

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 22, 2015-SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



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.-Nov. 23-Baileyville-Special Intention

Tues.-Nov. 24-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Henry & Clara Meyer Family

Wed.-Nov.25-St. Benedict-Thanksgiving Mass @ 6PM-
Norbert Broxterman & Elaine Ronnebaum

Wed.-Nov. 25-Baileyville-Mass @ 7:30PM-Liv/Dec. Bill Keegan Family

Thurs.-Nov. 26-Baileyville-Mass @ 9:00AM-Audrey Feldkamp

Fri.-Nov. 27-St. Benedict-Arlene Schmitz

Sat.-Nov. 28-Baileyville-Wedding Mass for Sylvester Koch & Jessica Schwarz @ 2:30PM

Sat.-Nov. 28-Kayla Strathman

Sun.-Nov. 29-Baileyville-People of the Parishes

Sun.-Nov. 29-St. Benedict-Rupert Rethman

COLLECTIONS for November 15, 2015: Plate: \$82.25, Envelopes: \$1,466.00, Candle: \$28.00, Hall Rent: \$250.00, Total: \$1,826.25.

GOD'S NEW CHILD-Hank William Holthaus, son of Martin and Celene Holthaus, was washed in the saving waters of Baptism on Novemebr 15, here. Godparents are Ryan Haverkamp and Rachel Holthaus. Congratulations!

HIGH SCHOOL CCD-No classes until January 6, 2016.

ELEMENTARY CCD-Wednesday, November 25-No classes.

INQUIRY CLASS-The next inquiry class will be Tuesday, November 24, at 6:30PM at Sacred Heart Rectory.

FIRST COMMUNION-Any second grader wishing to make their First Communion at St. Mary's, please let Lisa Holthaus know at ldalinghaus@yahoo.com.

RETIREMENT PLANNING & GIVING discussion today, November 22 following mass: Learn how you can give to the church or other non-profit organization and reduce income taxes. Stop by the Rectory immediately after Mass on Sunday, Nov. 22 for a cup of coffee and a short discussion on this topic. Rosette Randel, Financial Advisor with Waddell & Reed, will explain how transferring a portion of your IRA Required Minimum Distributions to the church or other non-profit of your choice can reduce income taxes. Rosette is a parishioner who wants to help the parish as well as parishioners on an individual basis. The information is generic concerning laws and regulations governing IRA withdrawals held at any financial institution. Everyone's tax situation is different so only ideas will be given with the encouragement of your discussing your personal situation with your tax advisor. There will also be a short discussion of potential state income tax credits for projects at St. Mary's Church. Again, next Sunday, after Mass in the rectory living room. Coffee and cookies will be served.

ANGEL TREE - The CCD Classes will once again be sponsoring an "Angel Tree" community service project this year. A tree will be up in the back of church with angel tags on it. Parishioners are asked to choose a tag (or tags) and donate a gift in memory of a deceased loved one. All gifts will be donated to the Nemaha County Christmas Bureau to help less fortunate families to have a better Christmas. The deadline to have the gifts turned in to St. Mary's is December 4th, 2015. Additional information available on the table beside the tree. Please consider supporting this worthwhile cause!

Ministries for November 25, 2015-Thanksgiving Mass

Cross: Hailey Nordhus

Servers: Joseph Stallbaumer & Cole Engelken

Eucharistic Ministers: Kristina Sudbeck, Lisa Holthaus, Arlyn Holthaus

Lector: Brianna Uphaus

Commentator: Danny Tangeman

Ushers: Steve Wichman & Brian Wullscheger

Gift Bearers: Don & Nancy Sudbeck Family

Rosary Leader: Kenny Schmitz

Organist: Marlene Deters

Cantor: Kayla Sudbeck

Ministries for November 29, 2015-First Sunday of Advent

Cross: Emma Stallbaumer

Servers: John Siess & Addy Holthaus

Eucharistic Ministers: Anita Schmitz, Duana Huerter, Will Henry, Robert Engelken, Betty Bergman

Lector: Gabriella Sudbeck

Commentator: David Huerter

Ushers: Galen Bergman & John Bergman

Gift Bearers: Eldon & Teresa Sudbeck Family

Rosary Leader: David Huerter

Organist: Marilyn Holthaus

Cantor: Kelsey Bradley

UPCOMING ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST INFORMATION

Approximately 500 people were served at the pancake breakfast on November 8th, with a net income of \$3,509.70. Thank you everyone, for your support.

