

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

February 23, 2014--SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.-Feb. 24-Baileyville--Helene Dalinghaus

Tues.-Feb. 25-Baileyville--Linda Trosky

Wed.-Feb. 26-Baileyville--Gene Heiman

Thurs.-Feb. 27-Baileyville--Richard & Sue Koehler

Fri.-Feb. 28-St. Benedict-8:30AM--Liv/Dec. Ed &

Elizabeth Haverkamp Family

Sat.--March 1-Baileyville--Alvin Deters

Sat.--March 1--St. Benedict--Wendy Strathman & Shane

Roever Wedding at 2:30PM.

Sun.-March 2-Baileyville--People of the Parishes

Sun.-March 2-St. Benedict--Greg & Henrietta Holthaus

COLLECTIONS for February 16, 2014--Plate: \$99.00,

Envelopes: \$1156.00, Total: \$1,255.00.

Weddings



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WEDDING BELLS--Wendy Katherine Strathman, daughter of Paul and Laurie Strathman and Shane Lee Roever, son of Robert and Angela Roever plan to get married here on March 1, 2014 at 2:30PM.

CCD CLASSES--February 26, 2014--Grade 6-8 Normal CCD Classes. Grades 9-12 Speaker at Sts. Peter & Paul in Seneca.

ELEMENTARY CCD--Wednesday, February 26, 2014. Class after school.

THE NEXT INQUIRY CLASS will be Sunday, February 23 at 7PM.

CALL TO SHARE--As of today, 25% of our parishioners have faithfully responded to the Archbishop's Call to Share, our annual campaign to fund over 40 ministries in the Church of Northeast Kansas. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us reach our parish target of \$ 8,450.00 To date, we have received pledges of \$6,085.00 which is 72% of our goal. Thank you for your generous gifts in support of the ministries of the Church of Northeast Kansas!

STS PETER & PAUL PARISH IN SENECA will be hosting a speaker for high school youth on Wednesday, February 26th at 7PM in the parish hall. Rock Music and Leadership. Speaker Fr. Mike Schully. Refreshments to followed. For more questions call Susan at 785.336.1124 or susan@carsoncomm.com

CYO CARD PARTY on March 30. Invitations to be mailed out soon.

SPECIAL COLLECTION--Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles with the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis and funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. Please give generously to the Collection next week. Visit www.usccb.org (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more.

WORLD YOUTH DAY will be July 23-August 3, 2016 in Krakow, Poland. For more information please contact the Youth Office at youthadmin@archkck.org or 913.647.0373. More information on the church bulletin board.

Ministries for March 2, 2014

Cross: Savannah Engelken

Servers: Nate Deters & Hannah Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Schmitz, Brianna Uphaus, Maurice Feldkamp, Laura Sudbeck, Abby Olberding

Lectors: Madison Lortscher & Addy Holthaus

Petitions: Ella Sudbeck

Ushers: Mike Scott & Richard Siess

Offertory Gifts: Madison Lortscher, Emma Stallbaumer, Ella Sudbeck

Rosary: Kenny Schmitz

Organist: Marlene Deters

Cantor: Stan Murphy & Adult Choir

Ministries for March 5, 2014--ASH WEDNESDAY

Cross: Cole Engelken

Servers: Bailey Schmitz & Amanda Stallbaumer

Eucharistic Ministers: Anita Schmitz, Will Henry, Duana Huerter

Lector: Cindy Murphy

Commentator: Joanie Holthaus

Ushers: Chad Stallbaumer & Jeff Stallbaumer

Offertory Gifts: Eldon & Theresa Sudbeck Family

Rosary: Brianna Uphaus

Organist: Marilyn Holthaus

Cantor: TBD

UPCOMING ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS

April 27, 2014--Altar Society Meeting to elect new officers.

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

Remember in your prayers those who are sick, taking treatments, hospitalized or still recovering: Donna Hulsing, Elijah James Ruegge, 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, Elaine Ronnebaum.

2014 BAILEYVILLE BENEFIT TOURNAMENT is this weekend. Please come and support this worthy cause for Madelyn McCarthy, 15 month old daughter of Joe and Megan (Feldkamp) McCarthy, Calin Strahm, 4 year old son of Kevin & Trudy (Terpening) Strahm and Molly Motto, 4 month old daughter of Rob and Marsha (Bloom) Motto. The auction is Sunday at approx.. 6PM after the last game.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Tuesday, March 4 at 7PM at Baileyville

Wednesday, March 5 at 10:45AM at Baileyville

Wednesday, March 5 at 7PM at St. Mary's

Wednesday, March 5 at 8AM at Sts. Peter & Paul

Wednesday, March 5 at 7PM at Sts. Peter & Paul

FORGIVING AN ENEMY--Who has not forgiven an enemy has not yet tasted one of the most sublime.



