

ST.MARY'S CHURCH

Father Edward Oen, C.P.P. S. Pastor

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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

MARCH 5, 2017-FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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.-March 6-Baileyville-Glen Meyer

Sat.-March 11-Baileyville-Jeanette Holthaus & Liv/Dec.

Merlin & Leona Bergman Family

Sun.- March 12-Baileyville-People of the Parishes

Sun.- March 12-St. Benedict-Liv/Dec. Art & Helen Bergman

Family & Seneca & St. Benedict Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

COLLECTIONS for February 26, 2017: Plate: \$85.00,

Envelopes: \$2,127.00, Other: \$22.00, Stipends: \$60.00,

Candle: \$6.00, Roof Donations: \$1,800.00, Total: \$4,100.00.

February 5, 2017: Plate: \$58.00, Envelopes: \$102.00, Total:

\$170.00.

RECEPTION FOR FATHER ED – today, March 5 (5:00-7:00PM) in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall – Due to health reasons Father Ed will be taking an early retirement. His new address will be: St. Charles Center, 2860 U.S. Route 127, Celina, OH 45822. Come this evening and wish him well.

WEEKEND MASSES – A substitute priest from the diocese will be here on the weekends until new assignments are made. There will be no daily Masses. There will be a prayer service on Wednesdays at 8:30AM.

For your information – Daily Mass schedule at **Sts. Peter & Paul's** is: Tuesday 6:00PM, Wednesday and Friday 8:00AM, Thursday 7:00AM and Saturday 7:30AM – Confessions Saturday 2:30 – 3:30PM and Wednesday 6:00-7:00PM. Stations: Friday 2:00PM, Divine Mercy Chaplet Thursday 7:00PM.

St. Michael's, Axtell: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00AM, Confession Saturday 3:45-4:15PM.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins next Sunday, March 12. Turn your clocks ahead one hour.

SPECIAL THANK YOU to the Axtell Knights of Columbus #1163 for donating \$1,500.00 toward the Raise the Roof Fund.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING-There will be a special parish council meeting today, March 5 after Mass. We will be discussing the 3D rendering of the west side landscaping plan and the north side of the church's sidewalk.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be on March 8 at 7PM. Station Leader and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary will be Don Lueger.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING scheduled for March 13 at 7PM.

HIGH SCHOOL CCD CLASSES—March 8-Normal Classes.

CYO CARD PARTY will be today, March 5 at 2PM.

ELEMENTARY CCD-March 8. Classes from 3:34 to 5:15PM at Baileyville.

ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC DAY will be on Sunday, March 12 (9:30AM-4:00PM) and March 19 at **St. Benedict (11:00AM-4:00PM)**. There will be a closing procession and Benediction at 4:00PM. Please sign up for an half hour of adoration. Sign-up sheet is at the back of church.

CALL TO SHARE –Your gift to the Archbishop's Call to Share is still needed! Thank you to all who have responded to the needs of our Church in northeastern Kansas through the 2017 *Archbishop's Call to Share* appeal. Call to Share. Giving is a Holy Act! Our parish goal is \$7,256.00. Our parishioners have donated \$7,545.00, with 27% participation. Congratulations on meeting our goal!

Ministries for March 12, 2017-Second Sunday of Lent

Cross: Lilly Engelken

Servers: Hailey Nordhus & Madison Lortscher

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie Huerter, Marsha Korber, Robert Engelken, Will Henry, Charity Henry

Commentator: Don Lueger

Lector: Brianna Uphaus

Ushers: David Sudbeck & Dean Sudbeck

Offertory: Ardan & Evelyn Rottinghaus

Rosary: Greg Schmitz

Organist: Marlene Deters

Cantor: Staci Haug

Money Counters for March 12: Nancy & Marsha

ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS

BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME is every 3rd Wednesday at 2:00PM. March 2017-Loyola Sudbeck, Alicia Bergman, Zena Schmelzle, Joyce Sudbeck, Shauna Engelken, Tammy Rottinghaus, Deb Bergman

PICNIC-We will begin working on the picnic work list in the near future. Please contact one of the officers if you will have a conflict or a medical issue that will limit your ability to work. Staci Haug (336-1106) Leanna Rottinghaus (2940071), Beth Deters (336-1725) & Christina Stallbaumer (294-8189).

