

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
January 6, 2013--THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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.--Jan. 7--W.K. & Earlene Jenkins

Tues.--Jan. 8--Bill Buessing--Mass @ Life Care

Wed.--Jan. 9--Reva Olberding

Thurs.--Jan. 10--Liv/Dec. Oen Family

Fri.--Jan. 11--Francis & Ethel Rottinghaus

Sat.--Jan. 12--Evelyn Rothenberger

Sun.--Jan. 13--People of the Parishes

Sun.--Jan. 13--Leon Schmitz

COLLECTIONS for December 30-2012--Plate: \$90.00, Envelopes; \$1002.00, Candle: \$8.50, Other: \$171.00, Crib: \$9.07, Stola: \$60.00, Catholic Charities: \$60.00, Anonymous: \$1000.00, Total: 2400.57. January 1, 2013--Plate: \$32.00, Envelopes: \$25.00, Solemnity of Mary: \$324.00, Knights of Columbus #1163 Religious Education: \$300.00, Total: \$681.00.

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 us up into God's family at Baptism.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU goes out to Fr. Ed Oen and everyone that helped with mom's funeral mass. Especially the choir who sang "The Bells of St. Mary's." It was beautiful! Thanks also goes to the ladies of the Altar Society for your hospitality and preparing a delicious lunch for us. We appreciate everything you have done for us. Thank you.

The Cyrilla B. Sudbeck Family

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

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

PARENTS OF FIST COMMUNICANTS will meet with Fr. Ed in Sacred Heart Church at Baileyville at 7:00PM on Wednesday.

K OF C 1769 ANNUAL SOUP DAY--Sunday, January 13 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Cafeteria in Seneca. Soups, sandwiches and desserts served. Freewill donation.

BAILEYVILLE K OF C'S TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT--Friday, January 11 at 7:30PM at the Bob Deter's garage, 2052 J4 Road, Seneca, Ks.

THE K OF C'S will hold their annual basketball free throw contest in the B & B gyms on Sunday, January 13 at 1:00PM. Boys and girls 10-14 years old are invited to participate.

BAILEYVILLE CYO BREAKFAST--SUNDAY, January 13 at Sacred Heart Church Hall. Pancakes, eggs and sausage serving at 7:30AM to 12:30PM. Freewill donation.

THE WAY TO HEAVEN

Love of heaven is the only way to heaven.

---John Henry Newman

Ministries for January 13, 2013--

Cross: Cole Engelken

Servers: Devon Siess & Cory Heiman

Eucharistic Ministers: Duana Huerter, Robert Engelken, Betty Olberding, Wayne Schmitz, Carol Schmitz

Lector: Lisa Holthaus

Commentator: Paul Strathman

Ushers: Richard Deters & Chris Engelken

Offertory Gifts: Gilbert & Deb Schmitz

Rosary: Paul Strathman

Organist: Marlene Deters

Cantor: Kelsey Bradley

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

*****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

****UPCOMING ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS--**St. Mary's Annual Soup Day will be held Sunday, February 3, 2013. Serving will be from 11:00AM to 2:00PM. Circles 1 & 2 are in charge. We will be serving chili, vegetable beef and chicken noodle soup along with pies and relishes. Freewill Offering. If anyone would like to donate an item for the Chance Table, please contact Anita Schmitz at 336-2213 or any Altar Society officer.

Saturday, February 2--Officers come at 8:00AM and Circle Leaders 1 & 2 come at 8:30AM to prepare food and set up the hall.

Sunday, February 3rd--Officers come at 6:30AM and Circle Leaders 1,2,3 & 4 come at 9:00AM to work Soup Day.

