

ST.MARY'S CHURCH

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Bulletin announcements need to be in by Noon on Thursdays.

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

NOVEMBER 30 2014-- FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Regular Mass Schedule:

BAILEYVILLE — Saturday 7:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses at 8:30 a.m. Monday thru Thursday

ST. BENEDICT: Sunday 10:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass: Friday 8:30 a.m.

Mon.-Dec. 1-Baileyville: For the people for the Parishes

Tues.-Dec. 2-Baileyville-Liv/Dec.: Frank Meyer, Jr. Family

Wed.- Dec. 3-Baileyville-Mass at 3:45 p.m. Amanda Lierz Girard and Liv/Dec. Conrad Feldkamp Family (11th Ann.)

Thurs.-Dec. 4-Baileyville: Ryan Sextro

Fri.-Dec. 5-St. Benedict, Mass @ 8:30 a.m. -Mildred Stallbaumer

Fri-Dec. 5-Baileyville-Mass @10:45AM- Leonard B. Broxterman

Sat-Dec. 6-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Leonard Kramer Family

Sun.-Dec. 7-Baileyville-For the People of the Parishes

Sun.-Dec. 7-St.Benedict-Liv/Dec. Ben & Ida Olberding Family

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COLLECTIONS for Nov. 23, 2014-Plate:\$80.55,


Envelopes: \$1,142.00, Candle: \$3.00, Christmas Flower

Donations: \$15.00, Leaven: \$36.00, CCHD:\$390.00,

Totak\$1,686.55.

GOD'S NEW CHILDREN- Twin children., Gavin Moore Haug and Grace Elizabeth Haug, children of Bradley and Lindsey Haug, were washed in the saving waters of Baptism here on November 23. Godparents for Gavin are Jason Haug and Kelby Moore and godparents for Grace are Nathan Haug and Kayla Moore. Congratulations!

MANY THANKS to Wilfred and Rosella Bergman Family for donating a beautiful matching pitcher and bowl to St. Mary's Church for foot washing on Holy Thursday each year.

 **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** If you would like to remember a deceased loved one by having their name placed on a Christmas Poinsettia, please put \$15 with their name in the collection basket by Sunday December 21.

HIGH SCHOOL CCD CLASSES-No Classes until January 7, 2014

ELEMENTARY CCD CLASSES. Grades K-5-Wednesday, December 3-Classes at 3:45 to 5:15PM.

FIRST COMMUNION-If your child is planning on receiving First Communion at St. Mary's Parish, please contact Lisa Holthaus and let her know. Email: ldalinghaus@yahoo.com or at 336-3290.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS-If you have a child in the 2nd grade, they are invited to be in the opening procession during Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary's. They may also be asked to carry up gifts.

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

- Axtell—Sunday—December 7-3 p.m.
- Corning—Sunday—December 7-3 p.m.
- Wetmore--Sunday—December 7-7 p.m.
- Onaga—Sunday—December 7-7 p.m.
- Kelly—Sunday—December 14-3 p.m.
- Baileyville—Sunday—December 14-3 p.m.
- Marysville—Sunday—December 14 - 7 p.m.
- Seneca—Sunday—December 21-3 p.m.
- Sabetha—Sunday—December 21-7p.m.
- St. Benedict—Sunday—December 21-7 p.m.
- Frankfort—Sunday—December 21-7 p.m.

ANGELS OF PEACE-Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of peace.

Ministries for December 7, 2014-Second Sunday of Advent

Cross: Joe Siess

Severs: Adison Lortscher; Joseph Stallbaumer

Eucharistic Ministers: ayne Schmitz, Carol Schmitz, Don Lueger, Anita Schmitz, Caleb Bradley

Lector: Joanie Holthaus

Commentator: Brianna Uphaus

Ushers: Richard Siess & Chad Stallbaumer

Offertory Gifts: Gilbert & Deb Schmitz

Rosary: Kenny Schmitz

Organist: Marlene Deters & Adult Choir

Cantor: Staci Haug

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BE CONSTANTLY ON THE WATCH!

