joyce Schmitz Family

Rosary: Kenny Schmitz

Organist: Marilyn Holthaus

Cantor: TBD

Ministries for January 6, 2013--THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Cross: Brad Schmitz

Servers: Amanda Stallbaumer & Will Engelken

Eucharistic Ministers: Janelle Schmitz, Troy Nordhus, Joyce Schmitz, Laurie Strathman, Paul Strathman

First Reading: Savannah Engelken

Second Reading: Karly Tangeman

Petitions: Addy Holthaus

Ushers: Ferdie Deters & Mike Deters

Offertory Gifts: Katie Tangeman, Amber Blume, Savannah Engelken

Rosary Leader: Cindy Murphy

Organist: Marlene Deters

Cantor: Kayla Sudbeck---Adult Choir

Remember in your prayers those who are sick, taking treatments, hospitalized or still recovering: Donna Hulsing, Elijah James Ruegge, 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, Ivan Rottinghaus.

ALTAR SOCIETY NOTES

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

***June 23, 2013--Annual Picnic

BINGO FOR LIFE CARE NURSING HOME--JANUARY 2013--

Every 3rd Wednesday at 1:30PM

Linda Haug, Deborah Sudbeck, Ellen Sudbeck, Suzanne Nolte, Karen Holthaus (G), Melanie Lierz, Jenny Heiman

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.

PILGRIMAGE SITE--During this special Year of Faith there are 7 churches in our archdiocese in which you may receive a plenary indulgence. One of the Churches is here at St. Mary's. To gain a plenary indulgence the following conditions are necessary:

- 1--Make a visit to St. Mary's Church.
- 2--Pray a prayer for the Pope's intention.
- 3--Be in the state of grace by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation about 20 days before or 20 days after you visit the church.
- 4--Receive Communion about 20 days before or after you visit the church.

THE WAY TO HEAVEN

Love of heaven is the only way to heaven.

---John Henry Newman

The cafeteria is spoken for on these dates: 2012– Dec. 29–2013--
 Feb. 2,3,4, June 12, 16 thru 24, Aug. 4, Dec. 8.

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, blue 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.



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.

SACRED HEART CYO BREAKFAST is Sunday, January 13 at Baileyville Church Hall. Pancakes, eggs and sausage served at 7:30AM to 12:30PM. Freewill donation.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST--SPPS COUNCIL--today, December 30th from 7:00AM to 1:00PM at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Hall.

HOLY HUMOR

- **Dieting New Year Resolutions
- 2008—I will get my weight down below 180 pounds
- 2009—I will follow my new diet religiously until I get below 200 pounds
- 2010—I will develop a realistic attitude about my weight
- 2011—I will work out 3 days a week.
- 2012—I will try to drive past a gym at least once a week.

****New Year's Day Prayer for one and all**
 Dear Lord,
 So far this year I've done well.
 I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Amen.

GOD'S BEAUTIFUL PLAN FOR LOVE AND SEXALITY (1/18/13 to 1/19/13) at Olathe, Ks—best selling author Christopher West, former top-model Leah Darrow, Dr. Mark and Debbie Laaser, and music form King and Country! Over 4,800 teens and adults have attended this inspiring local conference in the last two years, with positive and encouraging presentations about love, dating, sexuality and brain science! Seating is limited so reserve your tickets soon at www.truthkc.com or www.kcvalor.com and www.kcvirute.com! Parents and grandparents, this is a great Christmas present for your teens and young adults!

- SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**
- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
 - Monday: Vigil of Christmas
 - Tuesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
 - Wednesday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa
 - Thursday: St. John
 - Friday: The Holy Innocents
 - Saturday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket



YEAR OF FAITH 2012

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always "get it right," but they always tried to. These three "amateurs" were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father's work—but he also returned home with his parents.

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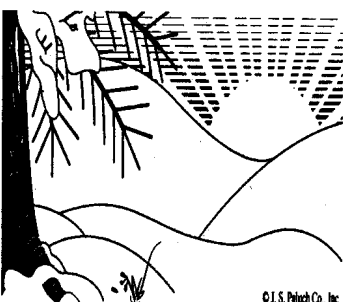


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ON NEW YEAR'S EVE or New Year's Day, the household gathers at the table or at the Christmas tree or manger scene. Many people make New Year's Day a day of prayer for peace. Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years, for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets. We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Remember us, O God, from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Beloved, we are God's children now;
 what we shall be
 has not yet been revealed.
 — 1 John 3:2a

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