

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

NOVEMBER 27, 2016-FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Unless specified below Mass times are as listed.

ST. BENEDICT: Sunday 10:00 AM

Weekday Mass: Friday 8:30 AM

BAILEYVILLE: Saturday 7:00 PM and

Sunday 8:30 AM Weekday Masses at 8:30 AM Monday thru Thursday

Mon.-Nov. 28-Baileyville-Joyce Gosselin

Tues.-Nov. 29-Baileyville-Eileen Koelzer

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

Thur.- Dec. 1-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Joe & Rita Strathman Family

Fri.-Dec. 2-St. Benedict-Cyril Tangeman

Fri.-Dec. 2-Baileyville-Mass at 10:45AM-Glen Meyer

Sat.- Dec. 3-Baileyville-Jeanette Holthaus

Sun.- Dec. 4-Baileyville-People of the Parishes

Sun.-Dec. 4-St. Benedict-Norbert Broxterman

COLLECTIONS for November 20, 2016: Plate: \$172.00, Envelopes: \$2,379.00, CCHD: \$70.000, Stipends: \$30.00, Candle: \$6.00. Hall Rent: \$50.00, Anniversary Books: \$94.00, Church Roof Fund: \$2,000.00, Total: \$4801.00. **Cemetery:** \$115.00.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY on December 8 is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses at Baileyville will be Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30PM and December 8 at 8:30AM, the Grade School Students will have a Mass at 4:00PM on December 7. Mass will be at 7:00PM on December 8 at St. Mary's, St. Benedict.

FIRST COMMUNION-If you plan on your child making First Communion at St. Mary's Parish, please contact Lisa Holthaus at ldalinghaus@yahoo.com. Also, all 2017 First Communicants are invited to bring up gifts at the Christmas Eve mass at St. Mary's.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS--Christmas poinsettias may be purchased as memorials this holiday season. Please put \$15 in the collection basket for each memorial with the name of your loved one by December 18. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS-The parish council will be putting up the manger after Mass on Sunday, December 11th. If anyone would like to help it would be greatly appreciated!

HIGH SCHOOL CCD CLASSES-Nov. 30.-Final CCD Class for 2016. Classes will resume on January 4, 2016.

ELEMENTARY CCD-Nov. 30. Classes at 3:45PM. Confessions for 4th and 5th grades.

CYO SILENT AUCTION will be on November 27 after 10 AM Mass.



ANGEL TREE - The JR High/Confirmation Class will once again be sponsoring an "Angel Tree" community service project this year. A tree will be up in the back of church with angel tags on it. Parishioners are asked to choose a tag (or tags) and donate a gift in memory of a deceased loved one. All gifts will be donated to the Nemaha County Christmas Bureau to help less fortunate families to have a better Christmas. The deadline to have the gifts turned into St. Mary's is December 1st, 2016. Additional information available on the table beside the tree. Please consider supporting this worthwhile cause!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE: Dec. 4 & 18, Jan. 8 & 22, Feb 5 & 19, March 5 & 19, April 2 & 30 and May 8.

SENECA K of C Pancake Breakfast will be on November 27 from 7AM to 12:30PM at Sts. Peter & Paul School Dining Hall. This is a free will donation. All are welcome.

Ministries for Dec. 4-2nd-Sunday of Advent

Cross: Emmory Schmelzle

Servers: Cole Engelken & Hannah Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Stratman, Wayne & Carol Schmitz, Diane Schmitz, Maurice Feldkamp

Lector: Joanie Holthaus

Commentator: Brianna Uphaus

Ushers: Bob Macke & David Nordhus

Offertory: Tom & Mary Beth Haverkamp

Rosary: Paul Strathman

Organist: Marilyn Holthaus

Cantor: Staci Haug & Adult Choir

Ministries for Dec. 8-Immaculate Conception of Mary@ 7PM

Cross; Elijah Ruegge

Servers: Brad Schmitz & Kirsten Lortscher

Eucharistic Ministers: Don Lueger, Connie Huerter, Arlyn Holthaus, Will & Charity Henry

