

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

FEBRUARY 21, 2016—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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.-Feb. 22-Baileyville-Bill Reintjes

Tues.-Feb. 23-Baileyville-Amma Mayer

Wed.-Feb. 24-Baileyville-Rita Strathman

Thur.- Feb. 25-Baileyville-Mass at 7PM-Liv/Dec. Art Heiman Family

Fri.-Feb. 26-St. Benedict-Rupert Rethman

Sat.-Feb. 27-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Elmer & Virginia Koelzer Family

Sun.- Feb. 28-Baileyville-For the People of the Parishes

Sun.-Feb. 28-St. Benedict-Liv/Dec. Ed & Elizabeth Haverkamp Family

COLLECTIONS for February 14, 2016: Plate: \$25.00, Envelopes: \$1,661.00, Black & Indian Mission: \$117.50, Central Europe: \$55.00, Total: \$1,858.00.

GOD'S NEW CHILD-Lydia Grace Rottinghaus, daughter of Aaron and Nikki Rottinghaus, was washed in the saving waters of Baptism here on February 14, 2016. Godparents are Jeffrey Heinen and Amanda Rottinghaus. Congratulations!

LAND RENT-Thank you to Justin Schmitz for renting the parish ground. The money has been donated to the church cemetery.

PARENTS OF THE FIRST COMMUNICANTS from St. Mary's and Sacred Heart will meet at 7:00PM on Sunday, February 28 at Sacred Heart Church. At least one parent of each child must be present to meet with Father Ed.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE - During Lent the priests of the Archdiocese will have private reconciliation from 6:00-7:00PM on Wednesday nights. Reconciliation at St. Benedict will be on February 24, March 9 and March 23. Reconciliation at Baileyville will be on March 2 and March 16.

ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC DAY will be on Sunday, February 21 (9:30AM-4:00PM)at Baileyville and at St. Benedict on February 28 (11:00AM-4:00PM). There will be a closing procession and Benediction at 4:00PM.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for the Annual Eucharistic day on February 28 at St. Benedict. In need are 3 servers and 1 reader. For more information all Paul Strathman or Mary Beth at the office.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary on February 24, 2016 at 7PM. Exposition Coordinator to TBD.

HIGH SCHOOL CCD-February 24, 2016-Normal CCD Classes. **Sunday, February 21-Freshman CCD Class in charge of ministries.**

ELEMENTARY CCD-February 24, 2016-Class at 3:45 to 5:15PM. Reconciliation for Grade 3.

SPECIAL LENTEN PROGRAM on our Archdiocesan app: "Catholic Media ArchKCK" - includes a Daily Prayer and reflection by a member of the Apostles of the Interior Life and their family community. These prayers and reflections are exclusive to the Archdiocese and can be a helpful companion for your own Lenten spiritual journey.

DAMAGE-Hatred does more damage to the person in whom it is stored than to the person on whom it is poured.

Ministries for February 28, 2016--3rd Sunday of Lent

Cross: Emma Stallbaumer

Servers: Amanda Stallbaumer & Will Engelken

Eucharistic Ministers: Duana Huerter, Arlyn Holthaus, Betty Bergman, Laurie Strathman, Paul Strathman

Lector: Joanie Holthaus

Commentator: Alan Schmitz

Ushers: David Nordhus & Kevin Nordhus

Offertory Gifts: Will & Charity Henry Family

Rosary Leader: Kenny Schmitz

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

UPCOMING ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS

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

PICNIC-We will begin working on the picnic work list in the near future. Please contact one of the officers if you will have a conflict or a medical issue that will limit your ability to work. We will be planning on college students, unless they let us know they are not available. Donna Sudbeck (336-2265), Dana Bradley, Staci Haug, or Leanna 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, Kenny Olberding, Mary Ann Schmitz.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION will be taken up this weekend. Please give generously to this collection.

RICE BOWL - Hungering to Give Back - This week, CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Laos, where Hongkham is using her love of cooking to provide for her family--and feed an entire school. How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet? Visit crsricebowl.org for more

CALL TO SHARE - As of today, our parishioners have faithfully responded to the Archbishop's Call to Share. Our parish goal is \$6,597.00. To date, we have received pledges of \$3,585.00.

2016 BAILEYVILLE BENEFIT TOURNAMENT - Saturday, February 27 and Sunday, February 28 at Nemaha Central High School - Auction starts at 5:30PM on Sunday. This year there will also be a silent auction running all weekend with final bids at 3:00PM Sunday. If you have any questions or would like to donate in any way (including volunteering to work a couple of hours), please contact Kenny Schmitz at 336-6252 (e-mail kdschmitz@bbwi.net or Danny Broxterman at 334-3913.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be on Friday, February 26, 2016 from 7:30AM to 1:30PM. At the Seneca Community Building. For appointment call 336-3360.

EASTER FLOWERS--If you would like to purchase an Easter Mum as a memorial for a loved one, please put the name of your loved one and \$15.00 in the collection by Palm Sunday. Thank you.



