

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

March 9, 2014--FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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.-March 10-Baileyville--People of the Parishes

Tues.-March 11-Baileyville--Mass @ Life Care @ 11AM-
No Mass at Baileyville--Dan Kohake

Wed.-March 12-Baileyville--Beryl Ann Holthaus

Thurs.-March 13-Baileyville--7PM--Liv/Dec. Art Heiman
Family

Fri.-March 14--St. Benedict-8:30AM--Rupert Rethman

Sat.-March 15-Baileyville--Eric Waller

Sun.-March 16-Baileyville--People of the Parishes

Sun.-March 16-St. Benedict--Clemens & Cyrilla Sudbeck

COLLECTIONS for March 2, 2014--Plate: \$77.00, Envelopes: \$1,264.14, Stipends: \$55.00, Stola: \$100.00, Rupert Rethman Memorial: \$150.00, Total: \$1,646.14

REMEMBER Arlene Schmitz in your prayers. Her funeral was on March 8. May the Lord grant her eternal life. Sympathy to her husband Richard, sons Alan, Kenny and daughter Misty Blume and sister Mary Ann Schmitz and their grandchildren other relatives.

GOD'S NEW CHILD--Ty William Sudbeck, son of Dean and Julie Sudbeck, was washed in the saving waters of baptism on March 2 here. Godparents are Kenton Sudbeck and Rachel Holthaus. Congratulations!

NEW CHALICES--Many thanks to Wilfred and the late Rosella Bergman and family for donating two gold plated sterling silver chalices made in Spain.

THE PARISH would like to thank Rupert Rethman family for their memorial donation to the church and cemetery

PARISH CHOUNCIL MEETING on Monday, March 10 at 8PM.

CCD CLASSES--March 12, 2014--Normal CCD Classes. If the teams qualify for State, CCD will be cancelled.

ELEMENTARY CCD--Wednesday, March 12, 2014. No CCD class.

THE NEXT INQUIRY CLASS will be Sunday, March 16 at 7PM.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK is scheduled for March 23, 2014 after Mass.

DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB? We are in need of someone to take care of the flowers in front of church this spring. If you are interested, please contact Father Ed or Kenny Schmitz.

RICE BOWL--CRS Rice Bowl Reflections: Kenya-This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites is to enter into solidarity with the people of Guatemala. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *rights and responsibilities*, and reminded that as Christians, we are called to uphold and protect the basic rights of others. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Guatemala and all round the world, that we may come to know and protect the rights of all people.

BLACK & INDIAN MISSION COLLECTIONS will be taken up this weekend. Please give generously to this collection.

Ministries for March 16, 2014-Second Sunday in Lent

Cross: Andrew Wichman

Servers: Ryan Sudbeck & Will Engelken

Eucharistic Ministers: Cameron Haug, Lisa Holthaus (B), Laurie Strathman, Kevin Sudbeck, Diane Schmitz

Lectors: Bailey Schmitz

Commentator: Gabriella Sudbeck

Ushers: Paul Strathman & David Sudbeck

Offertory Gifts: Shayla Heiman, Garret Randel, Brad Schmitz, Amanda Stallbaumer

Rosary: Don Lueger

Musicians: Laura Sudbeck & Nicole Sudbeck

UPCOMING ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS

May 4, 2014--Altar Society Meeting to elect new officers.

BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME is every 3rd Wednesday at 1:30PM. March 2014--Nancy Feldkamp, Diane Lueger, Laurie Strathman, Tina Palic, Ellen Hanzlicek, Rose Mary Sudbeck, Marsha Korber.

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, Elaine Ronnebaum.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE--During Lent the priest of our Archdiocese will have private reconciliation from 6PM to 7PM on Wednesday nights. Reconciliation at St. Benedict will be on March 19, March 26 and April 2.

Reconciliation at Baileyville will be on March 12, April 9, and April 16.

Stations of the Cross **LENTEN DEVOTIONS**--Stations of the Cross, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary will start on March 12 at 7PM. Leader for March 12th will be Brianna Uphaus.

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

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY--If you've ever considered taking a pilgrimage to Italy, now is the time. Consider joining "School of Faith" Theologian Dr. Troy Hinkel, PhD, Archdiocesan Director of Evangelization, Fr. Andrew Strobl and Fr. Pat Sullivan for an incredible pilgrimage hosted by Trinity Travel. *The Beautiful Catholicism* pilgrimage will cover many of the key Catholic pilgrimage spots of Florence, Siena, Assisi and Rome, and allow time for leisure in many "tourist" locations in Tuscany and Rome. In addition, we will be enjoying daily mass along with catechesis and reflections from Dr. Troy Hinkel. The pilgrimage will be an experience of a lifetime and will climax with the "Wednesday Audience" at Sts. Peter Square with Pope Francis. If you are interested visit www.annunciationfrankfort.org or call 785-562-6055.

