

ST.MARY'S CHURCH

Father Arul Carasala-Parochial Administrator

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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 23 , 2017— SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—DIVINE MERCY



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 26-Baileyville- 8:30AM Prayer Service

Friday-April 28-St. Benedict- 8:30 AM Prayer Service

Sat.-April 29-Baileyville - Leonard Tanking

Sun.- April 30-Baileyville-Mass at 8:30AM-People of the Parishes & Eileen Koelzer

Sun.- April 30-St. Benedict-Mass at 10AM - Ignatius & Odelia Sudbeck

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: Saturday mass 5:00 PM. Sunday mass 10:15 AM.

COLLECTIONS for April 14, 2017: Plate: \$99, Envelopes: \$301, Candle: \$28, Rice Bowl: \$40, Total: \$468

COLLECTIONS for April 16, 2017: Plate: \$390, Envelopes: \$2586, Stipend: \$40, Holy Land: \$10, Priesthood: \$930, Rent: \$50, Roof \$200, Anniv book: \$52, Total: \$4258

PRAYER SERVICE- While Fr. Arul is gone, there will be a prayer service held Friday mornings at 8:30 am.

ROSARY-The rosary will be prayed at the grotto Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm starting May 3rd.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 10 First Communicants this Sunday for making their First Communion. They are Colton Blume, Byren Hulsing, Brady Koch, Tyler Nolte, Rachel Nordhus, McKenzie Rottinghaus, Gus Rusche, Alexis Spring, Courtney Stallbaumer and Lavin Stallbaumer. May Jesus show his love for you by coming to you in Holy Communion.



FLOWERS IN FRONT OF CHURCH-Please contact Danny Tangman if you would like to volunteer to plant/maintain the flowers in front of church.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS will be April 30th after mass in the parish hall.

HIGH SCHOOL CCD CLASSES-April 26-CYO Meeting & Year End Party

ELEMENTARY CCD-April 26-3:45 to 5:15PM.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE: April 30 and May 8

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION will be next weekend April 29-30 to support home mission dioceses in the United States. Your support helps these dioceses by funding essential ministries, seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in this appeal.

ACHIEVERS 4-H CLUB BAKE SALE - Sunday, May 7 in front of the Baileyville church. Please support these 4-Hers in their fundraising attempts.

ACHIEVERS 4-H CLUB MEETING - Sunday, May 7 at 7:00 PM in the Baileyville Church Hall.

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 \$10,329.00, with 41% participation.



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Ministries for April 30, 2017-3rd Sunday of Easter

Cross & Servers: Cole Engelken, Gage Palic, Amber Blume
Eucharistic Ministers: Kyle Haverkamp, Craig Olberding, Will and Charity Henry, Josh Sudbeck

Lector: Addie Holthaus and Savannah Engelken

Commentator: Rachel Schmitz

Ushers: Joe and John Siess

Offertory: Joe and John Siess, Lawson Schmelzle

Rosary: Paul Strathman

Guitar: Amanda Stallbaumer, Bailey Schmitz, Stan Murphy

Money Counters: Joyce & Laurie

ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS

April 30- Altar Society Meeting-Election of new officers

June 14-Annual Hall Cleaning

June 25-Annual Church Picnic

November 12-Pancake Breakfast

BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME is every 3rd Wednesday at 2:00PM. May 2017-Sharon Tangeman, Arlene Holthaus, Celene Holthaus, Lisa Holthaus, Judy Osterhaus, Debbie Tangeman, Deanna Wullschlegler

PICNIC - Altar Society Officers will pass out picnic worklists, etc. before and after Mass on May 7 and May 14. We are going to try something new this year and have Farm Fresh Fried Chicken prepared fresh during the picnic instead of having everyone bring chicken in earlier that day. We are asking for each family of the parish to contribute \$60.00 to cover the cost of the chicken and supplies. Each single woman of the parish is asked to contribute \$30.00 plus cake, pie, and country store item and single men to contribute \$40. If you could please bring the chicken money along with \$15.00 to pay for your chance book, we would greatly appreciate it.

