

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 1, 2013--FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Regular Mass Schedule:

BAILEYVILLE---Saturday 7:00PM and Sunday 8:30AM

Weekday masses at 8:30 a.m. Monday thru Thursday

ST. BENEDICT---Sunday 10:00AM

Weekday mass---Friday 8:30AM

Mon.--Dec. 2--Baileyville--Art Heiman

Tues.--Dec. 3--Baileyville--Liv/Dec. Conrad Feldkamp
Family (10th Anniversary)

Wed.--Dec. 4---Baileyville--Gerhard Placke

Thurs.-Dec. 5--Baileyville--Liv/Dec. Raphael & Elmerina
Broxterman Family

Fri.--Dec. 6--St. Benedict--Ethel & Francis Rottinghaus

Fri.--Dec. 6--Baileyville--10:45AM--Gage Leishing

Sat.--Dec. 7--Baileyville--Liv/Dec. Lawrence Heiman
Family

Sun.-Dec. 8--Baileyville--People of the Parishes

Sun.-Dec. 8--St. Benedict--Alvin & Leona Lueger

COLLECTIONS for November 24, 2013--

Plate:\$90.00, Envelopes: \$1011.00, Stipends: \$5.00,
CCHD: \$645.00, Military Services: \$5.00, Rent: \$50.00,
Other: \$338.00, Total: \$2144.50.

CCD CLASSES--No Classes until January 22, 2014

ELEMENTARY RELIGION--Grades K-5, Wednesday,
December 4. Class after school.



ANGEL TREE--The CCD Classes will once again be sponsoring an "Angel Tree" community service project this year. Instructions will be by the tree in back of Church. Angel Tree items need to be dropped off at the Church no later than December 1, 2013.

CYO will be having a Silent Auction today, Sunday, December 1, 2013 after Mass.

WORKBOOKS for Lectors are available for the beginning of Advent (Nov. 30 & Dec. 1) in the sacristy. Thanks so much to all readers for proclaiming God's word to us at Mass.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION--Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas' mission has supported refugee women with their New Roots program. Each woman received access to 1/4 acre of land, supplies, seeds and water. Last season, 17 refugee women sold over \$120,000 of produce to contribute to their family's income. Please be generous to the Christmas collection.

SPECIAL COLLECTION--Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful. Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES TYPHOON HAIYAN COLLECTION will be today, December 1.

THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT--There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know: His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

YET TO DO--One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.

Ministries for December 8, 2013--Second Sunday of Advent

Cross: Faith Henry

Servers: Craig Olberding & Jacob Koelzer

Eucharistic Ministers: Don Lueger, Anita Schmitz, Betty Olberding, Nicole Sudbeck, Cameron Haug

Lector: David Huerter

Commentator: Connie Huerter

Ushers: Bob Macke & Nick Huerter

Gift Bearers: Dennis & Leanna Rottinghaus Family

Rosary: Don Lueger

Guitarist: Theresa & Laura Sudbeck, Tammy, Rachel & Cory Holthaus



Remember in your prayers those who are sick, taking treatments, hospitalized or still recovering: Donna Hulsing, Elijah James Ruegge, Michelle (Damian) Buessing,, Jackie Olberding, Leroy Tangeman, Nancy Deters, Martha Engelken, Brad Bowhay, Margie Miller,, Ben Niehues, Ivan Rottinghaus, Gilbert Schmitz, , Leonard & Clara Krogman, Aiden Berkhart, Lyle Rottinghaus, Monica Olberding Countryman, Anna Marie Kuckelman, Brad Hammes.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME is every 3rd Wednesday at 1:30PM. December, 2013--Donna Sudbeck, Donna Nordhus, Betty Sudbeck (J), Marlene Deters, Joan Schmitz, Gladys Rottinghaus, Sara Rottinghaus, Sara Nordhus.

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Corning--Sunday, December 8 at 3PM

Wetmore--Sunday, December 8 at 7PM

Onaga--Sunday, December 8 at 7PM

Baileyville--Sunday, December 15 at 3PM

Frankfort--Sunday, December 15 at 3pm

Kelly--Sunday, December 15 at 3PM

Sabetha--Sunday, December 15 at 7PM

Seneca--Sunday, December 22 at 3PM

Marysville--Sunday, December 22 at 7PM

St. Benedict--Sunday, December 22 at 7PM.

17TH ANNUAL WORLDWIDE CANDLE Lighting Vigil for the Compassionate Friends will be held Sunday, December 8th. Everyone is invited to light a candle in their home from 7 to 8PM., in memory of all children who have died, but are not forgotten. Please remember those families that have experienced such a devastating loss that evening in your prayers and honor the children by lighting a candle in their memory. The Seneca Chapter of Compassionate Friends is also planning their own candle that evening. For more information about the event, or the Seneca Chapter, please contact Gloria Knight at 336.3691.

BAILEYVILLE K of C SOUP DAY--Sunday, Dec. 8 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM at Sacred heart Parish Hall. Serving Chili , Beef & Chicken Noodle Soup and Ham sandwiched. Free Will Offering. Proceeds to area charities.

