

**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

May 1, 2016--SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**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.-May 2-Baileyville-Seneca K of C #1769**

**Tues.-May 3-Baileyville-Isabel Frey**

**Wed.-May 4-Baileyville-Mass @ 3:45PM-Liv/Dec. Elmer Buessing Family**

**Thur.- May 5 -Baileyville-Garry Wichman**

**Fri.-May 6-St. Benedict-Odelia Sudbeck & Melvin Ronnebaum**

**Fri. May 6-Baileyville-Mass @ 10:45AM-Liv/Dec. Joe & Rita Stratman Family**

**Sat.-May 7-Baileyville- Liv/Dec. Herman & Mary Kuckelman Family**

**Sun.- May 8-Baileyville-For the People of the Parishes**


**Sun.-May 8-St. Benedict-Norbert Broxterman**

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**Collections for April 24, 2016:** Plate: \$88.00, Envelopes: \$1,449.00. Catholic Home Missios: \$245.25, Tour: \$250.00, Total: \$2,032.25.

**SENIOR MASS--**Recognition for our HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS will take place today, at Mass on May 1. The seniors will be sitting in the front pews. Pews in the front of the church will be reserved for parents and families. This years graduating seniors from St. Mary's Parish are: Caleb Bradley, Luke Holthaus & Gabriella Sudbeck.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the 8th graders who will be graduating in May. This years graduating 8th graders from St. Mary's are Nate Deters, Kirsten Lortscher and Bradley Schmitz.

 **MAY CROWNING** is scheduled this Sunday, May 1, 2016 at the grotto after Mass. The First Communicants are ask to wear their First Communion Dresses/Dress Slacks to Mass and follow Father out to the grotto, with the parish to follow.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR--**School Children, grades 4,5,6,7,8 will sing on Mother's Day, May 8 at the 10AM Mass. Practice is schedule for Wednesday, May 4 at 5PM.

**ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO** will be starting on Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00pm. We will be praying the rosary every Wednesday evening when weather permits. Everyone is welcome.

**ORGAN RECITAL** at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, June 5 at 4PM, to be given by Kevin Kissinger. Celebrating 100 years of Hinners Pipe Organ. Reception following recital at the hall.

**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:** May 8.

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION** has been transferred to Sunday, May 8.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN--**Next week, our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our (arch)diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

**PARISH COUNCIL** Meeting is on May 2, 2016 at 8PM.

**Ministries for May 8, 2016 Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Servers:** Amanda Stallbaumer, Andrew Wichman, Ryan Sudbeck

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Craig haverkamp, Marsha Korber, Connie Huertter, Lisa Holthaus, Brian Holthaus

**Lector:** Brianna Uphaus

**Commentator:** Alan Schmitz

**Ushers :** Kenneth Schmitz & Mike Schmitz

**Offertory Gifts:** Larry & Betty Olberding Family

**Rosary:** Greg Schmitz

**Organist:** Marlene Deters

**Singers:** School Children Grades 4-5-6-7-8

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**UPCOMING ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS**

**BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME** is every 3rd Wednesday at 2:00PM. **NOTE TIME CHANGE--**May, 2016-Diane Schmitz, Brenda Haug, Marilyn Holthaus, Deb Koelzer, Lori Sudbeck, Holly Schmitz, Julie Sudbeck, Lillian Engelken.

**PICNIC--**Altar Society Officers will pass out picnic work-lists, etc. after Mass May 1 and May 8. You will be asked if you intend to fry your chicken or if you will be donating money. Please bring \$15.00 to pay for your chance book and \$50.00 if you will not be frying chicken.

The fish pond game is very popular, so we will have additional Goin' Fishin' bags if you would like to fill extra.

If you are planning to bring an item for the auction this year and you have not informed an officer yet, please let us know. Contact Donna Sudbeck (336-2265), Dana Bradley, Staci Haug or Leanna Rottinghaus.

Continue saving glassware for the dime toss. You can leave it on the back porch of the parish house or in the back of church.

We could use several picnic tables too. If you have one we could borrow, please let one of the officers know.

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**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, Greg Fangman, Jed Henry, Tim Sack.

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**ELEMENTARY CCD--You are invited** to join our CCD students Wed., May 4, for a celebration of the Mass at 3:45 which will be followed by a May Crowning procession for the Blessed Mother. All CCD students are welcome to bring flowers, cut or potted. First Holy Communicants are invited to wear their special dresses/suits for the ceremony. We invite family and friends to share in this Marian devotion during the month of May. This is our last meeting for the CCD students - there will be no class time.

