

**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 5, 2014--THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**



**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.-Jan 6--Baileyville--For all the Oens**

**Tues.-Jan 7-Baileyville--Gene Heiman**

**Wed.-Jan. 8--Baileyville--Reva Olberding**

**Thurs.-Jan. 9--Baileyville--Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life**

**Fri.-Jan. 10--St. Benedict-8:30AM--Zita Bergman**

**Sat.-Jan. 11--Baileyville--Ignatius & Odelia Sudbeck**

**Sun.-Jan. 12-Baileyville--People of the Parishes**

**Sun.-Jan. 12-St. Benedict--Lucille Melcher Wichman & Leonard & Ambrose Schmitz**

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**COLLECTIONS for December 29 2013--Plate: \$218.00, Envelopes: \$1424.50, Other: \$33.81, REA Capital Credit: \$485.58, Hall Rent: \$50.00, Stola: \$120.00, Total: \$2331.89. January 1, 2014--Plate: \$52.00, Envelopes: \$325.00, Total: \$377.00.**

**GOD' NEW CHILD** Layne Emmett Holthaus, son of Ryan & Ashley Holthaus, was washed in the saving waters of Baptism on December 22, 2013 here. Godparents are Darren Holthaus & Stacy Edelman. Congratulations!

**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.

**THE PARISH** would like to thank the Axtell K OF C's #1163 for obtaining of \$325 from the State K of C Charities Aid Foundation for our religious education.

**CCD CLASSES**--January 22, 2014 Grades 9-12 Normal CCD Classes. Grades 6-8 Confessions with Father in Church.

**ELEMENTARY CCD**--Wednesday, January 8 after school.

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7PM.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 8PM.

**THE NEXT INQUIRY CLASS** will be Sunday, January 12 at 7PM.

**BAILEYVILLE CYO BREAKFAST** will be Sunday, January 12 at the church hall. Serving pancakes, eggs and sausage from 7:30AM to 12:30PM. Freewill donation.

**BAILEYVILLE K OF C'S** will hold their annual basketball free throw contest in the B & B gyms on Sunday, January 12 at 1PM. Boys and girls 9-14 old are invited to participate.

**AXTELL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will again have a baby crib in the back of church, collecting baby supplies for local families in need of assistance. Baby clothes, diapers, baby wipes, shampoo, formula or any other baby supplies are appreciated. Thank You!

**Ministries for January 12, 2014--BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**Cross:** Amber Blume

**Servers:** Brad Schmitz & Shayla Heiman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Albert Olberding, Laurie Strathman, Janelle Schmitz, Marsha Korber, Ferdie Deters

**Lector:** Connie Huerter

**Commentator:** Alan Schmitz

**Ushers:** Bob Rottinghaus & Dennis Rottinghaus

**Offertory Gifts:** Richard & Arlene Schmitz Family

**Rosary:** Rupert Rethman

**Musicians:** Laura & Theresa Sudbeck, Cory, Rachel & Tammy Holthaus

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**UPCOMING ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS**

**St. Mary's Annual Soup Day** will be held Sunday, February 2, 2014. Serving will be from 11AM to 2PM. Circles 3 & 4 are in charge. We will be serving chili, vegetable beef, and chicken noodle soup along with pies and relishes. Free Will Offering. If any one would like to donate an item for the Chance Table, please contact Cindy Murphy at 336.6078 or any Altar Society Officer.

**Saturday, February 1st**--Officers come at 8AM and Circle Leaders 3 & 4 come at 8:30AM to prepare food and set up the hall.

**Sunday, February 2nd**— Officers come at 6:30AM and Circle Leaders 1, 2, 3, 4 come at 9AM to work Soup Day.

**CYO--JUNIORS and FRESHMAN** come from 10:30AM to 12:30PM. **SENIORS and SOPHOMORES** come from 12:30PM to the end. All of your help is GREATLY appreciated.

**Note:** If anyone has any extra whipped topping and especially ice cream bucket containers please feel free to donate them to the Altar Society Containers can be left in the back of church or at the rectory house on the back porch. Thank you.

**BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME** is every 3rd **Wednesday at 1:30PM.** January 2014--Mary Ann Schmitz, Heidi Holthaus, Shawn Hulsing, Susan Lueger, Mary Jane Fleming, Karen Holthaus (K), Beth Siess, Kim Sudbeck.

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

**SENECA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOUP DAY** will be Sunday, January 12th from 10AM to 2PM in the Sts. Peter & Paul parish hall. Serving chili, chicken noodle & vegetable soups, sandwiches, desserts, coffee and tea. The free will offering proceeds will go to support seminarians and religious vocations.

