

**ST.MARY'S CHURCH**

**Father Arul Carasala-Parochial Administrator**

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Bulletin announcements need to be in by Noon on Thursdays.

Mass Schedule: Sunday Morning Mass at 10:00 AM with Father Jonathan Dizon

Friday evening Mass at 7:00PM with Father Arul Carasala

Marriage: Contact parish 6 Months before - Baptism Call 785-336-3174 or 336-2870

MARCH 19, 2017—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Unless specified below Mass times are as listed.  
**ST. BENEDICT**---Sunday 10:00AM  
 Weekday Mass---Friday evening at 7:00PM  
**BAILEYVILLE**---Saturday 7:00PM and Sunday 8:30AM  
 Weekday Mass---Thursday evening at 7:00PM  
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**Wednesday-March 22-Baileyville**-8:30AM-Prayer Service  
**Wednesday-March 22-St. Benedict**-7PM-Stations of the  
 Cross/Rosary/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
**Thursday-March 23-Baileyville**-Stations at 6:30PM-Mass at  
 7:00PM-Liv/Dec. Lester & Wilma Hunnughake Family  
**Friday-March 24-St. Benedict**-Stations at 6:30PM-  
 Mass at 7:00PM-Leroy Tangeman  
**Sat.-March 25-Baileyville**-Mass at 7PM-Liv/Dec. Hammes &  
 Kuckelman Family  
**Sun.- March 26-Baileyville**-Mass at 8:30AM-People of the  
 Parishes-Glen Meyer  
**Sun.- March 26-St. Benedict**-Mass at 10AM-Adolph &  
 Lucille Laska

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**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.

**COLLECTIONS for March 12, 2017:** Plate: \$44.00, Envelopes: \$1,490.00, Call to Share: \$30.00, Raise the Roof: \$950.00, Candles: \$3.00, Total: \$2,517.00.

**HIGH SCHOOL CCD CLASSES**—March 22-Spring Break-No Classes.

**ELEMENTARY CCD**-March 22-Spring Break-No Classes.

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be on March 22 at 7PM. Station Leader and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary will be Paul Strathman.

**March 29**-Arlyn & Joanie Holthaus

**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 as a memorial for a loved one by placing their name and \$15.00 per flower in the collection.

**17TH ANNUAL ST. BENEDICT'S ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION**-The theme of the parade is "I'm Irish-No Foolin" being as it falls on April 1, April Fools Day this year. Immediately after the parade there will be a tour of the church and some Irish songs sung, accompaniment by Marlene Deters with the organ.

**AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

Corning—March 26 at 3PM

Kelly—March 26 at 7PM

Wetmore—March 26 at 7PM

Marysville—April 2 at 3PM

Frankfort—April 2 at 7PM

Axtell—April 2 at 7PM

**St. Benedict—April 7 after 7PM Mass**

Seneca—April 9 at 3 PM

Sabetha—April 9 at 7PM

Baileyville—April 9 at 7PM



**CALL TO SHARE** –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. Our parish goal is \$7,256.00. Our parish donation so far is \$7,780.00.

**Ministries for March 19, 2017– EUCHARISTIC DAY**

**Servers:** Dylan Lortscher & Savannah Engelken

**Readings:** Joanie Holthaus

**Organist:** Marilyn Holthaus & Adult Choir

**4:00PM-Closing Ceremony & Benediction**

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**Ministries for March 26, 2017-Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Cross:** Bailey Schmitz

**Servers:** Will Engelken & Amanda Stallbaumer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Arlyn Holthaus, Kristina Sudbeck, Brian & Lisa Holthaus

**Commentator:** Diane Schmitz

**Lector:** David Huerter

**Ushers:** Jim Sudbeck & John Sudbeck

**Offertory:** Betty Ruegge Family

**Rosary:** Don Lueger

**Organist:** Marlene Deters

**Cantor:** Stan Murphy

**Money Counters for March 26:** Nancy & Evelyn

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**ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS**

**April 2017**-Annual Altar Society Meeting-Election of new officers.

**June 14**-Annual Hall Cleaning

**June 25**-Annual Church Picnic

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**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 Schmelze, Karsyn Aylward, Ambrose Martin son of Larissa 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.

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<b>RAISE THE ROOF FUND</b>	
<b>PROJECT GOAL</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>
<b>81 DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$53,586.10</b>
<b>2 PLEDGES</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>
<b>REMAINING GOAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,963.90</b>

**MARRIAGE MINUTE MARCH 19, 2017**

This week, St. Paul reminds us that "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." As married people, we are called to imitate Jesus by laying down our lives for our spouses, a theme that runs through many of our most cherished love stories. We see great nobility in one spouse taking a bullet for the other, but this is not the normal way we are called to live this out. If we are willing to die for each other literally, we must be willing to die to ourselves in little ways... while our spouse is still a sinner. Here are some ideas: • Pick up those socks without comment. • Answer a bad attitude with lavish affirmation. • Do one of your spouse's chores without getting noticed. • Seek understanding instead of the "last word." Listen to your spouse without trying to "fix the problem". Build a more joyful marriage at [www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com](http://www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com).

