

**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

**MAY 3, 2015—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**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 10:00A\_M

Weekday mass—Friday 8:30AM

Mon.-May 4-Baileyville-Firmin & Cynthia Koch

Tues.-May 5-Baileyville- Liv/Dec. Joe & Helen Heiman Family

Wed.-May 6-Baileyville-Helene Dalinghaus

Thurs.-May 7-13aileyville-Kayla Strathman

Fri.-May 8-St. Benedict-Norbert Broxterman

Sat.-May 9-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Henry & Clara Meyer Family

Sun.-May 10--Baileyville-People of the Parishes

Sun.-May 10-St.Benedict-Odelia Sudbeck

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COLLECTIONS for April 26, 2015: Plate:\$104.80, Envelopes: \$1,365.00, Catholic Home Missions: \$290.00, Stipends: \$50.00, Candles: \$9.00, Hall Rent: \$50.00, Catholic Mutual: \$93.00, Total: \$1,961.80.

MAY CROWNING is today, May 3, 2015. Please follow Father out to the grotto after Mass.

MAY is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Set up a May Altar in your home and pray your family prayers in front of it. Pray at least one decade of the Rosary each day for world peace, for a greater respect for life and for favorable weather for planting our crops.

ROSARY-- Starting Wednesday, May 6 at 7PM there will be rosary at the grotto. Weather permitting.

EASTER HOLY WATER will be available in the holy water receptacle on Easter. You will need to bring your own container.

ATTENTION MUSICIANS- During the Easter season the priest will sprinkle Holy Water on. the assembly. Be prepared to sing an appropriate hymn. The Gloria will be sung on weekends till May 24.

SENIOR RECOGNITION MASS is scheduled for May 17.

MANY THANKS to the following Catechist for teaching this past year to our youth of St. Mary's Parish.

- Cindy Murphy--Seniors & Juniors
  - Shama Engelken--Jr./Sr. High Coordinator
  - Robert Engelken--9th-10th grades
  - Diane Schmitz--Virtus Director/Grade School Coordinator for St. Mary's & Grades 6-7-8.
  - Stan Murphy--Youth Choir Director
  - Sandy Stallbaumer-3rd grade
  - Susie Lueger-2nd grade
  - Lisa Holthaus-First Communion Director
  - Shauna Engelken-Jr/High School CCD Director
- Also would like to Thank the volunteers from Sacred Heart for teaching our children. They are:
- Gloria Heiman—Kindergarten
  - Elaine Duryea--1 Stgrade
  - Janet Heideman--4th grade
  - Janet Schmitz--5th grade
  - Rcode Schmitz--2nd grade & Grade School Coordinator

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, May 4 at 8PM.

PONY EXPRESS 4-H CLUB will have a pancake feed today Sunday, May 3 at the Sts. Peter & Paul's School Cafeteria from 7AMto 12:30PM. Proceeds will help pay for club expenses and community service projects.

**Ministries for May 10, 2015-Sixth Sunday of Eas Cr**

Cross: Brayden Uphaus

Servers: Devon Siess & Jacob Koelzer

Eucharistic Minister: Betty K Olberding, Joyce Schmitz, Laurie Sirathman, Will Henry, Diane Schmitz

Lector: Connie Huerter

Commentator: Elmer Ronnebaum

Ushers: Arlyn Holthaus & Brian Holthaus

Gift Bearers: Tom & Mary Haverkamp Family

Rosary Leader: Brianna Uphaus

Organist: Marlene Deters

Cantor: Staci Haug



**UPCOMING ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS**

BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME is every 3rd Wednesday at 1:30PM. May-2015-Heidi Holthaus, Shawn Hulsing, Susan Lueger, Mary Jane Fleming, Karen Holthaus (K), Beth Sloss, Kim Sudbeck, Marissa Schmitz.

CHANCE BOOKS-Picnic work lists and chance books will be handed out after Mass on May 10 and 24. \$15 per chance book and \$50 if not planning to fry chicken will be collected at that time.

PICNIC-If anyone would like to donate an item(s) for the church picnic auction or chance book, please contact Lois Enneking at 336-2315 or 294-0027, or any of the other Altar Society Officers (Deb Koelzer, Dana Bradley or Donna Sudbeck)

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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 Kxogman, Alden Berkhart, Lyle Rottinghaus, Monica Olberding Countryman, Anna Marie Kuckelman, Brad Hammes, Elaine Ronnebaum, Laura Schmelzle, Ruth Wichman Moon, Karsyn Aylward, Nancy Broxterman, Cyril Tangeman, Ambrose Martin son of Larrissa Nordhus Martin, Eldon Kriley (brother in law of Stan & Cindy Murphy), Francis Sudbeck.

PROTECTING AGAINST FINANCIAL HARM-LEARN how to safeguard being taken advantage of financially.

WHAT you should know before appointing someone to act on your behalf. WHO can help you stop harm or neglect and answer your question. Join us on Thursday, May 7 from 1-2:30PM at Nemaha County Community Building, 1500 Community Drive. If you have questions-They have answers. Presented by Evie Curtis and Lacey Frehe-Banldng, Chief Brent Schulte-Seneca Police, Ruth Santner-Adult Protective Services. Open to the Public. No cost to attend.

