

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 John Riley till June 28.

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

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

JUNE 25, 2017-TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Wednesday-June 28-Baileyville-Prayer Service at 8:30AM

Thursday-June 29-Baileyville-No Mass

Friday-June 30-St. Benedict-No Mass

Sat. July 1-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Virgil & Max Sudbeck

Families and Liv/Dec. Elmer Koelzer Family

Sun.- July 2-Baileyville-People of the Parishes & Jeanette

Holthaus

Sun.-July 2-St. Benedict-Mass at 10AM-Virgil Sudbeck &

Liv/Dec. Albert & Anna Osterhaus Family

COLLECTIONS for June 18, 2017: Plate: \$147.00, Envelopes: \$1,377.00, Choir Memorial: \$200.00, Theresa DVD: \$20.00, Total: \$1,744.00.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Father John Riley for helping out at our Sunday Masses until Father Regie becomes our new pastor. May God bless you in the years ahead!

GOD'S NEW CHILD-Calvin Anthony Olberding, son of Tony and Samantha Olberding will be washed in the saving waters of baptism today, June 18 after Mass. Sponsors are Michael Gros and Debra Altenhofen. Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS to the new elected members of the parish council. They are Brent Lortscher and Jeff Stallbaumer. A thank you to Danny Tangeman and Kevin Nordhus for your passed 3 years of service.

WEBSITE-Check out the church's website for the picnic auction items/photos at www.stmstb.org.

ROSARY-The rosary will be prayed at the grotto Wednesday June 28, at 7:30 pm.

TEACHERS NEEDED-We are in need of 2 teachers for the elementary CCD program at Baileyville. Our CCD program for both grade and high school has now moved over to Baileyville. Please take the time to consider volunteering as it will benefit our kids here at St. Mary's. They would like them filled by the end of June. Contact Roxie Schmitz at 336-1108.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE will host an Ice Cream Social On Sunday, June 25th from 5:30-8:00PM at the Salem Lutheran Church, Axtell (3 miles south of the Hwy. 36andKS-87junction). Serving Cake and Homemade Ice Cream with all the toppings. The Ice Cream Social will be put on by the Salem Lutheran Youth Group to raise money for their mission trip to South Dakota in July.

SACRED HEART CHURCH PICNIC at Baileyville will be on Sunday, July 9, 2017. Serving roast beef and ham dinner from 5 to 8PM. Adults: \$10, children 10years and under are \$5. Quilts and auction begin at 9PM. Games and lunch stand on the grounds. Everyone welcome!

ST. AUGUSTINE PICNIC will be on Sunday, July 16. Serving chicken and ham dinner from 4:30PM to the end. Adults: \$10, children 4-10 are \$5. 3 and under are free. Games for all ages. Bingo, cake walk, kids corner and more. All are welcome to join in the fellowship and fun in Fidelity!

"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. 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.

Ministries for July 2, 2017-13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cross : Emma Stallbaumer

Servers: Madison Lortscher & Dylan Lortscher

Eucharistic Ministers: Marsha Korber, Will Henry, Charity Henry, Kristina Sudbeck, Dan Tangeman

Commentator: Paul Strathman

Lector: Nancy Sudbeck

Ushers: Richard Deters & Chris Engelken

Offertory: John & Theresa Sudbeck Family

Rosary: Paul Strathman

Organist: Marilyn Holthaus

Cantor: Stan Murphy & Adult Choir

Money Counters: Evelyn & Nancy

ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS

BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME is every 3rd Wednesday at 2:00PM. July 2017-Lois Enneking, Mary Schmitz, Carol Schmitz, Cindy Murphy, Evelyn Rottinghaus, Julie Strathman, Janelle Schmitz.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC TODAY - Serving will start at 5:00.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25th - Annual Picnic -Farm Fresh Fried Chicken and Ham Supper (Buffet Style) . Air Conditioned Dining hall with serving beginning at 5:00 pm (Adults \$10 - Children 4 to 10 \$5). Meals to Go are also available. Games and Concessions. Auction - 8:30 PM (Quilts and other items)

MONDAY, JUNE 26th - CIRCLES 1 and 2 are asked to work on Monday, June 26th beginning at 8:00 am to clean up the hall and kitchen after the picnic. **Men and CYO boys** are asked to come at 8:00 am to clean up the grounds and ball-field. Bring buckets and rags. If anyone else would like to come and help, they are welcome to stop by.

