

ST.MARY'S CHURCH

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Bulletin announcements need to be in by Noon on Thursdays.

Secretary in the office only on Thursday from 8:30AM till 1:30PM

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

APRIL 2 , 2017—FIFTH 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

Wednesday-April 5-Baileyville-8:30AM-Prayer Service

Wednesday-April 5-St. Benedict-7PM-Stations of the Cross/Rosary/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday-April 6-Baileyville-Stations at 6:30PM-Mass at 7:00PM-Georgann Rottinghaus

Friday-April 7-St. Benedict-Stations at 6:30PM-Mass at 7:00PM-Virgil Sudbeck

Sat.-April 8-Baileyville-Mass at 7PM-Jeanette Holthaus

Sun.- April 9-Baileyville-Mass at 8:30AM-Leonard Deters

Sun.- April 9-St. Benedict-Mass at 10AM- Everett & Dorothy Pearl Murphy

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 26, 2017: Plate: \$490.00, Envelopes: \$1,708.00, Other: \$156.00, Catholic Relief: \$319.00, Rice Bowl: \$20.00, Raise the Roof: \$450.00, Anniversary Books: \$104.00, Genealogy CD: \$20.00, Easter Flowers: \$15.00, Total: \$3,282.00.

REMEMBER Ervin Bergman in your prayers. His funeral was on Monday, March 27, 2017. Sympathy to his brother Galen & Betty Bergman. May he rest in peace.

REMEMBER Marvin Bergman in your prayers. His funeral was on Friday, March 31, 2017. Sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.

CHOIR PRACTICE is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4 at 7PM. Will be practicing for the Holy week and Easter. New voices welcomed!

HIGH SCHOOL CCD CLASSES-April 5-Stations of the Cross & Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 7:30PM-Note time change! Everyone welcome!

ELEMENTARY CCD-April 5-3:45 to 5:15PM.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE: April 2 & 30 and May 8.

ANNUAL CYO EASTER EGG HUNT will be Sunday, April 9th, immediately following the 10:00 AM mass. The age groups will be as follows: 0 to 3 years, 4 years to Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grades, and 3rd & 4th grades. Please sign up in the church hall after mass that Sunday.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

HOLY THURSDAY-April 13th-5PM Mass at Baileyville & 7PM Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul. **No Mass at St. Benedict.**

GOOD FRIDAY-April 14th-Passion of the Lord at Sts. Peter & Paul at 3PM and St. Benedict at 6PM-**No services at Baileyville.**

HOLY SATURDAY-April 15th-Easter Vigil Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul at 7PM. **No Easter Vigil Mass at Baileyville.**

EASTER SUNDAY-April 16th-Easter Sunday at St. Benedict will be at 10AM and at Sacred Heart in Baileyville will be at 8:30AM. Easter Sunday Masses in Sts. Peter & Paul will be at 6:30AM-8:00AM-9:30AM-11:00AM.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PARENTS MEETING will be today, April 2 in the Baileyville Church Hall. K-12 grade girls and K-11 grade boys are eligible to participate. Please show up to help us get the season started. Signup sheets are in the back of Church.

Ministries for April 9, 2017-Palm Sunday

Cross: Karly Tangeman

Servers: Hannah Scott & Cole Engelekn

Eucharistic Ministers: Brianna Uphaus, Luke Holthaus, Kyle Haverkamp, Craig Olberding, Evelyn Rottinghaus

Commentator & Speaker: Don Lueger

Lector & Reader: Nancy Sudbeck

Narrator: Elmer Ronnebaum

Ushers: Loren Sudbeck & Mark Sudbeck

Offertory: Gary & Anita Schmitz Family

Rosary: Kenny Schmitz

Organist: Kayla Subeck

Cantor: Stan Murphy & Adult Choir

Money Counters for April 9: Joyce & Deb

ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS

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

June 14-Annual Hall Cleaning

June 25-Annual Church Picnic

BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME is every 3rd Wednesday at 2:00PM. April 2017-Donna Stallbaumer, Trisha Engelken, Carol Bergman, Rosette Randel, Betty Ruegge, Annette Rottinghaus, Betty Roeder

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.

RAISE THE ROOF FUND

PROJECT GOAL \$60,000.00

85 DONATIONS \$55,536.10

2 PLEDGES \$ 450.00

REMAINING GOAL \$ 4,013.90

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

FINANCE COUNCIL Meeting is scheduled for April 10 at 7PM.

AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICES

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

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

will be on Sunday, June 4 at 2PM at the Church of the Nativity, in Leawood. Please call Mary at 336-3174 on Thursday or at home at 336-2870 to receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann.