PERSONNEL PROPERTY-It has been ask not to please park in front of the driveway or on the lot of Eric Bergman (Wilfred Bergman). He doesn't want any accidents to happen if he rents the house out. Thank You.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS-Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

COLLECTION FOR NEPAL AND INDIA-On April 25, a devastating magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck Nepal near Kathmandu, also effecting nearby parts of India. Avalanches were reported in the Himalaya, including Mt. Everest. The official death toll is over 4,000 lives. Catholic Relief Services emergency personnel are onsite and giving aid. The people of Nepal need your help. A collection will be taken up next week May 10. Mark your envelope ".1.NEPAL". Thank you for your generosity!

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

May 4-Parish Council Meeting  
May 5-Church Tour  
May 16-Schmitz Anniversary-Hall  
May 24-Haerter-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  
July 27-Finance Council Meeting  
Aug. 2--Schmitz Hall  
Aug. 9-Haverkamp-Hall  
Sept. 4--Haverkamp-Hall  
Sept.5-Holthaus-Hall  
Sept 5--Craig Haverkamp & Sheriden Han 7lik Wedding  
Oct. 10-Jerad Enneking & Stephanie Haverkamp Wedding  
Fall 2015-Confirmation at St. Mary's  
Nov. 22-Schmitz-Hall  
Nov. 26-Scott-Hall  
Nov. 27-Gudenkauf Reunion-Hall  
Nov. 28-Engelken-Hall  
December 6--George Holthaus 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

**HALL & CHURCH is spoken for on these dates for 2016:**

June 4-Abby Olberding & Austin Stallbaumer Wed-Church  
Dec. 17--Bergman Christmas

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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](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 ,Boeckman, Deters, Engelken, Fangman, Grosser-Holthaus, Haug, Haverkamp, Heiman, Grobe-Holthaus, HoIthaus, Huertter, Lierz, Kramer, Krogman, Mohrman, Olberding, Rethman, Ronnebaum, Rottinghaus, Sextro, Strathman, Strathrnan B, Stegeman, Sudbeck, Wichman  
Suggested donation is \$20.

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**THE 2015 KELLY YOUTH RALLY** is set for August 15th, 2015. Students who will be in grades 7 to 12 this fall from the parishes of the Nemaha/ Marshall Region are invited to attend. St. Mary's will be taking a group to the rally again. If your son/daughter would like to attend and have not received an entry form please contact Shauna Engelken at 785-336-2075 or email at [shauna\\_engelken@yahoo.com](mailto:shauna_engelken@yahoo.com).

**18th ANNUAL KELLY YOUTH RALLY** is Saturday, August 15, 2015. Event starts at 4PM with Mass **beginning at 8:30PM.**

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY HOSPICE**, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, is the only Catholic faith-based hospice in the Kansas City area. Guided by the Ethical and religious Directives for Catholic Health Care, we provide compassionate, end-of-life care to support the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients and their families. If you or a loved one is facing a terminal illness, please callus at 913-621-5090.

**MARRIED COUPLES** It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up on this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best and your children need to see you reaching for it. The next weekend in the Kansas City area is on June 26-28, 2015. For more information about a weekend, please visit the website at [wwme4youandme.org](http://wwme4youandme.org) or call Tony and Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066 or email [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net).

**HOLIEST FLOWER-Mary is the lily in God's garden.**

**ARCHDIOCESAN 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** will be on June 14, 2015 at 2:30PM at Cathedral of St. Peter. To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann please call the parish office at 336-3174. Please do this as soon as possible.

**BAPTISM** To offer his personal support for those couples open to raising larger families, Archbishop Joseph Naumann has offered to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism of the third or greater child of any family eligible. He is coming to Sts. Peter & Paul Church on Sunday, July 5th, and will baptize these infants at the 11AM Mass. Please let the Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Office know by calling 785-336-2128. If you are eligible and would like to have your baby baptized by the Archbishop.

**BEARING FRUIT** - "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." \_John's words come to us on this day when the Gospel passage presents us with the great image of the vine and the branches. Jesus uses the image as a warning to those who have begun to distance themselves from the way of the Lord. One of the ways this happens is when we love God and others "in word or speech" instead of "in deed and truth." What does it mean for us to "remain in Christ"? In an extension of the metaphor, the Lord gives us an example. If we remain in him, we will bear much fruit. As the branches, we draw strength from Christ who is the vine. This strength enables us to bear fruit—to do the work of true discipleship.  
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**OLD JONNIE** was talking to his pastor. He said, "When you get to my age you spend a lot more time thinking about the hereafter."  
"It's pretty normal to think about life after death," said the pastor.  
"Well, that's not exactly what I meant," replied old Ramie.  
"I often find myself going into a room and wondering what I came in here after."

# dear Padre

May 3, 2015

## Is it a sin to be mad at God?

My husband and I are divorcing. We have four children. Yesterday my eight-year-old said she's "mad at God for letting this happen." I **told her** it's a sin to be mad at God, but she says she doesn't care. What should I do?

First of all, your eight-year-old's world is being shaken to its core by your divorce. She's frightened, confused, and worried about what will happen. She's expressing her feelings and frustrations.

Don't tell her it's a sin to have angry thoughts and feelings about God. We're emotional human beings with strong passions and moods, and the Lord understands when we're distressed and troubled. Even Jesus had moments of anger—for example, when he drove the moneychangers out of the temple (Matthew 21:12).

Tell her God loves us and gives us freedom to choose. God isn't responsible for your divorce. Reassure your daughter that you love her no matter what, even when she's mad at God. Life after the divorce will be different, but not necessarily unhappy.

This is also an opportunity for her to learn that life isn't always the way we wish it would be.

'God doesn't make bad things happen. Human beings aren't perfect, and God helps us survive and grow through difficult moments.

FR. DON KIRCHNER, CSSR  
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