Ash Wednesday

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HALL & CHURCH is spoken for on these dates for 2014:

- March 1--Shane Roever & Wendy Strathmam--Church
- March 10--Parish Council Meeting at 8PM
- March 21--Haverkamp Wedding Rehearsal Dinner--Hall
- March 22--Susie Lueger--Hall
- March 22--Celene Haverkamp--Holthaus Wedding--Church
- March 23--George Holthaus 95th Birthday Party--Hall
- March 28--Deters Hall
- March 29--Jesslyn Deters & Dustin Gillickson--Church
- March 30--CYO Card Party-Hall
- April 5--St. Patrick Day Parade--IRISH FEST-Hall
- April 7--Finance Council Meeting at 7PM
- April 13--CYO Easter Egg Hunt-Hall
- April 20--Scott--Hall
- April 27--Altar Society Meeting
- May 18--Huerter Graduation--Hall
- June 11--Annual Hall Cleaning
- June 20--23 Annual Picnic--Hall
- June 21--Mitchel Schmitz & Marissa Mosqueda--Church
- June 16-23--Set up for church picnic-hall
- June 22--Annual Church Picnic-Hall
- June 28--Rachel Holthaus-Adam Ronnebaum Wedding-Church
- Sept. 21--Sudbeck-Hall
- Aug. 3--Schmitz Reunion--Hall
- Oct. 11--Jill Rottinghaus/Haverkamp Wedding--Church
- Oct. 17--Sudbeck Rehearsal--Hall
- Oct. 18--Mark Sudbeck & Kristina Kronen--Church
- Nov. 27--Scott-Hall
- Dec. 20--Bergman Christmas--Hall
- Dec. 25--Scott-Hall

HALL & CHURCH is spoken for on these dates for 2015:

- Jan. 10, 2015--Katrina Sudbeck & Levi Larkins Wedding
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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.

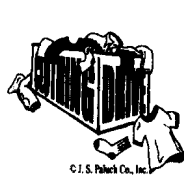
150th ANNIVERSARY BOOKS continue to be a popular item. There are copies remaining for purchase. No additional copies will be printed. Orders can be placed online through the church website at www.stmstb.org or picked up at the Kansas Rural Water Association office west of Seneca. Phone: 336-3760.

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

March 2, 16, April 13, May 4, 11, 2014

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE is on March 8 at Church of the Ascension. Register at www.ksmuc.org now. Are you living the life you want? Come find the courage you need to achieve your goals.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES is currently collecting donations for our new Clothing Closet. We are especially interested in gently used business attire for men and women. For additional information, please stop by our office at 234 South Kansas Avenue or contact

Dylan Woods at 785.233.6300, Ext. 1309 or dwoods@catholiccharitiesks.org.

MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION--March 8, 2014 at Church of the Ascension. Register at www.ksmuc.org. Speakers Governor Sam Browback, Joseph Pearce, Eric Sutulovich, Matt Fradd. Never been? What are you afraid of?

LIVING IN LOVE RETREAT at St. Malachy's, Beattie on March 1-2. Contact Father Shaughnessy at 785.562.3302 or go to: www.livinginlove.org.

SPP PTO TRIVIA NIGHT on Saturday, February 22 from 7PM to 11PM. At the K of C Hall, Seneca. Contact Jill Hammes at 785-294-1360 or Katie Nordhus at 785-294-2145 for more information.

NEVER discourage any one.... Who continually makes progress no matter how slow.

GOD'S WORD TODAY— If you've ever wondered how to handle an enemy, listen to what Jesus tells us in the Gospel today: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." This teaching was radically different from the culture of his day, and it must have stunned and confused everyone who heard it. Their law specified a harsh response to any offense: "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." They believed anger and revenge were justified, but Jesus preached the light of forgiveness and love. It must have seemed impossible and impractical then, and it still seems that way to us today! Yet Jesus insisted, and then reminded his audience that God rains down love on everyone, equally. We find it difficult to forgive by ourselves, but with God's help we can genuinely love our enemies. If we do this, Jesus promised we will be transformed into children of God who are being perfected by divine love.

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The pastor answered his phone:
 "Hello, is this the pastor?"
 "It is."
 "This is the IRS. Can you help us with something?"
 "I'll try."
 "Do you know John Williams?"
 "I do."
 "Is he a parishioner at your church?"
 "He is."
 "Did he donate \$6,000?"
 "He will."

During a Sunday service, the pastor gave his parishioners an opportunity for prayer requests. There were the usual requests to pray for the sick, missionaries, servicemen and women and so on. The somber mood was broken when the last requests was made. A woman stood up and said, "My granddaughter turned sixteen this week and received her driver's license. Let us pray for us all."

dear Padre

February 23, 2014

How do I keep my mind from racing so I can pray?

When I'm trying to pray, I can't stop thinking about my to-do list. How can I shut those things out and focus on my prayers?

Most spiritual directors encourage a person to enter gently into solitude and prayer. Real conversation with any friend begins with warm acknowledgment of that friend's presence, so as you sit or kneel, acknowledge that you are in a sacred place and that God is present.

Several techniques can help us find interior silence and solitude. Many people find it helps to sit in a comfortable position and pay close attention to their breathing. Taking slow, deep breaths relaxes our minds and hearts. When repeated, a sacred word like *Jesus* or *Abba* can focus our attention and help us let go of the distractions that can so easily crowd our consciousness.

Another technique is to take a few moments to find quiet, then read a passage from Scripture. Many people choose the Gospel passage of the day; others read a Gospel through from beginning to end by reading a short passage each day.

True conversation goes both ways. One way God speaks to us is through the Word. Reading Scripture as part of our conversation with God is a good way to be sure we don't do all the talking.

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