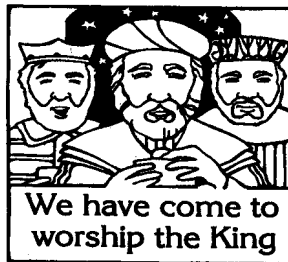
CYO--Grades 9 through 12 are asked to come from 10:30 to the end. **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS DIFFERENT. WE ARE ASKING ALL CYO MEMBERS TO WORK THE WHOLE SOUP DAY IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE LOW STUDENT NUMBERS.** All of your help is GREATLY appreciated.

NOTE--If anyone has any extra whipped topping and especially ice cream buckets containers please feel free to donate them to the Altar Society. Containers can be left in the back of church. Thank you!

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on January 7, 2013, at 7:00PM at the rectory.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on January 14, 2013 at 6:30PM at the rectory.



The cafeteria is spoken for on these dates: 2013--Feb. 2,3,4,17-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 from Donnelly or from Soul Provider at Seneca.

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!

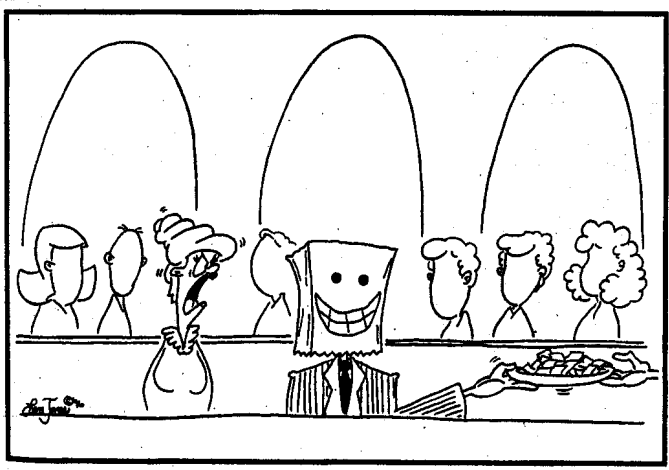
PILGRIMAGE SITE--During this special Year of Faith there are 7 churches in our archdiocese in which you may receive a plenary indulgence. One of the Churches is here at St. Mary's. To gain a plenary indulgence the following conditions are necessary:

- 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.

RESOLUTIONS FOR A HEALTHY NEW YEAR? Learn Natural Family Planning with the Couple to Couple League. Email at NFPkansascity@gmail.com for class schedules, events and NFP doctors.

HOLY HUMOR

A woman loved to sing and decided to try out for the church choir. Every night she would practice and as soon as she begun singing, the family dog began to howl loudly. After a few nights of this, her husband had enough. "For goodness' sake, dear!" her husband shouted. "Can you please sing something the dog doesn't know?"



"I THINK GOD KNOWS HOW YOU REALLY FEEL, DON'T YOU?"

ON DECEMBER 28, the monks at St. Benedict's Abbey elected Prior James Robert Albers, OSB, their ninth Abbot. He is a native of Osawatomie, Kansas, grew up in St. Benedict's Parish at Bendena, Kansas. He went on to graduate from Midway-Denton High School, Denton, Kansas in 1990. Abbot James graduated from Benedictine College in 1994 with a degree in Mass Communications and Theology. He entered the novitiate in December 1995 and made his First Profession on December 8, 1996 and his Solemn Profession on October 2, 1999.

After having studied at the Pontifical University of Sant'Anselmo, Rome, Italy from 1997-2000, he was ordained to the priesthood on July 1, 2000. Following his ordination he did a pastoral year at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Seneca, Kansas and served as Alumni Director of Benedictine College from 2000 until his appointment as Prior of the St. Benedict's Abbey community in July 2002.

From 2005 to 2012, he served as the Abbey's vocation director. During his monastic life, Abbot James has been an able and well-respected Prior and sought after spiritual director. He is widely regarded as an even-keel man who shares helpful spiritual counsel and possesses a charitable disposition and a pastoral concern for others.

Please pray for Abbot James Albers as he begins his tenure as the ninth Abbot of St. Benedict's Abbey.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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FINDING GOD--The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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