Ministries for December 8, 2014 Immaculate Conception

Cross: Ryan Sudbeck

Servers: Bailey Schmitz; Andrew Wichman

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Haverkamp, Arlyn Holthaus, Janelle Schmitz

Lector: Paul Strathman

Commentator: Cindy Murphy

Ushers: Jeff Stallbaumer; Roger Stallbaumer

Offertory Gifts: Kenny and Diane Schmitz Family

Rosary Leader: Cindy Murphy

Organist: Marilyn Holthaus

Cantor: TBD



UPCOMING ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS

BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME is every 3rd Wednesday at 1:30PM. **DECEMBER 2014-Duana Huerter, Kathy Stallbaumer, Jennifer Melvin, Sandy Stallbaumer, Misty Blume, Deb Schmitz, Betty Bergman.**

Remember in your prayers those who are sick, taking treatments, hospitalized or still recovering: **Elijah James Ruegge, Jackie Olberding, Leroy Tangeman, Nancy Deters, Brad Bowhay, Margie Miller, Ivan Rottinghaus, Gilbert Schmitz, Clara Krogman, Aiden Berkhart, Lyle Rottinghaus, Monica Olberding Countryman, Anna Marie Kuckelman, Brad Hammes, Elaine Ronnebaum, Laura Schmelzle, Ruth Wichman Moon, Holly Berman Harsh and babies.**

THE 18th ANNUAL CANDLE LIGHTING VIGIL for the Compassionate Friends will be held on Sunday, December 14th. Everyone is invited to light a candle in their home from 7 to 8 PM, in memory of all children who have died, but are not forgotten! Please remember those families that have experienced such a devastating loss that evening in your prayers and honor their children by lighting a candle in their memory. The Seneca Chapter of Compassionate Friends is also planning their own candle Lighting that evening at the home of Brett & Lisa Ohisen, 503 N. 19th St., Seneca. Everyone is welcome to join them that evening to honor their children! If planning to attend, for more information please call 785-336-3691.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY on December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. On Sunday, December 7, Mass at Sacred Heart will be at 7PM and on December 8, Masses will be at 8:30 AM at Sacred Heart, and at St. Mary's at 7 PM.

CHRISTMAS MASS-NATIVITY OF THE LORD will be on December 24, 2014 at 4 PM at St. Mary's Church.

READERS-Please pick up a copy Workbooks for Lectors in the sacristy.

HALL & CHURCH is spoken for on these dates for 2014:
Dec. 7–Holthaus Christmas
Dec. 14–Rusche–Hall
Dec. 20–Bergman Christmas–Hall
Dec. 21, Olberding –Hall
Dec. 25—Scott–Hall
Dec. 27–Lueger–Hall
Dec. 28–Schmitz–Hall

HALL & CHURCH is spoken for on these dates for 2015:
Jan. 10–Katrina Sudbeck & Levi Larkins Wedding
Jan. 31–Setup Hall for Soup Day
Feb. 1–Annual Soup Day–Hall
Feb. 7–Holthaus–Hall
May 2--Lisa Holthaus & Kent Kruse Wedding
May 16–Schmitz Anniversary–Hall
May 30–Spencer Walters & Kelsey Haug Wedding
June 17–Annual Hall Cleaning
June 20–Danielle Osterhaus & Brad Green Wedding
June 26–Picnic Setup–Hall
June 28–Annual Church Picnic
Aug. 2–Schmitz Hall
Sept.5–Holthaus Hall
Sept 5--Craig Haverkamp & Sheriden Hanzlik Wedding
Oct. 10–Jerad Ennelng & Stephanie Haverkamp Wedding
Fall 2015–Confirmation at St. Mary's
December 6--George Holthaus Christmas–Hall
December 19—Bergman Christmas–Hall
Dec. 20–Stallbaumer–Hall

CHRISTMAS IDEAS

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 are still available. There are copies remaining for purchase. No additional copies will be printed. Orders can be placed online through the church website at www.strastb.org or picked up at the Kansas Rural Water Association office west of Seneca. Phone: 336-3760.

CANDLES available for home use. Cost of candles are now \$5.00. Inserts are \$3.00.

GENEALOGY--The parish has acquired genealogy information on many families of the parish including Bergman, Deters, Engelken, Fangman, Grosser-Holthaus, Haug, Haverkamp, Heiman, Holthaus, Huertter, Lierz, Kramer, Krognan, Mohrman, Olberding, Rethman Ronnebaum, Rottinghaus, Strathman, Strathman B, Stegeman, Sudbeck, Wichman. Suggested donation is \$20.

