

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

DECEMBER 13, 2015-THIRD 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.-Dec. 14--Baileyville-Elmer Henry

Tues.-Dec. 15-Baileyville-Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Wed.-Dec. 16-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Ray & Florence Gudenkauf Family

Thurs.-Dec. 17-Baileyville-Richard Dalinghaus

Fri.-Dec. 18-St. Benedict-Clem Rethman

Sat.-Dec. 19-Baileyville-Leona Bergman

Sun.-Dec. 20-Baileyville-People of the Parishes

Sun.-Dec. 20-St. Benedict--Lucille Laska

COLLECTIONS for Dec. 6, 2015: Plate:\$123.81, Envelopes: \$2,327.00, Stipends: \$20.00, Religious Retirement: \$15.00, Christmas: \$15.00, Immaculate Mary: \$15.00, Christmas Flowers: \$90.00, Hall Rent: \$100.00, Human Development: \$20.00, Total: \$2728.81. **Dec. 7, 2015:** Plate: \$127.00, Envelopes: \$221.00, Total: \$348.00.

CHOIR PRACTICE-There will be a choir practice for Christmas Eve mass on Thursday, December 17 at 7PM. New voices are welcome!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

4:00PM – Christmas Eve at St. Benedict

7:30PM – Christmas Eve at Baileyville

9:00AM – Christmas Day at Baileyville

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, Dec. 16. Class from 3:45 to 5:15PM.

2016 FIRST COMMUNICANTS-On Christmas Eve you are welcome to walk in the entrance processional and bring up gifts.

GLASSES-Found youth ladies glasses down at school. May pick up in the back of church.

SUPPORT ELDERLY RELIGIOUS – Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care and more. Please be generous.

PLEASE REMEMBER to pick up your church envelopes in the back of church for next year. If you didn't receive envelopes, please let the parish office know.

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. Call 336-3360 for an appointment.

LIGHT-All the darkness of the world cannot put out the light of one small candle.

Ministries for December 20, 2015-4th Sunday of Advent

Cross: Ryan Sudbeck

Servers: Dylan & Madison Lortscher

Eucharistic Ministers: Craig Haverkamp, Janelle Schmitz, Evelyn Rottinghaus, Brian Holthaus, Lisa Holthaus

Lector: Joanie Holthaus

Commentator: Paul Strathman

Ushers: Richard & Robert Engelken

Gift Bearers: Chris & Trish Engelken Family

Rosary Leader: Paul Strathamn

Musicians: Theresa & Laura Sudbeck, Bailey Schmitz, Tammy Holthaus

Ministries for December 24, 2015-Nativity of the Lord-Christmas Eve Mass @ 4PM

Cross: Bailey Schmitz

Servers: Amanda Stallbaumer & Andrew Wichman

Eucharistic Ministers: Nicole Sudbeck, Leon & Arlene Holthaus, Caleb Bradley, Luke Holthaus

Lector: Don Lueger

Commentator: Brianna Uphaus

Ushers: Parish Council

Gift Bearers: 2016 First Communion Candidates

Rosary Leader: No Rosary-Come to pray early and listen to prelude Christmas music

Organist: Marlene Deters & Marilyn Holthaus & Adult Choir

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.

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.



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS-The parish council will be putting up the manger after Mass today, Sunday, December 13th. Any help would be greatly appreciated in carrying over the decorations and/or helping decorate the rest of the church for the holidays. Thank you.

AXTELL ECUMENICAL CHIRSTMAS CANTATA will be presented at Salem Lutheran Church (located at the intersection of Highway 87 and Navajo Road) the evening of Sunday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. "What Child Is This?" by Joel Raney will be directed by Stan Murphy, with Lisa Broxterman accompanying. A time of fellowship will follow. All are invited to attend this annual Christmas season event.

JOY is an inside job.

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS



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

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-Hall
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
Nov. 26-Gudenkauf Reunion-Hall
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!

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.

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 The Cornerstone Coffee Haus, 413 Main Street, 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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE: Dec. 20, Jan. 10-24, Feb. 7 & 21, March 6 & 20, April 10 & 24 and May 8.

YEAR-END GIFTS of Stock Using appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds to make yearend charitable gifts has tax advantages to those who itemize deductions if they have been owned for more than one year. Gifts mailed or delivered by December 31 will be acknowledged for tax purposes in the 2015 tax year. Simple instructions for making a stock gift to the parish or other charities within the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas are available at www.archkck.org/waystogive.

MARRIAGE MINUTE- 3rd Sunday of Advent -In today's readings, we hear numerous times that we are supposed to "Rejoice!" For many marriages and families, the time of Advent and Christmas is not about rejoicing, but survival. It seems that our already busy lives are burdened with even more commitments. Even if we maintain our sanity with scheduling, many of us face family gatherings that are filled with tension. The readings offer us the great reminder that is the key to a peaceful Advent and Christmas. "The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; He will rejoice over you with gladness and renew you in His love. He will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals." For married couples, it is crucial to remember in the "chaos" of the season. Jesus Christ is present in our midst in the Sacrament of Matrimony. If we give the Holy Spirit permission, He will unleash a flood of grace into our families and we will experience Him "renewing us in His love and singing over us." Take time this 3rd week of Advent to pray with your family to experience His renewing power present in your Sacrament of Matrimony.

dearPadre

December 13, 2015 Why do we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe? I never used to hear about Our Lady of Guadalupe, but now every year my parish celebrates the feast. Why?

In 1531 the Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego in the form of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She sent him to the bishop to ask that a church be built where she appeared so all may see and know her compassion. As a sign, she left her image on his cloak. This cloak is still venerated in Mexico and is as bright as ever, defying scientific explanation. Devotion to Mary under this title began almost immediately. Pope Leo XIII made her celebration a memorial for the universal Church. During the twentieth century, she was proclaimed the Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas. In 2002, John Paul II canonized Juan Diego. Since then the growing Hispanic population in the United States has made her feast increasingly visible and popular. In his 2014 homily on the feast of Guadalupe, Pope Francis reminds us why this feast is so relevant to the Advent season: "In the wonders that the Lord has fulfilled in Mary, she recognizes her Son's manner and mode of conduct in salvation history. Overturning worldly judgments, destroying at all costs the idols of power, wealth and success, denouncing self-sufficiency, arrogance and secular messianism which distance people from God." Guadalupe lifts the lowly and draws all to her Son and his Church. FR. PATRICK KEYES, CSsR sundaybulletin@liguori.org



"Apparently there's no good or bad children anymore...only misunderstood!"