Winners of the chance drawings:

YOUTH-Spot it Game: Nate Deters, Radio Control Gator: Ty Sudbeck, Farm Corral: Trenton Heiman, Hedbanz Act Up: Marion Haug.

ADULT-Faith Plaque: Corey Heiman, St. Mary's Church Plate: Don Sudbeck, Santa Claus: Lyle Stallbaumer, 'O' Holy Night' Blocks and Candles: Vince Schmitz, Fragrance Warmer: Jr. & Betty Olberding, "Joy" Blocks- Lyle Stallhbaumer, Ratcheting Screwdriver: Hannah Scott, Thermos: Kenny Schmitz, 'Count Your Blessings' Picture: Stanley Schmitz, Embroidered Tea Towels: Donna Nordhus, 'Life' Plaque: Jim Sudbeck, Shampoo/Conditioner Set: Ella Sudbeck.

Thank you to the wonderful ladies who helped with cleaning the church Wednesday night. Your time and effort were greatly appreciated. And special thanks to the Parish Council members who cleaned the high areas of the church for us.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are sick, taking treatments, hospitalized or still recovering: Leroy Tangeman, Brad Bowhay, Margie Miller, Ivan Rottinghaus, Clara Krogman, Aiden Berkhart, Lyle Rottinghaus, Monica Olberding Countryman, Anna Marie Kuckelman, Brad Hammes, Laura Schmelzle, Karsyn Aylward, Nancy Broxterman, Cyril Tangeman, Ambrose Martin son of Larrissa Nordhus Martin, Eldon Kriley, Mary Lally, Dorothy Pearl Murphy, Kenny Olberding, Mary Ann Schmitz.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Dec. 6 & 20, Jan. 10-24, Feb. 7 & 21, March 6 & 20, April 10 & 24 and May 8.



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

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-Olberding-Hall
Dec. 25-Scott-Hall
Dec. 26-Lueger-Hall

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

Jan. 2-Schmitz-Hall
Jan. 11-Finance Council Meeting at 7PM.
Feb. 6-Set up for Soup Dinner-Hall
Feb. 7-Soup Dinner-Hall
Feb. 13-Holthaus_Hall
March 6-Welcome Reception-Hall
April 1-Huerter-Hall
April 2-Drew Huerter & Chelsey Rottinghaus Wedding
April 23- Julie Holthaus & Andrew Sneed-Wedding
June 4-Abby Olberding & Austin Stallbaumer Wedding
June 20-27-Picnic Set up & Take down.-Hall
June 26-ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC-Hall
July 1-Huerter-Hall
July 2-Marissa Lueger & Ryan Huerter Wedding-Church
Sept. 3-Holthaus-Hall
Sept. 17-Brett Holthaus & Anna Groppoli Wedding-Church
Dec. 17--Bergman Christmas-Hall
Dec. 18, 2016-Sudbeck-Hall

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

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP-Sacred Heart Parish, Baileyville and St. Mary's Parish, St. Benedict, have **12 students and 3 adult sponsors** making plans to attend **Catholic Heart WorkCamp** in Oklahoma City, OK, June 19-25, 2016. To help raise funds, they are planning their annual **pork chop/chicken breast supper on New Year's Eve, from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m.** in the Sacred Heart Church Hall. Tickets for the pork chop or chicken meal are \$15.00. A hotdog meal is available for children for \$5.00. You can also call Jeanne Holthaus at 294-0167 or Gloria Heiman at 336-1703. Please support these students in their quest to deepen their faith and to help those in need!

