

**ST.MARY'S CHURCH**

**Father Edward Oen, C.PP. S. Pastor**

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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 20, 2015-FOURTH 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. 21-Baileyville---Living and Deceased of all the Oens**

**Tues.-Dec. 22-Baileyville-Rita Strathman**

**Wed.-Dec. 23-Baileyville-Liv-Dec Elmer Buessing Family**

**Thurs.-Dec. 24-St. Benedict- Christmas Eve Mass @ 4PM**  
Wilfred Bergman

**Thur- Dec. 24 Baileyville- Christmas Eve Mass @ 7:30PM**  
People of the Parishes

**Fri.- Dec. 25-Baileyville-Christmas Day Mass @ 9AM**  
Marvin and Anna Oen Family

**Sat.- Dec. 26 Baileyville-Special Intention**

**Sun.- Dec. 27-Baileyville-Liv-Dec Nick Holthaus Family**

**Sun.- Dec. 27-St. Benedict-Special Intention of Stan and Cindy Murphy Family**

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**COLLECTIONS for Dec. 13, 2015:** Plate: \$406.00, Envelopes: \$1,671.00, Candle: \$6.00, Hall Rent: \$50.00, Christmas Flowers: \$15.00, Religious Retirement: \$527.00, Total: \$2,675.00.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM FATHER ED** – May Jesus, our Savior, fill your hearts with a renewed love and joy on Christmas and throughout 2016. Thanks so much for remembering me in your prayers, for your beautiful Christmas cards, warm wishes and your thoughtful gifts!

**THE CHRISTMAS SEASON** will continue till the feast of the Baptism of Jesus on January 10. Please continue to sing Christmas hymns all during this season. We continue to thank and praise God for sending His only Son to save us from our sins and to raise us up to become sons and daughters of the Father, brothers and sister of Jesus, and temples of the Holy Spirit.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

4:00PM – Christmas Eve at St. Benedict

7:30PM – Christmas Eve at Baileyville

9:00AM – Christmas Day at Baileyville

**YEAR OF MERCY**– Pope Francis announced an extraordinary jubilee Year of Mercy that began on December 8 and will conclude on November 20, 2016. In the “bull of indication” the Pope said: The church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the bearing heart of the Gospel, which in its own way must penetrate the heart and mind of every person.”

“The practice of pilgrimage.” said Pope Francis, “has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey that each of us makes in this life.. Life itself is a pilgrimage, and the human being is a “Traveler” a pilgrim traveling along the road, making his way to the destination.” The Pope has called on churches throughout the world to assign certain doors as holy doors through which the faithful may enter the site during the year. Our church as been designated by the Archdiocese to which the faithful will pass with the opportunity for an extraordinary indulgence. There will be refectation and prayer resources at the back of church for use by pilgrims when visiting.

Obtaining an indulgence are as follows: sacramental confession and absolution, visitation to the pilgrimage church. Passing through the Holy Door, sincere intention of conversion and prayer. Check the Archdiocese website: archkck.org/mercy for other ways to receive the indulgence.

**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

**Soloists:** Staci Haug, Kayla Sudbeck, Megan Sudbeck

**Flutist:** Katrina Sudbeck

**Trumpeter:** Kayla Sudbeck

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**Ministries for December 27, 2015-Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Cross:** Kirsten Lortscher

**Servers:** Karly Tangeman & Savannah Engelken

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Megan Sudbeck, Ashlyey Schmitz, Troy Nordhus, Marsha Lorber, Kevin Nordhus

**Lector:** Dan Tangman

**Commentator:** Diane Schmitz

**Ushers:** Doug Enneking & Eugene Fangman

**Gift Bearers:** Clarence & Lillian Engelken

**Rosary:** Greg Schmitz

**Organist:** Nicole Sudbeck

**Cantor:** Kayla & Megan Sudbeck

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**UPCOMING ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS**

**BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME** is every 3rd Wednesday at 1:30PM.

**ST. MARY'S NIGHT AT THE WILLOWS:** On Monday, January 18, from 5:00 – 9:00 PM, The Willows Restaurant will donate 10% of food sales to St. Mary's Parish as their donation toward our picnic. (Meals purchased with gift cards will not be included.) Come join us and support our parish. \*\*\*\*\*

**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.

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

**ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES**  
St. Benedict-Sunday, December 20 at 7PM-Today



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

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  
Feb. 21-Lueger-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. 10-Rottinghaus-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. The book provides the unique story of St. Mary's Parish from its founding. The family photos are sure to be cherished in decades to come. Copies available for pickup at the Rectory; leave a message at 336-3174 or email to Mary Beth at [tahaverkamp@bbwi.net](mailto:tahaverkamp@bbwi.net). Copies also are available through the Kansas Rural Water Association office located west of Seneca. Your grandchildren or great-grandchildren will appreciate having a copy.

**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, Grosse-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!

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

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

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** – Our country and the state of Kansas have seen an increase in the number of those living in poverty. During the holidays, as you share warm feelings and gifts with your friends and family, please consider the less fortunate who never imagined they would be at Catholic Charities' doors. Please make a donation to this year's Catholic Christmas collection to allow the agency to help our brothers and sisters in need.

**RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS.** "We cannot begin to repay all who contribute," writes a Catholic sister. "So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you." Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

**MARRIAGE MINUTE**-4th Sunday of Advent In this week's Gospel, we hear the familiar story of Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth. After receiving the good news from the Archangel Gabriel and embarking on the unknown and adventurous road of motherhood, Mary wasted no time in going to comfort her cousin, Elizabeth. With the new presence of the Lord of the universe within her, Mary went to be an instrument of joy and comfort to her extended family. This is a great lesson for married couples, especially in this season of family gatherings. We have the presence of the Lord of the universe in our Marriages. We can draw from the grace available to us to go "in haste" to our family gatherings with the mindset of "How can we bring joy to this gathering?" It is the path to deeper happiness in our marriages when we decide to be instruments of joy and comfort to those around us. Before you go to your first Christmas gathering, get together with your spouse to ask for the grace to intentionally be an instrument of joy through your marriage!

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

**ELEMENTARY CCD**-No classes

**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.

## dearPadre

December 20, 2015 Wearing liturgical colors can be a reminder of the season My pastor encourages us to wear liturgical colors to Mass: violet during Advent and Lent, red on Pentecost, and so forth. I notice some parishioners take this to heart, but I've never heard of such a thing. Is this something we're all supposed to do? The color of the priests' vestments are dictated by the feasts and seasons of the Church's liturgical year: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time. The colors are listed in the calendar published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the colored squares in the calendar section of this bulletin indicate each day's color(s). Today, for example, is the fourth Sunday of Advent, so the liturgical color is violet. Paragraphs 345-347 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal explain when and why each color is worn. This document is available from the USCCB's website, [usccb.org](http://usccb.org), but easier still is asking a member of your parish staff about the meanings and symbolism of each liturgical season and color. Dressing to match the color of the feast or season is certainly not required by the Church, but it's a common tradition in our culture—consider red Santa hats and green on St. Patrick's Day. Sometimes the seasons of the Church are lost in the daily hustle and bustle. Wearing something violet as you shop for or wrap Christmas gifts would be a lovely personal reminder of the true meaning of the season. FR. JOHN M. HAMROGUE, CSsR [sundaybulletin@liguori.org](mailto:sundaybulletin@liguori.org)

### AN ADVENT PRAYER

May the God of peace make us completely holy.  
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!  
Expectant, let us live in joyful hope  
for the revelation of the glory  
of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!  
To him be glory forever!  
Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