IN THE BEGINNING--There will be a series of bulletin messages titled "In the Beginning" describing the fetal development of "Chris" Traditionally, Christ was conceived on March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation. We will watch the parallel development of "Chris" in the womb from March 25th to December 25. Sponsored by Kansans for Life.



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

- 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--First Communion
- May 4--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

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 16, April 13, May 4, 11, 2014

CALL TO SHARE--As of today, 35% 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 \$7055.00 which is 84% of our goal. Thank you for your generous gifts in support of the ministries of the Church of Northeast Kansas!

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.

RELATE AND RECHARGE--Parish Youth Ministry Spring Training Sessions-Sunday, March 23 at St. Vincent DePaul, Onaga from 1 to 3PM and Sunday April 6 at St. Leo, Horton from 1 to 3PM.

WHY ARE YOU A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST? Learn how to answer this question without fear and give an effective personal testimony so you can proclaim your faith? March 11 at 7PM at Holy Spirit Parish at Overland Park-Olivia Stear-- March 18th at 7PM at Christ the King Parish in Topeka-Renee Winkel and March 25th at 7PM at Savior Pastoral Center at KCK-Michael Shirley. There is no cost to attend. The lecture series begins on Tuesday, March 11th. Attend in person or via live stream online resources.archkck.org/live.

A rat and a mouse were talking on Noah's ark.
"I can't stand this place," said the rat.
"I know," replied the mouse. "I just saw two cockroaches."

EVENTS IN THE AREA

STS PATRICK'S PARISH, Corning, will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 9, 2014 from 8AM to 1PM at the Corning Community Center. Serving pancakes, sausage and eggs. A free will offering will be collected. There will also be a country store and raffles.

NEMAHA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #4 BBQ PORK DINNER on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at the Bern Community Building. Serving from 5:30 to 8:30PM. Sponsored by the Bern Fire Dept. and Bern First Responders.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH in Axtell will be holding their annual St. Patrick's Soup Supper on March 16, 2014. Come and enjoy homemade chili and chicken noodle soup, bread and pie served from 5 to 8PM. There will be games, country store, bingo and children's games from 5:30 to 7:30PM. The auction will begin at 8PM. Meal prices: Adults-\$6, Children 6-12: \$3, Preschool: \$1. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend. Fun for all ages!

BAILEYVILLE K of C FISH FRY, March 21st from 5 to 8pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Free will donation. Proceeds for individuals studying for the Religious Life.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BOILED SHRIMP AND PORK CHOPS on Saturday March 22nd, sponsored by the Axtell Knights of Columbus. The dinner will be held at the Axtell Legion/Community Building from 5 to 8:30PM. Adult tickets are \$15 in advance or \$17 at the door. Children tickets are \$7 in advance or \$8 at the door. All proceeds to benefit various charities. For tickets, contact Wayne Schmitz at 336-2659 or stop by Henry's Retail Liquor in Seneca.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH, FRANKFORT Fried Chicken Dinner with all the fix ins and a country store at the Cigna Center on Sunday, March 23 from 11AM to 1:30PM. Adults are \$9, Children ages 10 and under are \$4. Take out meals available by calling 292.4351. All proceeds will benefit the Annunciation Parish.

dear Padre

March 9, 2014

How can I ask my priest for better homilies?

Our new pastor doesn't give good homilies. He either tells jokes or talks about what he did during the week. How can I get him to preach better homilies?

First, let me commend you for not just accepting bad preaching as a necessary evil. Priests are just like anyone else: Each has his gifts, and not everyone is a gifted preacher.

One of the best things parishioners can do for their priest is to give him some honest, specific, helpful feedback instead of generic "Nice homily, Father," which people say so automatically that it's been said to me even when I wasn't the priest who delivered the homily.

Most priests don't get a lot of quality feedback on their preaching. Some may find it hard to hear a critique, but most would welcome sincere, constructive criticism as long as it comes from the heart and the goal is to make them better preachers. You can even do this in a letter; just be sure to sign it so he will take it seriously and be able to contact you for further feedback.

Do keep in mind that a homily is not the same as a sermon. Whereas a sermon often includes a lot of moralizing, a homily must artfully draw the listener into questions of the human heart and bring that day's Scripture reading to bear on those questions. In that "moment," we hear in faith how hope, love, sacrifice, and belief in God guide us on our life journey.

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