STS. PETER & PAUL SCHOOL PTO Annual Christmas Wonderland Crafts and Vendor Festival will be today, Sunday, Nov 22nd from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Community Building in Seneca. Come, have fun, purchase Christmas gifts, and eat lunch at the lunch stand sponsored by the SPPS 8th grade class.

SPPS SOUP SUPPER will be today, Sunday, November 22, beginning at 4:30pm. Free will donation. Chance drawings with lots of prizes!

FIREMEN'S THANKSGIVING BALL TICKETS will be sold on Nov. 22 before Mass.

SENECA K of C PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be on Sunday, Nov. 29th, at at. Peter & Paul Parish Hall, from 7AM to 1PM. Freewill donation. Everyone welcome!

AXTELL ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA will be Sunday, December 13 at 7:30PM at the Salem Lutheran Church, Axtell.

ST. JAMES CONSIGNMENT AUCTION, Wetmore, is on Sunday, December 6, 2015 starting at 10AM. Contact 785-547-5082 or 785-207-0434.

AMERICAN RED CROSS and the Seneca Community are hosting an upcoming blood drive on Friday, December 18 at the Community Building from 7:30AM to 1:30PM. Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today. The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT provides the Catholic faithful with concrete opportunities to live out the love of God and neighbor in ways that express our baptismal call and continuing Eucharistic transformation. CCHD is made possible by the generous support of Catholics in the United States. Please give to the CCHD Collection which will be taken up on this weekend, November 21-22.

"THE HOPE OF BEING LOVED FOREVER" – On the weekend of December 5-6, we will make a commitment as a parish community to recognize that we have been blessed, and to extend the goodness and mercy that we have received to those in need. We will fill out Year of Mercy Commitment forms at Masses that weekend to demonstrate our willingness to perform Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy throughout the year.

HALL RENTAL INFORMATION-The deadline dates for submitting the Special Events Coverage application or the Facility Usage / Indemnity Agreement with the Certificate of Liability Insurance paperwork prior to Christmas holidays are as follows:

Thursday, December 17th prior to the Christmas holiday (Chancery Offices are closed Wednesday, December 24th through Thursday, January 1st) The paperwork must be received at the Chancery Offices on these dates to allow time for processing. If the paperwork is received after these dates, then coverage will not be provided for the event and you will not be able to use the hall.

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November 22, 2015

Does Jesus transcend the limits of time, space? Revelation says God is "the one who is and who was and who is to come" (1:8). Does this apply to Jesus as well?

The Creed says he was "born of the Father before all ages."□□ John 1:1-3 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be." Similarly, the author of Wisdom refers to the Word and Spirit of God this way: "Now with you is Wisdom, who knows your works and was present when you made the world" (9:9). Origen, one of the early Church fathers, pointed out, "whatever is said of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, is to be understood as transcending all time, all ages, and all eternity" (The Fundamental Doctrines, 4:4:1). This means that even though Jesus was physically born into the world as we were, we cannot equate Jesus' birth with our birth. Jesus transcends the limits of time and space. This is a mystery involving his dual natures—of his being fully human and fully divine. The Word of God is eternal; it has always existed, and it always will. In this context, it is not simply a published text or historical figure. Jesus is the Incarnation of the Word. Therefore, his presence and redemptive grace span history and geography.

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Past Lives—On a family vacation one summer, we crossed Wyoming and noted several historical points of interest. The children were especially interested because they enjoyed the computer game "Oregon Trail," which gives players a taste of the hardships the pioneers endured. We stopped at the famous South Pass to look at the wagon tracks still visible in the dirt. Squinting out over the desolate, wind-swept landscape, my daughter nodded and said grimly, "This is where my oxen always die."

A Sunday school teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. One little girl raised her hand and said, "Because they couldn't get a babysitter."