

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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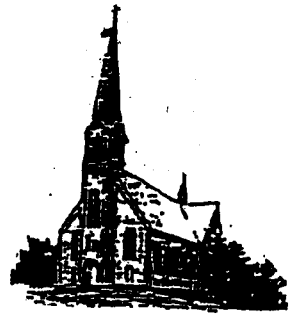
Mass Schedule: Sunday Morning 10:00 AM

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 8, 2013--SECOND 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. 9--Baileyville--Reva Olberding

Tues.--Dec. 10--Baileyville--No Mass at Baileyville--Bill

Buessing--Mass @ Life Care at 11:00AM

Wed.--Dec. 11--Baileyville--Liv/Dec. Henry & Clara Meyer Family

Thurs.--Dec. 12--Baileyville--Gene Heiman

Fri.--Dec. 13--St. Benedict--Rosella Bergman

Sat.--Dec. 14--Baileyville--Ignatius & Odelia Sudbeck

Sun.--Dec. 15--Baileyville--People of the Parishes

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COLLECTIONS for December 1, 2013--Plate:

\$104.00, Envelopes: \$1120.50, Stipends: \$15.00, Hall

Rent: \$50.00, CRS Typhoon Haiyan: \$650.00, Other:

\$26.62, Total: \$1966.12

ELEMENTARY RELIGION--Grades K-5, Wednesday, December 12. No Class.

PENANCE SERVICES will be at Sacred Heart Baileyville at 3PM on December 15 and at St. Mary's Church, St. Benedict on Sunday, December 22 at 7PM.

SPECIAL COLLECTION--Help aging sisters, brothers and religious order priests. "Each year the need to provide for our elderly (members) becomes more pressing, and we are ever more grateful for these providential funds," writes a religious sister about the financial assistance received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation helps provide necessities such as prescription medication and nursing care. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

QUO VADIS RETREAT--Archbishop Naumann and the seminarians of the Archdiocese challenge single men ages 18-35 to discern with them the priesthood of our local Church. The annual Quo Vadis retreat December 20-22, Savior Pastoral Center, forms men in prayer, discernment and sacrifice and opens them to their deepest and most fulfilling vocation through prayer, Mass and short conferences. No obligation just opportunity. Accept the challenge by learning more and registering early at www.kckvocations.com or email vocations@archkck.org.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION--Can you image being hungry? Can you image your baby being hungry? Most of Catholic Charities' Emergency Assistance Centers requests are for food. Your help is needed now more than ever. Please donate to the Catholic Charities Christmas collection.

CHRISTMAS MASS at St. Mary's, St. Benedict is on December 24th at 4:00PM. New Year's Day Mass is on January 1, 2014 at 10:00AM.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS--Christmas poinsettias may once be purchased as memorials this holiday season. Please put \$15 in the collection basket for each memorial with the name of your loved one by December 22. Thank you.

JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE--Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it.

Ministries for December 15, 2013--Third Sunday of Advent

Cross: Dylan Lortscher

Servers: Caleb Bradley & Kyle Haverkamp

Eucharistic Ministers: Will Henry, Brianna Uphaus, Diane Schmitz, Maurice Feldkamp, Duana Huerter

Lector: Alan Schmitz

Commentator: Cindy Murphy

Ushers: David Huerter & Dennis Koelzer

Gift Bearers: Cyril & Joyce Schmitz Family

Rosary: David Huerter

Organist: Nicole Sudbeck & Amanda Stallbaumer

Cantor: Staci Haug

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.

POSSIBILITIES--Nothing is impossible for God and his Blessed Mother.



Hall & Church is spoken for on these dates for 2013

- Dec. 1--Tangeman--Hall
- Dec. 8--Osterhaus Reunion--Hall
- Dec. 15--Gary Schmitz--Hall
- Dec. 21--Bergman Reunion--Hall
- Dec. 22--Mike Schmitz--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 Roever & Wendy Strathmam--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

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.

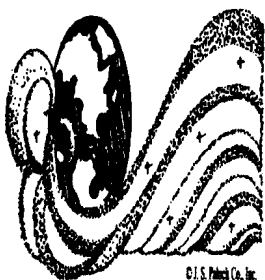
CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Dec. 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 .

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.



**Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2013**

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea.

— *Isaiah 11:9*

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace" is the often-memorized definition of sacrament, but through four decades of reform we have rediscovered the power of sacrament to bestow grace by reshaping our lives as individuals and communities. Not so long ago, most people were not attentive to the nature of sacrament as an act of the Church, a power that flows from the Body of Christ. Fifty years ago, we were inclined to see a sacrament as an encounter between Christ and an individual.

Today, we see that definition does not go far enough. God's grace is not a trickle, but a gushing torrent washing over the whole Church. Like a photographer pulling back the camera for a broader picture, today we are not only interested in the person who is being baptized, reconciled, or anointed. We think about how celebrating a sacrament transforms a community. We think about the grace given by Christ to the community that baptizes or marries or ordains or confirms.

Sacraments are for the good of the community. Even when it appears to be a private, hidden moment, as in individual confession, a sacrament is always for the sake of the whole body, always more than "meet the eye."