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



April 1-St. Patrick's Parade-Hall
April 9-Easter Egg Hunt-Hall
April 10-Finance Council Meeting at 7PM
April 16-Hall-Scott
April 16-Schmitz Baptism-Church

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 11-Evans & Talley Baptism after 10AM Mass
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

HALL & CHURCH is spoken for on these dates for 2018:

June 9-Nolte & Koch Wedding @ 1PM-Church
June 9-Hasenkamp & Steinlage Wedding @ 4PM-Church

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 tmhave1991@gmail.com or stmarys9208@gmail.com. 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, 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.

BENEFIT DINNER AND AUCTION FOR ROBERT "MAC" MCNALLY---When: April 2nd, 2017 from 11:00 till ??? Where: Corning Community Center. Serving Pulled Pork, Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad and Desserts !!! Robert "Mac" McNally is battling Stage 4 Mucinous Adenocarcinoma (Appendix) cancer. The Corning Knights of Columbus will be having a pulled pork dinner and auction to help support the family in this time of need. If you would like to donate an item for the auction, please call Nickie Haverkamp @ 785-294-0744, Bill Holthaus @ 785-364-7026 or Laurie Kramer @ 785-294-1163.

2nd ANNUAL CRUISIN' FOR A CURE will be Sunday, April 30, 2017. Registration starts at 1:00 PM at Koch's Service on Main Street, Baileyville KS. Cruisin' starts at 1:30 PM (cruise will be a designated route of approx. 120 miles, starting and ending in Baileyville) FREE WILL OFFERING. All proceeds will be donated to Nemaha County Relay For Life. T-shirts/Bake Sale/Luminaria sales during registration. There will be food available for a donation after the cruise at Koch RV Park--served until 6 PM or while it lasts For information, contact Deb Koch 785-294-0347.

BENEFIT FOR BERT

Bert Morrison has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatment. Family and friends are having a benefit to help John and Bert with expenses. WHEN: Saturday, May 6, 2017 WHERE: Corning Community Center TIME: 4 pm to 9 pm There will be a pulled pork meal (free will offering) from 4 to 7 pm, followed by an auction.

If you would like to donate something for the auction, or deserts, or money, it can be dropped off at Koch's Service in Baileyville, CMT DeSigns, Nemaha Valley Motors, or Nemaha County shop in Seneca. For more information, email Deb-Koch @ djkoch721@yahoo.com, or Gena Swart @ toddandgena@hotmail.com. Thank you in advance! NO ONE FIGHTS ALONE!

LOOK-Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, faith looks up.---Anonymous

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.

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 \$9,719.00, with 38% participation..

MARRIAGE MINUTE - Crosses for married couples come in all different shapes and sizes. Whether in the form of death, illness, financial troubles or conflict, the "bad times" can really test our resolve! In this week's Gospel, Jesus waited two days before setting out to help his dying friend Lazarus, and the delay resulted in his friend's death. In our suffering, we can often feel like Jesus is taking forever to help, and we fear he may come too late. We can keep two important things in mind in these situations. First, "Jesus wept" over his friend's death, and therefore, suffers with us. Secondly, he allowed Lazarus to die in order to bring about a greater good. As we approach Holy Week, let's offer our pain to our merciful Savior, trusting in His wisdom and confident that the trial we bear will produce great fruit! For help in finding joy in the midst of trial, go to www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com.

DEAR PADRE APRIL 2, 2017

What happened to "hellfire and brimstone" preaching, like I remember from parish missions in my younger years?

Hellfire and brimstone recalls Genesis 19:24: "The Lord rained down sulfur upon Sodom and Gomorrah, fire from the Lord out of heaven." It refers to a harsh preaching style and "doom and gloom" content focused on God's wrath, punishment, and hell. Puritans--those English Calvinists who colonized Massachusetts in the 1600s--adhered strongly to their belief in eternal damnation, innate sin, and diabolical power. Likewise, American Baptists were known to "out-Calvin Calvin" in their preaching. While Catholics also adhere strongly to our belief in the possibility of eternal damnation, innate sin, and evil forces, we believe in the grace of baptism to remove original sin, the outpouring of God's grace to strengthen our weakness due to original sin, and in the extraordinary power of conversion to prevent everlasting damnation. To that end, parish missions and revivals strengthen the spiritual life of the faithful and welcome lapsed Catholics. Preaching orders have been conducting missions since their earliest days in America. Saint Alphonsus encouraged his Redemptorist missionaries to be lions in the pulpit and lambs in the confessional. One preacher in the 1850s described the fires of hell with such intensity that the nearby fire engine crew was mistakenly dispatched to the church to extinguish the conflagration. Yet the fire most desirable during a mission is the one in people's hearts for God. "Fear of God" means a dread for God's judgment, but it can also mean a reverential marvel for God. Many preachers today prefer to instill that awe for God's inviting mercy instead of a paralyzing fear of God's anger Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR sundaybulletin@liguori.org.

