

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 1, 2017-SOLEMNNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD



Unless specified below mass times are as listed.

ST. BENEDICT---Sunday 10:00AM

Weekday Mass---Friday 8:30AM

BAILEYVILLE---Saturday 7:00PM and Sunday 8:30AM

Weekday Masses at 8:30 a.m. Monday thru Thursday

Mon.-Jan 2-Baileyville-Intention of John Moller Family

Tues.-Jan 3-Baileyville-Elmer Feldkamp

Wed.-Jan 4-Baileyville-Mass @ 3:45PM-Liv/Dec. Ben C. & Lucy Deters Family

Thur.- Jan 5-Baileyville-Glen Meyer

Fri.-Jan 6-St. Benedict-Herbert Niehues (100th Birthday)

Fri.-Jan 6-Baileyville-Mass @ 10:45AM-Gilbert Stallbaumer

Sat.-Jan 7-Baileyville-Leonard Tanking

Sun.- Jan 8-Baileyville-People of the Parishes

Sun.- Jan. 8-St. Benedict-Dorothy Pearl Murphy

COLLECTIONS for December 25, 2016: Plate: \$907.56, Envelopes: \$1,230.00, Catholic Charities: \$3,326.00, Stipends: \$50.00, Memorial: \$25.00, K of C CCD Donation: \$350.00, Roof Fund: \$5,085.00. Total: \$10, 973.56.

December 29, 2016-Stipends: \$10.00, Candle: \$27.57, Nemaha Marshall Electric Dividend: \$497.35, Church Roof: \$11,250.00, Church Flooring: \$2,000. Total: \$13,784.92.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON will continue till the feast of the Baptism of Jesus on January 9. Please continue to sing Christmas hymns till January 9. Sing the Gloria on weekends.

THANK YOU-As the year has ended and a new year has started, St. Mary's Parish would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to volunteer at the parish in 2016. As the saying goes: Volunteers are seldom paid, not because they are worthless but because they are priceless, Thank you!

SACRISTAN-We are in need of a sacristan. If interested please let Father Ed know or the parish secretary. Ferdie Deters has decided to retire. The parish would like to thank Ferdie for many years of service as a sacristan.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS MEETING for parents will be held at 7:00PM on Sunday, January 8 at the St. Benedict Rectory.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK is scheduled for Jan. 15, 2017.

HIGH SCHOOL CCD CLASSES-Normal CCD Classes on January 4, 2017.

ELEMENTARY CCD Will be on January 4. Mass at 3:45PM, followed by class.

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

FINANCE COUNCIL meeting will be on January 9 at 7PM.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION-Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas exists because there is need. Because of our generosity, they are able to meet this need every day. Our help is someone's hope. Give generously to this year's Christmas Collection.

K OF C'S ANNUAL Basketball Free Throw contest in the B&B Gym on Sunday, January 8 at 1:00PM. Doors will open at noon. Boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to participate.

BAILEYVILLE CYO BREAKFAST will be on Sunday, January 8 at Sacred Heart Church Hall. Serving Pancakes, eggs and sausage served 7:30AM - 12:30PM. Freewill donation.

COFFEE AND SILENCE-Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Come for a morning or a day. Spend time in silence. For more information or to register, call 913-360-6173 or visit Sophia Spirituality Center's website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org.

Ministries for January 8, 2017-Epiphany of the Lord

Cross: Lilly Engelken

Servers: Hailey Nordhus & Emma Stallbaumer

Eucharistic Ministers: Troy Nordhus, Sara Nordhus, Janelle Schmitz, Evelyn Rottinghaus, Maurice Feldkamp

Lector: Nancy Sudbeck

Commentator: Paul Strathman

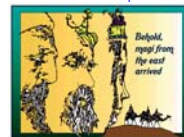
Ushers: Norman Schmelzle & Alan Schmitz

Offertory: Kevin & Karen Holthaus Family

Rosary: Dan Tangeman

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

Money Counters for Jan 8: Deb Bergman & Nancy Feldkamp



ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS

BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME is every 3rd Wednesday at 2:00PM. **NOTE TIME CHANGE-January 2017-**Suzanne Nolte, Karen Holthaus(G), Melanie Lierz, Jenny Heiman, Linda Haug, Deborah Sudbeck, Amy Sudbeck, Ellen Sudbeck.

ANNUAL SOUP DAY-Feb. 5, 2017

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, 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, Tanner Strathman.

RAISE THE ROOF FUND

PROJECT GOAL	\$60,000.00
64 DONATIONS	\$42,694.07
3 PLEDGES	\$ 550.00
REMAINING GOAL	\$16,755.93

T-SHIRT RAISE THE ROOF DRIVE-\$721.00

ROOF SETTLEMENT- \$10,000.00

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Insurance Agents Present: **Evening With an Attorney-**You're invited to an estate planning seminar on January 24th at the Seneca Knights of Columbus Hall. Nick Puckett, from Brown and Vogel will be on hand to talk about protecting your assets, business succession plans and pitfalls people make when planning their estates. Snacks and drinks start at 6:30. Contact Kirby Schmelzle with questions: 785-213-5787.

