

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 8, 2017-THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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 9-Baileyville-Eileen Koelzer

Tues.-Jan 10-Baileyville-No Mass @ Baileyville-Mass @ Life Care @ 11AM-Ronald Steinlage

Wed.-Jan 11-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. of Seneca K of C #1769

Thur.- Jan 12-Baileyville-Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Fri.-Jan 13-St. Benedict-Cyril Tangeman

Sat.-Jan 14-Baileyville-Jeanette Holthaus

Sun.- Jan 15-Baileyville-People of the Parishes

Sun.- Jan. 16-St. Benedict-Liv/Dec. Ed & Elizabeth Haverkamp Family

COLLECTIONS for January 1, 2017: Plate: \$69.00, Envelopes: \$664.00, Church of Latin America: \$15.00, Hank Hulsing Memorial: \$255.00, Church Roof: \$1,246.03, Total: \$2,249.03.

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.

MEETING for parents of First Communicants will be held at 7:00PM today, January 8 at the St. Benedict Rectory.

THE NEXT INQUIRY CLASS will be Sunday, January 15 at 7:00PM at Baileyville.

THANK YOU to all who came out to support the Sacred Heart and St. Mary's parishes New Year's Eve dinner for Catholic Heart Work Camp. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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

HIGH SCHOOL CCD CLASSES-Normal class on Jan 11.

ELEMENTARY CCD-Normal Class on January 11 from 3:45 to 5:15PM..

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

COFFEE AND SILENCE-Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Visit our Saint Scholastica Chapel. Coffee is provided. Arrive any time after 9:00 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and spend the day. Leave by 4:00 p.m. For more information or to register, call 913-360-6173 or visit Sophia Spirituality Center's website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org.

ON THE WEEKEND of February 19, 2017, St. Mary Parish will be remembered in a petition at all the Masses at the Cathedral of St. Peter at Kansas City. As the cathedral parish, we want to pray for your parish to foster spiritual growth and express our unity. God Bless You, Father Harry Schneider Pastor .

Ministries for January 15, 2017-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cross: William Lueger

Servers: Madison Lortscher & Faith Henry

Eucharistic Ministers: Wayne Schmitz, Carol Schmitz, Arlyn Holthaus, Diane Schmitz, Duana Huerter

Lector: David Huerter

Commentator: Joanie Holthaus

Ushers: Cyril Schmitz & Gary Schmitz

Offertory: Leon & Arlene Holthaus

Rosary: Brianna Uphaus

Organist: Marilyn Holthaus

Cantor: Stan Murphy

Money Counters for Jan. 15: Deb & Joyce

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
66 DONATIONS	\$43,940.10
3 PLEDGES	\$ 550.00
REMAINING GOAL	\$15,509.90

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.

THE AXTELL K OF C will again have a baby crib in the back of church to collect items for the annual baby shower. Items collected will be given to the less fortunate in the community. The Knights thank you for your support.

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



HALL & CHURCH is spoken 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, Grosse-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.

BAILEYVILLE CYO BREAKFAST will be on Sunday January 8, 2017, at the church hall. Serving pancakes, eggs and sausage from 7:30AM to 12:30PM. Freewill donation.

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, deserts, 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.

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- Register today at www.archkck.org/ranch or contact the Retreat Team at: psrministry@archkck.org; 785-746-5693
What: Women's Discernment Retreat Where: Prairie Star Ranch, 1124 California Road, Williamsburg KS 66095
When: January 20th-21st, beginning at 5:30pm.

BAILEYVILLE K OF C POKER TOURNAMENT – Friday, January 13 at 7:30PM in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome (men and women). Hope to see you there.

TRUE HAPPINESS

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy.

—Blessed Henry Suso

"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.

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NFP CLASS-Contact Susie Lueger to set arjennings@stisidores.com. To sign-up, visit their website www.stisidores.com. appointment for taking National Family Planning Class.

Her cell phone is 336-1934. The class can be taken over the internet by "Skype" if you are unable to be there in person. The usual time for taking NFP is on the third Monday of the month at 7:30PM.

DEAR PADRE JANUARY 8, 2017

If God wants everyone to believe in him, why doesn't God offer undeniable proof of his existence? Surely more would join the Church if adequate proof were available?

Perhaps what is missing is the ability to perceive and understand the evidence before our eyes. In the Catechism we are taught that God "provides men with constant evidence of himself in created realities" (CCC 54). Despite the evidence, however, God does seem to be hidden from the sight of some. Why might this be? Again, the Catechism offers an important truth: While faith is a grace, it is also dependent on the "free assent" of the human person to accept what God has revealed (CCC 150). Faith is a gift, but it is also a human act: "Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace" (CCC 155; see Summa Theologica, II-II.2.9). In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), Abraham declares to the rich man, "If they [his brothers] will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead" (16:31). So evidence of God's presence, the witness of the Church, and even the most persuasive arguments might not be enough to convince every person to come to faith. Fr. Tom Santa, CSsR sundaybulletin@liguori.org.

Stop and Smell-I had spent the late winter months waiting impatiently for signs of spring. When the first warm, sunny Saturday arrived, I eagerly unlocked the storm door and stepped onto our patio deck. I was pleased by the sight of green sprouts and the sounds of singing birds. More than anything else, I delighted in the sweet aroma of the spring air. Knocking on the kitchen window, I beckoned to my wife to join me in enjoying the pleasures of the season. She quietly brought me back to earth when she reminded me that I was standing over the dryer vent, inhaling the scent of fabric softener.