

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 22, 2013--FOURTH 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. 23--Baileyville--Liv/Dec. Merlin Deters

Family

Tues.--Dec. 24--St. Benedict--4PM Christmas Eve Mass

Francis Tangeman

Tues.--Dec. 24 --Baileyville--7:30PM Christmas Eve

Mass--People of the Parishes

Wed.--Dec. 25--Baileyville--9:00AM Christmas Day

Mass--Marvin & Anna Oen Family

Thurs.--Dec.26--Baileyville--People of the Parishes

Fri.--Dec. 27--St. Benedict--Special Int. Raymond & Joan

Schmitz

Sat.--Dec. 28--Baileyville--Liv/ Dec. Alvin Deters Family

Sun.-Dec. 29--Baileyville--People of the Parishes

Sun.-Dec. 29--St. Benedict--Liv/Dec.Porting/Peschel

Families

COLLECTIONS for December 15, 2013--Plate:

\$92.00, Envelopes: \$1992.00, Stipends: \$20.00, Retirement Fund: \$100.00, Christmas Flowers: \$30.00, Donation: \$1000.00, African Seminarians: \$500.00, Immaculate Conception: \$25.00, Total : \$3759.00.

REMEMBER Leonard Schmitz in your prayers . His funeral was Friday Dec. 20, 2013. May the lord grant him eternal life. Sympathy to his mother Mary Ann and his sisters , their families and all his relatives.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM FATHER ED--May Jesus, our Savior, fill your hearts with a renewed love and joy on Christmas and throughout 2014! Thanks so much for remembering me in your prayers, for your beautiful Christmas cards, warm wishes and your thoughtful gifts!

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON will continue till the feast of the Baptism of Jesus on January 12. Please continue to sing Christmas hymns all during this season. We continue to thank and praise God for sending His only Son to save us from our sins and to raise us up to become sons and daughters of the Father, brothers and sisters to Jesus and temples of the Holy Spirit.

CHRISTMAS MASS at St. Mary's, St. Benedict is on December 24th at 4:00PM. Sacred Heart, Baileyville Christmas Eve Mass at 7:30PM and Christmas Day Mass at 9:00AM. New Year's Day Mass is on January 1, 2014 at 10:00AM at St. Benedict.

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.

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Seneca--Sunday, December 22 at 3PM-

Marysville--Sunday, December 22 at 7PM

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



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2013**

They shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

— Matthew 1:23

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 & Marilyn Holthaus

Flutist: Taylor Holthaus & Katrina Sudbeck

Trumpet: Kayla Sudbeck

Soloists & Guitarist: Rachel Holthaus

Soloists: Kayla Sudbeck, Kelsey Bradley, Staci Haug

Cantor: Tammy Holthaus & Adult Choir

Ministries For December 29, 2013--The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Cross: Savannah Engelken

Servers: Gage Palic & Nate Deters

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Nordhus, Connie Huerter, Brian Holthaus, Scott Olberding, Katrina Sudbeck

Lector: Paul Strathman

Commentator: Lisa Holthaus

Ushers: Troy Nordhus & Albert Olberding, Jr.

Offertory Gifts: Kenny & Diane Schmitz Family

Rosary: Cindy Murphy

Organist: Kayla Sudbeck

Cantor: Kelsey Bradley

Ministries for January 1, 2014--Solemnity of Mary

Cross: Rachel Schmitz

Servers: Andrew Wichman & Ryan Sudbeck

Eucharistic Ministers: Leon Holthaus, Arlene Holthaus, Sara Nordhus, Kevin Sudbeck, Robert Engelken

Lector: Joanie Holthaus

Commentator: David Huerter

Ushers: Kevin Palic & Rupert Rethman

Offertory Gifts: Mike & Linda Schmitz

Rosary: Dan Tangeman

Organist: Marlene Deters

Cantor: TBD

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, Ivan Rottinghaus, Gilbert Schmitz, Leonard & Clara Krogman, Aiden Berkhart, Lyle Rottinghaus, Monica Olberding Countryman, Anna Marie Kuckelman, Brad Hammes, Arlene Schmitz.

BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME is every 3rd Wednesday at 1:30PM.



Hall & Church is spoken for on these dates for 2013

- 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

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

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.

CHRISTMAS



A young mother, her eyes shining with fatigue, who is arranging her hair; a father who finds himself alone with his pretty wife and baby, straightening the stable to make himself useful in some way; shepherds who bring cheese and perhaps also some curdled milk; sheep who look at their shepherds while bleating; a donkey who is eyeing his manger changed into a cradle; an adorable swaddled baby whom one calls Savior, Christ and Lord: This is the manifestation of the goodness and the tenderness of God. This is the most fantastic birth in the history of humanity, the one which changed the face of the world! This is how far God humbled and compromised himself with us! This is Emmanuel!

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.

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.

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.

FREE MOVIE OF THE FILM-MARY OF NAZARETH

It will be shown on Wednesday, January 1st at the Seneca Twin Theatre. This is a highly acclaimed production on the life of the Blessed Mother. A limited amount of FREE tickets are available for showings at 1PM and 4PM. The movie length 2 1/2 hrs. No tickets are available for purchase. Tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Roxie Schmitz at 336.1108. (This movie is not suitable for very young children). Although it is not rated, we would probably rate it a PG. Parental Guidance is advised. Parents should be aware that there are some scenes that might be too intense for their children, such as the murder of the innocents by King Herod as well as the crucifixion scenes.

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How many languages do you know? Most Americans might say they have a primary language, can follow the basics of another encountered in school or in the workplace, and maybe know the barest elements of a third. Yet nearly everyone is fluent in languages of symbol and ritual, languages that transcend the spoken word and may perhaps communicate more clearly. A dance, the delights of the table, the thrill of sport, the power of a painting, a shared silence on a surf-washed beach or under a desert sky, a burst of delighted applause, all communicate without a single word. Sacrament empowers fluency in these languages. A little girl returning from Mass where a baby had been baptized was asked to summarize her day thus far. "I went to church, and some little baby became my brother." That's far more accurate than the adult's remark, "There was a baptism at Mass today." When we celebrate sacrament, Christ is always calling us into deeper fluency with the languages beyond speech. Sacraments open our senses to the presence of God precisely so we can respond to the depth of that love more fully.

"What did you learn in Sunday school today, honey?" a mother asked her son.
"Not enough, I guess," replied the young boy. "They want me to come back again next week!"

A young boy really wanted to be Joseph in the Sunday school Christmas play. Instead, the teacher cast him as the innkeeper—and the boy was obviously displeased. On the night of the play, the children playing Mary and Joseph knocked on the door and asked the boy, as the innkeeper, if he had a room for them at the inn.
"Sure," he replied. "I've got lots of room. Come on in!"