PRO-LIFE ESSAY-8th grade Pro-life essay and digital media contest! Theme: "We are the #Prolife generation 500 word or less Essay Digital media creation: imovie, cartoon, commercial, poem, photography, original art Cash prizes! Due Feb. 1st! More information visit: www.archkck.org/prolife or email Alli Donohue at: adonohue@archkck.org.

WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT-Do you desire time away to pray about God's Will for your life? Single women between the ages of 18 and 30 are invited to Prairie Star Ranch to participate in an overnight discernment experience. This Retreat is full of opportunities to grow in community and friendship, develop a deeper understanding of how God is speaking to you, and meet some of the consecrated women who are joyfully serving the Church today. Register today at www.archkck.org/ranch or contact the Retreat Team at: psrministry@archkck.org; 785-746-5693

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

Jan. 8-Schmitz Hall
Jan. 9 –Finance Council Meeting @ 7PM
Jan. 15-Anointing of the Sick after 10AM Mass
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. 9-Hall-Halley/Rottinghaus
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, Huerter, Hulsing, Lierz, Kramer, Krogman, Mohrman, Olberding, Rethman, Ronnebaum, Rottinghaus, Sextro, Strathman, Strathman B, Stegeman, Sudbeck, Wichman . Suggested donation is \$20.

THE 2017 BAILEYVILLE BENEFIT is for Sarah Conroy, Zachary Engelken, Bethany Ohlsen and Jase Suther. It is scheduled for January 28th & 29th at Nemaha Central High School with the auction scheduled to start at 6:00pm on Sunday. Donations for the auction, chance stand, or wheel are very much welcome and appreciated! You may also bring in donations of food (i.e. pies, desserts, cinnamon rolls, cookies, etc) to the concession stand Saturday morning to sale throughout the tournament. If you have any questions or would like to donate in any way (including volunteering to work a couple of hours), please contact Kenny or Diane Schmitz at 336-6252, 336-1771 or e-mail kdschmitz@bbwi.net.

"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.

MARRIAGE MINUTE -January 1, 2017
By the time this Sunday's gospel had taken place, Mary had been through a lot, the most recent of which is a visit by shepherds sent by angels. Scripture tells us that she "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." While none of us will literally bring the Messiah into the world, we all have had moments where God has touched our marriages. Do we take time to "keep all these things," or "reflect on them in our hearts?" When we fail to reflect, we can miss God's action in our lives! Need some help building this time into your day? Try signing up for our free email retreat based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of Love. Every day for a month, you'll receive a brief excerpt from the letter with practical insights and reflection questions. www.archkck.org/30DayRetreat.

TIME-Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.
—Benjamin Franklin

DEAR PADRE JANUARY 1, 2017

Does calling Mary "the Mother of God" mean that she came before God?

No; it simply expresses our belief that Mary is truly the Mother of Jesus, who from the moment of his conception was both human and divine. Catholics believe that God is a Trinity of persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in one divine nature. We believe that God existed from all eternity and is the source of all created things. We also believe that, to save us from sin, the second person of the Trinity, the Son, took on a human nature. God became one of us in the mystery of the Incarnation. Luke's Infancy narrative (1:26–38) tells us that God sent Gabriel to Mary to announce that she would have a child, the Son of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary consented, and Jesus Christ was conceived in her womb. Later, Mary is greeted by Elizabeth as "the mother of my Lord" (1:43). This greeting expresses the reality that the Lord, the God of the Hebrew Scriptures, is present in Mary's womb. Other passages testify to the same fact. Mary is the Mother of Jesus. Jesus is God (John 20:28). Therefore, Mary is the Mother of God. When we honor Mary as "the Mother of God," we are professing our belief that Jesus is truly God. We are not saying that Mary came before God but rather that the Son, who existed from all eternity, "became flesh and lived among us" (John 1:14). Source: Dear Padre: Questions People Ask, Liguori, 2003, sundaybulletin@liguori.org.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Octave" comes from the Latin word for "eight," and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the "eighth day," since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord's Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn't claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.
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PETER, at a New Year's party, turns to his friend, Ken, and asks for a cigarette.

'I thought you made a New Year's resolution to quit smoking,' Ken responds.

'I'm in the process of quitting,' replies Peter with a grin.

'Right now, I am in the middle of phase one.'

'Phase one?' wonders Ken.

'Yeah,' laughs Peter, 'I've quit buying.'

PASSIONS

We should employ our passions in the service of life, not spend life in the service of our passions.
—Richard Steele