Lector: Elmer Ronnebaum

Commentator: Nancy Sudbeck

Ushers: Kevin Nordhus & Troy Nordhus

Offertory: Martin & Staci Haug Family

Rosary: Don Lueger

Organist: Marilyn Holthaus

Cantor: TBD

ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS

BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME is every 3rd Wednesday at 2:00PM. NOTE TIME CHANGE-December 2016-Betty Sudbeck ®, Theresa Sudbeck (J), Denise Haverkamp, Laurie Stallbaumer, Leanna Rottinghaus, Nikki Rottinghaus, Danise Mohny, Kathleen Meiers

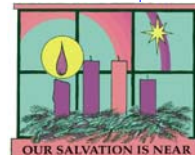
RAISE THE ROOF FUND

PROJECT GOAL	\$ 60,000.00
28 DONATIONS	\$ 11,710.00
3 PLEDGES	\$ 550.00
REMAINING GOAL	\$ 47,740.00

SENIOR PROJECT – Kyle Haverkamp, St. Mary's Parish, is running a charity known as, "Mission for St. Nick" for his senior project. This charity focuses on receiving donations for active and retired veterans here at home and overseas for the holiday season. Boxes will be in the back of church where you can leave your gifts. Certain items are regulated by the military from being sent to soldiers. Items asked for are: power bars, beef jerky, sunflower seeds and nuts, manicure kits, sunscreen, chapstick, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, foot powder, odor eaters, underwear for men and women (all sizes), CD and DVD (new and used), AT&T global pre-paid calling cards, Christmas cards. All proceeds will be brought to Ft. Leavenworth and Ft. Riley to be distributed. Deadline is December 10.

K of C SOUP DAY will be on Sunday, December 4 from 9:30AM till 3PM, at Sacred Heart, Baileyville. Serving Chili, Vegetable Beef and Chicken Noodle Soup. Freewill donation.

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, Ambrose Martin son of Larrissa Nordhus, Martin, Eldon Kriley, Mary Lally, Kenny Olberding, Dennis Bergman, Greg Fangman, Jed Henry, Tim Sack, Victor Holthaus, Paul Kramer, Sara Conroy, Joyce Koch, Kathleen Ronnebaum.



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

Dec. 10-Rottinghaus-Hall
Dec. 18-Sudbeck-Hall
Dec. 25-Engelken-Hall
Dec. 31-Lueger-Hall

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

Jan. 9 –Finance Council Meeting @ 7PM
Feb 5-Annual Soup Day
April 9-Easter Egg Hunt-Hall
April 16-Hall-Scott
March 19-Holthaus-Hall
May 7-May Crowning-Church
May 27-28-29-St. Benedict Alumni-Hall
May 27-James Smith-Church-First Mass
June 10-Stallbaumer & Edelman Wedding-Church
June 14-Annual Hall Cleaning
June 25-Annual Church Picnic
July 9-Stallbaumer Hall
Aug. 6-Schmitz-Hall
Nov. 23-Scott-Hall
Dec. 16-Bergman-Hall
Dec. 25-Scott-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, Hueter, Hulsing, Lierz, Kramer, Krogman, Mohrman, Olberding, Rethman, Ronnebaum, Rottinghaus, Sextro, Strathman, Strathman B, Stegeman, Sudbeck, Wichman. Suggested donation is \$20.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT Held at Prairie Star Ranch, this complete Confirmation Retreat offers any youth the opportunity to partake in our Enkindle Confirmation Program. All meals and programming are covered in the registration fee. All youth participants will need to have a chaperone with them during the event as well as a completed Permission Form and Waiver, a link for which can be found on our website. Register today at www.archkck.org/ranch or contact the Retreat Team at: psrministry@archkck.org; 785-7465693. What: Enkindle Confirmation Retreat Where: Prairie Star Ranch, 1124 California Road, Williamsburg KS 66095 When: December 3rd, 2016; 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS BUREAU is asking for your support of Nema-ha County Families who need a little boost this Christmas. If you are able to help, we are in need of Financial Contributions. New toys, sock, blankets, misc. Contact 785-336-3632.