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION** will be taken up this weekend. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise.**

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



March 19-Holthaus-Hall  
March 19-Eucharistic Day from 11—4PM –Church  
March 26-Schmitz -Hall  
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 7-Senior Recognition Mass  
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  
Sept. 30-Bergman-Hall  
Nov. 23-Scott-Hall  
Dec. 9-Hall-Halley/Rottinghaus  
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](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, Hueter, Hulsing, Lierz, Kramer, Krogman, Mohrman, Olberding, Rethman, Ronnebaum, Rottinghaus, Sextro, Strathman, Strathman B, Stegeman, Sudbeck, Wichman . Suggested donation is \$20.

**FATHER ED OEN**– His new address will be: St. Charles Center, 2860 U.S. Route 127, Celina, OH 45822.

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

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

**ONE WOMAN’S JOURNEY** to reveal the plight of Christians in Iraq and Syria. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS Office for Social Justice . This film examines the very real evil of ISIS persecution and genocide of Christians. While it has an overall hopeful and life-affirming message it contains brief news footage that describes murder and rape. As well, one of the victims describes her abuse at the hands ISIS but in a delicate way. While this film has not been rated, the parents and staff who have previewed it would say PG-13 is a good gauge. When: Saturday, March 25th 7 pm – 9 pm Where: St. James Academy How do I register? You can register at (<https://goo.gl/k1FxFX0>) Is there an admission fee? Admission is free, but donations are much appreciated. Want more information? Contact Laura Weinberg at [cap.lweinberg@gmail.com](mailto:cap.lweinberg@gmail.com).

**WORSHIP FOR WINDOWS**-On Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> (Laetare Sunday) from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, there will be a concert, “Worship for Windows” at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Organized for her Senior Project, Mary Hemman has arranged for a generous number of area singers and artists to perform and sing praises to God from 2:00 to 3:30 PM. A wonderful Lenten event for a Free Will donation at the door, this will help pay for the new stain glass Church windows. Come and enjoy the music!

**RICE BOWL** – We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent?

**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](http://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.

**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](mailto:susielueger@gmail.com) or 785-336-1934.

**THE CASE FOR CHRIST** is an intriguing movie that follows one man's journey through skepticism to Truth. Based on a true story, it's an ideal Easter-season experience for anyone who has ever pondered the existence of God ... and what role He could play in their lives. View the trailer and more information at: <http://caseforchristmovie.pureflix.com/>

“Residing in every human heart is the quest for Truth. This arduous journey seeks guidance along life’s way. Lee’s story shines a light into the darkness helping us find our footing on the path. Truer words than this were never spoken: ‘We all base our life on something. What’s it going to be?’” +Thomas W. Keefe President, University of Dallas

"The Case for Christ is an engaging, beautiful story of a family coming to faith in Jesus Christ, made more compelling by its basis in real events. I warmly recommend it." +Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. Archbishop of Philadelphia.

**DEAR PADRE MARCH 19, 2017**

Sometimes a priest at Mass skips (or forgets) the blessing after the Confiteor: “May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.” I learned this prayer is important because it prepares us to receive the Eucharist. Is that correct?

The penitential act at Mass concludes with the priest’s absolution, but it “lacks the efficacy of the Sacrament of Penance” (GIRM 51). In The Tridentine Missal, the Confiteor was followed by a version of the formula in use today and a second formula: “May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins.” This second, quasi-absolution is omitted in the current rite, along with the sign of the cross that accompanied it. Jesus told Simon and his companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man” (Luke 5:8). Often, when entering God’s presence, we are so filled with awe that we become aware of our own sinfulness. Yet our primary purpose in gathering for worship is not to acknowledge our sins but to acknowledge God’s mercy. Thus, the penitential act exists to unite the faithful as a community and to prepare them to listen to God’s word and to celebrate the Eucharist (GIRM 46). Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR [sundaybulletin@liguori.org](mailto:sundaybulletin@liguori.org).

**AND THE LORD Separated His Paper From His Plastics...**My sister-in-law was teaching Sunday school class. The topic for the day: Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Christ.

“What did Jesus do on this day?” she asked. There was no response, so she gave her students a hint: “It starts with the letter R.” One boy blurted, “Recycle!”

**REGRET** can be an awful waste of time!