

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

March 1, 2015—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Masses for the Week



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.-Mar 2-Baileyville— Liv/Dec. Ben & Alma Deters

Family

Tues.-Mar. 3-Baileyville--Liv/Dec. Regis & Lucille Tanking

Family

Wed.-Mar. 4-Baileyville-Mass @ 3:45PM-Henrietta

Broxterman

Thurs.-Mar 5-Baileyville-Mass @ 7PM-Daniel J.

Wassenberg

Fri.-Mar. 6-St. Benedict-Rupert Rethman

Fri.-Mar. 6-Baileyville-Mass @ 10:45AM-Bob Schulte

Sat.-Mar. 7-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Lawrence Heiman Family

Sun.-Mar.8--Baileyville-For the People of the Parishes

Sun.-Mar. 8-St.Benedict-Special Intention Stan & Cindy

Murphy Family

COLLECTIONS for February 22, 2015: Plate:\$110.75,

Envelopes: \$1426.00, Central & Eastern Europe: \$87.00,

Black & Indian \$175.00, Mass \$10.00, Total: \$1808.75.

SACRISTAN NEEDED: A person(s) is still needed to take over the duties of the altar sacristan beginning April 1st. If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents please contact the parish office. Lois and Julie are stepping down at the beginning of the Easter season but would be willing to work with the new volunteer for the first year to get them started.

HIGH SCHOOL CCD CLASSES! CCD Stations of the Cross and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on March 4th at 7:30PM. NOTE TIME CHANGE from last week's stations of the cross.

ELEMENTARY CCD CLASSES-Wednesday! March 4!

Mass at 3:45PM followed by class.

ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC DAY will be on March 8. (11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) There will be a closing procession and Benediction at 4:00PM. Please sign up at the back of church for an half hour of adoration. Organist: Marlene Deters. Adult Choir please come to sing.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE-During Lent the priests of our Archdiocese will have private reconciliation from 6 to 7PM on Wednesday nights. Reconciliation at St. Benedict will be on March 4, March 18, and April 1. Reconciliation at Baileyville will be on February 25, March 11, and March 25.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on March 2 at 7PM.

ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO SHARE-As of today ' , % of our parishioners have faithfully responded to the Archbishop's Call to Share. Our parish target is \$6,766.00. To date, we have received pledges of \$7269.00. from 54 donors, cf 38% participation, the average gift \$135. We are grateful to those who take part in this effort!

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME-Remember clocks go ahead 1 hour next Sunday!

RICE BOWL-Hungering for a Better Life-Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Tanzania, where a simple soybean is changing lives! What actions can you take this Lent to change lives at home and around the world.

Ministries March 8, 2015-Third Sunday of Lent

Cross: Ella Sudbeck

Servers: Trevor Holthaus & Bailey Schmitz

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Holthaus, Don Lueger, Troy Nordhus, Mary Haverkamp, Paul Strathman

Lector: Cindy Murphy

Commentator: Danny Tangeman

Ushers: Richard Deters & Chris Engelken

Offertory Gifts: Jerry & Brianna Uphaus Family

Rosary Leader: Kenny Schmitz

Guitarist: Tammy Holthaus, Theresa Sudbeck, Laura Sudbeck, Bailey Schmitz

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UPCOMING ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS

BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME is every 3rd Wednesday at 1:30PM. MARCH 2015-Staci Haug, Shirley Schmitz, Dana Bradley, Diane Rottinghaus, Betty Olberding (L), Samantha Olberding, Wendy Roever.

Remember in your prayers those who are sick, taking treatments, hospitalized or still recovering: Elijah James Ruegge, 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 Ronnebaura, Laura Schtnelzle, Ruth Wichman Moon, Karsyn Aylward, Nancy Broxterman, Cyril Tangema.n, Ambrose Martin son of Larrissa Nordhus Martin_

AXTELL COMMUNITY FISH FRY is March 20, 2015 from 5 to 8PM at the Axtell American Legion. Serving fish, ham, potatoes, salad, desserts, drinks. Don't miss out on the Silent Auction. Proceeds will be donated towards Axtell Community Scholarships, Axtell Park Project and Axtell Harvest Festival. Adults: \$10, Ages: 7-12: \$7, Ages 4-6: \$5.00, Ages 3 and under FREE.

ST. MICHAELS'S CHURCH in Axtell will be holding their annual St. Patrick's Soup Supper on March 15, 2015. 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 yrs. -\$3, Preschool-Si. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend. Fun for all ages!

WADE TALLEY & FATHER KENT O'CONNOR present music from the Shot in the Dark album at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Seneca on Monday, March 23 from 7 to 8:15PM. They will also present new music that will be on the album that they will look to release this fall.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH Coming will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 15, 2015 from 7AM to 1PM at the Coming Community Center serving pancakes, sausage and eggs. A free will offering will be collected. There will also be a country store and raffles.

BAILEYVILLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY is on Friday, March 20 from 5 to 8PM at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Freewill donation.

FAMILY DAY at Prairie Star Ranch on April 19, 2015 for a day of fun, fellowship and families. Have an adventure with your family or friends and enjoy the many activities that Prairie Star has to offer for only \$5 per person when you pre-register! For more info call 785-746-5693 or psrministry@archkck.org or go on the Archdiocese•website at www.archkck.org/ranch

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

- March 2-Parish Council Meeting@ 7PM
- March 7-Wilfred Bergman Home Sale-Hall
- March 29--Easter Egg Hunt
- April 5-Scott-Hall
- April 6-Finace Council Meeting @7PM
- April 11—St_ Patrick's-Hall & Parade
- April 12--First Communion
- April 25-Strathnan-Hall
- May 2--Lisa Hokhans & 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. 4—Haverkamp-Hall
- Sept.5-Holthaus-Hali
- Sept 5--Craig Haverkamp & Sheriden Hanzlik Wedding
- Oct. 10-Jerad Enneking & Stephanie Haverkamp Wedding
- Fall 2015-Confirmation at St. Mary's
- Nov. 2-Scott-Hall
- Nov. 22-Schmitz-Hall
- Nov. 27-Gudenkauf Reunion-Hall
- Nov. 28-Engelken-Hall
- December 6—George Hokhans Christmas-Hall
- Dec. 12-Rusche-Hall
- Dec. '13-Rottinghaus-Hall
- December 19-Bergman Christmas-Hall
- Dec. 20—Stallbaumer-Hall
- Dec. 24-01berding-Hall
- Dec. 25-Scott-Hall

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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 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 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, Huerter, Lierz, Kramer, Krogman, Mohrman, Olberding, Retbinan, Ronnebaum, Rottinghaus, Strathman, Sirathman B, Stegeman, Sudbecic, Wichrnan. Suggested donation is \$20.

LENT-Journey through Lent on your phone and tablet! Enhance your spiritual journey through this Lent and into Easter on your smartphone or tablet. Pray along with others in our Archdiocese and around the globe with daily prayer in English or Spanish. Reflect with Catholic Artist with exclusive video reflections. Get notifications helpful for prayer, almsgiving and sacrament's. Download "Catholic Media ArchKCK from iTunes, Google Play or Windows Phone stores. This Free App is made available by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

RUNNIN REVS FUN NIGHT Basketball game will be held at Bishop Miega High School on Monday, March 9 at 7PM. The Revs are priest and seminarians who will take on 8th grade and high school youth from our Catholic schools in basketball. Bring family and friends to enjoy the fun and benefit seminarians. A spot in this summer's Camp Tekakwitha will be included in a short live auction.

FRANKFORT ROTARY CLUB is hosting a Art Auction and Wine Tasting on March 28 at 7PM at the Cigna Center. State of the Art will be bringing a large number of art pieces from \$35 to several thousand dollars. They will be selling pieces from Carl Brothers, Joni Steffes and 10 pieces from Frankfort Students. Art viewing, wine tasting and food will begin at 7PM and the auction will begin at 8PM. Costs \$20 per person, \$30 couple if purchased early or \$25 and \$40 at the door. Please RSVP and pay Dean Dalinghaus, 801 Pine Street, Frankfort, KS. 66427. Make checks to Frankfort Rotary. All proceeds will benefit local Frankfort projects.

MARTYRDOM-It is not the suffering but the cause that makes the martyr.

INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING will be held at SPPS at 7:30PM on March 16, April 20 and May 18. If you want to sign up, you may do so online: www.annunciationfrankfort.org/inf. This class is mandated for all engaged couples. Other couples are welcome.

THE FRANCIS EFFECT will be starting on Feb. 8, Salt and Light Television's documentary "The Francis Effect" will air for six weeks at various times throughout our Archdiocese on the ABC Television network and its affiliates. This program takes an in-depth look at the impact of Pope Francis' papacy. Please consult your local TV guide for broadcast times. For more info or to purchase the DVD visit saltandlighttv.org/thefranciseffect.

dearPadre

March 1, 2015

Why cover the crucifix during Lent?

Why do some parishes cover the crucifix during Lent? This seems like an odd time to do this. Shouldn't we be focusing on Christ's death?

Lent is a penitential season, and some parishes choose to have their liturgical environment reflect the austerity and simplicity that exemplify that penitential nature by removing flowers and floral arrangements, covering statues and, in some parishes, even covering the body on the crucifix.