“GOD’S LITTLE GREEN ACRE” SEMINARIAN SUPPORT

You are invited to join Catholics across the Archdiocese in giving thanks for our seminarians and support them as they study for the priesthood. Farmers can donate the proceeds from one acre of their crops, and those who don't farm but want to “grow” vocations can make a donation in any amount. This Christmas the donations will be divided among our seminarians to help them pay for textbooks and living expenses. They greatly appreciate these funds since they have no income. For questions call 913-647-0303 or email vocation@archkck.org. Mail donations to: Arch KCK Vocation office, 12615 Parallel Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66109.

QUO VADIS DISCERNMENT RETREAT for Single Men

Single men ages 18-35 are challenged to discern the priesthood guided by Archbishop Naumann, retreat master Fr. Andrew Strobl, Vocation Director Fr. Scott Wallisch, and our seminarians. Take a short break from the materialism of Christmas with other guys who are open to God's will. This free retreat is at Savior Pastoral Center Dec. 17-19. Through prayer, Mass and short conferences – listen and discover God's deepest desire for you. No obligation just opportunity, so come even if you cannot stay for the entire retreat. Register by Dec. 14 at kckvocations.com or email vocation@archkck.org.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is hosting the Axtell Ecumenical Cantata on December 11, 2016, at 7:30 PM. The Choir will be performing "A Candlelight Christmas" by Benjamin Harlin, directed by Stan Murphy, Seneca, accompanied by Lisa Broxterman. There will be a time of fellowship following the presentation.

A LIVING NATIVITY (manger scene with live animals) will be portrayed on the Church lawn by the Axtell Community, starting at 5:30 PM and ending before the Cantata. Plan to come early so you can see this, it will be an inspirational experience.

26TH ‘Festival of Lights’ Christmas Luminarias – Sunday, December 4 (5:30-8:00PM) at Horton

CHWC-Sacred Heart Parish, Baileyville and St. Mary's Parish, St. Benedict, have 8 students and 2 adult sponsors making plans to attend **Catholic Heart WorkCamp** in Oklahoma City, OK, June 18-24, 2017. 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. Students coming by to sell tickets include Garrett Randel and Bailey Schmitz from St. Mary's; Zach Buessing, Meghan Deters, Nick Heideman, Zach Heiman, Michelle Koch and Abbygail Yunghans from Sacred Heart. You can also call Gloria Heiman at 336-1703 or Rosette Randel at 336-2998. Please support these students in their quest to deepen their faith and to help those in need!

MARRIAGE MINUTE-November 27, 2016

We all have plenty of time. If that seems like a crazy statement, think about what you'd do if you found out there was a huge wildfire coming toward you. Suddenly, your schedule would open up, and you'd be able to do what you needed to do to secure your home and family. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to be prepared before disaster strikes. One of the best things we can do on an ongoing basis to keep our family secure is to fortify our marriages. Often, since our marriages seem to be “okay,” we turn our time and attention elsewhere. But our marriages are our vocation, our life's work! Don't we owe it to our spouses to invest time in making them great ?! This Advent, why not adopt one small practice that will bring more joy to your marriage? See www.joyfulmarriageproject.com for ideas.

DEAR PADRE NOVEMBER 27, 2016

I want my son to be confirmed this year, but he won't go to confirmation classes or select a sponsor. What should I do?

When your son was baptized, you promised to raise him in the faith. Going to Mass and making faith part of your home life has been part of his upbringing, but forcing him to be confirmed can result in resentment and drive him further from you and his Catholic faith. Try these three things: First, have a heartfelt and personal discussion (or several) with him, sharing what your Catholic faith means to you. Second, speak with the confirmation teacher or DRE. He or she has dealt with this before and can work with you both to understand his refusal. Third, engage him in discovering God at work in his life through the people and movements he's attracted to. Young people are often idealistic and can become disenchanted with the Church and other authority figures. The sooner they know you're willing to let them examine and understand what being Catholic means, the less inclined they will be to reject the Church. What he needs is the steady, meaningful message that he is loved and important to you, God, and the Church. Trust that God's will comes to fruition. Confirmation should occur when a person manifests a true desire and has undergone necessary preparation. These suggestions aren't easy but reflect the faith you want to pass on. From Liguorian, July-August 2011 sundaybulletin@liguori.org.

HEARD the song by Ray Stevens? “ If ten percent is good enough for Jesus-It ought to be enough for Uncle Sam!