**SENECA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will host a Free Throw Contest on January 12th in the Sts. Peter & Paul gymnasium. Boys and girls ages 9-14 can participate. The contest will begin at 1PM and the gymnasium will open at 12:30PM. The contest is free of charge and open to the public.

**CAMP KATERITEKAKWITHA** 2014 registration for youth residential and family camp forms in back of church. Grades 5-12. If you are interested please pick a form.

**WE SHOULD** have great peace if we did not busy ourselves with what others say and do.



**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. 17--Sudbeck Rehearsal--Hall
- 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**

Jan. 5, 19, Feb. 2, 16, March 2, 16, April 13, May 4, 11, 2014

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Life hands us many epiphanies or "wake-up calls." A few years ago, a young couple adopted a two-year-old child in a morass of red tape, complications, and court hearings. At the baby's baptism, the priest suggested appending an "adoption blessing," wherein the new relationship was expressed and affirmed. There is a place in that rite for the child to speak, and instead the priest said, "Can you give Daddy a kiss?" Standing in the midst of his church, the young adoptive father suddenly welled up with tears as he embraced the child. Afterward, he explained that through all the hassles and legal struggles he never until that moment in church understood that he was the parent of this child. The ritual claimed them for each other, gave expression to their relationship that the legal documents never could, and firmly cemented this child into the heart of a community as everyone erupted into heartfelt applause. This assembly witnessed in a powerful way what happens in every baptism: the mystery of adoption, the free flow of grace, the overwhelming sense of God's presence at the heart of our life's journey.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**THE LIGHT OF FAITH**

The first reading today is charged with the glory of the Lord. Everyone who can come to the holy city does come—whole caravans of people of all ages on foot and on dromedaries and camels. This description of an irresistible light-filled city prepares us for the story of the magi. They are guided by their own lights—their study of astronomy and astrology—and by the light of a peculiar star. Their study tells them that an unusual event in the heavens is a sign of an extraordinary birth on earth. They mean to find out about this, and they set out with gifts worthy of a king. They are welcomed into an insignificant house in Bethlehem, offer gifts befitting a king, and receive the gift of faith. Paul reinforces the great gift of faith available to the Gentiles, whom the magi represent. What they have seen has changed them, just as it changed Paul and all who heeded his proclamation. Like the magi and like Paul, we are invited to receive this life that is filled with the light of faith.

**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.

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**GOD'S WORD TODAY**



Today's celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord serves as a reminder of the true meaning of the liturgy. The story of the visit of the magi from the east has been depicted in Christian art for centuries. We have invented names for these three mysterious figures. We have ascribed

race and ethnic origin to each of them. Some traditions claim that there were up to twelve magi. The only evidence we have of these magi is from just one of the four Gospels, the account we hear from Matthew today. The Church's liturgy asks us to look beyond the words and the traditions that have grown up around this story. The liturgy is for today—it is not a sentimental recalling of past events. At the heart of this celebration is the fact that Jesus is manifested to all people. This is what Epiphany celebrates. Today, the Lord Jesus is manifested to you, to your worshipping community, indeed to the very ends of the earth. If the liturgy celebrates the now, how does this manifestation of the Lord occur? We believe that Christ is made present in word and sacrament, right here, right now. This is the miracle of Epiphany that occurs each and every time we gather to give praise to God.

Looking past the folklore that has developed about the Gospel story, you can focus instead on how the Lord is manifested to you today. Take the Epiphany challenge and find ways that you can share Christ with others, creating an endless circle of epiphanies.

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
- Monday: St. André Bessette
- Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; Julian Calendar Christmas

**FULFILL TODAY**

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.

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A professional organist was hired to play for a wedding. Not being familiar with the church's organ, she went to the sanctuary to practice. Wondering about a small keyboard that pulled out from under the two regular keyboards, she played a few measures of a children's song but heard nothing. Then she played a few more notes, but still no organ music. Just then a priest came running into the church, exclaiming, "Who's playing Mary Had a Little Lamb" on the steeple bells?"

A young boy came in late to Sunday school. He was usually prompt so the teacher asked him if something was wrong. The boy told her he was planning to go fishing with Dad, but at the last minute his Dad told him that he needed to go to church instead.

"Well, I'm glad you came? Did your dad explain to you why it's more important to come to church than go fishing?" asked the teacher.

"Yes," the boy replied, "Dad said he didn't have enough bait for the both of us."