WONDERS--The normal response to a surprise is amazement, gratitude, and delight. By definition, we don't anticipate surprises. Their occurrence reminds us that we cannot always guess or shape the future. Granted, we do what we can do; we attend to the daily tasks, as we must. For grace is surely here in the mundane, and God is in the details. But God is in the happy surprises, too. Today's readings are filled with startling developments. We hear the clarion cry of one of those rare prophets announcing the coming of the Lord. Isaiah proclaims startling, surprising images of the nearly impossible reconciliation of opposites: calf and lion, leopard and young goat, child and serpent. Isaiah's vision sees all of these creatures living in harmony. This is Eden again; this is paradise. It is God's surprise and promise.



"I DON'T LIKE TO SPREAD GOSSIP, PASTOR, BUT WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO WITH IT?"

St. Mary's Church ministry schedule

Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector Commentator	Ushers	Gift bearers	Rosary Leader	Music
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT						
Sunday December 15, 2013	10:00 AM					
CROSS: Dylan Lortscher SERVERS: Caleb Bradley Kyle Haverkamp	Will Henry Brianna Uphaus Diane Schmitz Maurice Feldkamp Duana Huerter	Lector Alan Schmitz Commentator Cindy Murphy	David Huerter Dennis Koelzer	Cyril & Joyce Schmitz Family	David Huerter	Organist: Nicole Sudbeck Amanda Stallbaumer Cantor/Song leader: Staci Haug
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT						
Sunday December 22, 2013	10:00 AM					
CROSS: Madison Lortscher SERVERS: Cole Engelken Hannah Scott	Ferdie Deters Betty Bergman Evelyn Rottinghaus Megan Sudbeck Aryn Holthaus	Lector Nancy Sudbeck Commentator Elmer Ronnebaum	David Nordhus Kevin Nordhus	Gary & Anita Schmitz Family	Kenny Schmitz	Organist: Marilyn Holthaus Cantor/Song leader: Kayla Sudbeck
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD						
Tuesday December 24, 2013	4:00 PM					
CROSS: Jacob Schmitz SERVERS: Marissa Randel Cory Heiman	Troy Nordhus Ashley Schmitz Mary Schmitz Tyler Schmitz Lucas Sudbeck	Lector Brianna Uphaus Commentator Dan Tangeman	PARISH COUNCIL	Carter Rottinghaus Carter Sudbeck Katie Tangeman Hailey Nordhus Emma Stallbaumer Spencer Coup	No organized Rosary Please enjoy the pre-Mass Music	Organist: Marlene Deters ADULT CHOIR Cantor/Song leader: Tammy Holthaus
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH						
Sunday December 29, 2013	10:00 AM					
CROSS: Savannah Engelken SERVERS: Gage Palic Nate Deters	Kevin Nordhus Connie Huerter Brian Holthaus Scott Olberding Katrina Sudbeck	Lector Paul Strathman Commentator Lisa Holthaus	Troy Nordhus Albert Olberding Jr.	Kenny & Diane Schmitz Family	Cindy Murphy	Organist: Kayla Sudbeck Cantor/Song leader: Kelsey Bradley
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD						
Wed. January 1, 2014	10:00 AM					
CROSS: Rachel Schmitz SERVERS: Andrew Wichman Ryan Sudbeck	Leon Holthaus Arlene Holthaus Sara Nordhus Kevin Sudbeck Robert Engelken	Lector Joanie Holthaus Commentator David Huerter	Kevin Palic Rupert Rethman	Mike & Linda Schmitz Family	Dan Tangeman	Organist: Marlene Deters Cantor/Song leader: TBD
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD						
Sunday January 5, 2014	10:00 AM					
CROSS: Karly Tangeman SERVERS: Joseph Stallbaumer Isabella Sudbeck	Lisa Holthaus (B) Wayne Schmitz Carol Schmitz Charity Henry Jason Haverkamp	Lector Karly Tangeman Brayden Uphaus Petitions Addy Holthaus	Elmer Ronnebaum Ardan Rottinghaus	Karly Tangeman Haley Holthaus Addy Holthaus	Brianna Uphaus	Organist: Marilyn Holthaus Cantor/Song leader: Katrina Sudbeck
BAPTISM OF THE LORD						
Sunday January 12, 2014	10:00 AM					
CROSS: Amber Blume SERVERS: Brad Schmitz Shayla Heiman	Albert Olberding Laurie Strathman Janelle Schmitz Marsha Korber Ferdie Deters	Lector Connie Huerter Commentator Alan Schmitz	Bob Rottinghaus Dennis Rottinghaus	Richard & Arlene Schmitz Family	Rupert Rethman	MUSICIANS: Laura & Theresa Sudbeck Cory, Rachel & Tammy Holthaus
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME						
Sunday January 19, 2014	10:00 AM					
CROSS: Devon Siess SERVERS: Luke Holthaus Trevor Holthaus	Anita Schmitz Brianna Uphaus Betty Olberding Dylan Schmitz Maurice Feldkamp	Lector Elmer Ronnebaum Commentator Lisa Holthaus	Wayne Rottinghaus Norman Schmelzle	Wayne & Carol Schmitz Family	Paul Strathman	Organist: Marlene Deters Cantor/Song leader: Megan Sudbeck

*** Please make advance arrangements for your substitute if you cannot participate at your scheduled time.***