ST. JAMES CONSIGNMENT AUCTION at Wetmore, KS, on Sunday, December 7 starting at 10AM. Accepting construction and farm equipment, trucks, cars, farm supplies, hay, household wares, etc. Contact 785-547-5082 or 785-207-0434.

4th ANNUAL BAILEYVILLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOUP DAY is Sunday, December 7, 2014 at Sacred Heart Parish Hall from 9:30AM to 1PM. Serving Chili, Chicken Noodle and Vegetable Beef Freewill offering.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA will be at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Axtell. They will host the Community Christmas Cantata this year on December 14, 2014 at 7:30PM. Performance will be "Sing with the Angels!" by Joel Raney. Stan Murphy is directing.

SACRED HEART PARISH-BAILEYVILLE & ST. MARY'S-ST. BENEDICT, have 14 students and 4 adult sponsors making plans to attend Catholic Heart Workcamp in Oklahoma City, OK on June 21-27, 2015. To help raise funds to attend, they are planning their annual pork chop/chicken breast supper on New Year's Eve, from 5 to 8:30PM. in the Sacred Heart Church Hall. Tickets are \$13 in advance or \$15 at the door. A hotdog meal will be offered for children for \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. Students will be coming by to sell tickets or you can call Janet Schmitz at 785-336-2526. Please support these students in their quest to deepen their faith and to help those in need!

CHOIR PRACTICE WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd AT 7PM. Will be practicing for Advent and Christmas. New voices Welcomed!!

NOT WITHOUT LOVE-The soul cannot live without love.

NEMAHIA COUNTY CHRISTMAS BUREAU is asking for your support of Nemaha County families who need a little boost this Christmas. If you are able to help us, we are in need of financial contributions as well as donated gift items such as: new toys, hats, gloves, socks, blankets, towels, toiletry items (like shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes). All donations will be distributed in Nemaha County and are tax deductible. For more information contact Patty Byers at 336-3632.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES-Couples...want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend in the Kansas City area is on Feb. 6-8, 2015. For more details about the weekend, please visit the website at wwme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066.

IN THE BEGINNING--(week 36)Chris is absorbing about a gallon of amniotic fluid per day. Chris is now receiving valuable antibodies from mom to fight off infections. Fat is deposited in Chris' cheeks this week and the muscles that help Chris suck are helping to fill Chris little face. Chris is about 6 pounds and over 20 inches in length. "I'm a little pump but I'm ready for my first picture." Mom is probably seeing the doctor every week and should take a Group B Step test. *"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God" (Romans 15:7)*

THANK YOU for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN-Babies Best Start-Due to the limited resources that are available for newborns, help meet the basic needs of newborns delivered in our community that are born to lower income families. Urgent needed items: Size I diapers, baby wipes, diaper rash ointment, outlet covers, fingernail clippers baby books, receiving blankets. Please bring items to the Community National bank located at 210 Main St., before Dec. 15th. Sponsored by the Community National Bank.

dear Padre

November 30, 2014

When did Advent start?

When did the Church start celebrating Advent?

It's a little complicated, because our Western Church's celebration of Advent grew up over time in different areas of Europe rather than beginning all at once in one particular spot.

Some of the earliest references to special pre-Christmas practices for Christians come from Spain and Gaul (modern France) in the fourth and fifth centuries, but we also have evidence of a pre-Christmas fast in Rome at the end of the fourth century.

The shape and flavor of these local Advent celebrations were different, with some running as long as six weeks and some being much shorter. In Gaul they emphasized penance and the final coming of Christ in judgment at the end of time, while in Rome there was more emphasis on the coming celebration of Jesus' birth.

The Roman four-week Advent eventually carried the day and shaped the rhythm of our Church's calendar. But if you pay attention to the readings and prayers offered in our Advent Masses, you'll see elements of both the Roman and Galilean Advents in our modern-day celebrations.

In general, during the earlier days of Advent we emphasize the final coming of Christ in judgment. Then we focus more closely on the commemoration of his birth at Bethlehem.

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