

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

JANUARY 3, 2016—THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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.-Jan. 4-Baileyville-Joe Walter

Tues.-Jan. 5-Baileyville-Gilbert Broxterman

Wed.-Jan. 6-Baileyville-People of the Parishes

Thur.- Jan. 7-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Gene Heiman Family

Fri.-Jan. 8-St. Benedict-Melvin, Zita & Daniel Bergman

Sat.- Jan. 9-Baileyville-David Deters

Sun.- Jan. 10-Baileyville-People of the Parishes

Sun.- Jan. 10-St. Benedict-Wilfred Bergman

COLLECTIONS for Dec. 24, 2015: Plate: \$500.00, Envelopes: \$4,011.00, Candle: \$6.00, Religious Retirement: \$55.00, Christmas Flowers: \$30.00, Theresa's DVD: \$10.00, Axtell K of C CCD Donation: \$350.00, REC Dividend: \$500.96, Total: \$5,442.96. **Dec. 27, 2015:** Plate: \$75.00, Envelopes: \$3,459.00, Other: \$9.00, Leaven: \$18.00, Catholic Charities: \$7.00, Religious Retirement: \$60.00, Total: \$3,628.00.

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.

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.

CHILDREN grades 4-8 will have a choir practice on Wednesday, January 6 at 5:30PM. The children will sing at Mass on Sunday, January 10.

HIGH SCHOOL CCD-January 6, 2016-Normal CCD Classes.

ELEMENTARY CCD-January 6-Classes after school.

THE NEXT INQUIRY CLASS will be on Tuesday, January 5 at 7PM.

MEETING for parents of second graders will be held at 7:30PM on Sunday, January 10 in Sacred Heart Church. Parents from St. Mary's and Sacred Heart are invited to come for classed on First Confession. Parents with children in SPPS will not have to attend since their children have already received First Reconciliation.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7PM.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7PM.

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

BAILEYVILLE K of C's will hold their annual basketball free throw contest in the B & B Gym on Sunday, January 10 at 1PM. Doors will open at noon. Boys and girls are invited to participate.

"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.

Ministries for January 10, 2016-Baptism of the Lord

Cross: Ryan Sudbeck

Servers: Will Engelken & Bailey Schmitz

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Haverkamp, Arlyn Holthaus, Betty Bergman, Marissa Randel, Corey Heiman

Lector: Cindy Murphy

Commentator: Joanie Holthaus

Ushers: Martin Haug & Craig Haverkamp

Gift Bearers: Martin & Staci Haug Family

Rosary Leader: Kenny Schmitz

Organist: Marlene Deters

Song Leaders: All 4th-8th Grade Students



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.

Feb. 7, 2016-Annual Soup Day

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.

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.

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).

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

BOWLS that were leftover from funerals are now down in the parish 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
- Dec. 25-Engelken-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, 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.

dearPadre January 3, 2016

Atheism vs. Agnosticism What is the difference between atheism and agnosticism?
The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines atheism as the rejection or denial of the existence of God and warns against numerous phenomena that can be categorized as atheistic, such as materialism and humanism and some movements that champion economic or social liberation (CCC 2123–2125). Agnosticism, somewhat conversely, makes no judgment about God's existence— instead, it says it's impossible to prove or deny. The Catechism identifies this viewpoint as expressing "indifferentism...and a sluggish moral conscience" (CCC 2128). Both viewpoints are sins against the First Commandment. Some people believe that religious thought and practice no longer meets the needs of contemporary humanity. On the other side stand faith communities who fear modern culture and life will erode or eradicate the basics of faith and morality. Both stances are extreme and inaccurate, and striving for mutual respect and reverence seems more valid. Vatican II's Gaudium et Spes (19) says, "those who willfully shut out God from their hearts and try to dodge religious questions are not following the dictates of their consciences, and hence are not free of blame; yet believers themselves frequently bear some responsibility... To the extent that they neglect their own training in the faith, or teach erroneous doctrine, or are deficient in their religious, moral or social life, they must be said to conceal rather than reveal the authentic face of God and religion."
FR. TOM SANTA, CSsR sundaybulletin@liguori.org.

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2016
Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
—Isaiah 60:1



BAPTISM removes all stain of original sin, all eternal punishment for actual sins committed and all temporal punishment for those sins. The Sacrament of Penance removes only the eternal punishment for sin. It does not entirely remit the temporal punishment for our sin. We must do penance (more than the sacramental penance imposed by the priest) in order to remit the temporal punishment for our sins. We can do that in this life, or if we fail to do that, we will have a chance to do it in purgatory after we die (if we die in a state of grace).

But the Church has an incredible treasure of graces at her disposal, built up through the superabundant merits of the Blessed Virgin and the Saints. Our membership of the Communion of the Saints entitles us to call on this treasury of graces. This is what the Church calls "Indulgences".

An indulgence can be plenary or partial. A plenary indulgence remits all the temporal punishment for sin. That means that if you were to die in a state of grace, having obtained a plenary indulgence, and not sinned since obtaining the indulgence, you would go straight to Heaven. A partial indulgence does not remit all the punishment for sin.

The Church revised the norms for indulgences after the Second Vatican Council. Formerly, a partial indulgence was expressed to be an indulgence of a certain number of days or years. It was a popular misconception that these referred to the amount of time one's stay in Purgatory would be reduced. However, they instead referred to the public penances performed in the early Church. In the early Church, a person would have to perform a certain public penance for a certain number of days, weeks or months depending on the gravity of the sin. A partial indulgence was meant to equate to the merits of the public penances of that duration.

Today, a partial indulgence is obtained whenever we think pious thoughts, pray, do good works, etc. That is, the Church has recognized that all piety is in some way indulgenced, not just set prayers.

To obtain an indulgence, a person must attend confession and communion within 8 days (either side) of the indulgenced act or prayer and pray for the Holy Father's intentions (traditionally one Our Father and one Hail Mary). In addition, to obtain a plenary indulgence, one must be completely detached from one's sins, even venial sins. If one does not have complete detachment, then the indulgence is only partial.

Some examples of plenary indulgences are:

- Praying the Rosary in a Church or Family;
 - Praying the Stations of the Cross in a Church;
 - Visiting a Parish Church on its feast day;
- Devotly kissing the cross on Good Friday.



St.Mary's Parish Council Minutes

November 2

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 pm. Those present were Alan Deters, Danny Tangeman, Kevin Nordhus, Richard Engelken, Brent Heiman, Larry Olberding, and Father Ed. Also present were Donna Sudbeck, Dana Bradley, Dave Huerter, and Brad Lueger.

Father led with a Prayer.

Dave presented the balances of checking and savings of our parish to the council.

Old business:

The Council discussed past issues with the walk in cooler in the cafeteria. The freon was recharged and the cooler is being monitored.

We were informed that Catholic Mutual Insurance was not going to help cover any of the roof repair on the shingles. The roof has sustained past damage, but their position is that the damage was from storms more than several years ago, and that the roof is now simply worn out. They were going to be pressed for reconsideration.

Brad Lueger informed us that there would not be any issues with the KDOT on the right of way on the upcoming west side development project.

The Council approved the not-to-exceed labor bid (\$3,000) by Ben McKinley to repair the crack on the northwest corner of the church.

New business:

The Council discussed various projects that people expressing interest in donating could earmark the funds for.

The condition of the lawn equipment was discussed.

No action or bids were sought on new business items.

Meeting came to a close at 8:45 with the next meeting set for Jan. 4 at 7 pm