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are sick, taking treatments, hospitalized or still recovering: Brad Bowhay, 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, Kristi (Mike) Meyer, Father Edward Oen, Vivianne Marousek.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING - INTRODUCTION TO THE CREIGHTON MODEL SYSTEM-The Creighton Model is a natural method of fertility regulation, enabling a woman, through recording daily observations, to better understand and maintain her reproductive health and fertility. Introductory sessions providing an overview of the method, reproductive anatomy and physiology and how to chart your cycle are held monthly at Sts. Peter and Paul in Seneca. To find out more on the class or session dates please contact Susie Lueger at susielueger@gmail.com or 785-336-1934.


RAISE THE ROOF FUND	
PROJECT GOAL	\$60,000.00
79 DONATIONS	\$52,286.10
2 PLEDGES	\$ 600.00
REMAINING GOAL	\$ 7,113.90

EASTER FLOWERS: If you would like to make a donation towards this year's Easter Flowers please mark it and put your donation in the collection basket by Sunday, April 9. You may also purchase a Easter Lily or Mum as a memorial for a loved one by placing their name and \$15.00 per flower in the collection by April 9. Thank you.

THE COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE will be taken up this weekend. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in 20 countries. Thank you for your generosity.



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

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- March 5-CYO Card Party at 2PM-Hall
 - March 13-Parish Council Meeting at 7PM
 - March 19-Holthaus-Hall
 - March 19-Eucharistic Day from 11—4PM –Church
 - April 1-St. Patrick’s Parade-Hall
 - April 9-Easter Egg Hunt-Hall
 - April 10-Finance Council Meeting at 7PM
 - April 16-Hall-Scott
 - 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. 23-McKinley-Hall
 - Dec. 25-Scott-Hall
 - Dec. 30-Sudbeck-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.

ST. PATRICK’S PARISH, CORNING, will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 5, 2017from 7AM to 1PM at the Corning Community Center serving pancakes, sausage and eggs. A freewill offering will be collected. There will also be a country store and raffles.

AXTELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PAN-CAKE BREAKFAST – today, March 5 (7:00AM – 1:00PM) at the Axtell Legion Building – Freewill offering.

ST. MICHAEL’S SOUP SUPPER , Axtell – Sunday, March 19, from 5 to 8PM. – Homemade soups, bread and pies served. Games, country store and auction. Fun for all ages!

11TH ANNUAL WOMEN’S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE – Saturday, March 11 – St. Thomas More Parish Center, 2900 Kimball Ave, Manhattan – (8:30AM-3:30PM) – Sr. Edith Pendergast will be the speaker. Take time from your busy schedule to attend this Lenten day of reflection and prayer. More information on the bulletin board.

BAILEYVILLE BASEBALL CONCESSION STAND VOLUNTEERS are needed for this summer. Contact Gloria Heiman 336-1703.

MARRIAGE MINUTE MARCH 5, 2017
In this week’s readings, we hear about the fall of our original parents, Adam and Eve. We sometimes forget that this initial temptation and subsequent sin was not only an attack on the first two humans, it was an attack on Marriage and God’s beautiful plan of communion between the first husband and wife.
Adam and Eve were called to cultivate the Garden of Eden and protect it with Divine assistance. We can approach our marriages in the same way. Our Sacraments are a gift from God, and we have the calling to cultivate and protect them with Divine assistance. How do we do this?
• Unlike Adam and Eve, ask God for help when trouble arises.
• Give one another the benefit of the doubt when a misunderstanding arises. • Be the first to ask for forgiveness. • Be quick to offer forgiveness.
For other practical ways this Lent to cultivate and protect your marriage including ways to pray together, go to www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com.

UNITOURS-Tours of a Lifetime. Join the World Leader in Quality Catholic Travel to Catholic Italy, The Holy Land, The Journey of St. Paul, Marian Shrines, Central Europe, Ireland, World Youth Day. For more information contact Unitours at 1-800-777-7432 or Email: info@Unitorus.com. Brochure will be hanging in back of church on the bulletin board for more detail travel.

