

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 27, 2015-THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



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. 28-Baileyville-People of the Parishes

Tues.-Dec. 29-Baileyville-Helene Dalinghaus

Wed.-Dec. 30-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Fred & Clara Broxterman Family

Thur- Dec. 31 Baileyville- New Year's Eve Mass @

Baileyville @ 7PM-Liv/Dec. Sylvester Koch Family

Fri.- Jan. 1-Baileyville---New Year's Day Mass @ 8:30AM- People of the Parishes

Fri.-Jan. 1-St. Benedict-New Year's Day Mass @ 10AM- Norbert Broxterman

Sat.- Jan. 2- Baileyville-Reva Olberding

Sun.- Jan. 3-Baileyville-Phyllis Waller

Sun.- Jan. 3-St. Benedict-Alan Stallbaumer

COLLECTIONS for Dec. 20, 2015: Plate: \$25.00, Envelopes: \$2,018.00, Stipends: \$30.00, Donation Gift: \$1,000.00, Hall Rent: \$100.00, Anniversary Books: \$47.30, Religious Retirement: \$50.00, Total: \$3,300.30.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Today is World Day of Prayer for Peace. We pray for world leaders that they may work together to create peace and justice among all nations in 2016. Our country's military is equipped to protect our nation and to kill our enemies but it cannot kill ideas or change the hearts of terrorists. Only God can change hearts and minds and give us the peace we hope and long for. Let's pray today that God may inspire each of us in his or her own way to become instruments of peace in our homes, communities, and ultimately throughout the world. Peace must begin in each of our hearts and then spread elsewhere. May God bless and help us to become peacemakers in 2016!
Father Ed

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.

MASSES ON NEW YEAR'S DAY (a Holyday of Obligation) will be the same as Sunday. The Thursday night (New Year's Eve) Mass will be at 7:00PM at Sacred Heart and Friday, (New Year's Day) at 8:30AM at Sacred Heart and 10:00AM at St. Mary's.

SPECIAL THANKS to all who helped make our Christmas Mass so beautiful and inspiring. The hours spent in preparing the altars and music are a real indication of the love for our Lord.

THANKS so much to the Axtell K of C for obtaining \$350.00 for our religious education program.

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.

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

ELEMENTARY CCD-No classes

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

CYO BREAKFAST is Sunday, January 10, 2016 at Sacred Heart, Baileyville, Church Hall. Serving Pancakes, eggs and sausage from 7:30AM - 12:30PM. Freewill donation.

Ministries for January 1, 2016-Solemnity of Mary

Cross: Nate Deters

Servers: Gage Palic & Cole Engelken

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Schmitz, Leon Holthaus, Arlene Holthaus

Lector: David Huerter

Commentator: Elmer Ronnebaum

Ushers: Maurice Feldkamp & Mark Hanzlicek

Gift Bearers: Robert & Shauna Engelken Family

Rosary Leader: Don Lueger

Organist: Marilyn Holthaus & Adult Choir

Cantor: TBD

Ministries for January 3, 2016-Epiphany of the Lord

Cross: Haley Nordhus

Servers: Joseph Stallbaumer & Hannah Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: Duana Huerter, Anita Schmitz, Don Lueger, Kristina Sudbeck, Zachary Bradley

Lector: Alan Schmitz

Commentator: Gabriella Sudbeck

Ushers: John Haug & Marion Haug

Gift Bearers: Doug & Lois Enneking Family

Rosary: David Huerter

Organist: Kayla Sudbeck & Adult Choir

Cantor: Staci Haug

UPCOMING ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS

BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME is every 3rd Wednesday at 1:30PM. January, 2016-Deanna Wullschlegler, Sharon Tangeman, Arlene Holthaus, Celene Haverkamp, Lisa Holthaus, Judy Osterhaus, Debbie Tangeman

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.

