

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 29, 2015-FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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. 30-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Joe & Helen Heiman Family

Tues.-Dec. 1-Baileyville- Gilbert Broxterman

Wed.-Dec. 2-Baileyville-Mass at 3:45PM-Helene Dalinghaus

Thurs.-Dec. 3-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Ray & Rita Floersch Family

Fri.-Dec. 4-St. Benedict-Greg & Henrietta Holthaus

Fri.-Dec. 4-Baileyville-Mass at 10:45AM-Liv/Dec, Elmer Heiman Family

Sat.-Dec. 5-Baileyville-People of the Parishes

Sun.-Dec. 6-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Conrad & Rita Feldkamp

Sun.-Dec. 6-St. Benedict---Liv/Dec. George Holthaus Family

COLLECTIONS for November 22, 2015: Plate:\$85.00, Envelopes: \$1,441.00, CCHD: \$749.00, Stipends: \$110.00, Candle: \$6.00, Stola: \$50.00, Hall Rent: \$100.00, Leaven: \$21.00, Total: \$2,562.00.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY on December 8 is a Holy day of Obligation. Mass will be at 7 PM on December 7 at St. Mary's, St. Benedict. Masses at Sacred Heart will be at 8:30AM and 7PM, on December 8. There will also be a Mass at Life Care at 11AM on December 8.

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

Baileyville-Sunday, December 13 at 3PM

St. Benedict-Sunday, December 20 at 7PM

PLEASE PICK UP a copy of "Rediscover Jesus" at the back of church. Every family is invited to take home a copy and read a short chapter each day. The Archdiocese sent copies to every parish in our archdiocese.

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

ELEMENTARY CCD-Wednesday, December 2-Mass at 3:45PM, followed by class. Confessions for Grades 4-5.

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

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!

"GRATEFUL HEARTS, MERCIFUL HEARTS" As we gather with family, friends and loved ones to celebrate Thanksgiving, we are mindful of those in need of tenderness and compassion. Pope Francis reminds us that the "balm of mercy" is for everyone to share. As part of the beginning of the Year of Mercy, we will make a commitment as a parish community on the weekend of Dec. 5 - 6. 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.

IS THERE room for Him in your Inn!

Ministries for December 6, 2015-Second Advent

Cross: Katie Tangeman

Servers: Faith Henry & Hannah Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: Charity Henry, Joyce Schmitz, Maurice Feldkamp, Diane Schmitz, Mary Schmitz

Lector: Paul Strathman

Commentator: Alan Schmitz

Ushers: Mark Bergman & Alan Deters

Gift Bearers: John & Theresa Sudbeck Family

Rosary Leader: Danny Tangeman

Organist: Marlene Deters

Cantor: Staci Haug & Adult Choir

Ministries for December 7, 2015-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary-7 PM Mass

Servers: Amber Blume, Rachel Schmitz, Bradley Schmitz

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie Huerter, Wayne Schmitz, Carol Schmitz

Lector: Nancy Sudbeck

Commentator: Cindy Murphy

Ushers: Ferdie Deters & Mike Deters

Gift Bearers: Galen & Betty Bergman

Rosary Leader: Cindy Murphy

Organist: Marilyn Holthaus

Cantor: TBD

UPCOMING ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS

BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME is every 3rd Wednesday at 1:30PM. December, 2015-Betty Roeder, Donna Stallbaumer, Trisha Engelken, Carol Bergman, Rosette Randel, Betty Ruegge, Annette Rottinghaus

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.

19TH ANNUAL WORLDWIDE CANDLE LIGHTING VIGIL

for the Compassionate Friends will be held on Sunday, December 13th. Everyone is invited to **light a candle** in their home from 7 - 8 PM, 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 and Lisa Ohlsen, 503 N. 19th St., Seneca. Anyone who has lost a child is welcome to join them that evening to honor their children! If planning to attend, for more information about the event, or the Seneca Chapter, please call 785-336-3691.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: If you would like to have the name of a loved one as a memorial on a poinsettia this year or just want to contribute to the Christmas flower fund, please put the money in the collection by Dec. 20th. Memorial Poinsettias are \$15. Please include the name of the loved one you would like attached to the poinsettia.



Immaculate Conception



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

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
May 1--Lueger-Church
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!

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!

BAILEYVILLE K OF C SOUP DAY will be Sunday, December 6 from 9:30AM to 1:00PM at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Chili, Chicken Noodle and Vegetable Soup will be served. Freewill Offering.

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

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

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.

SACRED HEART BAILEYVILLE CYO BREAKFAST will be on Sunday, January 10, 2016.

"LIVING IN LOVE" retreat at Sacred Heart Parish in Sabetha, January 16-17, 2016. Register online at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information.

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.

MARRIAGE MINUTE-What does Advent have to do with Marriage? As we enter into Advent, we prepare for the coming of the LORD, much like an engaged couple prepares for the coming of their marriage. One of the ways that we can experience Christmas more fully is if we view it through the lens of matrimony. Think of a young couple and the last few weeks before the vows. Imagine the eager anticipation that the young couple may be experiencing. In today's reading from Jeremiah, the Lord promises His Bride safety and security, and every engaged couple longs for the time of peace that follows engagement. Engagement is often marked with turbulence and stress while the couple tries to get all the details of the wedding in place. It takes incredible focus born of love to persevere to the wedding day. It is one of the reasons engaged couples long for their wedding day; they long to just be with one another. Christmas is where we, the Church, realize the fullness of God's love in the person of Jesus Christ. We rejoice, "The bridegroom wants to be with us!" During this first week of Advent, let us prepare for Christmas with the same enthusiasm and attention to detail of our spiritual lives that an eager bride-to-be pays to the details of her wedding day. It will renew the childlike awe and wonder that sometimes eludes us grown-ups. Take some time to pray for the graces of eagerness and attentiveness these first seven days of the Church year.

dearPadre November 29, 2015

At college, where do I go to church? I am a college student and live with my parents, but I prefer my friend's parish. My father says Church law requires me to go to my home parish. Is this true?

According to the Code of Canon Law, parishes and dioceses are normally established according to geographical boundaries. In the United States, Catholics generally attend and support the parish in which they live, just as each pastor is required by canon law to care for the spiritual needs of all who reside within his boundaries. Exceptions to this practice include parishes established for specific ethnic groups or for the military. That said, Catholics may go to another parish to fulfill specific spiritual needs. For instance, they can attend Mass "away from home" to accommodate their work or school schedule. Around the world there may be countless liturgical variations to the Mass, but ultimately it is the same celebration. As a pastor, I understand that I cannot be everything to everyone. People have different preferences when it comes to worship style, preaching content, and available ministries. I would rather help someone enjoy Mass and be spiritually fed and challenged than remind him or her of our religious obligations. Your journey toward an adult spirituality is important. The parish you choose should be more than just a place to socialize or be entertained. Be sure it also reflects God's presence and leads you to do the same.

FR. RICK POTTS, CSsR sundaybulletin@liguori.org.

THE LOST PURSE—A lady lost her handbag in the bustle of Christmas shopping. It was found by an honest little boy and returned to her. Looking in her purse she commented, "HMMMM...That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$1. The boy quickly replied, "That's right, lady. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."