

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 13, 2013--THE BAPTISM 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. 14--Intentions of the Cyril Jochimsen Family

Tues.--Jan. 15--Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

Wed.--Jan. 16--Intentions of Leonard & Ruth Tanking

Thurs.--Jan. 17--People of the Parishes

Fri.--Jan. 18--Don Sperslage

Sat.--Jan. 19--People of the Parishes

Sun.--Jan. 20--Baileyville--Liv/Dec Leo & Frances

Heiman Family

Sun.--Jan. 20--Liv/Dec. Clemens C. Sudbeck Family

COLLECTIONS for January 6, 2013--Plate: \$78.00,

Envelopes: \$1490.00, Stipends: \$50.00, Hall:\$50.00, DVD:

\$10.00, Total: \$1678.00

ELEMENTARY CCD--No CCD on Wednesday, January

16.

CCD CLASSES will resume on Wednesday, January 23rd

at 7:30PM.

THE NEXT INQUIRY CLASS will be on Sunday, January

20 at 7:00PM.

CALL TO SHARE--This weekend kicks off the annual Archbishop's Call to Share appeal in the archdiocese. You will receive a letter from the Archbishop this week, asking for your support of the Archbishop's Call to Share, which funds over 40 ministries in the Church of Northeast Kansas. Please read your letter and pray about what you can do this year, and return your completed pledge card in the collection next weekend. Our parish goal is \$7,637.87. Please give generously to support the ministries of the Church of Northeast Kansas!

NEW KEYBOARD--Many thanks to the Melvin Haug family for donating a new keyboard to our church in honor of Melvin Haug. It's a beautiful addition to our choir loft.

MARK BERGMAN has purchased Father Felix's car. It had over 178,000 miles on the odometer. Thanks Mark!

THE CHURCH SACRISTY ROOF was repaired last Wednesday by Jesus Zapata from Seneca. He and his crew do roofing work for a living.

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

IVAN ROTTINGHAUS--If anyone would like to send cards to Ivan Rottinghaus, he is at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka. I am sure he would appreciate them.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord;
National Vocation Awareness Week

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Thursday: St. Anthony

Friday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Saturday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany);
Blessed Virgin Mary

SELF-DISCIPLINE--The greatest of all warriors in the siege of Troy had not the preeminence because nature had given him strength and he carried the largest bow, but because self-discipline had taught him how to bend it.
--Daniel Webster

Ministries for January 20, 2013--

Cross: Hannah Scott

Servers: Ryan Sudbeck & Andrew Wichman

Eucharistic Ministers: Albert Olberding, Evelyn Rottinghaus,
Lisa Holthaus (B), Betty Bergman, Will Henry

Lector: Connie Huerter

Commentator: Danny Tangeman

Ushers: Richard & Robert Engelken

Offertory Gifts: Kenny & Diane Schmitz Family

Rosary: Danny Tangeman

Musicians: Theresa & Laura Sudbeck,

Tammy & Rachel Holthaus

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.

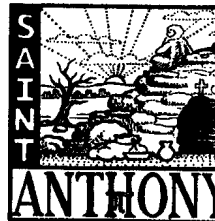
Sunday, February 3rd--Officers come at 6:30AM and Circle Leaders 1,2,3 & 4 come at 9:00AM to work Soup Day.

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!

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.



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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.

THE BAILEYVILLE 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.

BOTTLES FOR LIFE--The Baileyville K of C's are conducting a Pro-Life fundraising campaign for Crisis Pregnancy Centers in Northeast Kansas. Baby bottles were handed out last Sunday. Please return bottles to the church by February 1.

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.

THE SENECA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be hosting their annual Free Throw Contest on Sunday, January 13th at 1pm in the Sts. Peter & Paul School gymnasium. Boys and girls ages 10 thru 14 can participate. The contest is free and open to the public.

THE 2013 BAILEYVILLE BENEFIT is for Jordan Sudbeck, son of Matt & Kim Sudbeck and Dylan Bronkow, son of Scott & Sherri Bronkow. It is scheduled for February 16th and 17th with the auction to start at 6:00pm on Sunday. A volunteer sign up sheet is in the back of church if you would like to donate your time. You may also bring donations of food (i.e. pies, cinnamon rolls, cookies, etc) to the concession stand on Saturday morning to sale throughout the tournament. Hamburger is also needed but will need to have before the tournament. Donations for the chance stand, auction or wheel are also very much welcomed and appreciated. If you have any questions or items for donations, please contact Kenny or Diane Schmitz at 785-336-6252.

THE AXTELL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be collecting baby clothes and child care needs. Locally needed items are diapers, baby wiped and clothing for newborn to one year old. ANY baby items new or slightly used are appreciated. What isn't used locally will go to Birthright in Topeka or Manhattan. There will be a crib in back of church.

HOLY HUMOR

**A young mother and her five-year old daughter were driving to a fast food restaurant. On their way, two fire trucks and an ambulance raced past them. As was her custom, the mother offered a prayer for whoever was in trouble. Then she asked her daughter if she would like to pray, too. "Dear Jesus," the little girl said, "Please don't let that be an accident in front of the restaurant."

GOD'S BEAUTIFUL PLAN FOR LOVE AND SEXUALITY—(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 from 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!

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE--January 22, 2013 marks the 40th anniversary of the tragic Roe V. Wade decision. Plan on joining the March for Life in Topeka on Tuesday January 22. Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann is the main celebrant at the Mass at 11:00AM at the performance hall at TPAC. There are workshops prior to Mass. The Rally for Life is on the south steps of the Capitol at 1:00PM and Governor Brownback is speaking. Please plan on participating and standing for life. More details can be found at www.kfl.org. For more information check the bulletin board in back of church.

LIVING IN LOVE RETREAT--The Archdiocese is setting up another **LIVING IN LOVE** retreat for married couples at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Seneca, the weekend of March 2nd & 3rd, for the Year of Faith. Please register as soon as possible by going online at www.archkck.org/faith/livinginlove. If you have any questions please call the Sts. Peter & Paul parish office at 785-336-2128.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION—Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

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CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as "one mightier than I." But he did as Jesus asked, and the "Holy Spirit descended" and heaven's voice spoke to Jesus, "You are my beloved Son." Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today's second reading, he announces the heart of the message, "peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all." Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God's word.

