

**ST.MARY'S CHURCH**

**Father Edward Oen, C.PP. S. Pastor**

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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 15, 2013--THIRD 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. 16--Baileyville**--Liv/Dec. Vernice & Mildred Haug Family

**Tues.--Dec. 17 --Baileyville**--Liv/Dec. Raphael & Elmerina Broxterman

**Wed.--Dec. 18--Baileyville**--Mass @ 3:30PM--Liv/Dec. George & Elizabeth Olberding Family

**Thurs.-Dec.19--Baileyville**--Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

**Fri.--Dec. 20--St. Benedict**--Greg & Henrietta Holthaus

**Sat.--Dec. 21--Baileyville**--Elmer Koelzer & Bill Kuckelman

**Sun.-Dec. 22--Baileyville**--Liv/Dec. Nick Holthaus Family

**Sun.-Dec. 22--St. Benedict**--Clemens & Cyrilla Sudbeck

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**COLLECTIONS for December 8, 2013**--Plate: \$55.00, Envelopes: \$465.00, Immaculate Conception: \$447.00, Hall Rent: \$50.00, Stola: \$250.00, CRS Typhoon Haiyan: \$120.00, Catholic Charities: \$15.00, Retirement Fund: \$849.00, Total: \$2251.00.

**ELEMENTARY RELIGION**--Grades K-5, Wednesday, December 18. Mass and class after school.

**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**--Catholic Charities' emergency assistance Resource Bus meets demands for assistance and reduces transportation barriers faced by the poor. In partnership with local service agencies and governments, the bus is systematically deployed throughout the 21 county area of the Archdiocese. Your donation to the Christmas collection helps your neighbors in need.

**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.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** will be on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 7PM. We will be practicing for Christmas. New voices welcomed!!

**BLOOD DRIVE** is scheduled for Friday, December 27, 2013 from 8 AM to 2PM at the Community Building in Seneca. Walk-ins welcomed. Appointments can be made by contacting Marilyn Holthaus at 336-3360.

**Ministries for December 22, 2013--Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Cross:** Madison Lortscher

**Servers:** Cole Engelken & Hannah Scott

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ferdie Deters, Betty Bergman, Evelyn Rottinghaus, Megan Sudbeck, Arlyn Holthaus

**Lector:** Nancy Sudbeck

**Commentator:** Elmer Ronnebaum

**Ushers:** David Nordhus & Kevin Nordhus

**Gift Bearers:** Gary & Anita Schmitz Family

**Rosary:** Kenny Schmitz

**Organist:** Marilyn Holthaus

**Cantor:** Kayla Sudbeck

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**Ministries for December 24, 2014--The Nativity of the Lord**

**Cross:** Jacob Schmitz

**Servers:** Marissa Randel & Cory Heiman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Troy Nordhus, Ashley Schmitz, Mary Schmitz, Tyler Schmitz, Lucas Sudbeck

**Lector:** Brianna Uphaus

**Commentator:** Dan Tangeman

**Ushers:** Parish Council

**Gift Bearers:** Carter Rottinghaus, Carter Sudbeck, Katie Tangeman, Hailey Nordhus, Emma Stallbaumer, Spencer Coup

**Rosary:** No Rosary-Pre-Mass Music

**Organist:** Marlene Deters

**Cantor:** Tammy Holthaus & Adult Choir

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**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, Arlene Schmitz.

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**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.

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**ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**

**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.**

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**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.

**LORD OF ALL**--Jesus Christ will be Lord of all, or he will not be Lord at all.



**Hall & Church is spoken for on these dates for 2013**

- 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
- Jan. 6--Finance Council Meeting--7pm
- Jan. 6--Parish Council--8pm
- Feb. 1-2--Soup Day--Hall
- Feb. 15--Robert Rottinghaus--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 Kronen--Church
- Dec. 20--Bergman Christmas--Hall

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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](http://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.

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**CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Dec. 15, 2013  
Jan. 5, 19, Feb. 2, 16, March 2, 16, April 13, May 4, 11, 2014  
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**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 in 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 .  
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Alex was five; all his Christmas presents were always signed, 'from Father Christmas.'  
A little while after Alex had opened all his presents on Christmas morning, we became aware that he was looking quite down in the mouth for no obvious reason.  
"What's the matter, Al?" the father asked.  
'Ummmmm,' replied Alex slowly, "I really hoped that you and Mommy would give me something for Christmas.'

**PERSPECTIVE**

A mountain shames a molehill until they both are humbled by the stars.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.archkck.org/tec) or Rick Cheek at [youth2archkck.org](mailto:youth2archkck.org).

**MARIAN SHRINES & ROME PILGRIMAGE** with Archbishop Naumann commemorating the 25th Anniversary "Catholic foundation of Northeast Kansas is on October 7-14, 2014. Fore more information Unitours at 1.800.777.7432 or [mpisano@unitours.com](mailto:mpisano@unitours.com).  
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**PROMISE FULFILLED**



Today's readings address the faithful one, the one who waits on God but may not feel God's presence. Every person who seeks God has at one time or another experienced the absence of God. Jesus himself cried out during his dark night of the soul.

The Epistle of James speaks to this. The author says that we must be as patient as the silent, fallow earth that awaits the slow, soaking rains of winter and the hard, necessary rains of spring. As the farmer is sure of the precious yield of the land, we can be sure of the precious yield of our patient waiting. God is never far away. The messengers from John the Baptizer asked Jesus if he was the one whose coming John had announced. The messengers wanted to hear the answer that the imprisoned John already knew. Everything that John said was finally happening: because of Jesus, light shines in eyes; words of promise are received; people leap and dance. The promise of Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus. Wobbly knees and feeble hands are strong, the desert blooms, the savanna and steppe flower, the darkness is chased away.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**--Religious give thanks. "Thank you for accompanying us as we care for our elder sisters," writes a religious superior. Your gift to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps support nearly 34,000 sisters, brothers and religious order priests past age 70. May God bless you abundantly for your goodness.

**POPE FRANCIS** has captured the imagination of the world. His is the most searched-for name on the internet. He is the most talked about person on Facebook. And he's TIME's Person of the Year.

But who is Pope Francis. Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio? As you know, the Knights of Columbus has worked to bring Pope Francis and his message to the world in a variety of ways. Now, our documentary film on his life is available on DVD.

Francis: The Pope From the New World is available at Amazon.com , The hour-long film traces the remarkable rise of our new Holy Father and features interviews from around the world, with close friends, fellow priests, co-workers, his biographer and the poor of Buenos Aires.

Whether you want to give this as a Christmas gift or order it for your personal or family collection, this documentary will help those who watch it to learn even more about our pope and how to answer his call to increase faith in service to God and neighbor.

Any profits made by K of C from this film will be donated to Pope Francis.

**THE LOOK OF LOVE**

What does love look like? It has feet to go to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others.