CHWC--Ticket sales to help raise funds for the Workcamp are available for the pork chop/chicken dinner on New Year's Eve from 5:00PM to 9:00PM in the Sacred Heart Church Hall, Baileyville. Tickets are Pork Chop/Chicken Dinner for \$13 in advance or \$16 at the door, hot dog meal \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Call Janet Schmitz for tickets at 336.2526. Thank you for your support.

B & B ALL SCHOOL PLAY will be Sunday, December 8, 2013 at 7PM.

Hall & Church is spoken for on these dates for 2013

- Nov. 28--Scott Thanksgiving--Hall
- Dec. 1--Tangeman-Hall
- Dec. 8--Osterhaus Reunion--Hall
- Dec. 15--Schmitz--Hall
- Dec. 21--Bergman Reunion--Hall
- Dec. 25--Scott Christmas--Hall
- Dec. 28--Lueger Christmas--Hall
- Dec. 29--Justin Schmitz --Hall

Hall & Church is spoken for on these dates for 2014:

- Jan 2 thru 31—Facelift for church hall
- Feb. 1-2--Soup Day--Hall
- March 1--Shane Roeber & Wendy Strathman--Church
- March 21--Haverkamp Wedding Rehearsal Dinner--Hall
- March 22--Celene Haverkamp-Holthaus Wedding--Church
- March 23--George Holthaus 95th Birthday Party--Hall
- March 29--Jesslyn Deters & Dustin Gillickson--Church
- April 5--St. Patrick Day Parade--IRISH FEST-Hall
- May 18--Huerter Graduation--Hall
- June 11--Annual Hall Cleaning
- June 20--23 Annual Picnic--Hall
- June 21--Mitchel Schmitz & Marissa Mosqueda--Church
- June 28--Rachel Holthaus-Adam Ronnebaum Wedding--Church
- Aug. 3--Schmitz Reunion--Hall
- Oct. 11--Jill Rottinghaus/Haverkamp Wedding--Church
- Oct. 18--Mark Sudbeck & Kristina Kronos--Church
- Dec. 20--Bergman Christmas--Hall

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 purple now. Cost of candles are now \$5.00. Inserts are \$3.00.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Dec. 1, 15, 2013
- Jan. 5, 19, Feb. 2, 16, March 2, 16, April 13, May 4, 11, 2014

IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION TAX FREE--If you are at least 70 1/2 years old and required to take a minimum distribution from your retirement plan you have until December 31, 2013 to make a direct federal income tax-free-rollover to the parish (or any qualifying charity) that counts toward your minimum distribution. There is no minimum gift size and the maximum tax free gift from your IRA is \$100,000. This provision has not been renewed past the end of the year. To qualify distribution checks must be made payable to a qualifying charity. For more information or assistance with your gift contact the parish office or The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas at 913.647.0365.

YEAR END GIFTS OF STOCK--Appreciated assets such as stocks make attractive year-end gifts because stocks gifted to the parish or another qualifying charity may qualify to avoid capital gains taxes. Gifts mailed or delivered by December 31 may qualify for a tax deduction in 2013. Contact the parish office or The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas at 913.647.0365.



It was Christmas and the judge was in a merry mood as he asked the prisoner, "What are you charged with?" "Doing my Christmas shopping early," replied the defendant. "That's no offense," said the judge. "How early were you doing this shopping." "Before the store opened," countered the prisoner.

They even have a Dial-A-Prayer for atheists now. It rings and rings but nobody answers.

NATIONAL SHRINE'S CHARITY AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAM for High School Seniors is to encourage and honor charity and social service among our youth. The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas invited high school seniors to submit a video, single student video or group video, demonstrating their outstanding corporal and spiritual works of mercy. **Please send us your videos by April 11, 2014 to youthadmin@archkck.org.** The Office of Evangelization and Catholic Formation for Youth will then submit the nominee videos to the National Shrine's Charity and Social Service Program for submission.

TEC (Teen's Encounter with Christ) will be on November 9, 10 and 11 at Prairie Star Ranch. For more information go to www.archkck.org/tec or Rick Cheek at youth2archkck.org.

MARIAN SHRINES & ROME PILGRIMAGE with Archbishop Naumann commemorating the 25th Anniversary "Catholic foundation of Northeast Kansas is on October 7-14, 2014. For more information Unitours at 1.800.777.7432 or mpisano@unitours.com.

ST. COLUMBKILLE'S Catholic Church, Blaine, Ks., will hold its annual **CHRISTMAS FIESTA** on Saturday, December 7th, at their new church hall from 8AM to 1:30PM. Homemade candies and cookies will be sold by the pound and approximately 20 craft vendors will be selling their wares! Full concessions include homemade cinnamon rolls, various soups, ham sandwiched and pie. Come get your Christmas baking done, have lunch and pick up a few Christmas gifts! Call 785.396.4328 for more information.

BREAKFAST BUFFET will be on Sunday, December 8 from 9AM to 1PM at the Summerfield Community Center. Freewill offering. Proceeds towards café project in Summerfield.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION-- Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
- Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier
- Wednesday: St. John Damascene
- Friday: St. Nicholas
- Saturday: St. Ambrose; First Friday Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day



**First Sunday of Advent
 December 1, 2012**
 I will raise up for David a just shoot;
 he shall do what is right and just in the land.
 —Jeremiah 33:15