

**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 8:00A\_M before mass**

**DECEMBER 7,2014-- SECOND 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  
**Sun.-Dec. 7-Baileyville-Mass @ 7PM— Liv/Dec. Robert & Alma Haug Family**  
**Mon.-Dec. 8-Baileyville-Mass @ 8:30AM-For the People of the Parishes**  
**Mon.-Dec. 8-St. Benedict-Mass @ 7PM-Regis & Alice Koch Family**  
**Tues.-Dec. 9-Baileyville-No Mass @ Baileyville— Mass @ Life Care @ 1 IAM-Dan Kohake**  
**Wed.— Dec. 10-Baileyville - Liv/Dec. Nick Holthaus Family**  
**Thurs.-Dec. 11-Baileyville - Gerhard Placke -**  
**Fri.--Dec. 12-St. Benedict - Zita & Daniel Bergman**  
**Sat.—Dec. 13-Baileyville - Liv/Dec. Art Heiman Family**  
**Sun.-Dec. 14-Baileyville - For the People of the Parishes**  
**Sun.-Dec. 14-St.Benedict - Leonard Schmitz**  
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COLLECTIONS for Nov. 26, 2014-Plate \$102.73, Stipends: \$10.00, Hall Rent: \$200.00, Genealogy: \$20.00, Total: \$332.73.  
Nov. 30, 2014-Plate: \$111.00, Envelopes: \$1,099.00, Christmas Flowers: \$118.00, CCHD:\$10.00, Total:\$1,338.00.

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

**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-No Class**

**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](mailto: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 7-3PM
- Corning—Sunday—December 7-3PM
- Wetmore--Sunday—December 7-7PM
- Onaga—Sunday—December 7-7PM
- Kelly—Sunday—December 14-3PM
- Baileyville—Sunday—December 14-3PM
- Marysville—Sunday—December 14—, 7PM
- Seneca—Sunday—December 21-3PM
- Sabetha—Sunday—December 21-7PM
- St. Benedict—Sunday—December 21-7PM
- Frankfort—Sunday—December 21-7PM

**THE PARISH** appreciates the anonymous donation of \$500 for the refinishing the six large candlesticks that are on the Main Altar. **THANK YOU!!**

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

**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 & Diane Schmitz Family  
**Rosary Leader:** Cindy Murphy  
**Organist:** Marilyn Holthaus  
**Cantor:** TBD  
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**Ministries for December 14, 2014-Third Sunday of Advent**

**Cross;** Cory Heiman  
**Servers:** Cole Engelken, Karly Tangeman  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Schmitz, Troy Nordhus, Lisa (B) Holthaus, Charity Henry, Robert Engelken  
**Lector:** David Huerter  
**Commentator:** Nancy Sudbeck  
**Ushers:** Leroy Strathman & Paul Strathman  
**Offertory Gifts:** Mike & Linda Schmitz  
**Rosary Leader:** Danny Tangeman  
**Organist:** Marlene Deters  
**Cantor:** Staci Haug  
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**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.**

**THANK YOU!!** The Altar Society Officers would like to say "THANKS" to all those who generosity volunteered their time, backs and knees by helping with out annual church cleaning. All your help is greatly appreciated.  
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**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, Alden Berkhart, Lyle Rottinghaus, Monica Olberding Countryman, Anna Marie Kuckelman, Brad Hammes, Elaine Ronnebaum, Laura Schmelzle, Ruth Wichman Moon, Holly Bergman Harsh & Babies.

**RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION** will be next weekend, December 14. Although religious sisters and brothers may serve in a diocese, they are self-supporting. Many religious orders do not have enough working members to support the medical care of their older members. Your contributions will go into a national fund from which 93 cents of every dollar is given in grants to religious communities that request assistance. Money goes for direct elder care and to help others learn strategies for retirement fund planning, fund raising so they can better provide for their future needs. Thank those who have given a lifetime by using your special envelope to make a small donation.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to pick up your church envelopes in the back of church for next year.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17 at 7:30PM. We will be practicing for Christmas Mass. New voices always welcomed.

HALL & CHURCH is spoken for on these dates for 2014:  
Dec. 7--Hokhans 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 Enneking & 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  
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### 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.srmstb.org](http://www.srmstb.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, Hueter, Lierz, Kramer, Krogman, Mohrnan, Olberding, Rethman, Ronnebaum, Rottinghaus, Strathman, Stegeman, Sudbeck, Wichman. Suggested donation is \$20.  
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ST. JAMES CONSIGNMENT AUCTION at Wetmore, KS, on Sunday, December 7, 2014 starting at 10AM.

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.

THE 2014 AXTELL ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CHOIR will be performing the cantata "Sing with the Angels" by Joel Raney on Sunday, December 14, 2014 at 7:30PM at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Axtell. This year's cantata is directed by Stan Murphy, accompanied by Lisa Broxterman on the piano, and enjoy singers from the Axtell, 13 Baileyville, Frankfort, St. Benedict, Seneca, Salem and Summerfield areas. Refreshments will be served in the St. Michael's Church hall after the cantata.

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!

NEMAHA COUNTY CHRISTMAS BUREAU is asking for your support of Nemaha County families who need a little boost this Christmas. For more information contact Patty Byers at 336-3632.

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 1 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.

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 8PM, 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 Ohlsen, 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.

BENEFIT FOR MELODY BARNES at St. James Catholic Church Hall, Wetmore on Saturday, January 3, 2015, from 5PM to 8PM. A pulled pork meal will be served and there will be a silent auction. To donate items for the silent auction or other questions contact Marsha Motto at 785-207-0229 or 785-866-2705.  
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My husband and I purchased an old home in Northern New York State from two elderly ladies. Winter was fast approaching and I was concerned about the house's lack of insulation. "If they could live here all those years, so can we! My husband confidently declared.

One November night the temperature plunged to below zero. we woke up to find interior walls covered with frost. My husband called the elderly ladies to ask how they had kept the house warm. After a rather brief conversation he hung up. "For the past 30 years," he muttered, "they've gone to Florida for the winter.

## dear Padre

December 7, 2014

### Why isn't Jesus' conception called "immaculate"?

I know the term "Immaculate Conception" refers to Mary's conception because she was born without original sin. But since Jesus was also born without original sin, wouldn't that term refer to his conception as well?

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception asserts that Mary was free of the stain of original sin from the time she was conceived.

Jesus was also free of the stain of original sin, but his conception by Mary is referred to as the incarnation of Christ.

In the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar, Mary's conception is celebrated December 8, and her birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on September 8. Likewise, Christ's conception is celebrated on March 25, and his birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on December 25.

Mary's immaculate conception was celebrated many centuries before Pope Pius IX defined it as dogma on December 8, 1854, in his apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*: "That the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from all stain of original sin in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God.. has been revealed by God and must, therefore, firmly and constantly be believed by all the faithful."

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