The fish pond game is very popular, so we will have additional Goin' Fishin' bags if you would like to fill extra.

If you are planning to bring an item for the auction this year and you have not informed an officer yet, please let us know. Contact Staci Haug (336-1106), Leanna Rottinghaus, Beth Deters or Christina Stallbaumer.

Please continue saving glassware for the dime toss. You can leave it on the back porch of the parish house or in the back of church.

If you have a picnic table that we could borrow, please let one of the officers know.

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, Leon Holthaus.

RAISE THE ROOF FUND	
PROJECT GOAL	\$60,000.00
93 DONATIONS	\$58,116.10
2 PLEDGES	\$ 450.00
REMAINING GOAL	\$ 1883.90

HALL RENTERS: Please ensure the hall is clean after use as there have been recent occasions of it being left dirty.

Give thanks to the Lord -- His Mercy endures forever.

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

- April 30-Alter Society Meeting & Elect. of Officers
- May 7-May Crowning-Church
- May 7-Senior Recognition Mass
- May 9-Parish Council Meeting at 7PM
- 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. 12-Pancake Breakfast
- Nov. 15-Annual Church Cleaning
- 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:

- Feb. 4-Soup Supper
- Apr. 8-Alter Society Meeting & Election of Officers
- June 9-Nolte & Koch Wedding @ 1PM-Church
- June 9-Hasenkamp & Steinlage Wedding @ 4PM-Church
- June 13-Annual Hall Cleaning
- June 24-Annual Church Picnic

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, Grosser-Holthaus, Haug, Haverkamp, Heiman, Grobe-Holthaus, Holthaus, Huertter, 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.

FATHER AL HAUSER-- is in the hospital in Topeka. 1500 SW 10th Ave., Stormont Vail Hosp., Topeka, KS 66606

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 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 For information, contact Deb Koch 785-294-0347.

BENEFIT FOR BERT--A benefit to help Bert Morrison with cancer treatment expenses will be Saturday May 6th at the Corning Community Center . 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 desserts, 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!

IN RECOGNITION of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, the St. Bede's Spiritual Renewal Committee is hosting a retreat on Sunday May 7 at 2:00 PM at the St. Bede's Church Basement in Kelly. The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared six times to three shepherd children near the town of Fatima, Portugal between May 13 and October 13, 1917. The movie "13th Day" which is based on the memoirs of one of the visionaries, Sister Lucia Santos and other eye-witness accounts, will be viewed at the retreat. Men and women are invited to attend. There will be refreshments and door prizes. No need to RSVP.

NEW CATHOLIC TELEVISION PROGRAM--Daily 7:30am , DIRECTV Ch 371, DISH Ch 258, AT&T U-VERSE Ch 565, VERIZON FIOS Ch 288

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD: For those interested in becoming a catechist or bringing Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to your parish, a course for adults will begin this summer at Sts. Peter & Paul School. Dates are June 8-11 and July 6-9, 2017. If you are already certified in Level 1, a Level 2 course will be offered on those dates as well. Please contact Angie Hammes at 785-294-0442.



ST. MARY'S will host the first Mass of a newly ordained priest on Saturday, May 27. The Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. and will be sung by the Rev. James M. Smith, FSSP, who is scheduled to be ordained on May 26 in Lincoln, Nebraska, for the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (which is known by its Latin acronyms FSSP). After the Mass, lunch will be served out by church, and all interested parishioners are invited to attend the Mass and stay for lunch. RSVP by May 14. If you intend to come, please sign up and indicate how many you expect in your party. Sign up sheet will be in back of church on the bulletin board. The Rev. Mr. Smith is from Buckland, Massachusetts, where he grew up on his family's fifth-generation dairy farm. He grew up as a Baptist and attended Wheaton College in Illinois where he studied political science. After college he moved to Washington, where he discovered Catholicism, and spent 12 years working in politics on Capitol Hill and in the Middle East. He wanted to say his first Mass at St. Mary's because of the great beauty of the church, and is very grateful for the chance.

