

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

APRIL 3, 2016-- SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER-DIVINE MERCY



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.-April 4-Baileyville-Gilbert Broxterman

Tues.-April 5-Baileyville- Bill Kuckelman

Wed.-April 6-Baileyville-Mass at 3:45PM-Liv/Dec. St.

Benedict & Seneca Mutual Fire Insurance

Thur.- April 7 -Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Ben & Anna Deters

Family

Fri.-April 8-St. Benedict-Special Intention

Sat.-April 9-Baileyville- Liv/Dec. Lawrence Heiman Family

Sun.- April 10-Baileyville-For the People of the Parishes

Sun.-April 10-St. Benedict-Greg & Henrietta Holthaus

COLLECTIONS for March 25, 2016: Plate: \$92.00, Envelopes: \$45.00, Other: \$6.00, Stola: \$50.00, Rice Bowl: \$40.00, Holy Land: \$189.00, Total: \$562.00.

March 27, 2016: Plate: \$365.50, Envelopes: \$2,739.00, Holy Land: \$35.00, Priesthood: \$1172.00, Rice Bowl: \$19.27, Total: \$4,340.77.

GOD'S NEW CHILD-Gabriel Francis Baker, son of Christopher and Jody Koch was washed in the saving waters of Baptism here at St. Mary's on March 27. Godparents are Jeremy Koch and Michelle Koch. Congratulations!



CONGRATULATIONS to the First Communicants this Sunday for making their First Communion. They are Kamden Schmitz, Ben Sudbeck, Colton Sudbeck, Elijah Sudbeck, Kanin Sudbeck, Henry Tangeman, Brooklyn Uphaus. May Jesus show his love for you by coming to you in Holy Communion.

ATTENTION MUSICIANS-During the Easter season (March 27 - May 15) the priest will sprinkle Holy Water on the assembly. Be prepared to sing an appropriate hymn. The Gloria will be sung on weekends till May 15.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE: April 10 & 24 and May 8.

ELEMENTARY CCD-April 6-Mass at 3:45 followed by class.

HIGH SCHOOL CCD-April 6-Normal CCD Classes.

ST. MARY'S CYO CARD PARTY-On behalf of the St. Mary's CYO, you are Invited to come and join us for the St. Mary's CYO Card Party Wednesday, April 20, 2016, St. Mary's Parish Hall At 7:00 P.M.

Hope you can join us for an evening of anniversary pitch, socializing, and snacks. Even if you don't play pitch, you'll enjoy this card game. Come give it a try! Please RSVP by April 10, 2016. Please contact Caleb Bradley 336-6857 or bradleybd@att.net to RSVP or if you have any questions.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for April 11, 2016 at 7PM.

GROUND BEEF NEEDED - Anyone wishing to make a ground beef donation or a monetary donation towards the purchase of ground beef for the ball field concession at Baileyville stand, please contact Gloria Heiman 336-1703.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PARENTS-Meat making day on April 27 at 6PM at Sacred Heart Hall. All help is greatly appreciated. Call Gloria at 336-1703 for more information.

EASTER HOLY WATER is available in the holy water receptacle. You will need to bring your own container.

Ministries for April 10, 2016-Third Sunday of Easter

Cross: Emma Stallbaumer

Servers: Addy Holthaus & Savannah Engelken

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Schmitz, Anita Schmitz, Arlyn Holthaus, Don Lueger, Mary Haverkamp

Lector: Paul Strathman

Commentator: Dan Tangeman

Ushers: Alan Schmitz & Cyril Schmitz

Offertory Gifts: Brent & Linda Lortscher Family

Rosary Leader: Kenny Schmitz

Organist: Marlene Deters

Cantor: TBD

UPCOMING ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS

BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME is every 3rd Wednesday at 2:00PM. **NOTE TIME CHANGE**-Kathy Stallbaumer, Jennifer Melvin, Sandy Stallbaumer, Misty Blume, Deb Schmitz, Betty Bergman, Duana Huerter.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING--There will be an Altar Society Meeting and Election of Officers after Mass on April 17, 2016 in the church cafeteria.

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, Dennis Bergman.



SCHEDULE for the REGIONAL DIVINE MERCY is Sunday (April 3rd) Events at St. Peter & Paul Church in Seneca are as follows: We will gather in our Parish Hall for Opening Prayers at 3PM

We will then have a Procession to the Church. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung in Church, After which there will be Benediction and Closing. After the events, there will be a Reception in the Parish Hall. During all this time, there will be area priests hearing Confessions.

You may receive a Plenary Indulgence if you:

- 1) attend these events,
- 2) go to Confession within 20 days of the event,
- 3) go to Eucharistic Communion that day, or the days after
- 4) pray for the intentions of our Supreme Pontiff.

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 \$ 6,955.00.

SPPS CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP PORK CHOP DINNER will be Sunday, April 3 from 10AM to 1:30PM Pork Chop meal \$14 and a Hot Dog meal is \$3. Advance tickets may be purchased at Heinen True Value and may be purchased at the door.

ST. BENEDICT-ST. PATRICKS PARADE will be on Saturday, April 9, 2016. Parade will start at 3PM. Theme: Irish Shenanigans. Grand Marshall: Jim Sudbeck.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Easter decorations and who made donations toward the Easter flowers. Many thanks to those who sang and played so beautifully in the choir during the Holy Week and on Easter.