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, Shirley Schmitz, Larry Sudbeck.

EVERY DAY IN LOVE is an upbeat series of three-hour sessions which offer positive and affirming insights and fun couple exercises to help couples love smarter not harder. This series begins Saturday, July 8 at Sacred Heart, Sabetha at 9:00AM-Noon. Cost - \$25 per couple per session. The other sessions are July 15, 22, 29. Email Brad at bdupont@archkck.org.

EXCHANGE STUDENT - Become a host family for an International Exchange Student. International Catholic High School Exchange Students are preparing to arrive in the U.S. in time to study in an American high school for the 2017-2018 school year and the STS foundation would like to connect students with Host Families. If your family is interested in being a host family please call Diane Yunghans cell 316-708-2018 or 785-736-2354. For more information visit www.stsfoundation.org.

SOFTBALL & BASEBALL SCHEDULE

GIRLS-June 26-Bye

BOYS-June 27-Baileyville at Frankfort

June 30-Baileyville at Kelly

What you hear
whispered, proclaim
on the rooftops





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

- July 9-Stallbaumer Hall
- July 30-Altar Society Meeting
- Aug. 6-Schmitz-Hall
- Aug. 19-Kelly Youth Rally
- Sept. 30-Bergman-Hall
- Nov. 10-11-12-Pancake Breakfast
- Nov. 15-Annual Church Cleaning
- Nov. 23-Scott-Hall
- Nov. 24-25-Rusche-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. 2-3-4-Soup Supper
- Apr. 8-Altar Society Meeting & Election of Officers
- April 21-Rottinghaus & Engelken Wedding-Church
- March 25-Easter Egg Hunt-CYO
- May 6-May Crowning
- May 27-Rottinghaus-Hall
- June 9-Nolte & Koch Wedding @ 1PM-Church
- June 9-Hasenkamp & Steinlage Wedding @ 4PM-Church
- June 9-Hasenkamp-Hall
- June 13-Hall Cleaning-No renting of hall until after picnic
- June 16-Sudbeck Wedding-Church
- June 22-23-24-Annual Church Picnic
- Sept. 1-DeMint & Lemons Wedding-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, Liening, 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.

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.

HURTING AFTER AN ABORTION EXPERIENCE? UNFAILING MERCY RETREAT NO JUDGMENT HERE,JUST GENTLE GUIDANCE. COME FOR A DAY OF SUPPORT AND HELP. DATES: SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH ALTERNATE DATES: SEPT 23, NOV 4TH Registration required. In KS call or email Patricia at 913-621-2199, projectrachelkc@archkck.org In MO call or email Teresa at 816-591-3804 projectrachel@diocesekcsj.org.

PRAYER AND ACTION ARE NECESSARY TO KEEP OUR FIRST FREEDOM FIRST When Pope Benedict visited the United States in 2008, he asked the U.S. bishops a question: "Is it consistent to profess our beliefs in church on Sunday, and then during the week to promote business practices or medical procedures contrary to those beliefs? Any tendency to treat religion as a private matter must be resisted. Only when their faith permeates every aspect of their lives do Christians become truly open to the transforming power of the Gospel." Federal law has long been generous in protecting the rights of individuals and institutions to not to act against their religious beliefs or moral convictions. Is that now changing? Are we entering a time when the federal government may now force the Church—consisting of its faithful and all but a few of its institutions—to act against Church teachings? To learn more visit www.archkck.org/fortnight.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST'S STORY--Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John...." But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: "Let the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (*Luke 7:28*).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: "He must increase; I must decrease" (*John 3:30*).

John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. "I need to be baptized by you" (*Matthew 3:14b*). But Jesus insisted, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (*Matthew 3:15b*). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. John thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

Perhaps John's idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus' answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in *Isaiah*. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.

DEAR PADRE JUNE 25, 2017

Did Adam and Eve repent of their sin, and if so, were they forgiven?