HALL & CHURCH is spoken for on these dates for 2016:

Feb. 21-Lueger-Hall
March 6-Welcome Reception-Hall
March 27-Scott-Hall
April 1-Huerter-Hall
April 2-Drew Huerter & Chelsey Rottinghaus Wedding
April 3-First Communion
April 3-Schmitz-Hall
April 9-St. Patrick Day Parade
April 11-Finance Council Meeting @7PM.
April 23- Julie Holthaus & Andrew Sneed-Wedding
April 24-Droge-Hall
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
July 9-Jason Haug & Chloe Hall-Church
Sept. 3-Holthaus-Hall
Sept. 17-Brett Holthaus & Anna Groppoli Wedding-Church
Nov.19-Ashley Schmelzle&Baylen Edelman Wedding-Church
Nov. 24-Scott-Hall
Nov. 26-Gudenkauf Reunion-Hall
Dec. 10-Rottinghaus-Hall
Dec. 17--Bergman Christmas-Hall
Dec. 18-Sudbeck-Hall
Dec. 25-Engelken-Hall
Dec. 31-Lueger-Hall

HALL & CHURCH is spoke for on these dates for 2017:

May 27-28-29-St. Benedict Alumni-Hall
Aug. 6-Schmitz-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.

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.

BENEFIT FOR PAM KOCH will be on Sunday, February 21 at 11:30 at Sacred Heart, Sabetha, Ks. Pulled Pork Benefit and bake sale for Pam Koch who recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – St. Bede's, Kelly – Sunday, February 21 (7:00AM-12:30PM) Freewill donation. All are invited.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, Corning, Ks. Will be having a Pancake Breakfast on March 6, 2016. Serving from 7AM to 1PM. Menu includes: Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Juice, Milk and Coffee. Free Will Donation. Featuring: Country Store and Raffle.

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

WE ARE TO BE TRANSFORMED

Today's showing forth of God's glory is filled with a light that astonishes and reveals. Jesus transfigured on Mount Tabor energizes even the sleepy apostles, who see but cannot get hold of it. They can be forgiven for not apprehending the full meaning of this extraordinary vision of a transfigured Jesus with Elijah and Moses. The whole of the Law and prophets is summed up here on this mountain.

The transfiguration on Mount Tabor is handed over to us this Sunday. As Paul reminds us, it is we who are to be transformed. The light and life of the Resurrection are set forth here so we do not lose heart and fall entirely asleep. This Sunday looks to Easter. It looks to transformation. It asks us to lift up our heads and acknowledge the risen Lord as our light and our salvation.

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MARRIAGE MINUTE - Have you ever wondered about the impact your family can make on history? There is limitless potential for how our family tree will affect the future. It is easy to get caught up in the monotony of everyday life, but the truth is that small daily decisions impact the course of history. In this week's reading from Genesis, God takes Abraham and challenges him to lift his gaze to the heavens and see the stars. God's promise to Abraham is that his children will be as numerous as the stars in the sky. Abraham had the grace to look beyond the monotony of his current struggles, open himself to God's way of doing things, and commit to trusting God with the future of his existence. That trust changed history. More than the accumulation of wealth, Abraham was rewarded for his faith with the legacy of generations of faith. We have that same potential to impact the world. In America, we think in terms of leaving an inheritance to our children. This is not a bad thing, but it is far more powerful to leave an inheritance of faith that can be passed along for generations. Every time we bring our children to Mass, say night prayers with them, give them a blessing before they head off to school in the morning, or explain to our children about why we passionately give our money to charitable causes, we instill in them an inheritance of faith that they will in turn pass on to their own children someday. Intentional decisions made today bear fruit tomorrow.

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT (with the Apostles of the Interior Life) on your phone and tablet!

Enhance your spiritual journey through this Lent and into Easter on your smartphone or tablet. Pray along with the Apostles of the Interior Life during this season. These exclusive reflections can only be found on our "Catholic Media ArchKCK" app or online at the Digital Media Center at <https://www.archkck.org/dmc>. Get notifications helpful for prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

DEAR PADRE—February 21, 2016

Can anyone practice contemplative prayer? Is contemplative prayer just for monks and other religious people, or can anyone practice it?

Saint Teresa of Ávila, a great mystical saint and doctor of the Church, said, "Mental prayer is nothing else, in my opinion, but being on terms of friendship with God, frequently conversing in secret with Him who, we know, loves us" (The Life of St. Teresa of Ávila, chapter VIII). By no means is contemplative prayer reserved only for professional religious men and women. Rather, it's open to all people from all walks of life. While we each may have our own individual and/or family prayer habits and preferences, I can think of no better practice for this Lenten season. Contemplative prayer differs from other forms of meditative prayer because of its intensity, but like all forms of prayer and meditation, in it we seek the person and presence of Jesus. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "Contemplative prayer is the simple expression of the mystery of prayer. It is a gaze of faith fixed on Jesus, an attentiveness to the Word of God, a silent love. It achieves real union with the prayer of Christ to the extent that it makes us share in his mystery" (CCC 2724). If you need help getting started, approach your pastor, spiritual director, or another Catholic minister who is familiar with meditative prayer. He or she can guide you and/or direct you to the best resources available. FR. TOM SANTA, CSsR sundaybulletin@liguori.org

THREE buddies die in a car crash, and they go to heaven to an orientation.

They are all asked, "When you are in your casket and friends and family are mourning upon you, what would you like to hear them say about you? The first guy says, "I would like to hear them say that I was a great doctor of my time, and a great family man."

The second guy says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and school teacher which made a huge difference in our children of tomorrow."

The last guy replies, "I would like to hear them say, "Look! He's moving!"