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

April 2-Drew Huerter & Chelsey Rottinghaus Wedding
April 3-First Communion
April 3-Schmitz-Hall
April 9-St. Patrick Day Parade-Hall
April 11-Finance Council Meeting @7PM.
April 17—Altar Society Meeting-Election of Officers
April 23- Julie Holthaus & Andrew Sneed-Wedding
April 24-Droge-Hall
May 1--Lueger-Hall
May 2-Parish Council Meeting at 8PM.
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 Wedding -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.

******* COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2016**

Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held Sunday, June 5, 2016, 2:00 pm, at Church of the Nativity Parish/Leawood. To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, please call the parish office and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding.

FAMILY DAY at Prairie Star Ranch Climbing Tower, Horseback Riding, Canoeing, Adventures in Prayer, Holy Mass (Sunday obligation), Games, and more on April 17th at Prairie Star Ranch for only \$8/person! Our retreat team joyfully invites you to take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy a day of natural beauty, prayer, and adventure activities. Families, friends, and communities are welcome to come at their leisure and spend the day bonding and building relationships. Let us grow closer to Christ together on this day of Christocentric adventure and fun! Registrations are now available all online. For further inquiries, call or go online today! www.archkck.org/ranch -- 785-746-5693 -- psrministry@archkck.org.

BECOME A FOSTER PARENT-In Kansas there are approximately 5,500 to 8,500 children currently in foster care due to abuse, neglect, and maltreatment and more are pouring in each day. KVC is a non profit child welfare agency and we are seeking to partner with strong church communities in order to secure loving, stable homes for the children who come in to our care. For more information contact Brittany Mack, 235 S Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Ks at 785-409-6953 or email at bmack@kvc.org or check out the brochure in the back of church.

MARRIAGE MINUTE —Divine Mercy Sunday

“Peace be with you.” Jesus offers peace this Divine Mercy Sunday. The peace of Jesus is different than the peace that the world promises. Peace is not simply an absence of war, although that would be nice. The promise of Jesus is a peace that surpasses all understanding, a peace of the soul.

The pathway to this peace is forgiveness. In the same way that Jesus passed through the locked doors and offered his Apostles peace, he wants to pass through the locked doors of our hearts and broken relationships that are erected through sin, and give us the gift of interior peace. We participate in this peace in two ways in our families. First, we always have the gift of peace that comes through Sacramental Reconciliation. Second, when we use the words, “I forgive you” with our spouse and children, and teach them to use the same words, we allow Jesus to bring his gift of peace into our family life. This Easter Season, and especially in this year of mercy, let us be generous in seeking God’s forgiveness in Confession, offering forgiveness in our family relationships, and praying that more forgiveness will be prevalent throughout the world.

DEAR PADRE April 3, 2016

Why Blessings Are Given -Why won't my priest bless my Bible? Don't Catholics bless objects all the time? “Through all the words of sacred Scripture, God speaks only one single Word, his one Utterance in whom he expresses himself completely...For this reason, the Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord’s Body” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 102–103). The Bible as the inspired word of God is living and holy. Technically, it does not need a ritual blessing; it is inherently a “sacramental” and set aside for God’s purposes. Perhaps it is this unique, sacred nature of the Bible that caused your priest to deny your request. Moreover, some view the Bible as the source of all blessings, since blessings derive meaning and effectiveness from the word of God. That said, “every baptized person is called to be a ‘blessing,’ and to bless... Among sacramentals blessings (of persons, meals, objects, and places) come first. Every blessing praises God and prays for his gifts” (CCC 1669, 1671). To that end, ordained ministers who wish to give praise and bestow benefit to adults and children preparing for the sacraments— their catechists, or liturgical ministers, for example—may choose to bless such persons, giving thanks for the gift of God’s word and its work in their lives. Blessings, after all, “are invoked always with a view to the people who use the objects to be blessed” (Book of Blessings, General Introduction, 12). FR. BYRON MILLER, CSsR sundaybulletin@liguori.org, © 2016 LIGUORI PUBLICATIONS, Liguori, MO 63057-9999. Printed in U.S.A.

AN IRISHMAN is stumbling through the woods, totally drunk, when he comes upon a preacher baptizing people in the river.

He proceeds into the water, subsequently bumping into the preacher. The preacher turns around and is almost overcome by the smell of alcohol, whereupon, he asks the drunk, “Are you ready to find Jesus?”

The drunk shouts, “Yes, I am.”

So the preacher grabs him and dunks him in the water. He pulls him back and asks, “Brother, have you found Jesus?”

The drunk replies, “No, I haven’t found Jesus!”

The preacher, shocked at the answer, dunks him again but for a little longer. He again pulls him out of the water and asks, “Have you found Jesus, brother?”

The drunk answers, “No, I haven’t found Jesus!”

By this time, the preacher is at his wits end and dunks the drunk again – but this time holds him down for about 30 seconds, and when he begins kicking his arms and legs about, he pulls him up.

The preacher again asks the drunk, “For the love of God, have you found Jesus?”

The drunk staggers upright, wipes his eyes, coughs up a bit of water, catches his breath, and says to the preacher, “Are you sure this is where he fell in?”