BOWLS that were leftover from funerals are now down in the parish hall.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, Scranton is hosting a Nativity display January 3, 2016 St. Patrick Catholic Church of Scranton wants to invite you to view displays of over 100 Nativity Sets in the church basement on January 3rd from 11:30 - 2:00. Come view the beautiful and historical St. Patrick's of Scranton Church adorned for Christmas and the many, Nativity sets that members and friends of the parish have placed for your viewing enjoyment. The Altar Society will also serve cookies. Free Will Donations are appreciated. All money benefits St. Patrick Building Fund. Anyone who would like to share their Nativity Set for displaying may call Lois Shuck at 785-665-7893 or 785-836-7887.



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

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
May 21-Huerter-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.19-Ashley Schmelzle&Baylen Edelman 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. 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 or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING-Prescription for a Long and Happy Life", an evening with Dr. Laurie Heap: This introduction to NFP takes an intellectually honest look at the medical benefits of natural fertility management systems and how they enhance the married relationship. Our next event is Saturday, Jan 30 from 6 – 9:30 PM at Savior Pastoral Center (12601 Parallel Parkway, KCK, 66109). Wine, appetizers, dessert, and coffee will be served. If you are engaged, this fulfills your Archdiocesan requirement for NFP introduction in Marriage Preparation. Interested married couples also welcome. For more info, contact Brad DuPont in the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life at bdupont@archkck.org or 913.647.0301. To register or to see future dates, go to www.archkck.org/prescription (\$35/couple).

WISE men still follow the star!

DEAR PADRE—December 27, 2015

Did Mary experience labor pains or not? I was taught that Mary didn't have labor pains when she gave birth to Jesus because she didn't have original sin. My son's theology teacher says that's not true. Which is it?

The Church hasn't made a dogmatic statement on this question, so there's lots of debate around it. Although the Church teaches that Christ's birth was a virgin birth, the details of the delivery are open to speculation. Early Church teachings suggest that Mary did not experience labor pains. In the mid-thirteenth century, St. Thomas Aquinas said Mary had no pain when she gave birth (Summa Theologica, part III, 35.6). In the sixteenth century, the Council of Trent said the same thing (Catechism of the Council of Trent, Article III). Much of this discussion is rooted in Genesis, when God says to Eve, "in pain you shall bring forth children" (3:16). If labor pains are punishment for original sin and Mary was born without it, she should have been spared. In fact, regardless of her state, God could have granted her this special privilege. However, some theologians dispute this logic. First, if baptism "erases original sin" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 405), shouldn't all baptized women be free from labor pains? Secondly, equating labor pains with sinfulness implies that women with difficult labors are more sinful than those with easier ones. This clearly does not agree with Catholic teaching. Painful or not, Mary accepted her role in bringing Christ to us. This we know.
FR. PAUL BOROWSKI, CSsR sundaybulletin@liguori.org

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This New Year's Eve, at the turning of the year, you may catch a glimpse of the old year, a cartoon figure of a hunched old man with a sickle, Father Time. Where else but in this column could you learn that this is in fact a pope? December 31 was in the old calendar the feast of St. Sylvester. Legend says that Sylvester healed the Emperor Constantine of leprosy, and presided at the liturgy of baptism for the grateful emperor. In 314, he was chosen pope, and it fell to him to organize the peacetime church, free at last from persecution. He founded the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome.

In northern Europe "Sylvester Night" is a time of great parties with eating, dancing, and singing—recalling perhaps the joy of the church in the fresh air of Sylvester's papacy. In Poland, there was great fear as the year 1000 approached that an immense dragon would devour the earth and set fire to the heavens. The people prayed earnestly to St. Sylvester, trusting that the saint would not permit such suffering on his feast day. They've been celebrating ever since!

Many New Year's customs have pagan roots, like the British "First Footer" tradition. The idea is that the first person setting foot into your house in the new year determines the luck for the year ahead. The ideal first footer was not a bit like old Pope Sylvester, but rather a tall, dark-haired man carrying the right gift. A handsome first footer meant the year ahead would be pleasant, and if he carried bread or a shovel of coal there would be food and warmth in the future. Who will be your household's first footer?

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE NAME FOR GOD

Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.

—William Makepeace Thackeray