ADOPTIVE PARENTS NEEDED!!! St. Joseph Adoption Ministry is in need of more prospective parents. They could place more babies if they had more prospective parents!! And the average wait time for couples to adopt a baby is only seven months. This is wonderful news for those considering adoption. For more information call St. Joseph Adoption Ministry at 913-2995222 or go to their web site at www.CatholicAdoptionMinistry.org . Please spread this good news!! **NOTE:** St. Joseph Adoption Ministry is located in our archdiocese in Kansas City, Kansas and is a ministry of the Congregation of St Joseph.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION will be taken up next weekend. Please give generously to this collection.

RICE BOWL – Join our faith community – and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States-in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God. The is an envelope in your packet for this collection.

ST. MARY’S CHURCH WEBSITE-The church website is accessed by an average of 174 visitors per week over the last 12 months. This past weekend, the site was down by GoDaddy.com, where the site is hosted, was installing new hardware. It returned to service last Wednesday.

DEAR PADRE MARCH 5, 2017
Why is it OK to eat fish during Lent? What if I’m a vegetarian? The other day I was grocery shopping. I bought chicken on sale for \$1 per pound and salmon for \$8.99 per pound. If penance were about being economical, I would be eating chicken. If penance were the same as living simply, I might give up both proteins for an egg or bean alternative. (If you asked my fellow priests, they might say all food is penance when I cook.)
The Catechism teaches, “The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others” (CCC 1434). Notice the last word: others. Fasting and abstaining from meat during Lent are shared sacrifices and part of our Catholic identity and duty (Canons 1249–53). The pope in Rome, your grandmother in Milwaukee, Catholics in India, and our fellow Christians (if and when they participate) are all united by this common penance. You express that unity by eating fish on Fridays. If you are a vegetarian or vegan, I encourage you to do something additional during the Fridays of Lent to reflect the spirit of discipline and self-denial. However you observe Lent, remember: All Catholics are united to each other and to God in our prayer, penance, and worship. Patrick Keyes, CSsR.sundaybulletin@liguori.org.

LAST YEAR I replaced all the windows in my house with that expensive double-pane energy efficient kind, and today, I got a call from the contractor who installed them. He was complaining that the work had been completed a whole year ago and I still hadn't paid for them.
Hellloooo.....just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I told him just what his fast talking sales guy had told me last year, that in ONE YEAR these windows would pay for themselves!

Helllooooo? It's been a year! I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally just hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot.

TIMING
What you give in health is gold.
What you give in sickness is silver.
What you give after death is lead.
—Jewish proverb

LOVE AND DEEDS-God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.—St. Teresa of Ávila

Tribute to Father Ed Oen, C.P.P.S. on Retirement from St. Mary's Parish, March 5, 2017

Father Ed,

It is a privilege and honor for me as Parish Council President to represent St. Mary's Parish today to offer a few words of gratitude to you for your years of service on behalf of this community.

First of all, we are sad to learn of your retirement – but your retirement is more than deserved; it is earned. And everyone is concerned for your health.

I read the following in Ephesians, Chapter 4, verses 11-12:

"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."

Father Ed, that verse fits you perfectly. You willingly accepted the additional challenges of service for our parish when Father Felix was no longer available. At the sesquicentennial anniversary Mass on September 27, 2009, I recall Archbishop Naumann's compliment to you for your volunteering for the "extra duty" to serve St. Mary's Parish.

Since you began service to our parish on February 6, 2009, you have welcomed parishioners with open arms, baptizing 84 new members, uniting 37 couples in marriage, and giving final rites at 31 funerals. You have served as minister, confessor, and counselor. I wonder if sometimes you may have thought that you got more than your share of a good bargain!

The verse Jeremiah 3:15 says, "And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."

Father Ed, you have led this congregation; you have set an example for others; you have given tremendous guidance just by your example. You are an inspiration.

You have encouraged us as parishioners to treat each other as we all would like to be treated -- with honesty, with sincerity and with humility.

Father Ed, we wish you every blessing possible; we will remember you for your years of service to not only the parish but also to the area community as well. We will keep you in our prayers as you begin your very well-deserved retirement. We pray that God blesses you with many happy years of good health and happiness.

Thank you, Father, for your service.

Dan Tangeman
President, St. Mary's Parish Council President