

**ST.MARY'S CHURCH**

**Father Edward Oen, C.PP. S. Pastor**

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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

**DECEMBER 14,2014-- T1URD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**Regular Mass Schedule:**

BAILLEYVILLE—Saturday 7:00 PM and Sunday 8:30 AM

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

ST. BENEDICT--Sunday 10:00 AM

Weekday mass—Friday 8:30 AM

Mon.-Dec. 15-Baileyville-Rita Floersch

Tues.-Dec. 16-Baileyville-Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life

Wed.— Dec. 17-Baileyville-Intention of Richard and Sue Koehler Family

Thurs.-Dec. 18-Baileyville-Gene Heiman

Fri.--Dec. 19-St. Benedict-Ethel and Francis Rottinghaus

Sat.--Dec. 20-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Lawrence Heiman Family

Sun.-Dec. 21-Baileyviie-For the People of the Parishes

Sun.-Dec. 21-St.Benedict-Clemens and Cyrilla Sudbeck

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COLLECTIONS for December 7, 2014:Plate:\$10129, Envelopes: \$1,385.00, Immaculate Conception: \$15.00, Catholic Charities: \$15.00, Retirement Fund: \$75.00, Teresa's DVD: \$10.00, Total: \$1,605.29.

December 8, 2014: Plate: \$62.00, Envelopes: \$112.00, Stipends: \$10.00, Christmas Flowers: \$30.00, Total: \$214.00.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR-We invite e.1<sup>04</sup> our children grades 3rd to 8th, to come and sing at St. Mary's Church Mass on Sunday, December 28th at 10AM. Please join us for practice on Sunday, December 14th and December 21st, immediately following 10AM Mass.

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

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-Wednesday, December 17 from 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](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.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES IN THE AREA**

St. Benedict-Christmas Eve Mass-Dec. 24th-4PM

Baileyville-Christmas Eve-Dec. 24th-7:30PM

Baileyville-Christmas Day-Dec. 25th-9AM

Seneca-Christmas Eve-Dec. 24th-4PM-6PM-10PM

Seneca-Christmas Day-Dec. 25th-7AM-9AM

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.

**Ministries for December 21, 2014**

Cross: John Siess

Servers: Amber Blume and Rachel 'Schmitz

Eucharistic Ministers: Arlene Holthaus, Leon Holthaus, Betty Bergman, Joyce Schmitz, Kevin Sudbeck

Lector: Connie Huerter

Commentator: Don Lueger

Ushers: Curt Sudbeck & David Sudbeck

Offertory Gifts: Ray and Mary Schmitz Family

Rosary Leader: Brianna Uphaus

Organist: Kayla Sudbeck

Cantor: Megan Sudbeck

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**UPCOMING ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS**

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

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

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

RETIREED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION is this weekend. Support religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brother and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION-Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas exists because there is a need, but we survive because of your generosity. Please help us meet the great needs in the Archdiocese by contributing to the annual Christmas Collection.

**ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES**

- Kelly—Sunday—December 14-3 PM
- I3aileyville—Sunday—December 14-3 PM
- Marysville—Sunday—December 14-7 PM
- Seneca—Sunday—December 21-3 PM
- Sabetha—Sunday—December 21-7 PM
- St. Benedict—Sunday—December 21-7 PM
- Frankfort, Sunday—December 21-7 PM

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, Baileyville, Frankfort, St. Benedict, Seneca, Salem and Summerfield areas. Refreshments will be served in the St. Michael's Church hall after the cantata.

CONTINUAL CHRISTMAS-A good conscience is a continual Christmas



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

- 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. 5-Parish Council Meeting @ 7 PM
- Jan. 10--Katrina Sudbeck and Levi Larkins Wedding
- Jan. 12-Finance Council Meeting @ 7 PM
- Jan. 31-Setup Hall for Soup Day
- Feb. 1--Annual Soup Day-Hall
- Feb. 7-Holthaus-Hall
- May 2--Lisa Holthaus and 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 and Sheriden Hanzlik Wedding
- Oct. 10-Jerad Enneking and Stephanie Haverkamp Wedding
- Fall 2015-Confirmation at St. Mary's
- December 6--George Holthaus Christmas-Hall
- December 19--Bergman Christmas-Hall
- Dec. 20--Stallbaurner-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.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. 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, Moluman, Olberding, Rethman, Ronnebaum, Rottinghaus, Strathman, Strathman B, Stegeman, Sudbeck, Wichman. Suggested donation is \$20.  
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**SACRED HEART PARISH-BAILEY VILLE & 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 8:30 PM. 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 you support of Nemaha County families who need a little boost this Christmas. For more information contact Patty Byers at 336-3632.

**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.

**COMEDIAN** George Burns is said to have noted, "The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending: and to have the two as close together as possible."

**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.  
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**IN THE BEGINNING.** (week 38) Chris now weighs between 5 and 9 pounds. The average size is 7 pounds. "It's really crowded in here and it's very hard to move." The umbilical cord doesn't have any nerve endings (this means that neither mom nor Chris will feel any pain when it is cut!) and is about 20 inches long and about 1/2-inch thick.

The good news for mom is it's easier to breathe because the baby s moving down. The bad news is mom may be running to the bathroom every two minutes.

*"Then God, who had specially chosen me while I was still in my mother's womb..."(Gal. 1:15)*  
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**DIGITAL MEDIA CENTER** of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas-Connect, Explore and Engage. Whether visiting for individual reflection, small community study groups, live streaming or recordings of events, local or Vatican news, the Digital Media Center is designed for all those seeking a closer relationship with Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church today. Go to <http://resources.archkck.org> for more information.

**QUO VADIS RETREAT** for Single Men ages 18-35 are challenged to discern the priesthood guided by Archbishop Naumann, retreat master Fr. Nick Blaha, Fr. Scott Wallisch and our seminarians. The annual retreat is at Savior Pastoral Center on Dec. 19-21 and there is no charge. Learn more and register early at [kckvocations.com](http://kckvocations.com) or email [vocation@archkck.org](mailto:vocation@archkck.org).

# dear Padre

December 14, 2014

## What is las posadas?

I recently moved to a parish that includes a large Mexican community that's known for their annual *posadas* event. What is that?

*Las posadas, a* nine-day novena preparation for the celebration of Christmas, begins December 16 and ends Christmas Eve.

*Posada* is Spanish for "inn." The ceremony remembers Mary and Joseph's trip to Bethlehem and their difficulty finding a place to stay. *Posadas* are celebrated in many different ways, but the traditional celebration involves a group of people, the "pilgrims," going to several houses, knocking on the door, and asking *for posada*. The pilgrims sing the part of Joseph as he explains their situation and asks for a place to stay. The people inside sing back that they have no room and that the pilgrims should just move on.

On the last night, the people in the last house recognize that Mary is the Queen of Heaven and that the child she carries is the Savior of the World. They invite the pilgrims inside and hold a prayer service that may include a Scripture reading or the rosary. The celebration ends with food and singing.

This tradition is more than a folksy reenactment of Joseph and Mary's search for lodging—if a solemn dramatization by women and men who believe God searches with them, a touching ceremony that can help Christians today see the real needs of those who live without the security of a home, health insurance, or a steady job.

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