LOST on a rainy Friday night, a priest stumbles into a monastery and requests shelter there. Fortunately, he's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had.

After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He is met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis."

"I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Michael replied, "Well, I'm the fish friar." Father turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be...."

"Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk..."

St Mary's Parish Council Minutes

March 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Council members present were Dan Tangeman, Kevin Nordhus, Richard Engelken, Brian Holthaus, Will Henry, Brent Heiman and Father Arul. Also present were Brad Lueger, Dave Huerter, Gary Schmitz, Staci Haug and Leanna Rottinghaus.

Father Arul led with a prayer.

Brent Heiman read the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved with the amendment to add that the council approved CES to do a 3D rendering of the sidewalk project.

Gary Schmitz from the finance committee gave the finance report.

Danny Tangeman informed the council that Eucharistic Adoration will be next Sunday, March 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Brad Lueger reviewed the roof project. He estimated that we may come under budget. While Buck Roofing has a lift here, Brad asked if it would be okay to do some painting which was agreed on by the parish council. Some windows on the steeple need to be painted with some in need of replacement; it was suggested that Eric Bergman could reach them with his lift, so he could possibly take care of the windows.

Dan Tangeman wanted to clean up the old sidewalk that was broken up from doing the roof. He asked for volunteers for Thursday or for the weekend. He had several volunteer time and equipment.

Removing the sister's house or fixing the roof was discussed. No decisions were made, however, Will Henry is getting an estimate on possibly fixing of the roof. Brian Holthaus is getting an estimate on what it would cost to remove the house.

Brad Lueger reported that Elmer Ronnebaum had an arborist look at the four Norway Spruce trees on the south side of church at no cost to parish. We discussed removing them so one doesn't end up in one of the church's stain glass windows. The arborist said the trees were healthy but understood the reason for wanting them removed.

The maintenance committee staked out sidewalks north of church. The parish council agreed to wait until the 3D rendering came back before moving forward on pouring the sidewalks. Coloring the concrete was also discussed and was put on hold until the 3D rendering is reviewed. The maintenance committee visited with Shane Holthaus to see if he would be interested in being a foreman for pouring the sidewalks. He agreed upon doing this with the help of parishioners. In order to make room for the new sidewalk, the light pole will be removed and a light installed at the peak of the parish hall.

Father's house currently has a leak on the roof. Last fall, we received a bid from Eric Bergman to fix it. Plans are for it to be worked on this spring.

Alan and Shirley Schmitz are retiring from mowing the parish grounds. Several have inquired about doing the mowing.

Discussion took place on purchasing a new lawn mower. Brent Heiman is going to get updated bids on a new lawn mower.

The walk in cooler in the hall needs a new evaporator. The parish council agreed to replace the evaporator and have it done before the picnic.

We discussed frying chicken. Will Henry reported that he visited with Justin Schmitz. Helena has a trailer set up with four big fryers on it and it is going to work to use it for the picnic. Fresh chicken was going to be purchased from Tate Hanzlicek for the picnic.

Since a group of volunteer parishioners is going to fry the chicken, a discussion took place on how much each family owes for the chicken, brooding, oil, etc. The council decided to leave it at \$60.00.

Discussion on having a beer garden at our summer picnic was held. Father Arul knew many of the details on having it legal. The council decided to have a beer garden and Richard Engelken is going to head it up.

Will Henry informed the parish council that he did some work on the sound system in church. He advised that no one should use compressed air to clean the main unit because it could harm the components, which are sensitive. Will also looked at the boiler and reported that it has not had an inspection since 2015. The parish council decided to go ahead and get an inspection lined up for the boiler. He also suggested to do some other improvements to the boiler which he could do himself.

The procedure for going to communion for Sunday mass was brought up. The parish council and Father Arul decided to change it back to the original way.

Father Arul reported to the council that Easter Masses will be as follows:

Holy Thursday mass 5:00 at Baileyville with Father Arul

Good Friday mass 6:00 at St Mary's with Father Arul

Easter mass 10:00 at St Mary's with Father Jonathan

Father said a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9th at 7:00 p.m.