

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 20, 2013--SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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. 21--Fr. Bill Dineen

Tues.--Jan. 22--Cole Deters (Damian) For a Successful
Surgery

Wed.--Jan.23--Sister Generosa Walker, CSJ

Thurs.--Jan. 24--Florence Hulsing

Fri.--Jan. 25--St. Benedict--Herbert & Regina Niehaus

Sat.--Jan. 26--Bill Kuckelman

Sun.--Jan. 27--For the People of the Parishes

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**COLLECTIONS for January 13,2013--Plate: \$115.26,
Envelopes: \$1352.00, Cookbooks: \$10.00, Solemnity of
Mary: \$15.00, Church in Latin America: \$15.00, Total:
\$1507.26**

**ELEMENTARY CCD--Wednesday, January 23rd at
7:30PM.**

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

**THE NEXT INQUIRY CLASS will be on Sunday, Janu-
ary 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 collec-
tion next weekend. Our parish goal is \$7,637.87. Please
give generously to support the ministries of the Church of
Northeast Kansas.**

**THANK YOU to the United Bank & Trust for supplying
cups and napkins for the Elementary Religion program.**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS --It was suggested to have
hand sanitizer in church for the Eucharistic Minister. There
will be 2 bottles sitting on a table south of the altar. Please
use when coming up to give out communion.**

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS for 2012 are in back
of church. Please pick when you have the chance to do so.**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION--Next week, we will take up
the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Latin
American Catholics are often characterized by their warm,
humble, and passionate hearts. They have been blessed by
a rich culture as well as natural resources. However, in
these times of economic struggle, poverty and violence are
still major obstacles in their daily lives. Your support
helps give hope to people in the region, especially the
youth who seek to live faith. It is more important than ever
that we support the Church in Latin America and the Carib-
bean. Please give generously in next week's Collection.**

LOOKING GOOD

The best mirror is a friend's eyes.

—Gaelic proverb

Ministries for January 27, 2013--Third Ordinary Time

Cross: Gage Palic

Servers: Shayla Heiman, Garrett Randel

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Sudbeck, Brianna Uphaus, Mary
Schmitz, Don Lueger, Brian Holthaus

Lector: Gilbert Schmitz

Commentator: Nancy Sudbeck

Ushers: Doug Enneking & Eugene Fangman

Offertory Gifts: Gary & Anita Schmitz Family

Rosary: Brianna Uphaus

Organist: Kayla Sudbeck

Cantor/Songleader: Julie Sudbeck



The Conversion
of St. Paul

**Remember in your prayers those who are sick, taking treat-
ments, hospitalized or still recovering: Donna Hulsing, Elijah
James Ruegge, Michelle (Damian) Buessing, Odelia Sudbeck,
Jackie Olberding, Jordan Sudbeck, Leroy Tangeman, Nancy De-
ters, 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. Serv-
ing 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 STU-
DENT 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 neces-
sary:**

- 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.

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.

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.

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.

BAILEYVILLE SACRED HEART COOKBOOKS have come in. Please contact Gloria Heiman at 336-1703 if you would like to purchase one.

ST ANN'S ALTAR SOCIETY OF STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH, will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 27, 2013. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee will be served from 7 AM to 1 PM. Freewill donation.

COUPLE TO COUPLE LEAGUE invites you to a wine and cheese reception with an uplifting presentation by Dino and Cathy Durando entitled "Natural Family Planning and the Virtue of Hope" on January 26th at 7:00PM. Email NFPkansascity@gmail.com for details.

HOLY HUMOR

A farmer didn't have a chance to unload his truck before church on Sunday. After the service, a little boy saw the big load and asked, "What've you got in your truck?"
"Fertilizer," the farmer replied.
"What are you going to do with it?" the boy asked.
"Put it on strawberries" the farmer answered.
"You ought to come home with us," the boy said.
"We put sugar and whipped cream on ours."

Mother Teresa was once asked by a reporter, "What's wrong in the Church today?" She answered, "You and I, Sir, we are what's wrong, for we are 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.

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.

PRAIRE STAR RANCH JR. High Youth Rally will be on February 24, 2013 from 10AM to 4PM. Registration begins at 9:30AM. This year we are featuring popular Catholic Presenter Jesse Manibusan. Our theme is Faith: Love It, Learn It, Live It. Great for Confirmation Day Retreat. If you have any Questions please call Rich Cheek at 913-284-1725.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Saturday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.

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A VISIBLE GOD

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to see, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult "public life" at his baptism by John. Today's Gospel reading tells us of his "first sign," providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.

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St. Mary's Parish Finance Council Minutes
January 14, 2013

The Finance Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman David Huerter. Members present were Fr Ed Oen, Wayne Schmitz, Leon Holthaus, Joyce Schmitz, and Mary Beth Haverkamp. John Haug was absent.

Father opened the meeting with a prayer. The quarterly and annual income and expense reports were presented and approved. Line items mentioned were the donation of \$30,000.00 from the Maurice Haug memorial and the lower cost of gas used compared to two years ago. Dave prepared an interesting comparison of account balances from two years and the present showing the parish to be in good financial standing. It was agreed to send \$50,000.00 to our savings account with the archdiocese.

Roof repairs were recently done to the church and heaters installed in the two bathrooms in church hall. No heater was installed in the kitchen bathroom at this time. The council discussed installing a heater and having the Altar Society pay for the expense or shutting off the water and not worrying about heating the area through the winter months. There were questions about the use of the second shower room after the school lease is up the end of June.

The council talked about the pending grant hearing in early February for the church foundation repair. Since the ramp and north steps would be replaced with the foundation repair, the council mentioned replacing the entire cement landing in front of church at that time too.

Father closed the meeting with a prayer. Next meeting will be April 8, 2013 at 7:00 pm.