**CCD TEACHERS--We need four teachers** for our 2016-17 CCD Elementary program. A training will be held in the near future for new teachers to help prepare you for this rewarding challenge. Please contact Roxie Schmitz **before May 15** if you have any questions or can help - [gschmitz@bluevalley.net](mailto:gschmitz@bluevalley.net) or call 785-336-1108 (cell/text).

**ADDRESSES** and phone numbers of parishioners are being updated. If you have changed your address or phone number, please call 336-3174 and leaving a message or email to tahaverkamp@bbwi.net



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

May 1--Lueger-Hall  
May 2-Parish Council Meeting at 8PM.  
May 21-Huerter-Hall  
June 4-Abby Olberding & Austin Stallbaumer Wedding  
June 5-Organ Recital at St. Mary's Church at 4PM.  
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  
July 25-Finance Council Meeting at 7PM  
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  
Dec. 16-Bergman-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.

**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, Huertter, Hulsing, Lierz, Kramer, Krogman, Mohrman, Olberding, Rethman, Ronnebaum, Rottinghaus, Sextro, Strathman, Strathman B, Stegeman, Sudbeck, Wichman . Suggested donation is \$20.

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**AXTELL AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST** will be on Sunday, May 1 from 7AM to 1PM at the Legion Hall. Serving pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy. Freewill offering.

**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.

**50TH ANNIVERSARY for Fr. Earl Dekat**—On May 28th, 1966, at St. Peter's Cathedral in Kansas City,Kansas, Archbishop Edward J. Hunkeler called Fr. Earl Dekat forth for ordination to the Priesthood, and he accepted the call. On Sunday, June 12, 2016, at St.Joseph's Church, Flush, Fr. Earl Dekat will becelebrating his 50th anniversary as an ordained minister in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist is at 11:00 a.m. That will be followed by a social hour and dinner in the Parish Center. Anyone is welcome to come. If you do plan to come, email him at [earld@carsoncomm.com](mailto:earld@carsoncomm.com) . The dinner is his gift to you for the great blessing you have been to him. Fr. Earl does not want or expect any gifts. Your presence is the best gift.

**PET PARROT**—A man buys a pet parrot and brings him home. But the parrot starts insulting him and gets really nasty, so the man picks up the parrot and tosses him into the freezer to teach him a lesson. He hears the bird squawking for a few minutes, but all of a sudden the parrot is quiet. The man opens the freezer door, the parrot walks out, looks up at him and says, "I apologize for offending you, and I humbly ask your forgiveness."  
The man says, "Well, thank you. I forgive you."  
The parrot then says, "If you don't mind my asking, what did the chicken do?"

**MARRIAGE MINUTE -May 1**

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the promise that the Holy Spirit will come to teach us and remind us of everything that Jesus taught us. Because of this promise, Jesus consoles us and says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." In other words, as we learn from the Holy Spirit, we are strengthened in hope. One way to learn from the Holy Spirit is to listen to the Pope. Recently, Pope Francis published a new document entitled, "The Joy of Love" on the dignity of marriage and family life. Papal documents can be intimidating, but the Pope has a very simple writing style. Consider reading it together as a married couple. Chapters 4 and 5 would be a great place to start for engaged and married couples to reflect on the dignity of the married relationship and the importance of parenting. To download the document, go to [Vatican.va](http://Vatican.va). Click on "English," and the option to download the document will appear.

**DEAR PADRE**—May 1, 2016

Spiritual direction vs. advice What is spiritual direction? How does it differ from counseling and simply asking for religious advice?

In spiritual direction, a person is guided in a process of reflection, self-discovery, and recognition of God's presence in human experience; the primary focus is on this individual's relationship with God. Thus, in one sense, it is the Lord himself who is the "director" in all spiritual direction. In counseling, a person is also guided in a process of reflection and self-discovery; but the primary focus is on human growth and development. Counseling does not presuppose a person's faith or relationship with God; spiritual direction cannot be complete without it. Both spiritual direction and counseling share the same expectations of openness and honesty in the process; they share the same standards of confidentiality and professional conduct. Moreover, spiritual direction is similar to counseling in its aim toward human growth and development; but it further aims toward holiness and "toward ever more intimate union with Christ" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2014). That union is twofold: a personal relationship with Christ and one with Christ's Church. "This union is called 'mystical' because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments" (CCC 2014). "All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity. All are called to holiness: Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (CCC 2013). FR. BYRON MILLER, CSsR [sundaybulletin@liguori.org](mailto:sundaybulletin@liguori.org).