Doing so can enhance our own forty-day experience of journeying in the desert, much as our Lord did at the outset of his ministry when he spent forty days and forty nights in the desert being tempted by Satan.

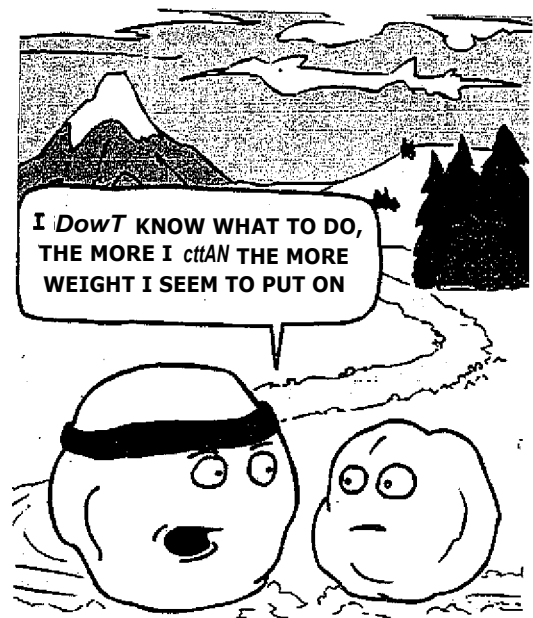
During the three-day celebration of the Tridnum (from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday)—especially during the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, when the lights come on as the Gloria is sung—the previously darkened church is revealed in its fully decorated splendor.

The difference is dramatic and striking when compared to the scarcely adorned church we've seen during Lent.

We can most definitely see and sense the change from a season of repentance to one of celebration as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection—and our own salvation and redemption from sin.

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Deacon Mike Schreck - Church of the Nativity, Leawood, KS

Homily (6th Sunday Ordinary Time — Year A) 2-16-2014

1. In our Gospel Reading, Jesus laid out some pretty difficult commandments, going so far as to explain to his disciples, "**You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with Lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.**"
2. We all struggle to live out our faith in one way or another. *but with this particular reading in mind*, I would like to shed the **Light of Hope** on a Problem that is ruining lives and marriages.
3. **That problem is Pornography!** When I bring up this topic, *many of you may want to cover your childrens' ears*, but sadly, in many cases **it is our children that need to hear today's message of Hope the most.**

4. A couple weeks ago, my fellow deacons and I attended a continuing education session provided by **Archdiocesan Counselor Sam Meier**.
5. Sam shared some statistics and stories that may shock those of you who are parents or grandparents.
6. One of the statistics that I found most shocking was that "**the largest consumers of inappropriate internet websites are kids ages 12 to 17.**"
7. Sam also shared the results of a recent survey of 14 to 16 year olds, which showed that **nearly 113 of these children had viewed inappropriate materials when they were 10 years old or younger.**

8. A little closer to home, Sam shared the story of a **3rd Grade Boy** in one of our **Catholic Parishes right here in Johnson County**, who had been teaching his classmates how to find explicit materials on the Internet.
9. This problem is not only rampant among boys and men, but increasingly among females as well, with books like the *Shades of Gray* series distorting women's and girls' view of what **true love and romance** are all about.

10. If that wasn't shocking enough, Sam then shared some of the **Brain Science** associated with the **viewing of explicit images and videos**.
11. You see, the use of these explicit materials is not only a sin, but in many cases, **they leave those who use them with an Addiction.**
12. Those with an addiction in this area have been found to suffer from side effects similar to those experienced by abusers of alcohol and cocaine.

13. Research has also found that the viewing of explicit material leads men to be more likely to have affairs and to have a more critical view of women; leads women to have a more negative view of themselves; and results in husbands and wives having less intimacy in their marriages.

14. All that I have shared thus far is pretty disturbing, but as I mentioned earlier, there is Hope. Let me repeat that, **There Is HOPE!!!**
15. Whether we struggle in this area or another. **There is Hope for Individuals and for Marriages!!!**

16. **Let's explore some of the Sources of that Hope.**
17. Although our culture would lead people to believe that the Church is prudish regarding Human Sexuality, that view couldn't be farther from the truth.
18. For the Church teaches that **God designed Human Sexuality** as one of the most **beautiful ways** that we as human beings can **mirror the Holy Trinity**.