Genesis 1—3 is written primarily to convey truths about God: God is good, loving, and provident; humankind was ungrateful to God and introduced evil into the world. However, despite humanity's sinfulness, there is still hope because of God's goodness and mercy. The Garden of Eden story is focused more on the loss of original holiness and the consequences of original sin than on repentance. So while the Bible doesn't state that Adam and Eve sought repentance, we can know with certainty that God offered them forgiveness, and we can imagine that they probably repented. God restores humanity after the Fall through Christ's redemptive act and offers all of us forgiveness (see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 410). Christians believe that "the world has been established and kept in being by the Creator's love; has fallen into slavery to sin but has been set free by Christ, crucified and risen to break the power of the evil one" (CCC 421). Creation, therefore, already involves a re-creation in Christ, the eternal Word of the Father. Christ, the "New Adam," who amends for the disobedience of Adam, becomes the point toward which creation's history is directed. The Catechism of the Catholic Church asks: Why did God not prevent the first man from sinning? "St. Leo the Great responds, 'Christ's inexpressible grace gave us blessings better than those the demon's envy had taken away.'...And the Exsultet sings, 'O happy fault, ...which gained for us so great a Redeemer!'" (CCC 412). Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR.

WALKING TOWARD GOD--If we walk one step toward God, God will run ten steps toward us.

A FIVE year old girl noticed that a priest always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his homily. One day she asked him why.

"Well, he began, proud that she was so observant, "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach well."

"How come he never answers your prayer?" she asked guilelessly.



Dear parishioners of Baileyville and St. Benedict,

Greetings!

My name is Reginald Saldanha. My family and friends call me 'Regie', and so you can call me Father Regie. I am excited to be starting as your new pastor. Having grown up in a farming family in Southern India, I am very happy to come to Baileyville and St. Benedict.

First, a little about myself: I was born on the 23rd of December 1965; one of ten children to my parents, (six boys and four girls) and I was the 9th. I grew up in Mangalore (City with a population of over half a million) in the State of Karnataka in South India. As a Mangalorean, I grew up in a very devout Catholic family where the rule of the day was "no rosary, no dinner". Catholic faith was brought to us by the Portuguese missionaries around the 16th century. St. Francis Xavier, the Jesuit priest was very instrumental in evangelizing my region. The deep devotion to the Blessed Mother in our place gave rise to three vocations in my family – two priests and a nun.

From my early childhood, I had a great desire to be a missionary priest. With the help of my brother priest and some friends, I eventually joined a missionary diocese in Papua New Guinea in the South Pacific. After the completion of my priestly formation in India, I was ordained in the year 1997. Soon after my ordination, I left for New Guinea for my first assignment. After the initial culture shock, I came to love every minute of my ministry in New Guinea. *(If you want to know more about New Guinea, prepare a nice dinner and invite me over)*. After serving the Lord for seven years in New Guinea, I decided to look for a new place for my ministry. The rise of local vocations in New Guinea and also loneliness due to lack of contact or communication with the outside world led me to my decision. So with the help of a friend priest from India who was working in Wichita Diocese then, I petitioned the Archdiocese of Kansas City for a place for ministry and I was cordially invited.

On the 19th of April 2005, I arrived in Kansas with a lot of fear and anxiety. First of all, I never imagined myself working in the US as my calling was to work as a missionary among the poor and America was too rich for me. Secondly, I felt I would be lost in this sophisticated society after spending six years in the jungles of Papua New Guinea. It's an understatement to say that I was very overwhelmed in the beginning. I felt like a caveman coming into the city.

My first assignment in the Archdiocese was at Holy Trinity in Lenexa. I was amazed at the love and welcome received from the parishioners which made my transition so smooth and joyful. After serving in that parish for three and half years, in October of 2008, I was sent as a pastor of three small parishes in Osawatomie, Mound City and LaCygne. I served in these parishes till December of 2015 before I left for a six-month Human Formation and Spirituality Renewal Program. Upon my return last July, I was assigned as the associate pastor at Ascension Parish in Overland park.

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I have enjoyed all my assignments in which I have been able to serve the people of the archdiocese. The experience of being able to minister to the people of God has been rewarding and I always feel greatly blessed.

And I am glad to let you know that I have made Kansas my home. In 2008, I was incardinated as a priest of the Archdiocese and in 2015 I became a US citizen. Last year I was privileged to vote for the first time in an US election; *but what a choice I had...!*

I have been very blessed in every place I've been and now I am excited to be at Sacred Heart and St. Mary's parishes. I look forward to my time as your pastor. Please pray for me as I begin this exciting new assignment and know of my prayers for each of you.

Wishing you and all your families every blessing,

Father Regie.