**IS THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL?** If you have included a gift in any amount or percentage to the Church in your will, trust or estate plan, you qualify to join the 500+ people who have notified the Church of their intent to leave a legacy gift to any parish, school, or ministry within the Archdiocese. Gifts are kept in strict confidence, and membership can be anonymous. The deadline for being included in the 2016 Catholic Legacy Society, maintained by the Archdiocese is June 30, 2016. Parishes will be recognized for their efforts to grow their legacy society at the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas Deo Gratias dinner on November 3.Please contact the parish office to notify them of your legacy gift, or contact the Office of Stewardship and Development by calling (913) 647-0325 or emailing your notice to [steward@archkck.org](mailto:steward@archkck.org) to be counted in this growing list or to ask questions about making a planned gift. Thank you for your faithful commitment to strengthening the Church for future generations.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH PICNIC** will be on Sunday, June 5, 2016. Serving from 4:30PM to 7PM at Onaga Community Center. Serving broasted chicken and pulled pork dinners. Air conditioned hall, handicap accessible. Bingo and games and homemade ice cream. All are welcome!



## St. Mary's Church Improvement Project: Refinishing of Chandelier

May 1, 2016



Faith Moves Us Forward

The chandelier that hangs in the transept crossing is one of the crowning elements that makes St. Mary's Church the artistic jewel that it is. If you look up this Sunday morning, notice that the chandelier is again suspended in full luster, thanks to a cleaning and polishing that required nearly two months of work. The parish appreciates the long hours and buffing wheels that were expended by Steve Springer in Manhattan, Kansas as he removed the corrosion and buffed the nickle-plated brass lamp to a mirror finish. The chandelier was also rewired and is now equipped with LED lights.

Someone might wonder why St. Mary's Church has a chandelier in the middle anyway. Yes, this chandelier was actually one of three that hung in the church prior to electricity. Candles in them provided light for services. A photo in the 1905 church brochure shows the church without electric light fixtures. Instead two large chandeliers and a chain for a third are shown holding dozens of candles. The present chandelier which was converted to electric light, and several statues, are the only furnishings that were brought from the third church that stood in the area of the present rectory.

A chandelier is typically an ornate, ceiling-mounted light fixture. The word chandelier was first used in the English language in the 18th century and comes from the Latin word *candelabrum*. Early chandeliers of the Middle Ages would have been simplistic in style and made of wood. In homes, they were often considered a symbol of wealth and prosperity. The same could be said of a chandelier used in church decoration. In St. Mary's Church, the significance of the chandelier is that it draws

the eye upward to the amazing calligraphic designs of George Satory and the culmination of his decoration of St. Mary's Church -- the Fifth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary, the Coronation. The pamphlet on the registration stand at the back of church explains the interior decorations and some of the symbolic art that adorns St. Mary's Church.

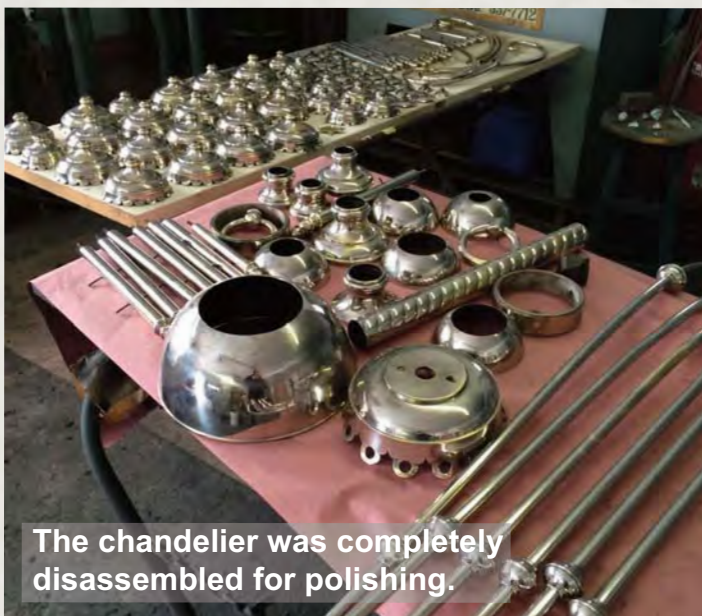
Broken down, the chandelier has many parts. They include the following:

- The **Arm** -- sometimes referred to as a branch which holds a light
- The **Baluster** is the center stem that forms the axis of the chandelier
- The **Bobèche** or **Drip Pan** is the dish-like platter below each candle intended to catch drips of wax.



This photo shows the chandelier as it was being raised on 4-27-16.

The refinishing of the chandelier at St. Mary's Parish was made possible in great measure by the **Wilfred Bergman Memorial** and other donations. A special thanks also to the parishioners who worked to remove and reinstall the light.



The chandelier was completely disassembled for polishing.

*"To preserve this that your fathers built, in their great faith in your future."* - Joe Oswalt, 1980