19. When a Husband and Wife commit themselves to each other For Life, ***Mind, Body, and Soul***, they are fulfilling their Vocation to **mirror** that kind of **Total Self-Giving Love** that is the **essence of the Most Holy Trinity**, a self-giving love, that is Open, to the **Conception of New Life**.
20. **The commitment, the love, the new life;** The husband, the wife & the child; are meant to be a **privileged mirror** of the **Most Holy Trinity!**
21. That's the **true Meaning** of Human Sexuality.
22. **Original Sin** and **Human Selfishness** have **obscured** that meaning.
23. This is why it is so easy to fall into the trap of **misinterpreting and abusing** this Gift, whether through infidelity, contraception, abortion, pornography, or homosexual activity.
24. These are Sins,..., not because the Church has a **Negative View** of human sexuality, but because the Church has such a **Noble View** of its real meaning.
25. Only when we understand that we were created to mirror the Most Holy Trinity can we begin to grasp the true meaning, not only of sexuality, but also of every other aspect of human life.
26. The Catechism teaches us that "**The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the Central Mystery of the Christian Faith and of Christian Life.**"
27. This is because we were all created in the **Image of God**.
28. Therefore, whenever we sin, we **rebel not only** against God, but We **also rebel** against ourselves, **for Every SIN distorts and tears apart the Image of GOD in our souls**.
29. For instance, the viewing of explicit videos and images not only **enslave and abuse** the people who make them, but they **rip the love and meaning** away from one of the most beautiful Gifts that God has given us.
30. Instead of **honoring one's spouse** with the **gift of oneself**, those who view inappropriate images use others for their own selfish desires, treating others like a **product** or a **thing**.
31. **In his visit to the United States 5 years ago, Pope Benedict XVI** stated that: "**Children deserve to grow up with a healthy understanding of sexuality and its proper place in human relationships.**" (Pause)
32. Another source of Hope is given to us in our First Reading from the Book of Sirach, where the Prophet is quoted as sharing the Good News, "**If you choose, You Can Keep the Commandments. They Will Save You.**"
33. Those first three words are Crucial, "**We must Choose!**"
34. It has been said that, "**five minutes of intense courage can change a life.**"
35. For those struggling with sin in this area, those five minutes of courage must be lived **over and over again**. We need a new disposition of heart.
36. You see, **God wants to Bless us**. When he says we **should** or should **not** do something, **it's always with this Blessing in mind**.
37. But the Devil tries to convince us that God's **Commandments** are **unreasonable and crud**.
38. But which approach is really the **cruel** one, God's Commandments or the Devil's temptations?
39. God's Commandments are not **cruel**. They are the path to **true Blessing**.
40. It's the Devil's Temptations that are **cruel** and **destructive**.

41. If we *persevere in seeking and accepting God's Grace and Mercy* through frequent reception of the *Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist* and a *commitment to Daily Prayer*, **God will give us the Grace to keep his Commandments, and He will Bless Our Lives and Our Marriages.**
42. In addition to the supernatural graces available to all of us through the **Sacraments and Daily Prayer**, other sources of help are also available to those struggling with pornography:
- Help is available through the Archdiocese's **My House Initiative;**
 - through the **encouragement and accountability provided by men's and women's groups;** it might be a CRHP Group, a Cursillo Group, a Bible Study Group, really any group where we can rely upon the support, encouragement and accountability provided by close friends; and
 - through the support provided by **spiritual directors, catholic counselors and Catholic I2-step groups.**
43. For those who are young, help is available through your parents, through counselors, accountability groups, and through the use of new software tools.
44. Although the Internet is a source of temptation for many adults and children, New Software Tools are helping those who struggle in this area.
45. Software such as **Covenant Eyes; Net Nanny and Open DNS** not only help protect children from seeing inappropriate materials, but they can also be set up to send *Internet Activity Reports* to family members and friends for accountability. You can have reports showing your internet searches and the websites you visit sent to your spouse, friend, brother or any Accountability Partner.

WITNESS: *My Nervousness to Preach on this Topic; Meeting Parent Of 4th & 6th Grader up at Nativity this week; Discussing my Homily with him; His not struggling in this particular area, but being an Accountability Partner for Three other guys, one of whom had lost his job because of his struggles in this area; His saying that others need to Know about Covenant Eyes, and how it is really helping people who struggle in this area.*

46. Many people, young and old, are also benefiting from their study of *Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body.*
47. There are many books by **Christopher West** on the Theology of the Body and *programs such as Theology of the Body for Teens. (Pause)*
48. No matter what areas of Sin we Struggle with, **We need to Turn to God** and Rely upon His Grace to overcome Temptations to Sin.
49. We also need to Rely upon the **loving support of Family and Friends.**
50. *We are all called to Mirror the Image of the Most Holy Trinity in our lives.*
51. As hopeless as our struggles to keep the Commandments may seem, **and We all struggle in one way or another,** with God's Grace and the other avenues of support available to us today, **more people are beginning to see the Light of Hope! We Can Keep the Commandments!**
52. *As we prepare to Receive the Eucharist, let us Choose NOW to follow the Commandments and Open our Hearts to receive the Blessings of Joy, Peace, Hope and Love that God Offers Each of Us.*