SMOKED PORK CHOP DINNER at Annunciation Parish in Frankfort today, Sunday, April 23, 2015 from 11AM to 1:30PM. Adults: \$10 and Children 10 and under \$5.00. All proceeds will benefit the Annunciation Parish.

GROUND BEEF NEEDED – Anyone wishing to make a ground beef donation or a monetary donation towards the purchase of ground beef for the ball field concession stand, please contact Gloria Heiman 336-6734.

WORK NIGHT to prepare the meat for the concession stand is Wed. April 26 at 5:30PM in the Church Hall.

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.

MARRIAGE MINUTE "The thief comes to ... destroy." We need to remember that our marriages are up against a great enemy! One of his greatest weapons is getting us to settle into mediocrity. The "Enemy" triumphs when we allow ourselves to fall into being just roommates or business partners, because when we allow the romance to die out, our marriages wither. "But I have come that you might have life, and have it abundantly." Jesus' defense against this enemy is an abundant, joyful marriage!

We tend to think of being in love as a nice extra that we will get to once the "important" work of life is done. We forget that having a strong, stable marriage is the most important work of our lives! Only an abundant marriage has enough love to spill out onto our children and the community around us. Unleashing more joy in your marriage isn't expensive or time consuming. Get ideas at joyfulmarriageproject.com.

NCYC -The National Catholic Youth Conference will be Nov 19-21 in Indianapolis. Come join our Archdiocese for a Pilgrimage to Encounter a bigger Church with over 22,000 youth and grow into a deeper relationship and understanding of our Catholic Faith. The deadline is extended to May 1st.

Spring Fever Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire. Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper." Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tire was flat?"

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

The Positive Effects Church Can Have on the Health of Seniors



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Attending church is not just something that can fulfill religious obligations. It can be a place to share interests and bond over common passions, from knitting to baking to [classic cars](#). What's more, it can be especially beneficial to the overall health of senior citizens.

Many seniors tend to stay home more often or move to an assisted living community where they are not deeply invested. Attending church is an excellent way for seniors to stay active and involved in their community while nurturing their health and well being.

Church as a Support System

The church community can be the most important source of [social support](#) for seniors outside of family. Seniors find a common faith bond with fellow church members and a sense of belonging not found in other places.

Seniors often find a second family in church members to share life problems and triumphs with. Praying with and for each other can [strengthen fellowship](#) and foster a sense of happiness and well being.

Attending church regularly gets seniors out of their residence and into a community that cares about them. This can improve a senior's mood and outlook on life dramatically, which improves health and lowers stress levels.

With increased social support, comes positive lifestyle changes and [healthier bodies](#). Church support and accountability can keep seniors on track with exercise and caring about their health. The church community can make seniors want to make good choices to be able to stay involved and active in the church.

More Volunteer Opportunities

Seniors love to give back to the community once they retire and churches offer many opportunities to do that. Churches encourage all of their members to get involved in periodic charitable events. Seniors benefit greatly from these opportunities because many coincide with their goals and interests.

Reaching out to others who are less fortunate can give seniors purpose. After retirement some seniors feel like they are lacking a direction and have no purpose now that they are no longer working. Doing charity and volunteer work through church can give seniors a confidence boost and a feeling of strength to be able to help others.

Spiritual and Psychological Benefits

Being involved in a church community promotes self worth and identity. Church teachings can encourage seniors to think about who they are and what sort of effect they would like to have on the world. They promote selflessness that comes from mentoring, social service, and charity.

Church can also be the source of inspiration and motivation. With a sense of purpose comes the call to action. Active involvement in community activities can increase mood, physical function, and overall health in seniors.

Prayer in and of itself can foster feelings of hope, compassion, gratitude, and forgiveness. These feelings can help seniors be content in the moment, even when sick or dealing with the loss of a partner. People have [overcome](#) some of the most difficult traumatic events (war, abduction, imprisonment, physical abuse) by having a strong spiritual faith which they seek comfort in.

When seniors regularly attend church, they have a more positive and optimistic outlook on life. This in turn leads to more happiness, less depression, less stress, and a healthier, longer life.

Author: Jason Lewis